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Trump wants more timber cut in National Forests

Cites economic and forest management concerns, while environmental groups push back

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

On March 1, President Donald Trump signed two more Executive Orders. One is intended to increase timber production on the forested lands of the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Its purposes are to increase timber production and to improve land management.

The EO specifies a schedule of actions, with which both the Secretaries of Agriculture and of the Interior are to comply. Within 30 days, the first step is for each to "... issue new or updated guidance regarding tools to facilitate increased timber production and sound forest management, reduce time to deliver timber, and decrease timber supply uncertainty..."

Also, any legislation needed should be submitted to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Goal posts are also specified for 60 days, 90 days, 120 days, 180 days and 280 days. At the 90-day point, Agriculture and Interior are to propose a four-year plan to offer millions of board feet for sale.

The EO tells the Cabinet Secretaries to consider establishing a categorical exclusion to speed the process of the sales through the National Environmental Protection Act requirements.

Another goal is consideration of creating a new categorical exclusion for timber thinning and re-establishing the categorical exclusion for timber salvage activities.

Trump also signed a second EO affecting the timber industry. This EO addresses national security of the timber industry and directs the Secretary of Commerce to investigate the effects on the na-

tional security of "... imports of timber, lumber, and their derivative products."

Reaction to both Orders was consistent with past positions. The timber industry lauded Trump and environmental groups opposed the expansion of timber harvests.

The American Forest Resource Council praised the Executive Orders as long-overdue steps toward responsible federal forest management and economic revitalization.

"These are common sense directives Americans support and want from their federal government, which owns about 30 percent of our nation's forests," said Travis Joseph, AFRC president in their press release. "Our federal forests have been mismanaged for decades. Americans have paid the price in almost every way... Our federal forests are facing an emergency. It's time to start treating it like one by taking immediate action."

However, Josh Hicks, Director of Conservation Campaigns at The Wilderness Society, sees it differently. "It's a short-sighted giveaway for extractive industries that will result in destruction for the very places that provide us clean air, water, and sustain many local economies driven by tourism and recreation. Leaders in Congress must stand up and oppose these far-reaching attacks and look to finding real solutions for our communities, wildlife, and public forests."

There are 154 national forests, of which the San Bernardino National Forest, is one. They comprise more than 188 million acres. The BLM manages another 58 million forested acres.

According to the AFRC, only 35 percent of national forests are available for timber harvests, while 65 percent is designated for non-timber uses, such as wil-

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Short-term rental problems expanding in County

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Six months, after Planning Director John Hildebrand gave the Board of Supervisors a six-month report on the implementation of revised Ordinance 927.2, "Regulating Short-Term Rentals," he is now asking for an urgent interim ordinance.

This time neither the Hill communities nor the Wine Country are responsible or involved. Hildebrand requested a 45-day temporary moratorium on new STRs within the unincorporated areas of Thousand Palms, and B Bar H Ranch.

The moratorium will be in effect from its adoption on Tuesday, March 11 to Friday, April 25.

During the moratorium Planning staff will hold meetings to consider the appropriateness of density control measures and potential caps for these unique areas, while drafting amendments to Ordinance No. 927, according to Hildebrand.

"Together, these two small areas of the County have experienced impacts of an above average density of STRs; the areas currently include 68 active and pending Short Term Rental certificates. Additionally, the intake of new applications for STR certificates for these areas is growing," he wrote explaining the need for the immediate moratorium elsewhere in the County.

Neighbors have been experiencing frequent (typical) adverse effects. Examples that he mentioned, familiar to Hill residents, include unpermitted large-scale events, excessive noise, disorderly conduct, traffic congestion, illegal vehicle parking, and accumulation of refuse.

The unincorporated County area of Thousand Palms is located along Interstate 10 at the intersection of Ramon Road, and is characterized by mobile home subdivisions, single-family residential neighborhoods and rural residential development, with some commercial and industrial developments, according to the request.

The B Bar H Ranch is an unincorporated community comprised of predominantly low-density residential, located between Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs in the Seven Palms Valley.

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The Peak welcomes new restaurant manager Matt Eker

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The Peak at Tahquitz Pines has a new Restaurant Manager, Matt Eker. Eker says he has managed fine dining restaurants in the San Diego area for over 20 years and now lives in Hemet. Asked what kind of changes he may bring, he said there would be a new menu within a month and has a predilection for seafood and vegetarian options.

The Peak will still be hosting events like their Line Dancing Night and Mariachi Night. Eker said that the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema was expecting 250 attendees for the weekend screenings in their upstairs ballroom. "I am excited, everything is new to me, I like the challenge, and I am excited to work with my team here. We're looking forward to great things, especially for summertime. We have exciting things planned."



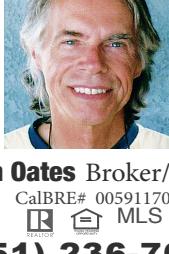
Students of the Week

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Rotary President Dawn Plonski thanks Jon King for his presentation to the club. Jon is the author of the San Jacinto Trail Report, vital to Pacific Crest Trail hikers. In preparing his information, Jon has summited Mt. San Jacinto well over 1,000 times!

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While drought conditions still overlay most of Riverside County, the past four weeks have taken a toll on the dry weather. This weekend more than a foot of snow fell on the Hill and some more is expected this week. This is in contrast with the warm weather at the end of February, when Idyllwild set record minimum high temperatures.

Since 2020 90% of 247 U.S. cities have set more heat records than cold. The low was 40 degrees on Feb. 26 and a comfortable 46 on March 1. These were both 3 degrees warmer than the previous lows in 2002 and 2020.

From Feb. 11 through March 4, the percentage of the state in the worst drought stages (severe or exceptional) decreased from 21 percent to 15 percent. The percentage of California with no drought conditions increased from 33 percent to 42 percent.

The Hill is in extreme drought conditions.

One indicator of that is the amount of rain since the beginning of 2025, through March 9. Idyllwild Fire has recorded 5.0 inches, and 5.3 inches have fallen in Pine Cove. The historical average for the first two months of the year has been 8.7 inches!

On Thursday, Alex Tardy, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, in the San Diego National Weather Service office, described the first storm as "... more widespread significant precipitation..." But he noted there will be three storms which will make a significant contribution to lessening drought conditions.

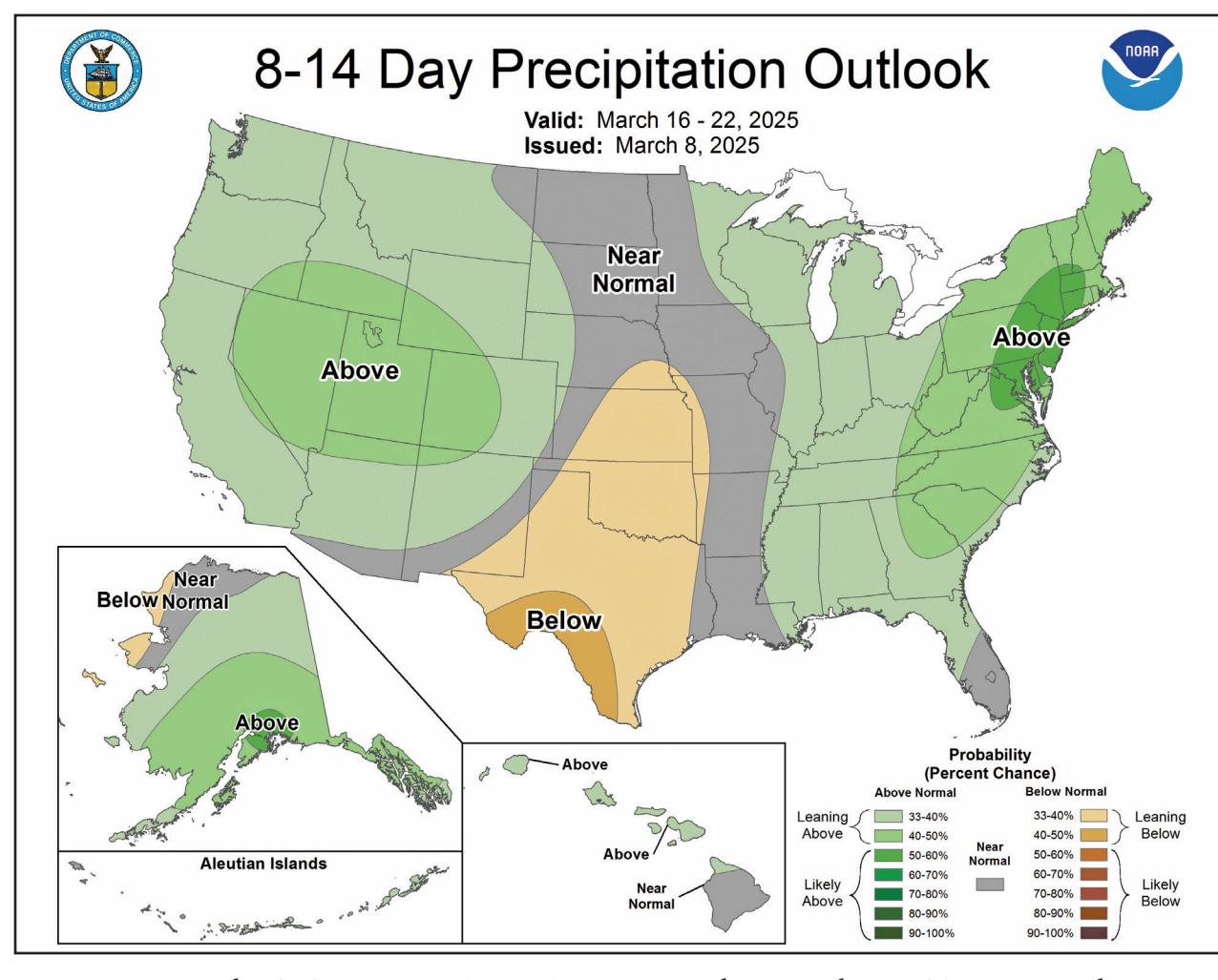
He also forecasted 12 to 18 inches of snow about 5,000 feet and the reports from Idyllwild and Pine Cove confirm that volume of snow. The NWS reported 14 inches fell in Pine Cove. This should benefit ground water and the streams as it melts.

The snow fall was sufficient to affect local entities. The U.S. Forest Service's San Bernardino National Forest Office posted this on X, formerly Twitter. "Our Office in Idyllwild is Closed Today. The San Jacinto Ranger District office is closed today due to snow... Stay safe out there!"

Lower elevations such as Anza and Poppel Flats collected 1.0 inches to 1.8 inches of rain by Friday afternoon.

Dr. Daniel Swain, meteorologist and climate scientist at the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at the University of California, Los Angeles, expects beneficial precipitation conditions to continue over the next two weeks.

"... it looks like the precipitation from this upcom-



ing active period should be pretty widespread and well-distributed statewide, with SoCal likely to see 2 separate events with at least widespread moderate (locally heavy) rain during this period," he wrote on Weather West, his website, Thursday, March 6.

The Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes, at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego forecast two separate Atmospheric Rivers would pass over Southern California this week.

Of the two storms this week, the NWS forecast that the Wednesday through Friday storm would be stronger and colder. Snow levels will be around 4,000 feet.

Longer term cool and wet weather may diminish as March does leave as a lamb. Contributing to this change is the gradual disappearance of La Niña conditions. Typically, La Niña's bring cooler and much wet-

ter weather to Southern California, except this year. Because the jet streams were further north than normal, accounting for the heavy rain in Northern California and the limited rain here. However, the NWS is forecasting neutral conditions (neither favoring La Niña or El Niño) will return by May.

"That substantial La Niña event, which has likely played at least a partial role in the SoCal/Southwest dryness so far this winter, has still largely retained its influence into March and still appears to be affecting the broader atmosphere for now," Swain wrote.

"... latest indications continue to suggest that a drier-than-average spring and early summer is still favored across SoCal..." Swain continued. "... in general, I am still anticipating an earlier and more intense start to the wildfire season than usual across the interior Southwest and likely SoCal."

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derness and other areas set aside for protection. For the past 20 years, forest mortality (tree death) on national forests has exceeded timber harvest.

On average, the Forest Service takes 3.6 years to complete necessary environmental paperwork before beginning mechanical treatments on national forest lands, according to a June 2022 study by the Property and Environment Research Center. This work would include critical thinning and fuel reduction projects to reduce wildfire risks to communities and infrastructure.

The Sierra Club stressed in its press release that "Our federal forests belong to all of us and are required by law to be managed in ways that benefit all Americans. Left standing, mature trees and old-growth forests provide clean air and water, opportunities for recreation, habitat for wildlife, and help to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. Our biggest, oldest trees are also the most resilient to the impacts of wildfire, with

their thick protective bark and higher canopies, but these trees are also the most valuable to logging companies."

Overseeing the Forest Service's assignments will be its new Chief, Tom Schultz. In his introduction, on the USFS website (www.fs.usda.gov/inside-fs/leadership/meet-tom-schultz-21st-chief-forest-service), he wrote, "I am the first Chief who did not come from or previously work within the agency, but I hope you will see that as I do—as a strength."

"Years of fire suppression and declining timber harvest have left us with significant fuel buildup," Schultz wrote. "I want us to do more to create resilient forests through active forest management, including timber sales, fuels reduction through mechanical thinning and prescribed fires, as well as fighting fires safely and protecting resource values."

No response has been received from the SBNF External and Legislative Affairs Officer, Naomi Gordon, about how these Executive Orders may affect the SBNF and the San Jacinto Ranger District.



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Thursday 3/6	43°F / 31°F	Considerable cloudiness and colder with passing showers; breezy in the afternoon
Friday 3/7	45°F / 29°F	Cold with clouds giving way to sun; morning snow followed by a passing afternoon shower
Saturday 3/8	55°F / 36°F	Warmer with plenty of sunshine
Sunday 3/9	61°F / 31°F	Plenty of sunshine
Monday 3/10	47°F / 29°F	Sun and areas of high clouds in the morning; mostly cloudy in the afternoon with a bit of rain; cooler
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Appeal claims lack of due process for Oyler

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's Note: in our Feb. 27 edition, we reported on the status of Raymond Lee Oyler's appeals of his March 2009 arson and murder convictions. He was found guilty of arson, igniting the Esperanza Fire in October 2006. The jury also found him guilty of the murder of five U.S. Forest Service firefighters who died battling the Esperanza Fire. Oyler's jury imposed the death sentence. All of the convictions and the death penalty were upheld in June 2009.

This story further elaborates on the issues which Oyler is appealing. These all occurred following his arrest in October 2006 and the confirmation of the jury's decision in June 2009. These are not the issues raised in the habeas corpus appeal, which would address evidentiary issues not occurring in the trial.

Michael Clough, Oyler's appellant attorney, began his 464-page appeal with the issue of Oyler's right to an appointed attorney. This right to legal representation was established nearly a century ago, when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Powell v. Alabama in 1932. The State Supreme Court has issued decisions also establishing this right to counsel.

To protect and to enhance this constitutional guarantee, both the State Legislature and the Judicial Council have established a comprehensive set of statutes and Rules of the Court. In California, these rules allow the court to appoint a second counsel for capital defendants.

At Oyler's initial arraignment, attorney Mark McDonald accompanied him to court. In June 2007, McDonald told the court Oyler was an indigent and his family's resources were exhausted in defending him. McDonald asked the Court to appoint a second attorney, which occurred in April 2008 with the appointment of Thomas Eckhardt.

Before then, in October, Michael Hestrin, the Riverside County prosecutor, asked the court to assess McDonald's qualifications to handle a capital case.

Clough stressed that Hestrin was not questioning McDonald's qualifications, only whether Oyler was fully informed about his attorney's experience.

Nevertheless, Clough pressed the issue of whether Oyler had adequate and sufficient representation given

the seriousness of the charges filed against him.

The second issue, which Clough raised, was whether Oyler's right to a fair trial was abrogated when the judge refused a request to change the venue (where the trial would occur) from Riverside County.

The request was filed in August 2008 and McDonald argued that the extensive media coverage of the fire and the concomitant deaths had been extensive. Further, a public memorial, statement from public officials, headlines and constant coverage over time, continued to put the fire and the defendant in the news and before prospective jurors. This negated the defense's ability to find fair and impartial jurors in Riverside County, McDonald claimed.

While a media analyst, whom McDonald had hired, argued that many, many prospective jurors were aware of the fire and the trial, Judge W. Charles Morgan, the second judge assigned to the trial, denied the motion to change the venue at a November 2008 hearing.

"I bet we can find easily, from these statistics, a jury that doesn't even know Esperanza and the death of persons," he opined. "They won't even be able to make the connection of the specific fire, let alone the client."

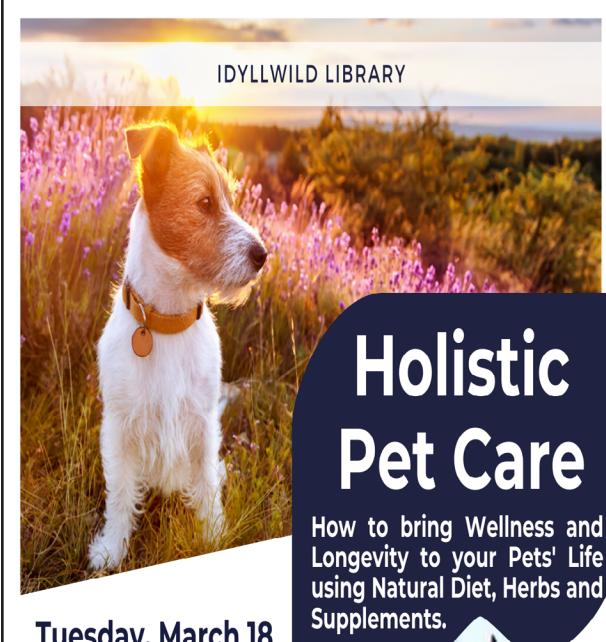
A third critical issue that Clough raises is whether Hestrin actually had sufficient evidence to charge Oyler with starting all 23 fires. There was evidence that Oyler was responsible for three fires, and his defense team conceded that during their closing argument.

However, no direct evidence of Oyler's presence at the Esperanza Fire site has been presented. Thus, Clough challenged Hestrin's theory and allegation that all of the Banning fires were started by one arsonist.

Years later, Ed Nordskog, an arson/bomb investigator with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, opined that there were at least two serial arsonists operating in the Banning area during the 2006 and 2007 when the 23 fires were ignited.

Clough raises six other trial issues, besides these three. Several of which have subordinate issues. The appeal document was 464 pages long.

In his conclusion, Clough argued that while it may be true that none of the issues which he raises are sufficient singularly to overturn the verdicts; the cumulative

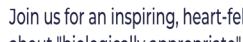


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effect of so many issues should result in a reversal. Consequently, Oyler was denied his due process of a fair trial.

"They undermine confidence in the fairness of the trial and the reliability of the resulting death verdict," Clough wrote. He then cites cases where it is the cumulative affect of court and trial actions that caused a reversal and not a single action.



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SCE Rebate program requires workaround for rural addresses

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

During the January Public Service Power Shutoffs, Southern California Edison encouraged customers to take advantage of their rebate programs. One program offers customers in high fire hazard areas up to \$150 for the purchase of battery power packs, and \$250 for generators. This reporter took them up on the offer and bought a 288-watt-hour battery pack, with a 100-watt solar panel, for \$278, and applied for the rebate in late January.

However, the SCE rebate website refuses Idyllwild address. The site provides an email address for Enervee, the company administering the rebate program, and sends an automated response, citing a "much higher-than-usual volume of inquiries" after the January fires, and a "hope" that they would respond in 5-7 business days. After over a month, I reached out to an SCE representative to clarify the situation.

Jeff Monford, Senior Advisor for Corporate Communications for Edison International, said that traffic at the SCE Marketplace rebate program has "been brisk," with demand increasing by "20 times," but added that "things are leveling out."

Monford explained that Enervee uses a USPS database to confirm addresses, and since Idyllwild does not receive home mail delivery, requests from our area are rejected. He said that Enervee is implementing a "bypass" or "workaround" for this issue and pointed out the toll-free phone number included in the emails from Enervee.

The Enervee operator explained the process for applying manually. You need to send an email to sce@care.enervee.com (the address the automated responses come from.) The email should include the following:

- Your service account number (the number on your bill that starts with an 8, not the customer number that starts with a 7)
- Your first and last name
- Your mailing address, with your service address in parenthesis if it is different
- The name of the product you are requesting a rebate for
- A copy of your receipt.

You will get an automated email saying your request will be processed in five to seven days, but the operator said that, because of the influx of orders, rebates are currently taking about eight weeks.

Explore the rebate program at SCE Marketplace: marketplace.sce.com/

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It seems like everywhere I go people are talking about being present and "the power of now" and how the present moment is everything. They're usually responding to my challenges with anxiety, which prevents me from being present in the first place. So, it seems there's something for me to understand about all of this, which I currently do not. Could you shed some light?

Dear Reader:

I'll give it my best shot. I'm actually quite intrigued by how you are getting consistent messages about being present as an antidote to anxiety because that's exactly one of its benefits. When we are fully present, when we are not thinking depressingly about the past and when we are not thinking anxiously about the future, we're just where we are. Fully present. Now, when you say you cannot be present *because* of your anxiety, that belief will keep you precisely where you are for as long as you have it. With all that guidance to encourage you to practice being present, please know it can only happen when you change your belief that you are prevented from being present, so I'd start there.

Dear Spiritual Workout:

This probably isn't an issue that can be diagnosed, but I seem to be having something of a challenge when it comes to FOMO: fear of missing out. There's always some mentor to meet, some hustle to chase, or some social or professional event I should attend and it's exhausting me. Does SW have anything to say about FOMO?

Dear Reader:

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Newsom suspends environmental laws to hasten wildfire protections

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On March 1, Governor Gavin Newsom signed another Executive Order to help fight wildfires and to reduce the damage they might cause.

The latest proclamation declares a State of Emergency throughout the State due to the threats of more wildfire. As a consequence of this potential threat, Newsom ordered the suspension of the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Coastal Act.

Following the devastating Palisades and Eaton Fires in January and the growing risk of new wildfires, Newsom took this action to accelerate more projects, such as a vegetative management and controlled burns, critical to community protection from wildfires.

"This year has already seen some of the most destructive wildfires in California history, and we're only in March. Building on unprecedented work cutting red tape and making historic investments – we're taking action with a state of emergency to fast-track critical wildfire projects even more," Newsom said in his press release. "These are the forest management projects we need to protect our communities most vulnerable to wildfire, and we're going to get them done."

CEQA requires local and state agencies to identify and mitigate the environmental impacts of their work. The Coastal Act regulates development along the Pacific coast, which is where the Palisades Fire was located.

Examples of projects, which suspension of these environmental regulations will expedite include vegetation and tree removal, adding fuel breaks, prescribed fire, and more. It also authorizes non-state agencies to

conduct approved fuels reduction work.

This action builds on Newsom's Feb. 6 Executive Order to improve Community hardening and wildfire mitigation. That order directed the State Board of Forestry to advance implementation of regulations known as "Zone 0." Now structures located in the State's highest fire severity zone will be required to create an ember-resistant zone within 5 feet of all structures. In addition, the Governor directed the Office of the State Fire Marshal to release updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps. These will add 1.4 million new acres of land into the two higher tiers of fire severity.

The intent is to promulgate Zone 0 regulations this year. They will complement proposals for financial assistance and relief for homeowners included the Governor's January Budget.

"While it is anticipated that the regulations would apply to new construction upon taking effect, requirements for existing homes would likely be phased in over three years to allow homeowners to prepare and prioritize mitigations and secure financial assistance," according to the Governor's Feb. 6 press release.

This is not the first time that Newsom has declared a State of Emergency due to catastrophic wildfires. In 2019, ahead of that fire season, Newsom ordered his administration to immediately expedite forest management projects. This included 35 priority fuel-reduction projects that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection had identified, which could immediately help reduce the public safety risk from wildfire.

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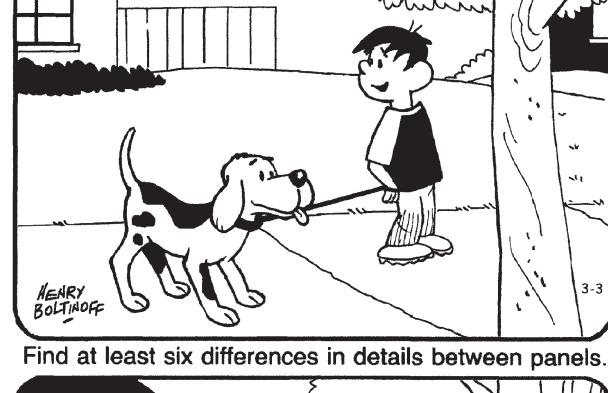
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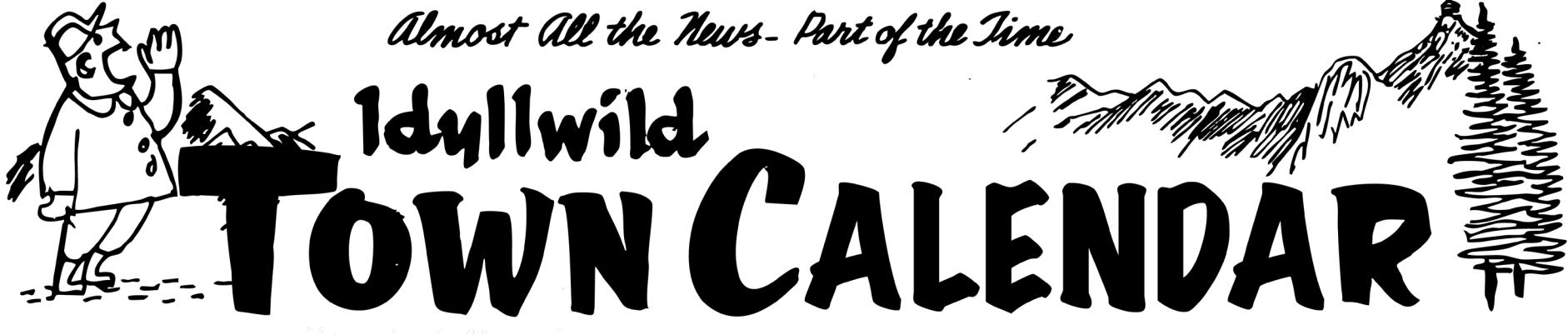


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Idyllwild TOWN CALENDAR

Idyllwild Community Center
 Idyllwild Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild-Pine Cove, CA 92549

Tuesday, 03/11	08:30 AM - Town Hall
Jazzercise	Fit After 50
05:30 PM - Town Hall	12:00 PM - Town Hall
Mah Jongg	
08:00 PM - Idyllwild Library	BINGO!
Fit After 50	04:30 PM - Town Hall
10:00 AM - Town Hall	Jazzercise
Wednesday, 03/12	08:30 AM - Town Hall
Jazzercise - 05:30 PM - Town Hall	Saturday, 03/15
Jazzercise	09:00 AM - Town Hall
08:30 AM - Town Hall	Sunday, 03/16
Fit After 50	Farmers Market
10:00 AM - Town Hall	09:00 AM - Town Hall
Thursday, 03/13	Monday, 03/17
Jazzercise	Jazzercise
08:30 AM - Town Hall	05:30 PM - Town Hall
Fit After 50	Jazzercise
10:00 AM - Town Hall	08:30 AM - Town Hall
Friday, 03/14	Tuesday, 03/18
Jazzercise	Feeding America Food Box Distribution
	10:30 AM - Town Hall

Spirit Mountain Retreat Gatherings
 25661 Oakwood St, Idyllwild-Pine Cove, CA 92549

- Day of Mindfulness** - 3rd Monday of the month - ZOOM only - Sharing, practice, silence and peace (\$25 suggested donation) - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Facilitator: Mary Morse
- Net of Light Meeting** - Last Monday of each month - ZOOM only - Join the important work of the Great Council of the Grandmothers - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Facilitators: Beacon Mary Morse
- Tai Chi for Seniors** - Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 11:00 am - Meditate through Movement - in the Garden - Facilitator: Cathy Mauge
- Death Café** - Every second Tuesday of the month - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - It won't kill you to talk about death - Facilitators: Bronwyn Jones & Ari Simon
- SMR Book Club** - Every second & fourth Tuesday of the month - 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Facilitator: Mary Morse
- Lovingkindness** - Every Tuesday - ZOOM only - Meditation Send lovingkindness to the world - 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- Self-Realization Every Tuesday** (in Hill House or garden) - Fellowship Meditation 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Women Veterans with PTSD** Every - other Tuesday at 6:00 pm - ZOOM only. - Support Group This is a private group and all women veterans are - welcome. Call 951-634-4048 for link information.
- Shaolin Qi Gong/Chicks with Sticks** - Qi Gong and Stick Exercises - in the Garden - Sticks Wednesdays 11:00 am - Facilitator: Teresa Halliburton
- Emotions Anonymous 12 Step Group** - Every Thursday in Hill House - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Al-Anon 12 Step Group** - Every Thursday in Hill House - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Women's Writing Group with fellow writers** - Every Friday (in Hill House and on Zoom) - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For a complete list of all events in Idyllwild, check out:

idyllwildtowncrier.com/events

Recovery Meetings

Sunday	AA - Discussion	Noon	Idyllwild Water District
	AA - Speaker meeting (last Sunday of the month)	Noon	St. Hugh's
	"Mixed Nuts" (Al-Anon with AA participation)	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Spirit Mountain Retreat
Monday	AA - Discussion	Noon	St. Hugh's
	CoDA (CoDependents Anonymous)	6:00 PM	Zoom - Call Mary at 951-634-4048 for Zoom link
Tuesday	AA - 12x12	Noon	St. Hugh's
Wednesday	CoDA (Co-Dependents Anonymous)	Noon	St. Hugh's
Thursday	AA - Discussion & Birthdays	Noon	St. Hugh's
	Emotions Anonymous	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Spirit Mountain Retreat
	Al-Anon	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Spirit Mountain Retreat
Friday	Idy A's - Members of AA, NA, Al-Anon, CODA, etc.	Noon	St. Hugh's
	AA with Al-Anon participation	5:30 PM	Ark of Light
Saturday	AA - Big Book Study	Noon	St. Hugh's
	NA - "Recovery on the Hill" meeting	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Inside Idyllwild Water District
	AA - Happy Hour & Birthdays	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Behind Idyllwild Water District (bring your own chair)
Every day	Closed AA Meeting (you are welcome if you have a desire to stop drinking)	Noon	Zoom - email serenitypines@gmail.com for Zoom link

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls

IDYLLWILD

- CIVIL DISPUTE 03-11-2025

- 17:09 PM 5300 *** BLOCK HILLS-DALE ST IDYLLWILD PENDING DISPO

- DISPO

- PUBLIC DISTURBANCE 03-05-

- 2025 20:05 PM ADDRESS UN-

- DEFINED IDYLLWILD PENDING

- DISPO

- ALARM CALL 03-11-2025 16:51

- PM 5400 *** BLOCK VILLAGE

- CENTER DR IDYLLWILD PEND-

- ING DISPO

- ANIMAL ABUSE 03-09-2025

- 16:54 PM 2500 *** BLOCK OAK-

- WOOD ST IDYLLWILD PENDING

- DISPO

- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

- 03-09-2025 11:47 AM 5400 ***

- BLOCK NORTH CIRCLE DR

- IDYLLWILD PENDING DISPO

- MISSING PERSON 03-09-2025

- 03:35 AM 2600 *** BLOCK ST

- HWY 243 IDYLLWILD PENDING

- DISPO

- BURGLARY 03-09-2025 00:31

- AM 5400 *** BLOCK VALLEY

- VIEW DR IDYLLWILD UN-

- FOUNDED

- UNKNOWN TROUBLE 03-08-

- 2025 22:27 PM 2600 *** BLOCK

SAUNDERS MEADOW RD ING DISPO

- TRESPASSING 03-08-2025

- 17:32 PM 2400 *** BLOCK MAR-

- AM 5400 *** BLOCK NORTH CIR-

- CLE DR IDYLLWILD PENDING

- DISPO

- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

- 03-07-2025 00:01 AM ADDRESS

- 2025 20:05 PM ADDRESS UN-

- DEFINED IDYLLWILD PENDING

- DISPO

- SHOTS FIRED 03-01-2025

- 18:18 PM 5200 *** BLOCK PINE

- COVE RD PINE COVE UN-

- DELANO DR IDYLLWILD PEND-

- ING DISPO

- PUBLIC DISTURBANCE 02-27-

- 2025 16:57 PM 5200 *** BLOCK

- LAUREL TRL PINE COVE PEND-

- ING DISPO

- CHECK THE WELFARE 02-27-

2025 16:43 PM 5200 *** BLOCK

- PINE COVE RD PINE COVE

- PENDING DISPO

- GARNER VALLERY**

- NONE

- POPPET FLATS**

- SUICIDE THREAT 03-11-2025

- 10:13 AM ADDRESS WITHHELD

- POPPET FLATS PENDING DIS-

- PO

- SAN BERDO NAT FORS**

- ALARM CALL 03-10-2025 08:40

- AM 6700 *** BLOCK SKI VIEW

- DR SAN BERDO NAT FORS

- PENDING DISPO

- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

- 03-06-2025 19:21 PM ADDRESS

- UNDEFINED SAN BERDO NAT

- FORS PENDING DISPO

- ALARM CALL 03-05-2025 09:39

- AM 6700 *** BLOCK SKI VIEW

- DR SAN BERDO NAT FORS

- PENDING DISPO

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- PENDING DISPO

- AM 5100 *** BLOCK OLD MINE

- TRL SAN BERDO NAT FORS

- PENDING DISPO

- PUBLIC ASSIST 03-02-2025

- 19:49 PM ADDRESS UNDE-

- FINED SAN BERDO NAT FORS

- PENDING DISPO

- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT

- 03-01-2025 20:22 PM 5600 ***

- BLOCK E ST HWY 74 SAN BER-

- DO NAT FORS PENDING DISPO

- TWIN PINES**

- ALARM CALL 03-04-2025 16:50

- PM 4700 *** BLOCK WOOD-

- CLIFF DR TWIN PINES PEND-

- ING DISPO

- AREA CHECK 03-04-2025 09:04

- AM 5100 *** BLOCK OLD MINE

- TRL SAN BERDO NAT FORS

- PENDING DIS

Idyllwild Scholarship Fund Announces: IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME

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Attention high school seniors! If you resided in the Idyllwild School attendance area with a parent or guardian for three or more years during Kindergarten through eighth grade, and for two of the four high school years, and have at least a 2.5 GPA you are eligible to apply for a scholarship through the Idyllwild Scholarship Fund. It doesn't matter the high school you attend in the Hemet District, home schoolers are also eligible. Of course, we assume you plan to further your education in some way, college or vocational. We also acknowledge gap years. Applications are available online (www.idyllwildscholarshipfund.org), and must be filled out online, due on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 by 11:59 PM.

And to the community, we happily accept tax-deductible donations of any amount. Mail to Idyllwild Scholarship Fund, PO Box 778, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Or you may go to our website (see above) and donate using our QR code. Last year we awarded a total of \$24,500 to eleven Idyllwild seniors. Recipients were Claudia DeLucien, Mei Li Stroud, Bailey Easley, Mason Dunn, Colby Sonnier, Jessa Smith, Yuvana Panchal, Brodyn Posey, Drake Malloy, Adan Vazquez Ortiz, and Sarah Brosterhous Aigner.



Idyllwild welcomed a foot of snow last Thursday.

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Legals • Doing Business As

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLLWILD GLASS AND MIRROR, 52490 LIVE OAK, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: PO BOX 3101, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 THANIN VIWATANAVONGSA

PO BOX 3101, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)

Registrant Signature:

THANIN VIWATANAVONGSA

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 02/05/2025.

FILE NO.: R-20250179

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ELEVATED HEALING, 77750 AVENUE 50, QUINTA, CA 92253, RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: 79625 VISTA CORALINA LN, APT 12110, LA QUINTA, CA 92553.

IMAN YAZMIN HERNANDEZ

79625 VISTA CORALINA LN, APT 12110, LA QUINTA, CA 92553.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 01/08/2025.

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Registrant Signature:

IMAN YAZMIN HERNANDEZ

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 01/08/2025.

FILE NO.: R-20250321

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To whom it may concern:

This is to notify the public that there will be a public hearing on May 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Idyllwild Water District Boardroom regarding Water and Sewer Stand-By Assessments for unimproved lots for the fiscal year 2025-2026. The amount will remain unchanged - \$30.00 per acre (or portion thereof) per year within the Idyllwild Water District/Improvement District #1.

Resolution No. 802

Resolution No. 803

Idyllwild Water District Board Room

25945 Idyllwild Road

Idyllwild, CA (951) 659-2143

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name DR.

ORCHID FLORAL DESIGN, 74-065 HWY

AAA, PALM DESERT, CA 92260 COUNTY:

RIVERSIDE, has been abandoned by the following persons:

WADE CHRISTOPHER FRAHM

97973 MARAMAR DR. PALM DESERT, CA 92260.

LUCIA-FRAHM

79973 MARAMAR DR. PALM DESERT, CA 92260.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 07/16/2017.

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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

B SECTION

IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., MARCH 13, 2025

Old Tyme Radio theatre group keeping local theater arts alive

BY DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Although Idyllwilers may know Mick Lynch as part of the Irish musical ensemble Two Micks and a Chick, and for his spoken word performances, he is reaching new audiences as the director of the theater troupe Old Tyme Radio, which brings a new radio play to Middle Ridge Winery (almost) every month. Larry Kawano has stepped up as the group's manager.

Kawano told the Town Crier how he and Lynch came to lead the group. "Soon after we did *Nunsense* in May 2024 at the Rustic, the founder and leader of our Old Tyme Radio group, Christina Nordella, let us know that she was leaving Idyllwild. This was an abrupt development which left us wondering what the future held in store for us. I organized a few meetings where we discussed the prospects of continuing, and out of it came our current arrangement: I would be the manager of our group, taking care of publicity, site negotiations, photocopying, communications with the group and such; Mick would be the producer, director, casting director, and the one who would be selecting all the scripts.

"We resumed our shows at Middle Ridge in August with Damon Runyan's "Madame Gimp" and have kept the same general format: a show every month (we did take a break in January) on the third Monday at 5PM. Before each show, Christina had asked the audience for donations to allow patients free sessions with her healing service; now, we ask donations for different non-profits around town."

Lynch's job begins with finding the right scripts. "It's got to have a certain number of people in the cast, I prefer two men, two women, or three each. I do have one 'quirky' coming up with just two actors." Kawano assists by using AI to extract scripts from recordings when that is all they have, and also provides sound effects.

The group is always looking for aspiring performers, and since the format allows scripts in hand, memorization is not required. Lynch has fostered an environment that newcomers to the theater, creating a close-knit ensemble. "Phyllis Brown did just one show with Nordella, she has become a solid member of the troupe, getting better and better."

The monthly schedule means fast turnaround. "If we're lucky we get three Monday rehearsals. I'm still missing an actor for one who had to bow out," Lynch said, again emphasizing the open call for actors. Kawano points out a shift in casting with Lynch. "Whereas Christina Nordella had pretty much a set troupe of something like nine or ten performers with occasional guests, Mick likes to cast a wider net for performers, drawing in new people he thinks would really fit a particular role."

Lynch is always finding ways to use special talents. "For the St Patrick's Day show, Justin Holmes will do some tap dancing. I will play a little fiddle before we start, then we're doing an old Jimmy Stewart piece, an episode of *The Six Shooter*."

Lynch has a few other coming attractions on his mind; a story by Damon Runyan and a piece about the Statue of Liberty, by Norman Corwin, who is sometimes called "the Grand Master of American Audio Theater." "Corwin had a half hour radio program, was kind of a poet journalist. He would write radio dramas that dealt with issues and ideas of the day, he had very famous actors doing these schticks." The upcoming pro-

duction, *Our Lady of the Freedoms, and some of her Friends*, deals with the people who brought the statue from inception to completion, and of course includes Emma Lazarus, whose poem "The New Colossus" is inscribed on its pedestal. "It's not political but it's very appropriate for what is going on now politically. It's about the soul of our country, what that soul is about. It's about people that are being persecuted, and America as a landing place where people can seek freedom."

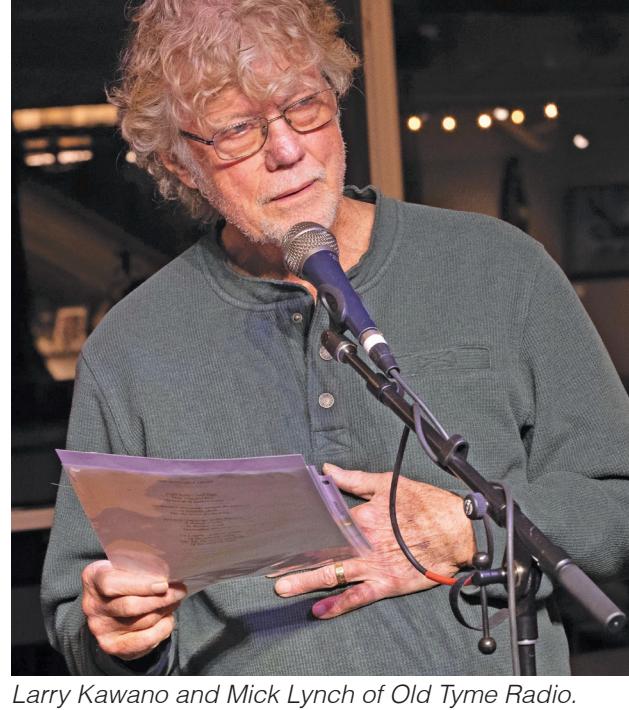
Lynch has theater in his blood. "My father, Ken Lynch, was a radio actor when he was young. He did series like *Gang Busters*, *Suspense*, *FBI*, and *The Bishop and the Gargoyle*. He was born in upstate New York. My mother was also an actor, but gave up her career to be a housewife, what women often did in the fifties. My father became a TV and movie actor. He was in a film serial, *Hop Harrigan*, about a fighter pilot in WWII, they would get into dogfights, that kind of stuff, based on a comic book." The elder Lynch played cops often. He played the title role in a series called *The Plainclothesman*, where he was never seen because the show was shot in first person point of view. Ken appeared in multiple episodes of *Gunsmoke*, *Bonanza*, and *McCloud*. With his foray into radio theater, Mick feels a connection to his father's career. "I'm getting to relive my father's experience."

Mick is no newcomer to producing. "I was a film editor in Hollywood, I also directed some episodes of *Murder She Wrote*, with Angela Lansbury, *The Waltons*, *Eight Is Enough...*" Lynch moved to Idyllwild in 2000. "I came up here and wrote *Out a' the Pine*, I had to learn to play fiddle, I squeaked that through." The piece was deeply personal. "I was getting sober, I wrote one part, somebody at a meeting said, 'there's more to it.' So I wrote an hour-long piece, all in limerick. I did it first at an Irish playhouse in LA. The person helping me knew Frank Ferro, and Frank invited me to do it for St. Patrick's Day in 2002 at Café Aroma, shortly after 9/11." For the members of the Old Tyme Radio troupe Idyllwild is more than a home or a venue, "Idyllwild is a place where people get to turn their hobbies into fulfillment."

Old Tyme Radio's next show, an episode of *The Six Shooter*, will be Monday March 17, at 5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery, 54301 North Circle Dr.



Larry Kawano and Mick Lynch of Old Tyme Radio.
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Standards Link: Science: Use a model to understand eclipses.

A **blood moon** happens when just the right amount of light passes through my atmosphere during a lunar eclipse.

Dust particles in the air can make the moon appear **reddish** or **brownish** in color.

This is an unusual look for me!

But it doesn't last very long. A lunar eclipse is over within a few hours.

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Make an Eclipse

Work with a family member to make an eclipse at home.

Stuff you'll need:

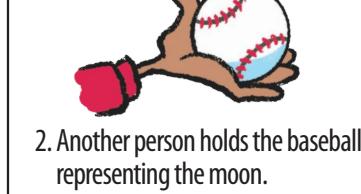
- Flashlight or a desk lamp
- Basketball
- Baseball



STEPS:



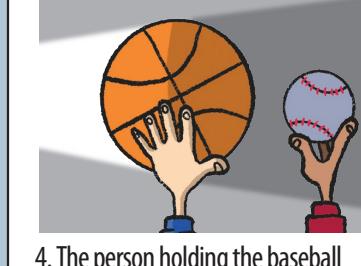
1. One person holds the basketball, which represents Earth.



2. Another person holds the baseball, representing the moon.



3. In a dark room, point the light at the basketball.



4. The person holding the baseball moves it into the shadow of the basketball. That's a total lunar eclipse!

Standards Link: Science: Create a model to explain scientific concepts.

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The adjective **lunar** describes something related to the moon.

Neil Armstrong was the first human to step on the **lunar** surface.

Try to use the word **lunar** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On!

My Home on the Moon

Imagine you live in a home on the moon. Describe what you do on an ordinary day.

ANSWER: It's only full once a month!

Standards Link: Writing: Write narratives with details to develop imagined experiences.

How to Watch the Eclipse

The blood moon will be visible in most of North America on Thursday, March 13 and Friday, March 14. Here are the times to watch for it. With a family member, circle your time zone.

Standards Link: Math: Understand the concept of time in different locations.

- Eastern Daylight Time (EDT): 2:26 a.m.–3:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Central Daylight Time (CDT): 1:26 a.m.–2:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Mountain Daylight Time (MDT): 12:26 a.m.–1:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Pacific Daylight Time (PDT): 11:26 p.m. (March 13)–12:31 a.m. (March 14)
- Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT): 10:26 p.m.–11:31 p.m. (March 13)
- Hawaii Standard Time (HST): 8:26 p.m.–9:31 p.m. (March 13)

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Help this rocket land on the moon.

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Double Double Word Search

AIR
BLOCK
BLOOD
COLOR
COOL
DAYLIGHT
DUST
EARTH
LOOK
LUNAR
MOON
TIME
WATCH
WORRY
ZONE

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Space is the Place

Find an advertisement in the newspaper. Rewrite the ad to make it about something you would need if you took a trip to the moon.

Standards Link: Writing: Strengthen writing clarity by editing.

Why is the moon so hungry?

ANSWER: It's only full once a month!

Write On!

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Standards Link: Writing: Write narratives with details to develop imagined experiences.

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WED 3/12 THURS 3/13 FRI 3/14 SAT 3/15 SUN 3/16 MON 3/17 TUES 3/18

CAFE AROMA
54750 N Circle Dr

Idyllhands
5:30pm-8:30pm

Francesca Brown
5:30pm-8:30pm

FERRO
25840 Cedar St

Jazz Night
6:00pm

MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY
54301 N Circle Dr

Classic Rock & Surf
Tunes | The Royal
Pains
4-7pm

Modern Roots &
R&B | In the Pocket
(Miles, Scott & Jeff)
3-6pm

Rock & Pop | Spare
Change (Erik M,
John, Erik L &
George)
2-5pm

Old Tyme Radio
Show
5-6pm

TARYN'S PLACE
54200 N Circle Dr
Unit A3

David the Page
6:30pm

Pentagrams &
Daisies
6:30pm

Craic Haus
6:30pm

Lily Rock Ramblers
6:30pm



Casey Abrams played with Paul Carmen and Barnaby Finch at Ferro's Jazz Night last Tuesday

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Jac Jacaruso entertains the captive audience at Taryn's Place on Monday night.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TARYN'S PLACE

IDYLLWILD SERVICE DIRECTORY

Auto Repair



Tree Services



Rain Gutters



Taxes



Fire Wood



Carpet Care



HVAC



Roofing



Fire Abatement



Tree & Landscape Consulting



Septic Services



Idyllwild Service Directory

- New ads placed at the beginning of the month only
- Minimum insertion: 1 month
- One copy change permitted per month
- Deadline for new ads 4pm, last Thursday of the month
- Deadline for copy change: noon Friday

Questions? Call Town Crier at (951) 659-2145
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Mr. Barth Swanson, our Campus Security, has chosen the following students.



Tobias Gatt

Tobias Gatt in 3rd grade is quite the character. He has a vivid imagination and a great sense of humor. It always makes me laugh when he comes by on the playground with his daily antics.



Porter Ballou

Porter Ballou in 5th grade starts the day with a hearty good morning and a big smile. She is encouraging and a positive influence on her friends. We are happy to have her as a student at Idyllwild School.

CREATURE CORNER



Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats learned that two cats and a puppy were adopted and that new kittens have arrived.

Pepper: So, any news for this week?

Harley: Well, we know about our new kittens, but not much other than that.

Marlowe: Unless you haven't heard the news that the

annual Pets of the Year contest and fundraiser has opened.

Pepper: That's right! There will be nine winners who will each receive not only great titles, but amazing prizes as well.

Harley: I heard that locals, full and part time, may enter their dogs, cats, or "others."

Rowan: What are others?

Pepper: Any pet that doesn't fit the dog or cat categories. In the past, winners have been a pig, dove, donkey, goat, and rat, to name a few.

Marlowe: And the money goes into a fund to help locals pay for veterinary emergencies and necessary care.

Pepper: Oh! Here come the kittens! You know, kittens would be good to enter into this competition.

Savannah: (bouncing into the room) Hi! Yes, I'm one of the five adorable kittens, and we'd love to be adopted and entered into the contest. I know that I am definitely Pet of the Year material.

London: And so am I! Actually, any cute photo of a pet will work.

Pepper: Hello kittens! I hope lots of folks will come into the ARF House soon to meet you.

Harley: And then they'll also meet us adult cats. It's a win-win!

Cheyenne: Then everyone has two choices. They may come in to meet us cats AND they may enter their own lovable pets at www.gogophotocontest.com/arfpetsofyear. They will win either way!

This week's Creature Corner is sponsored by Lola Davis. Would you like to be a sponsor? Please let us know! Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of Days of our Nine Lives each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy 243. ARF is open Saturdays 10-3, Sundays 10-2, and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.

Past Tense

75 years ago - 1950

FM radio equipment was installed in Forest Service trucks and lookouts.

70 years ago - 1955

Registered voters served by the Idyllwild Water Company were to go to the polls to vote for or against the formation of an Idyllwild County Water District, and to elect five directors.

65 years ago - 1960

The Hill's year-round population was set at 1,250 residents by Glenn Froehlich, local manager of California Edison. In 1950 it was about 435.

60 years ago - 1965

Soaring costs for OPEC oil and other fuels could result in "dramatic and unavoidable" increases of up to 50 percent in customers' electricity bills, Southern California Edison Company warned the prior week.

The County Planning Commission approved rezoning of a local subdivision for a single-family development that would be made up of 47 lots located east of Scenic Drive and Daryl Road.

55 years ago - 1970

A big snowfall was welcome on the Hill. The season's snow total was just over 14 inches.

50 years ago - 1975

At the Dime-A-Dip Dinner sponsored by the Idyllwild School Parents Club, all main dishes and salads could be purchased for 10 cents a scoop.

45 years ago - 1980

Nonstop torrential rains fell on the San Jacintos and wreaked havoc on the Hill's highways. Fallen boulders and a gaping erosion-caused hole closed Highway 243 between Idyllwild and Banning. Highway 74 between Mountain Center and Hemet was closed due to major road damage.

25 years ago - 2000

Local locksmith Tom Visel made the winning bid of

\$2,500 to the Idyllwild Fire Department for its 1986 Ford Econoline ambulance. Visel planned to convert the vehicle into a shop van.

20 years ago - 2005

A grand opening celebration was held for the new Village Centre complex in downtown Idyllwild.

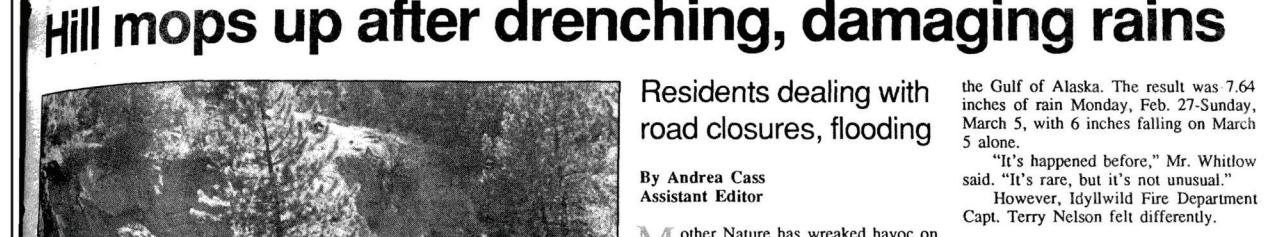
15 years ago - 2010

Idyllwild locals Winifred (Winnie) Wood, now deceased, and longtime friend Dorothy (Dot) Swain Lewis, 94, received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor Congress can bestow, at a ceremony at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

11 year ago - 2014

Idyllwild resident, Robert Peek, a ranger at Mt. San Jacinto State Park, received the California State

Park Rangers Association's Award of Valor for saving a life.



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Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups
Call Church Office for Information, 951-659-4775

Calvary Chapel Mountain Center
29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA
Father Charles E. Miller
Mass Schedule: Sun. 10 a.m.
Confession: by appt. 951-659-2708

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church
Sunday Services 10 AM
Phone (951) 659-4471 • www.sthughsidyllwild.org
25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Shiloh Christian Ministries
54295 Village Center Drive
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sleme
Sunday Service - 10 am
951.659.2416

Idyllwild Community Church
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
www.ipcpchurch.net
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship - Child care available
Tuesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. - Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.



Snow-covered trail next to Strawberry Creek.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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19 Long journeys
20 Informal pronoun
22 JFK's predecessor
23 Slightly wet
27 Id counterpart
29 Small burger
31 Majestic
34 Paris school
35 Diocese part
37 Iota
38 Tennis score
39 Author Umberto
41 Slightly open
45 Stand-in

47 Japanese sash
48 "Absolutely not!"
52 Eggy quaff
53 Love, Italian-style
54 Indian lentil dish
55 Citric beverage
56 Already
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58 French salt

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24 Fuss
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32 "Awesome!"
33 "Entourage" role
36 Olympian queen
37 Freight train unit
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43 Home
44 Star in Orion's foot
45 "Close one!"
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47 "Terrif!"
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51 —Magnon

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: NAILED TO A HORSE'S HOOF

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Answers to puzzles found on B4

HOROSCOPES

March 2025 — Week 2



March 21 – April 19

Consider moving beyond the usual methods to find a more creative means of handling a difficult on-the-job situation. Avoid confrontation and aim for cooperation instead.



April 20 – May 20

A seasonal change creates a new look for the outdoors. It also inspires Taureans to redo their own environments, so this is a good week to start redoing both your home and workplace. Enjoy!



May 21 – June 21

A misunderstanding needs to be straightened out so the wrong impression isn't allowed to stand. If necessary, offer to support the use of a third party to act as an impartial arbitrator.



June 22 – July 22

A career change offering what you want in money and responsibilities could involve moving to a new location. Discuss this with your family members before making a decision.



July 23 – August 22

Feeling miffed over how you believe you were treated is understandable. But before you decide to "set things straight," make sure that the whole thing wasn't just a misinterpretation of the facts.



August 23 – September 22

Showing you care makes it easier to build trust and gain an advantage in handling a delicate situation. What you learn from this experience will also help you understand yourself better.



September 23 – October 22

Planning for the future is fine, especially if you include the roles that family members may be asked to play. But don't be surprised if some hidden emotions are revealed in the process.



October 23 – November 21

Making choices highlights much of the week, and you have a head start here, thanks to your ability to grasp the facts of a situation and interpret them in a clear-cut manner.



November 22 – December 21

Carrying a torch can be a two-way situation: It can either keep you tied to the past or help light your way to the future. The choice, as always, has to be yours.



December 22 – January 19

Your watchwords this week are "focus, focus, focus." Don't let yourself be distracted from what you set out to do. There'll be time later to look over other possibilities.



January 20 – February 18

A workplace opportunity might require changes that you're not keen on making. Discuss the pluses and minuses with someone familiar with the situation before you make a decision.



February 19 – March 20

Love and romance are strong in your aspect this week. If you've already met the right person, expect your relationship to grow. And if you're still looking, odds are, you'll soon be finding what you want!

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