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The Longview: The Town Crier in a new world

By David Jerome
Editor

As the *Town Crier* approaches its 80th anniversary, much has changed in the world around us, and here on The Hill.

The *Town Crier* has changed along the way. It grew from a home-spun newsletter put out by a creative husband and wife team into a newspaper with numerous employees and contributors. It is now seeking its way in an uncertain time.

At first the work of Ernie and Betty Maxwell alone, the paper passed through various hands over the decades, and the number of names on the masthead grew.

By 2000 the masthead usually had about 10 names plus over a dozen contributing writers and photographers. The list was always headed by an editor and a publisher, then included news editors, reporters, operations managers, several people who sold advertising, a bookkeeper, someone in charge of production and circulation, and a photographer who operated a darkroom.

In May of 2021, we begin to see many of the names, my own included, under a new heading, "Freelancers." Yes, once upon a time the *Town Crier* had employees, and that era was coming to a close. Becky and Jack had

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The largest ponderosa pine in Southern California, the Council Tree at the UC James Reserve, seen here two years ago, has turned brown and appears to be beyond saving. Story on A2

PHOTO BY STEPHEN SUTTON

County property assessments grow 5% for 2026, Idyllwild/Pine Cove reach $1.6 billion

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Riverside County's assessed property valuations continue to grow. At the July 28 Board of Supervisor's meeting, Chris Gray, the county's assistant assessor-county clerk-recorder, reported that the County's total real estate assessment valuation has exceeded $480 billion for the first time. The 2026 assessment of $483.98 billion is $23.8 billion, 5.2% greater than the 2025 total.

"The annual Assessment Roll represents the culmination of extensive valuation and assessment work completed throughout Riverside County," Peter Aldana, the county's assessor-county clerk-recorder, said in a press release. "Every assessment on the roll matters to property owners and the public agencies that rely on this information. Our goal is to administer the roll fairly, accurately, and consistently so that property owners can have confidence in the assessment process."

Property valuations in Riverside County have been increasing consistently. As noted, this year's increase was 5.2%. Last year, it was 5.3%. In 2024, valuations grew more than 7%. In 2023, valuations grew 9%, the first year they exceeded $400 billion. Only seven years ago, in 2019, valuations exceeded $300 billion for the first time. But it took 14 years to reach that level from $200 billion in 2006. Total county property assessments have more than doubled in the past 20 years.

Of the total $484 billion, residential property represents $331 billion or 68.4% of all assessed property. The smallest valuations were $1.4 million for 27 mining claims and $440 million for 1,257 aircraft. In unincorporated areas of the county, valuations grew 5.3% to $80.4 billion.

Supervisor Manuel Perez's 4th District had the highest total assessments of the five districts. District 4's assessments totaled $137.4 billion or 28.4% of the county's total assessed valuation.

In the Idyllwild and Pine Cove areas, property assessments for 2025-26 will total $1.61 billion, 3.2% greater than last year. Residential properties (3,738 total properties) were assessed at $1.38 billion, accounting for the preponderance of local assessment valuations. Local commercial properties' valuation declined this year. The total is $117.6 million, which is $4.4 million (3.7%) less than in 2025.

Only two local properties have an assessed value greater than $5 million. Of the other residential properties, 100 (eight more than 2025) have assessed value greater than $1 million. Almost 2,900 properties are assessed between $100,000 and $500,000.

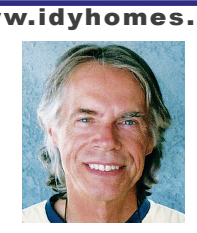
There are 69 assessed properties in the Mountain Center area, and their total assessment was $22.8 million, barely any increase from the $22.6 million assessment in 2025. None had assessed valuation greater than $3 million. Five, an increase of one property, were assessed between $1 million and $3 million. Nineteen properties were assessed at less than $300,000. In 2025, there were 42 properties with assessments less than $300,000.

Aldana's press release also stated that assessed values for individual properties are now available for review through RivCoView (https://rivcoview.rivcoacr.org/#/Property-Search).

Property owners who believe their assessed value exceeds the market value of their property as of January 1, 2026, may contact the Assessor's Office for assistance or file an Assessment Appeal during the official filing period, which runs from July 2 through November 30, 2026. "Property owners also may request a formal hearing before the Assessment Appeals Board. The deadline to file is Nov. 30. The application is available on the Clerk of the Board's website at Assessment Appeals Online (aao.countyofriverside.us/)."

For more information or to contact the Riverside County Assessor-Clerk-Recorder, visit www.rivcoacr.org

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Post from the Help Center board

Editor's note: The Help Center Board has posted this update on their activities at the Center on FaceBook (https://fb.watch/IWQHdrnRv1/) and provided a copy to the Town Crier.

We're cleaning, Organizing & Getting Ready For You!

Thank you so much for your continued understanding, patience and support as the Help Center extends its temporary closure for two more weeks (August 9-23, 2026), while we take care of important maintenance, cleaning and inventory work.

As part of this process, in accordance with applicable health and safety requirements, we must remove and dispose of merchandise that has been contaminated by or exposed to rodents. We're on it!

We know firsthand that it is not easy to discard donated items. We are incredibly grateful for every donation made to the Help Center and we never take that generosity for granted. But when it comes to keeping everyone safe, there's no compromise.

Our amazing volunteers are working hard behind the scenes to get the Thrift Store ready to welcome you back!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Idyllwild Rotary who are ALWAYS willing to lend a hand and help the entire community!

We miss you and can't wait to see you soon!

Council Tree, largest ponderosa pine in San Jacintos, nears end of life

By David Jerome
Editor

The iconic Council Tree at the University of California James Reserve appears to be very close to the end of its life.

The old-growth ponderosa pine's needles recently went from green to brown.

The tree, according to captions in U.C. literature, is over 200 feet high and perhaps 500 years old, and is reputed to be the largest of its species in Southern California.

The James Reserve, located near Lake Fulmor, is part of the University's system of field research stations and protected lands.

Dr Marko Spasojevic of the University of California at Riverside, conveyed by email that the James director, Casey Woodall, had confirmed the tree is beyond saving. "It has gone completely brown in the last few weeks and looks like it will be dead soon. It went really fast. I was just up there 6 weeks ago and it didn't look too bad, but it does seem that the bark beetles did it in."

Spasojevic's laboratory monitors a study plot at the James Reserve, part of a long term survey of the plant population. "I have been studying the forests in Hall Canyon for about a decade now and the pines there are not doing great," he wrote.

He pointed out that the natural cycle of fire has been interrupted . "According to Cal Fire there has not been a fire on the higher elevations of San Jacinto (including Hall Canyon) in well over 100 years. This is altering the dynamics of the forest."

Researchers are seeing a change in the mix of conifers and oaks. "I haven't spent much time at the higher elevations, but where I am (around 5,000 feet) we are seeing very little pine recruitment," Spasojevic wrote. "We have 256 seedling plots, and have seen a few sugar pines recruit, but really no ponderosa, Jeffrey, or Coulter. We see a large layer of leaf litter from the black oak that should normally get burnt off with regular fires and this is one barrier to the pines germinating.

"We also see a lot of cedar and fir that do well in shady unburned forests. They have the highest growth of any species in the forest and a fair amount of recruitment. The Oaks are doing pretty well. Black oak just had a mast year, so we are waiting to see how many new oaks we are getting. Adult pine mortality isn't that much higher than the other species (on average)."

The Council Tree was the meeting place for Harry James' Trailfinders School for Boys. Founded in 1915, the Trailfinders taught youth self reliance and teamwork through outdoor expeditions.



This group of hikers were out on the Ermie Maxwell Trail about a quarter mile below Humber Park Trailhead
PHOTO BY BILL RHOADS

To the Help Center Board of Directors



"The board of a nonprofit organization is required to act in the best interests of the charity at all times." I wish we could say that our Board of Directors follows this well-established rule. I wish that we could say that they have responded to objections openly and truthfully.

We recently circulated a petition in town calling for more responsible and transparent leadership from the Board. In just a few hours we gathered 134 signatures from concerned Idyllwilders. Many expressed their fear that such a vital resource as the Help Center might be lost. They spoke of all the good that the HC and its hard-working staff and volunteers have done for the community over the decades.

Now, with salaries cut, longtime staff dissolved, and the Help Center thrift store closed indefinitely, many on the Hill are deeply concerned. To what end is all this upheaval heading? Who is benefitting from it all?

We call on the Board to open up. Explain what you are doing and why. Let the community ask questions, and provide us with clear and truthful answers. How about a town meeting? You pick the time and place. At least 134 citizens want to hear from you.

Inge Austerman
Idyllwild

Help Center Crisis

Editor

To those of you who may or may not know, our local Help Center is not functioning at this time. It seems that there are a number of Idyllwild rumors going around as to the why.

The Help Center has been in existence for many years and has helped hundreds if not thousands of adults and children during that time.

I think it would behoove the board of directors of the Help Center to consider having a Town Hall meeting, without finger pointing, to help us understand the issues and see how we as a community can help.

Pete Capparelli
Idyllwild

(Editor's note: We asked a local arborist who had recently examined the Council Tree for their opinion, and they provided this response.)

Drought, Bark Beetles not the only causes of tree mortality

I am asked on a regular basis why our oldest trees are dying. I think that we too often blame drought and bark beetles as the only primary causes and they are certainly factors, but as an arborist with thirty years of working in the trees and forests in our local mountains, I see a deeper, natural story, which is sad and beautiful at the same time.

I believe that for most of our old growth tree mortality , Drought and beetles are the final chapter, but not the author. The root cause is actually the natural life cycle of these ancient trees.

Tree's resource allocations: growth, defense, reproduction.

In my observations and opinion, the last ten to fifteen years (roughly) of a giant pine's life (oaks too), a profound shift happens inside. The tree stops investing in its own body, a process that is very similar to many other species including mammals. It stops building thick bark, strong roots, and defensive sap. Instead, it pours every drop of remaining energy into producing cones and seeds. It is a final push to posterity (the next generation(s)). It seems to me that at the end of their natural life cycle, old growth trees actually want to make as many babies as possible, and then get out of the way.

Because the tree uses all its strength to reproduce, it leaves its defenses empty. When bark beetles arrive, the tree cannot push them out. The beetles are not the primary disease. They are simply the final symptom of an ancient tree reaching the natural end of its long life.

Losing these giants is hard to watch. Yet, it is a normal part of the forest cycle. When the forest is stewarded properly, the seeds they made in their final years are already growing the next forest(s).

And the hard truth is that most of our beautiful forest here in San Jacinto mountains is near or at the end of its lifecycle. I think it is a good community service for me to state the fact that bark beetles and drought are not the only things that we should be quick to blame.

For us little humans that walk under these giants, some of our generations, get to be among these trees when they are young and thriving and carefree. For other generations, we get to enjoy these old growth Giants for a time, but then we have to see the end of their lives, which is difficult because they seem irreplaceable.

But we do need to understand that they are a God-given, renewable resource, and with good stewardship and the right approach, we can possibly have the great opportunity and responsibility to think about and hopefully do something for posterity, the next generation of trees, and what we as humans are leaving for our own next generation(s).

As far as the right definition of good stewardship:

I would love to see more educated conversations about this subject, and even more, would love to see much more of it in actual practice by our forest managers.

Noah Whitney
Owner,
Pacific Slope Tree Company

From You to the Help Center to the Dump

This Sunday morning, August 9th, a convoy of pickup trucks left the Idyllwild Help Center headed for the transfer station, loaded with dozens and dozens of stuffed garbage bags. These bags and some bulkier items were unceremoniously piled into the waiting dumpsters. A worker at the station spoke with a couple of the drivers, seeming to object that so much was being deposited at once. (I have photos of all of this.)

I have heard from more than one person that a similar dump run from the Help Center was conducted last Sunday, as well.

What was in all those big trash bags? I'm guessing not candy wrappers and lawn trimmings. I'm guessing clothes, housewares, books, electronics, hardware, toys, and whatever else the good citizens of Idyllwild have been donating to the Help Center. Rather than being sold for the benefit of our community, probably thousands of dollars' worth of items are now on their way to a landfill.

Last week in the Town Crier, the Help Center Board of Directors published a letter full of vague platitudes and no actual information about what they are up to. The essence of the letter seemed to be, "Nothing to see here, folks. We know what's best. Trust us."

So, shall we trust them?

Christopher Morse
Idyllwild



Idyllwild Weather

source: www.accuweather.com

Day	High / Low	Conditions
Wednesday 8/12	80 °F / 60 °F	Sun mixing with clouds; nice
Thursday 8/13	76 °F / 58 °F	Mostly sunny and cool
Friday 8/14	78 °F / 58 °F	Mostly sunny and nice
Saturday 8/15	82 °F / 63 °F	Mostly sunny
Sunday 8/16	86 °F / 56 °F	Sunshine and some clouds
Monday 8/17	84 °F / 53 °F	Sunshine
Tuesday 8/18	84 °F / 54 °F	Times of clouds and sun



Community Events
August 12th - August 18th

Wednesday August 12th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 5:30pm- 6:30pm
- Chair Tai Chi Class -11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Library events:

- Storytime:Storytime: "World Elephant Day"- 11:00am - 12:00pm
- The DNA of Popular Song & Concert with Brett Perkins - 5:00pm- 6:00pm
- Men's Book Club: "A Gentleman in Mosco" by Amor Towles 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday August 13th

Library events:

AI for Everyone with Josh Pirtle- 2:00 - 3:00pm

Mountain Philosophy Group- 3:30 - 5:00pm

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30am- 9:30am - Town Hall
- Fit After 50 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St
- Summer Concert at Butterfield Amphitheater- 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Friday August 14th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30am- 9:30am - Town Hall
- Tai Chil - 9:45am - 10:30am - Town hall
- Free Senior Yoga - 10:45 am - 11:45 am - Town Hall
- Chair Exercise Class -12:00-1:00pm - Town Hall
- Fit After 50 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Town Hall

Saturday August 15th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30am- 9:30am
- Forbits - Jazz Show - 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Community Center

Sunday August 16th

ICC events:

- Farmers Market – 9:00am –2:00 pm – Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Monday August 17th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 5:30pm- 6:30pm
- Tai Chi Class- 10:30 am - 11:30 am
- Chair Exercise Class- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Tuesday August 18th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 7:00am- 8:00am & 5:30pm- 6:30pm
- Fit After 50 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St

Idyllwild Library:

- Beginner Mah Jongg - 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Mah Jongg – 12:00pm – 3:30pm

Idyllwild Shuttle Service:

Local Shuttle Service

- Monday - Sunday: Local service Off-the-Hill

Transportation:

- Mondays: Trips to the Desert
- Wednesdays: Trips to Hemet/Temecula
- Fridays: Off-the-Hill destination (varies)
- Wheelchair accessible.
- For reservations or information, call (951) 426-9688 or visit www.forestfolk.org.

Food Distributions:

- First Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m.– Noon
- ICC Feeding America food distribution. Free. Held at Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Alternate Thursdays, 12:45–2:00 p.m.
- Dates: July 9th & 23; August 13th & 27th
- Food distribution at the LDS Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd.
- Sign up by noon on the Monday before distribution at mountainaid.net.
- Participants will receive a text message with their pickup time to help reduce wait times.
- Donations are appreciated.

Coming Up!

Thursday, August 13

AI for Everyone with Josh Pirtle of MyGeekMac

Beginner-friendly session looks beyond the hype and fear to look at how AI works and what it can do for you and how to use it safely. Idyllwild Library 2:00 p.m.

New "Philosophy Group"

A new group to explore human nature, modern life, and what it means to live well. Idyllwild Library 3:30 p.m.

Friday, August 14

Brett Perkins Solo Concert

Idyllwild Songwriters Festival founder will perform two 45-minute sets of original songs and stories in Spirit Mountain's Contemplative Garden. Donation-based. 6:00 p.m., Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood.

Protest: Stop the Flock Cameras

Idyllwild Indivisible will be holding a demonstration to oppose the presence of license plate cameras surveilling the highways surrounding Idyllwild, and demand transparency and public input in the decisions to deploy the cameras. 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot between the Mountain Center Cafe and the Feed Store

Saturday, August 15

Idyllwild's 5K/10K Race

Walk or run for fun and to support local youth sports. Sign up at https://idyllwildrace.com. 7:30 a.m.

Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit Pancake Breakfast

Meet the RMRU members who perform rescues on local trails and throughout the region, and help support the all-volunteer organization. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast featuring eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee, and more. Held in collaboration with the Idyllwild 5K/10K Race, which will present awards to this year's winners. Adults $10; children $5. 8:00–11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Idyllwild Area Historical Society Free Ice Cream Social

Meet IAHS members, explore the museum, and enjoy free ice cream. Noon–3:00 p.m. IAHS Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr.

Butterfly Daze at the Nature Center

Enter the butterfly aviary tents and meet representatives of several native butterfly species, including monarchs and painted ladies. Crafts, vendors, food, and drinks. Free. 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 24225 Hwy. 243

Tuesday August 18

A Legacy of Filmmakers:
Film Screening and Discussion with filmmaker Gary Leva

Screening of award-winning documentary *A Legacy of Filmmakers,* narrated by Richard Dreyfuss, which explores the birth of Francis Ford Coppola's landmark studio, American Zoetrope, and its impact on cinema, and discussion with the film's director, Gary Leva. Idyllwild Library, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19

Forest Folk Celebration at AstroCamp

Forest Folk invites the community and local nonprofits for hors d'oeuvres and drinks to celebrate the growth and success of its free shuttle program. Guests will include Riverside County representatives and transportation consultants who have helped make the program possible. For more information, email rebacoulter@aol.com. 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., AstroCamp, 26899 Saunders Meadow Road.

Statewide Insurance Market Update: From Crisis to Stabilization online meeting

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, Carolyn Kousky of Insurance for Good, and Amy Bach of United Policy Holders will discuss the state of homeowner insurance in California. Topics to include the slowdown in FAIR Plan growth, early signs of market stabilization, next steps in expanding coverage options, and reforms to strengthen long-term market health. 5:00 p.m. Online Zoom meeting, register at tinyurl.com/4wah3axr

Thursday, August 20

ICC Chess League

Categories for kids and adults. $29 annual membership. 3:30–6:30 p.m. Community Center, 54201 Ridgeview Dr.

Ukes for Peace Jam

Casual sing-and-strum-along at the library. Not just ukes—bring instruments and voices. 4:00 p.m. Idyllwild Library Community Room. songbook at QR code below:

Friday August 21

Community Discussion on Flock Cameras

Idyllwild Mountain Vocal Locals host discussion on the automated license plate readers that surveil the approaches to our communities; what kind of data they collect, who they share it with, and what citizens can do about them. Idyllwild Library Community Room, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 22

Bird Walk & Talk: Learning About Migratory Birds

College of the Desert Professor of Natural Resources Trevor Wimmer shares his knowledge of the migratory birds that pass through the San Jacinto Mountains. The talk will be followed by a bird walk. Binoculars will be available for those who do not have their own. 11:00 a.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 24225 Hwy. 243

Monday, August 24

Two one-act comedies with The ~~Third~~ Fourth Monday Players at Middle Ridge Winery

The Third Monday Players present two one-act comedies directed by Mick Lynch: *A Sunny Morning* by the Álvarez Quintero brothers and *Teeth* by Max Reuben. 5:00 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery, 54301 North Circle Dr.

Saturday, August 29

Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog Restoration Update

Once plentiful in California streams, the local mountain yellow-legged frog population collapsed due to several factors, including a pathogen responsible for the worst recorded vertebrate disease outbreak. Dr. Tali Hammond of the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance will provide background on this federally listed endangered amphibian and discuss the status of conservation efforts in the San Jacinto Mountains. Surviving populations were rediscovered in 2009 when USGS biologists repeated a century-old wildlife survey. A multi-agency team began efforts to restore the local population in 2010. 11:00 a.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 24225 Hwy. 243

Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6

Lily Rock Chamber Music Festival

The Manhattan Chamber Players and their west coast colleagues return for the fifth annual weekend of music. Saturday : Mozart's G minor Piano Quartet, Turina's Scène Andalouse, Brahms's F minor Piano Quintet 6:00 p.m. at Lowman Concert Hall, Sunday: Mozart's C major String Quintet and the Mendelssohn Octet outdoors at St. Hugh Episcopal Church amphitheater 1:00 p.m. Both concerts will be preceded by 30-minute pre-concert talk. Free, $20 suggested donation.

Saturday, September 12

Dinner and Murder Under the Stars: An interactive murder mystery, star gazing, and dinner experience at AstroCamp.

Optional zipline adventure, cocktail reception, live murder mystery (join in or watch), four-course Italian meal, live auction, guided telescope viewing. $125 per person. Ages 12 and up. Proceeds to benefit the AstroCamp Scholarship Fund sending deserving kids to summer camp. In partnership with Idyllwild Rotary. Saturday September 12, 5:00-9:00 p.m. AstroCamp, 26800 Saunders Meadow Rd

Wednesday, September 16

California Department of Insurance Representative at Idyllwild Community Center

A Department of Insurance outreach analyst will discuss the Commissioner's Sustainable Insurance Strategy and how it relates to mountain communities. Presented by the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council and ICC. 5:00 p.m. 54195 Ridgeview Dr.

Saturday, September 19

IAHS Home Tour

This annual event spotlights architectural gems from every era of Idyllwild history. Tickets ($30) are available at the IAHS Museum or online.

Saturday, October 10

Art Alliance of Idyllwild 28th Annual Art Walk & Wine Tasting

Sample wines from across California, browse the work of local and regional artists, and enjoy live music throughout Idyllwild's scenic, walkable business district. Early bird tickets are $35 for AAI members and $45 for non-members. After September 1, prices increase to $50 for members and $60 for non-members. Tickets purchased on October 10 are $70. Visit aai.clubexpress.com.

Saturday, October 24

Hoedown at the Rustic Theater to benefit the Living Free Affordable Animal Care Clinic

2:00 to 6:00 p.m. 54290 N. Circle Dr

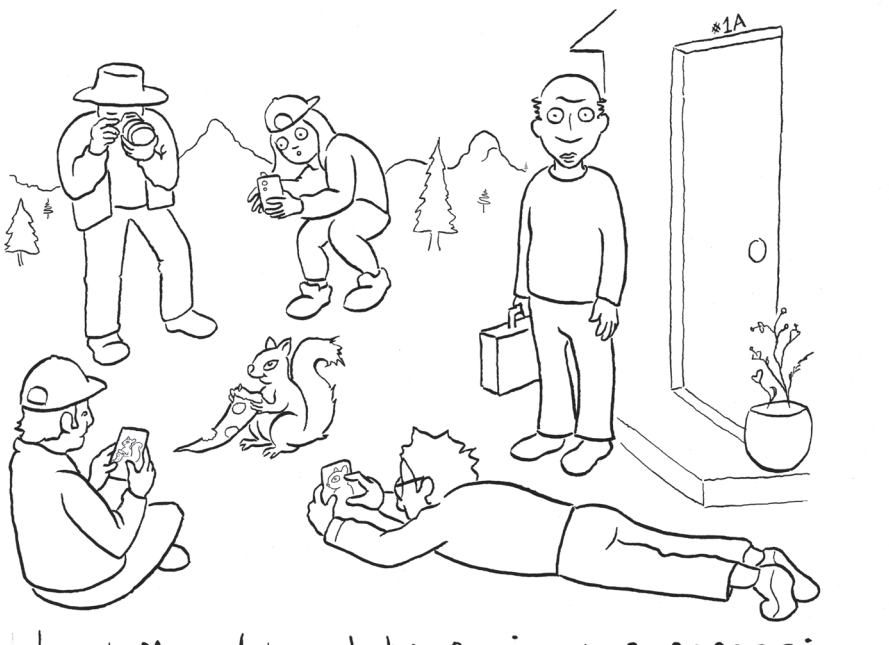


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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as AK DELIVERS, 439 WIMBLEDON DR, SAN JACINTO, CA 92583, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

KEVIN MARTIN
439 WIMBLEDON DR
SAN JACINTO, CA 92583

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:
KEVIN MARTIN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/15/2026.
FILE NO.:
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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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Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

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: July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as LIVING FREE ANIMAL SANCTUARY, WAR HORSE CREEK, 54250 KEEN CAMP ROAD, MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 5, MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561.

LIVING FREE
P.O. BOX 5
MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

State of Corporation: CA

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 01/01/2021.

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Registrant Signature:
JAN CALLAHAN
TREASURER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/20/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202610688

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as THE WAY AT FREEWAY, FREEWAY TRUCKS & VANS, INC., FREEWAY ISUZU, FREEWAY TRUCKS & VANS INC, 1655 W. 6TH ST. #111, CORONA, CA 92882. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

FREEWAY TRUCKS & VANS, INC.
1655 W. 6TH ST. #111
CORONA, CA 92882

This business is conducted by a Corporation

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

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Registrant Signature:
JOHN PALMIERI
CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/13/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202610380

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BETTER BATH, VALLEY KITCHEN REMODELING LLC, 33528 MONTE VERDE RD, TEMECULA, CA 92590. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 28822 OLD TOWN FRONT ST UNIT 203, TEMECULA, CA 92590.

VALLEY KITCHEN REMODELING LLC
28822 OLD TOWN FRONT ST UNIT 203
TEMECULA, CA 92590

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 01/01/2026.

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Registrant Signature:
NIKO ZAVALA
PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/27/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202610993

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2026

CVMV2607333
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. Branch name: MORENO VALLEY COURTHOUSE.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: JADE PHOENIX ELIZABETH GALLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: JADE PHOENIX ELIZABETH GALLO Changed to Proposed name: JADE PHOENIX ELIZABETH MENDOZA CASAREZ .

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 9/11/2026. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above, Dept. MV2.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: July 23, 2026

RANDALL S. STAMEN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as ANDI'S ODDITIES VINTAGE CURIOSITIES & COLLECTABLES, 73520 HIGHWAY 111 UNIT C, PALM DESERT, CA 92260. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 51840 AVENIDA BERMUDAS, LA QUINTA, CA 92253.

ANDREA SUZANNE HART
51840 AVENIDA BERMUDAS
LA QUINTA, CA 92253

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:
ANDREA SUZANNE HART
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/01/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202609681

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DANCING WITH THE TREES, 54085 SOUTH CIRCLE DRIVE, IDYLLWILD CA 92549. Mailing address: PO BOX 4429, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

SOUTH CIRCLE IDYLLWILD, LLC
PO BOX 4429
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA

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

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Registrant Signature:
DAVID LANE BRADISH
PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/08/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202610097

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as DORKAS SMALL FAMILY HOME, 13870 AZURE STREET, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92555. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

DORCAS WANJIKU WANJOHI
13870 AZURE STREET
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92555

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Registrant Signature:
DORCAS WANJIKU WANJOHI
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/28/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202611140

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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SOUTH CIRCLE IDYLLWILD, LLC
PO BOX 4429
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA

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Registrant Signature:
DAVID LANE BRADISH
PRESIDENT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/08/2026
FILE NO.:
R-2026100976

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

LIEN SALE

On 8/12/2026 at 3848 Pierce Riverside, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 Ford VIN: 1FTEW1E52KKC37417 STATE: CA LIC:73224E4 at 10am CCCC §3071
Pub. TC: August 6, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MN WINDOWS AND GLASS DOORS, 2479 HANNUM CIR, CORONA, CA 92882. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 143, CORONA, CA 92878.

LISA NEGRETE MORALES
P.O. BOX 143
CORONA, CA 92878

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Registrant Signature:
LISA NEGRETE MORALES
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 06/23/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202609200

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as JUST GIRLS CV, 43765 ELKHORN TRAIL, PALM DESERT, CA 92211. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

JOSELYN LAURENY LOPEZ MORALES
43765 ELKHORN TRAIL
PALM DESERT, CA 92211

JACKELINE BELEN GUARDADO PONCE
43765 ELKHORN TRAIL
PALM DESERT, CA 92211

This business is conducted by Co-partners.

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Registrant Signature:
JOSELYN LAURENY LOPEZ MORALES
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/22/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202610817

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BETTER BATH AND KITCHENS LLC
28822 OLD TOWN FRONT ST., UNIT 203
TEMECULA, CA 92590

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA.

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Registrant Signature:
NIKO A ZAVALA
MANAGER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 08/04/2026
FILE NO.:
R-202611425

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Pub. TC: August 13, 20, 27, September 3, 2026

LIEN SALE

2017 NISS ALTIMA VIN# IN4AL3APXHC274640 CA LIC# KOPHIL2 LIEN SALE: 8/25/2026 AT: 10:00 AM 6158 COLUMBUS ST STE B, RIVERSIDE, CA 92504
Pub. TC: August 13, 2026

LIEN SALE

2004 HOND ODYSSEY VIN# 5FNRL18934B069893 CA LIC# 5UHJ379 LIEN SALE: 8/25/2026 AT: 10:00 AM 6158 COLUMBUS ST STE B, RIVERSIDE, CA 92504
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ICC Chess League adds 'Game of Kings' to recreation offerings

By David Jerome
Editor



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Next Thursday, Aug. 20, participants in Idyllwild Community Center's Chess Leagues will square off at their sixth monthly meeting at the new Community Center building.

ICC director of programs and recreation Johnny Wilson tells us that he first thought of starting a tournament last year, when he heard that the chess club that met at the library had stopped.

"I thought that was my opportunity to start our own chess league for adults and kids, and meet once a month at least. I got board approval in 2025," he says. "It was my project for 2026, to bring chess to the hill."

Wilson noted that ICC has plenty of sport offerings, including softball, volleyball, basketball and ping pong for adults, and baseball and soccer for kids, but adds that "recreation also involves games outside organized sports," games for the mind.

Wilson says he learned to play chess when he was 7 or 8 and living in Switzerland. He adds that although his family has been in Idyllwild for generations (his own children are the fourth), he lived in Switzerland until he was 10, coming to Idyllwild for holidays. In addition to learning to speak French (in kindergarten, very scary at first) he joined a chess club. "It's my favorite board game, if you can call it a board game," he says.

Wilson enjoys the experience of watching the young players. "I love seeing the different levels, we've got some kids that I've seen beat a lot of adults. Then we've got the real beginners that don't know how to move all the pieces yet. It's beautiful to see them learn and grow with it."

The tournament keeps a leader board with categories for juniors (5 to 14) and adults (15 and over), and records the results of games to keep a running total. Kids get colored beads as they move up the rankings.

Last month there were complimentary snacks, courtesy Holliday Roofing. Wilson welcomes sponsors, "The standard contribution is $150 to become a sponsor of the ICC Chess League," he says.

Wilson is hoping that the ICC Chess Leagues will become a part of Idyllwild recreation like the group's sports offerings. "I can't wait to have the league grow bigger as we go." More frequent meetings are a possibility for the future, if there is enough interest.

ICC Chess Tournament, Thursday Aug. 20, kids 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., all ages 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center, 54201 Ridgeview. $29 per year membership.

Life Tribute: Bonnie Jo (Gibson) McLyman 1943 - 2026



With heartfelt gratitude for a life well lived, we honor the life of Bonnie Jo McLyman, who peacefully passed from this life on June 27, 2026, at the age of 82.

Bonnie was the beloved wife of Colonel William T. McLyman, whom she married in 1994. They made their home in a beautiful mountain cabin designed and built by the Colonel in Idyllwild, CA. There, they enjoyed the beauty, peace, and friendship found in their mountain community. Always active in pursuing their interests, including travel and time with family and friends, they filled their life with love, laughter, adventure, and unwavering devotion. They found joy in one another's companionship and built a partnership rooted in mutual respect and deep affection. Their years together were marked by shared experiences, enduring support, and treasured memories until Colonel's passing in November 2023.


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Idyllwild Garden Club Tour

Colonel and Bonnie McLyman enjoy the waterwheel in their garden that the Colonel designed and built. Theirs will be one of the gardens featured in the Idyllwild Garden Club tour of gardens on the Hill Saturday, July 12. More on page 17.

Photo by Gabrielle Lennon

As a young woman, Bonnie devoted her life to educating children as an elementary school teacher. Her ability to brighten every day with humor and encouragement surely brought joy to her classroom. Her passion for education and service remained a defining part of her life long after her years in the classroom ended. After retiring, Bonnie continued to support the education and advancement of young people as an active member of the Idyllwild Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.).

Bonnie cherished the many friendships that enriched her life. Each one reflected that Bonnie was a loyal and compassionate friend whose warm smile, humor, and caring spirit brought comfort and joy to everyone around her. She was loved not only as a dear friend but as family, sharing in life's celebrations, offering comfort through its challenges, and creating countless treasured memories together.

Bonnie was a woman of strong character who truly lived with kindness, grace, a generous heart, and found purpose in serving others. Her life was guided by a quiet Christian faith, expressed through the way she lived. Surely, we will meet again.

Bonnie was blessed by the devoted care and support of her nephew, Bob McLyman, and a loving family that included her stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her great pride and joy. She will be remembered lovingly by her many dear friends, colleagues, and neighbors in the Idyllwild community.

There will be a memorial service August 17, 10:00 a.m., at Miller Jones Mortuary, 1501 West Florida Ave. Hemet CA 92543.



State Supreme Court to hear cases on Sheriff Bianco's seizure of ballots

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

The California Supreme Court announced on July 31 that it will hear two cases brought against Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco for seizing nearly 650,000 ballots from the County's Registrar of Voters Office. These were ballots from the Nov. 5, 2025 special election for Proposition 50, the constitutional amendment mandating the redistricting of congressional seats in California.

The hearings are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 24, and the Court has invited California Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta to participate in the oral arguments. The court also has asked whether Secretary of State Shirley Weber will appear to make any oral arguments.

As a result of claims from the Riverside Election Integrity Team, a citizen group concerned about election process, Bianco began an investigation of alleged voter fraud in the special election. This included taking the ballots from the Registrar's office.

The citizen group claimed there was a discrepancy of nearly 46,000 between the number of votes cast and the number of actual ballots counted.

The County Registrar of Voters, Art Tinoco, has rejected the group's claim and tried to explain that there is a misunderstanding about when a ballot was received. For example, a mail-in ballot must have the voter's signature on the envelope. Absent a legitimate signature. it is not a legal ballot to be counted. In Tinoco's opinion, the actual difference was 103 ballots.

Bonta ordered Bianco to cease the investigation. When he did not stop, Bonta filed with the State Supreme Court arguing that the Sheriff's Department may not legally possess the ballots and Bianco is not obeying the attorney general's directives.

"The Riverside County Sheriff willfully defied my direct orders, seized 650,000 ballots, misused criminal investigatory tools, and created a constitutional emergency in the process," Bonta said.

After the Supreme Court's announcement of plans to hear the case, Bianco sent an email to several local media. "We are looking forward to arguments," he wrote. "You don't have to be a lawyer to know that the attorney general cannot stop a legal investigation into a potential crime. This is basic common sense. It will be very interesting to see if the highest court in the state is going to decide the case by facts or by politics."

In addition, a second suit was filed by the UCLA Voting Rights Project. This will also be on the Aug. 24 hearing agenda. In a letter to the State Supreme Court, the Voting Rights Project warned of a possible unauthorized release of public information included in the litigation.

Their concern was ". . . a breach in election security and possible additional Elections Code violations associated with Sheriff Bianco's seizure of ballots while this case has been pending," wrote Sonni Waknin, senior voting rights counsel at VRP.

"It is important that this Court address the election law issues however it decides the criminal law supervision issues that are presented in the Attorney General's petition," Waknin added.

Since this investigation began and the litigation filed, the California Legislature has passed and Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed Senate Bill 73. This law strengthens the state's existing election safeguards in response to growing threats of election interference and intimidation, and prevents a repeat of Bianco's actions.

Among its provisions are protections against illegal removal or seizure of voted ballots and establishing criminal penalties for knowingly taking ballots from election officials. It also restricts peace officers from interfering with election administration or disrupting election workers carrying out their duties, except in urgent public safety emergencies.

The California Department of Justice is required to issue guidance to county election officials on how to respond to requests from law enforcement seeking access to areas where ballots are cast, processed, or handled.

State sens. Sabrina Cervantes (D-Riverside) and Tom Umberg (D-Orange County) as well as Assembly member Gail Pellerin (D-Santa Cruz), introduced the bill.

"The enactment of SB 73 protects Californians' sacred right to vote free from fear of intimidation or interference, and safeguards the essential integrity of elections in California," Sen. Cervantes said at its signing.

Living Free Animal Sanctuary hires new executive director, adds board members, plans affordable animal care clinic

Press Release
Living Free Animal Sanctuary

Living Free Animal Sanctuary, California's first no-kill shelter, was founded by Emily Jo Beard in 1980. As the organization approaches its 50th anniversary, it is adding board directors and a new executive director.

In addition, Living Free has launched plans for opening an Affordable Animal Care Clinic on its property, to serve our mountain community.

Sophia Dean, the organization's former executive director, will remain in a leadership role at Living Free as Board President.

Affordable Animal Care Clinic

"For many years, residents of Idyllwild have expressed the need for affordable veterinary care in Idyllwild for our beloved mountain critters. Now is everyone's chance to take action to make this happen," writes incoming executive director Sammy Busby.

The official event for launching this campaign is The Living Free Animal Sanctuary HOEDOWN, to be held at The Rustic Theatre on Saturday, October 24 from 2-6pm. The event will feature performances by local bands Stereo Purrs, Daversion, The Auroras, Francesca Brown and a comedy set by local comedian, Alice Cutler and her doggie, Freddy. There will be 18 vendors as well as food and drinks.

Executive Director Sammy Busby

After graduating from college in his home state of Alabama, Sammy moved to Washington DC, where he worked as the National Activist Coordinator for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

For PETA, he travelled the United States organizing large-scale demonstrations for animal rights and taught AR-101 classes (Animal Rights-101), which educated people on how to live cruelty-free lifestyles. After moving to California, Sammy volunteered countless hours at the "big kill" North Central Animal Shelter, near downtown Los Angeles.

He also volunteered as a supervisor for the East Hollywood no-kill animal rescue, Sante D'Or. Since moving to Idyllwild 10 years ago, Sammy has worked with both Living Free and ARF to rescue and sterilize hundreds of animals.

Before accepting the role of Living Free's Executive Director, Sammy served as a Board Director for the organization and as a volunteer in Living Free's cattery. Early in the mornings on weekends, you can still find Sammy scooping litter boxes in the cat rooms at Living Free!

New Board Directors

Dr Lorraine Kassarjian was originally educated as an engineer and worked as an Instructor at the Air Force Test Pilot School in Lancaster. She then went back to school to become a veterinarian and started a house call veterinary business in Florida. Along the way, she worked at a large county shelter and started an animal rescue named Luv-A-Pet where she spayed/neutered animals out of a mobile trailer. She was then elected to the board of Animal Rescue Force in Florida where she built an animal shelter. She moved back to California about 8 years ago (her family has had a cabin in Idyllwild since 1982) and started a house call veterinary service here, helping both ARF and Living Free with free/low cost animal healthcare.

Francene Fisher is a retired educator and nonprofit leader with years of experience serving on boards and supporting community organizations. She lives in Rancho Mirage, and volunteers at The Living Desert and has been surrounded by pets for nearly her entire life. Her lifelong love of animals and commitment to service make joining the Living Free Animal Sanctuary Board a meaningful opportunity to give back.

Anna McClain is a certified pet loss grief support specialist and founded PAWS Pathway counseling in honor of her sweet chocolate poodle, Alfie. She has worked in the veterinary field with numerous animals for years, but carries a deep passion for helping guide people through pet loss support as a national speaker and freelance writer. She is actively involved with both Best Friends Animal Society and Pet Loss Professionals Alliance and is so honored to be appointed Secretary of the Living Free Board.



Sammy Busby and Pal

The Long View

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seen the changes coming and responded.

Time has not been kind to the newspaper business. The rising costs of printing and postage, (and everything else), the many possibilities provided by the internet for free advertising, and declining print readership, have made many communities "news deserts." These rising costs mean you can no longer buy a *Press Enterprise* or a *Los Angles Times* or a *New York Times* in Idyllwild.

But we are still here, and we are still fighting the good fight. It may be that Idyllwild is one of the rare places where a weekly broadsheet still makes sense.

I spoke with former editor and publisher Becky Clark this week about her decision, with husband and partner Jack, to adopt a membership model, where readers are encouraged to contribute beyond the price of a basic subscription. This new model allowed the Clarks to hire an editor and briefly step aside from the day-to-day of producing a weekly paper..

I began by asking Becky about the situation that led up to the change. She had worked for the paper for a dozen years, serving under the Hunsackers and the various editors sent by the Chronicle corporation before becoming editor under the Tindles in 1996.

Becky spoke of the "big bust" in 2008, the collapse that started in the real estate market and led to the great recession:

"We lost 'Homes on the Hill' (the *Town Crier*'s real estate publication.) They wanted something cheaper. A big part of our advertising was real estate."

Other types of advertising also began to fall off. "Then came Craigslist, the first to dig into newspapers. We thought 'this isn't going to affect the small papers, just the big ones.' Then FaceBook came. Classifieds dropped like flies. We fought the best we could. We tried a free marketplace."

The Idyllwild Phone Book was another steady source of income that now seems to belong to a vanished era. "Now when we're traveling, Jack goes into a store in a community and asks if they have a phone book, and the young people say, 'What's that?'"

Jack was ready to retire from his position as an attorney with San Bernardino County, and Becky decided to do the same. They both retired in 2009.

Four years of travel deepened their appreciation for Idyllwild and the role the *Town Crier* played here. In 2013, they purchased the paper from the Tindles, te4h Engilsh family that then owned it, and Becky became editor-publisher.

In July of 2019, Jack and Becky wrote together about the realities of running a small town weekly in the 21st century. They were working for no compensation, living off Jack's pension. They thought of selling the paper, but thought "who would want to buy a paper that only breaks even with an editor that works for free?"

They eventually decided on membership, asking devoted readers to support the paper as they were able.

The model that they adopted has kept us going until now.

The Clarks also considered another model: incorporating as a nonprofit. There are a few downsides, like no longer being able to accept political advertising, but the nonprofit model has proved to be a viable model for local journalism.

"We were at a CNPA (California News Publishers Association) convention in Monterey, and there were two nonprofit Orange County and San Diego news organizations, they had seen the future and said 'uh oh,'" she recalled.

The two unaffiliated outlets with similar names are still publishing news online, the *Voice of Orange County* and the *Voice of San Diego*.

"Other newspaper have done it and are surviving," says Clark, adding they are still able to control who is on their board, finding "newspaper people" who understand the craft and the creed of journalism.

We also discussed a middle path, the formation of an independent nonprofit, a "friends of" organization. "I've seen these newspapers where they get people in the industry to form a foundation whose only cause is to support that paper," Clark said. This is a little simpler, but the idea comes with strict rules to ensure that the foundation's function is not to enrich a paper's owners, but rather to support independent local journalism.

The complexities of each of these possibilities are beyond the scope of today's editorial, but they are ideas I wish to put before our readers, many of whom have experience in the nonprofit sector.

The way forward may be something else entirely. Maybe it is just a membership drive and an appeal to members to consider upping their contribution. We are investigating the untapped potential of our brand, and how we can work with the Internet.

In the meantime, I keep writing and editing, answering the phone and emails, processing memberships, making copies, answering questions. Mike keeps preparing the paper for the printer and dealing with the headaches that come with that and paying the bills.

We have help. JP Crumrine is on vacation this week, but usually provides a local angle on the county, state and national news that affects us. He is a link to the *Town Crier* of years past.

Corey Pickett is Mike's right hand, and also handles advertising.

Sam Markus has brought a fresh point of view to the changing business landscape, while showing a sensitivity to the many legacies here.

We have a number of regular photographic contributors, with Peter Szabadi the most important.

Tobin Bond-Ale makes sure all those physical papers get picked up and delivered every Thursday.

We now have a volunteer copy editor, Dan Brin. He's out of town this week, but you may have noticed fewer typos lately, thanks to his professional eye.

On the Town

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FWB Fest: Field Trip to the Future

By Sam Markus
Contributor

Nearly 1,000 attendees descended on Idyllwild the weekend of July 31 to August 1 for FWB Fest, a two-day gathering that transformed the mountain community into something resembling a summer camp for inventive adults. Across the Idyllwild Arts campus and venues throughout town, visitors drifted between talks, workshops, performances and installations exploring technology, creativity and the future.

Rather than directing everyone through the same experience, the schedule invited attendees to discover their own path through the festival. It wasn't unusual to leave a lecture on creative research only to find yourself following music into the forest, stumbling upon an experimental art installation, or watching someone explain the future using a synthesizer and a whiteboard. Workshop titles such as Office Clown: Making Failure Work, Quantification Is Death, The Art of Early Belief, and Lessons From the Brainless World hinted at an event where curiosity was valued as much as expertise.

The festival extended well beyond the Idyllwild Arts campus. Local businesses and community spaces became part of the experience, with events hosted at Black Mountain Coffee, Speakeasy Books and other venues throughout town. Whether attendees came for live music, hands-on demonstrations, conversations with technologists or simply to explore, there was rarely a shortage of something unexpected waiting around the next corner.

Friday evening, Los Angeles band Clip Art opened with a tightly synchronized audiovisual introduction that gradually unfolded into technology-drenched breakbeat rock with memorable hooks. Projected visuals pulsed in perfect time with the music, creating an immersive performance that felt equally at home in a concert venue or an art installation.

Headliner Kim Gordon followed with the quiet authority of an artist who has spent decades redefining what rock music can be. Her dark, brooding, apocalyptic sound proved an ideal soundtrack for a cool mountain evening, echoing through the surrounding pines as the crowd gathered beneath the stars.

Saturday expanded the festival even further, with workshops, performances and installations unfolding simultaneously across town. The event rewarded wandering, encouraged curiosity and invited visitors to chart their own path through an unusually dense concentration of creative energy.

As the evening cooled, Nourished by Time's retro-inspired synth-pop drew festivalgoers into the Idyllwild Arts Campus' iconic Amphitheater, sheltered by giant parachutes. Saturday headliner Toro y Moi transformed the venue into an energetic celebration, complete with singalongs, dancing, and even a handful of illuminated yo-yos spinning through the night air. It was a fitting finale for a weekend that embraced experimentation as much as entertainment.

Now in its third year, FWB Fest once again transformed Idyllwild into a place where artists, musicians, programmers, designers, inventors and curious minds shared the same trails, classrooms and coffee lines. For one weekend, the mountain became less a destination than a laboratory for ideas—one where the future felt less like a prediction and more like something people were actively building together.



A Little History: Ewald "Spark" Schnitzer part 4

By David Jerome
Editor

Ewald "Spark" Schnitzer was a friend of *Town Crier* founder Ernie Maxwell and an occasional contributor to the paper during the 1970s. This profile depends mostly on several books he wrote, accessed through the Idyllwild Area Historical Society's archive.

The first three installments of our biography traced Schnitzer's life before his arrival in Idyllwild.

Born in Leipzig, Germany, in 1909 to a comfortable bourgeois family, he did well in school and attended University in Cologne and Leipzig. Although his father hoped that he would take over his manufacturing business, Ewald was drawn to the arts and history. His father allowed him to continue on this path, but insisted that he study languages and general history to prepare for some sort of gainful employment.

He won a scholarship for a year abroad at the University of Rochester in New York. After the first of his several round-the-world trips he returned to his homeland to find it transformed by the ascendant Nazi party, whose omnipresent flags he found "ominous."

After finishing his PhD at Leipzig he returned to the United States as an "assistant" to a teacher who had been hired at an American university, and then became an immigrant. He taught at a progressive high school that focused on international education.

During World War II, he went from being considered an "enemy alien" who had to register with the authorities before traveling to working as a civilian in the Department of War.

Returning to Europe at the war's end as part of the Strategic Bombing Survey, he began to collect art, in particular the expressionist works that the Nazis had labeled "degenerate."

During the 1950s, he lived in Southern California and worked for the RAND Corporation as a Europe expert. During the 1960s he worked at UCLA in the languages department. By the early 1970s, he had discovered Idyllwild.

The move to Idyllwild was the culmination of a lifelong love of mountains. Schnitzer described the transformative experience of his first mountaineering adventure — at the age of 10 in the Bavarian Alps — as a door opening on a new world of "adventure, physical and spiritual exultation, and a sense of happy achievement."

Schnitzer's travels included visits to many of the world's great mountains. After the Alps came the glaciers of Kashmir, Alaska and Peru, volcanoes in Guatemala and Japan's Mount Fuji, the Rockies of Colorado and British Columbia, and Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa.

Schnitzer was first mentioned in the *Town Crier* in August 1971, when he was visiting Idyllwild. Ernie Maxwell was still the editor and, along with Bmax, publisher. Then 61, Schnitzer had just retired from UCLA. He and Maxwell discussed his life and his love of mountain climbing. The conversation touched on the fight for clean air and the expectation that power demands would double over the next decade (it actually took until 2004.)

His trip to the base camp at Mount Everest was the subject of the first Town Hall talk he gave in September 1973. This "high point," as the Town Crier called it, happened in 1963, when he accompanied the American Mount Everest Expedition to the camp at 17,000 feet. He wrote of arriving during a snowstorm and emerging from his tent at night to see the great peak for the first time in moonlight.

Schnitzer mentions, in his *Selected Adventures of my First Fifty Years,* the many scientific researchers on the trip, and their experiments in support of America's space program. Later U.S. Himalayan expeditions, we now know, had the goal of surveilling China's rocket program.

In October 1973 he contributed a story to the *Town Crier* called "Beware of Hypothermia." It tells of becoming lost during a recent hike with a friend during which they intended to reach both Apache and Spitzer Peaks. Fierce wind did not dissuade them from ascending into the clouds. Schnitzer realized they had become lost and were walking in circles only when they reached what they thought was Apache, and found their own names in the summit registry at Spitzer.

The point of the story is that even an experienced mountaineer can become lost, and all who venture out should be prepared.

He moved to Fern Valley in 1973, and by February of the next year he had involved himself deeply in many parts of the community. *Town Crier* editor Luther Weare had fallen under his spell. Schnitzer shared a Fern Valley home with friends and a "beloved" cat.

"He plays the harpsichord beautifully….conducts a weekly course in hiking and ecology at the LIFE School… is active in Izaak Walton League…is also a member of Idyllwild Community Arts Council and ISOMATA Associates."

In his first six months here, Schnitzer estimated he had hiked 80% of the local trails. Speaking of the attraction of high places, he says "I was captured by the mystique of the mountains, which cannot be explained in words… All I know is that once it has been felt it is irresistible… When man does not feel in harmony with himself or his age… he can, in the solitude of the mountains, feel for a moment in tune with life."

Next week: Spark's thoughts on his return to Berlin after the wall fell.

Summer Concert Series continues with Big Band Staff tribute to swing vocal ensemble the Modernaires tonight; next week 1st Division Marine Concert Band

Tonight will be the seventh of ten Thursday evenings of music at the Butterfield Amphitheater, as Summer Concert Series founder Ken Dahleen brings his Big Band Staff and their tribute to the Modernaires.

Next week, on August 20 the 1st Marine Division Concert Band from Camp Pendleton will return, without an opening act. On the 27th the Blue Breeze Band, an audience favorite from past years, will bring their Motown review, with In The Pocket opening.

The series will finish on September 3 with another big band, the Dixie and Swing Collective, with no opening band.

This is the Series' 27th year, and the concerts have had the Butterfield Amphitheater for their home since 2019. Each year, Dahleen brings the best working tribute artists from the region to Idyllwild for unforgettable summer evenings of music, and invites favorites of our local music scene to get the crowds warmed up.

The concerts are always free and open to all. They are paid for entirely by donations from local businesses and individuals. Contributions, checks payable to "Idyllwild Summer Concert Org" may be sent to PO Box 1542, Idyllwild CA 92549, or call (760) 413-4638.

Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, Butterfield Amphitheater, 54201 Ridgeview Dr.



Chess Leagues attract amateurs... and expert

By David Jerome
Editor

Idyllwild Community Center's Chess Leagues attract a variety of players, from the very young to the very grey, from beginners to advanced. One of these characters is Simone Sobel, a bonafide chess expert who often helps the youngsters (and oldsters) with explanations of the game's rules and fine points.

Sobel is a chess teacher who divides her time between Los Angeles, where many of her students live, and Idyllwild, where her mother has lived for 25 years.

"I come from a family that plays chess, that's maybe where it started," she says. "Eastern European. Father, grandfather, brother. They all played."

"They never taught me, I learned by watching. When I was pretty young, like 7, I asked my dad once, but he declined. He gave me 'it's a really tough game.' Traditionally, in eastern European countries, not many girls played chess. I was a little intimidated."

But the attraction was more than a passing fancy. "I waited about another seven or eight years. I saw the movie Searching for Bobby Fisher. The movie really inspired me. There was something about the story and the game. I thought 'I really have to learn it now.' The next night I asked my dad again. This time he sat down and showed me. He saw that I picked it up very quickly and that I had some talent. Then came a coach, I started working a few weeks later with an International Master."

Simone had found her way. "Three months later I played my first tournament. Then within the next 2 ½ years, playing tournaments all around the US, I rose to the top 50 ranked US women's list. My top rating was expert, very close to master, 2100. But the fact that I started at 15 and not 7, that's a big thing."

Although chess may seem like an older person's game, tournament play is dominated by the young, and like music, the best players almost always start very young. "You have an age where you have a mental peak, and when you are young you are a sponge, you inhale it all," Sobel says.

The focus required in serious play stretches the limits of human ability, and modern chess masters often include physical training in their preparation. Formal games may last six hours. "Tournaments are very exciting, but they're also very grueling. Sometimes I played 10-12 hours of chess in a day."

In addition to teaching students "over the board" in LA and Idyllwild, she is also active online. "I teach on a couple of platforms, outschool and chess.com, she says. "I also became a vendor for the homeschooling system. The charter school pays for it."



Simone with her trophies and her faithful dachshund, Sienna.

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She has a website, www.chessguru.us, which includes this mission statement: "I want to share my passion and experience as a chess player with my students, and through this magical game they will develop self-esteem, improve cognitive skills and learn about life."

Chess has seen an explosion of interest recently, like many types of content finding new audiences during the global pandemic. The Internet now has a rich ecosystem of various classic and speed "rapid" or "blitz" events, and players, teachers, and commentators have the opportunity to engage with the public. Sobel also pointed to the mini-series *The Queen's Gambit*, that "made a lot of people interested."

Simone's mother, Valerie, has a local wedding venue called Chalet Tournesol. "My mom bought a house in Mountain Center about 25 years ago, and over summers and holidays I would come up here a lot," she says. "Then I moved here about six years ago. We have an apartment in LA, and so the luxury of going back and forth. I have quite a few students in LA. I started teaching online seriously more recently, the last year or so."

Manhattan Chamber Players plan fifth Lily Rock Chamber Music Festival Labor Day weekend

The Manhattan Chamber Players will return to Idyllwild on Labor Day weekend for their fifth annual Lily Rock Chamber Music Festival. Two of the members, co-director Brendan Speltz (violin) and his brother Brook Speltz (cello) are from Idyllwild, and their father David (also a cellist) still has a place here.

Brendan writes that "five seasons in, the festival has grown a bunch, with players from the Escher Quartet, Imani Winds, and Idyllwild Arts' own faculty — and two generations of my family on stage at once."

There are two concerts planned. The Saturday 6 p.m. performance in Lowman Hall will feature Mozart's G minor Piano Quartet, Turina's Scène Andalouse, and Brahms's F minor Piano Quintet. The Sunday 1 p.m. performance at S. Hugh Episcopal Church's outdoor amphitheater will include Mozart's C major String Quintet and Mendelssohn's String Octet.

The concerts will be free with a $20 suggested donation, and each program will be preceded by a 30 minute pre-concert talk.





END OF SUMMER MUSIC LINEUP

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Those Folk
Americana


SUN Aug 30 | 2-5 PM
ArisTRIOcrats
*Jazz * Folk * Americana*


FRI Aug 7 | 4-8 PM
Bryan Goodhead
James Taylor Tribute
PLUS Idy's First Fridays Fun


FRI Aug 21 | 4-7 PM
DaVersion
*Soul * R&B * Rock*


FRI Sept 4 | 4-8 PM
In the Pocket
*Modern Roots * R&B*
PLUS Idy's First Fridays Fun


SAT Aug 8 | 3-6 PM
Like Minds
*Soft Rock * R&B*


SAT Aug 22 | 3-6 PM
One-2-Many
*Classic Rock * Dance*


SAT Sept 5 | 3-6 PM
Spare Change
Rock & Pop


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"Not all those who wander are lost."
— J.R.R. Tolkien

12 Step Meetings in the Idyllwild area 3rd quarter 2026

Sunday	AA - Discussion	Noon	Idyllwild Water
	"Mixed Nuts" (Al-Anon with AA participation)	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Ark of Light
Monday	AA - Discussion	Noon	St. Hugh's
	CoDA (CoDependents Anonymous)	6:00 PM on Zoom	Mtg WW744 on coda.org or call 951-634-4048
	AA - (Closed) Women Only	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	St. Hugh's
Tuesday	AA - 12x12	Noon	St. Hugh's
	AA Book Study	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	St. Hugh's
Wednesday	AA - Open meeting followed by meditation	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	St. Hugh's
	ACA/ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics)	5:45 PM - 7:00 PM	Spirit Mountain
Thursday	AA - Discussion & Birthdays	Noon	St. Hugh's
	Emotions Anonymous	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Spirit Mountain
Friday	AA - Open Discussion *(starting July 17)*	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	St. Hugh's
	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 AA Speaker meeting *(last Saturday of the month)*	Noon	St. Hugh's
	AA - Happy Hour & Birthdays	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM *(bring a chair)*	Behind Idyllwild Water District
Every day	AA meetings online	Any time	https://aa-intergroup.org/

- **St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.**
- **Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.**
- **Ark of Light, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Suite F**
- **Idyllwild Water District, 25945 State Hwy. 243**

July through September 2026
All meetings are open unless otherwise noted
(Meeting secretaries - please call 951-634-4048 to change info)

Horoscopes

August 2026 — Week 2



March 21 – April 19
Despite your Arian penchant for wanting to tackle a problem head-on, you might want to take a little more time to see how a current situation develops. It could surprise you.



April 20 – May 20
Taking on the role of peacemaker in a disruptive environment is a challenge, but you can do it. Just continue to have the same faith in yourself that so many others have in you.



May 21 – June 21
Although your work schedule keeps you busy, you should make time to start preparing for an important upcoming family event that you'll want to celebrate in a special way.



June 22 – July 22
Home is where the Moon Child wants to be early in the week. But by week's end, a chance to travel raises your excitement level -- and that of the lucky person who gets to go along.



July 23 – August 22
Be careful not to be a copycat when dealing with someone who uses unfair or even unkind methods to reach a goal. As always, do the right thing the right way, and you'll win in the end.



August 23 – September 22
An offer could have many good things attached to it that aren't apparent at first glance, including a chance to move into another career area. You might want to check out its possibilities.



September 23 – October 22
With responsibilities surging both in the workplace and in the home, it's important to prioritize how you deal with them. Be patient. Pressures will begin to ease starting early next week.



October 23 – November 21
A positive reaction to a suggestion could indicate that you're on track for getting your message to the right people. Devote the weekend to catching up with the special people in your life.



November 22 – December 21
A new attitude from those in charge could make things difficult for you, unless you can accept the changes without feeling as if you're being pressured into doing so.



December 22 – January 19
Family matters once again dominate much of the week. But don't neglect your workplace duties while you deal with them. An offer to help could come from a surprising source.



January 20 – February 18
A difficult workplace situation begins to ease, but there are still matters that need to be dealt with before it's fully resolved. There's also a more positive turn in domestic relationships.



February 19 – March 20
Don't let yourself be rushed into making a decision about an intriguing financial arrangement. Asking questions and checking it out now could pay off in a big way later on.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Answers to puzzles found on B3

MAGIC MAZE ● A FOUR-LETTER WORD IN THE MIDDLE

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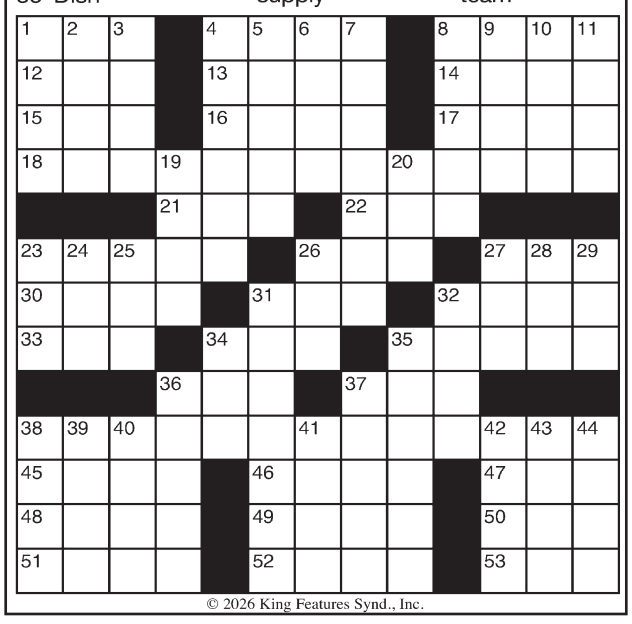
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: PROTECTION FOR THE HANDS

Appeared, Apprentice, Brainchild, Brooms, Cadillac, Chairs, Charms, Chosen, Clamps, Climbs, Comforting, Fabled, Orange, Placed, Sliced

King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Sheepish "Hello!"
4 Out of control
8 Regretted
12 U.S. Navy vessel
13 — Crunch (breakfast cereal)
14 Singer Guthrie
15 Mel of baseball
16 Manitoba tribe
17 The same
18 Cold-hardy salad veggie
21 Whatever amount
22 Green shade
23 Kick out
26 Send electronically
27 Extinct bird
30 Sunrise direction
31 Future flower
32 Border on
33 Tipsy
34 A Bobbsey twin
35 Dish
36 Cat's coat
37 Three, in Rome
38 Young person, metaphorically
45 Mideast airline
46 Bern's river
47 Actress Longoria
48 Lighten
49 Wall St. debuts
50 Profit
51 Times Sq. force
52 Salamander
53 Hosp. areas

DOWN
1 Gust
2 Wine region
3 Envelope abbr.
4 Emphasize
5 Tie the knot
6 Autobahn auto
7 Skateboarder's protection
8 Indian yogurt dish
9 Language of Pakistan
10 Power co. supply
11 Stadium top
19 Diplomacy
20 — -Mex cuisine
23 Long, skinny fish
24 — alai
25 Proposal fig.
26 Gaiety
27 CEO's degree, often
28 Chic no more
29 Chowed down
31 Shopper's quest
32 Novelist Waugh
34 Mother Teresa, for one
35 Mass celebrant
36 Mailed a tax return
37 Toss
38 Beheld
39 Stage show
40 Grate
41 Superhero's garment
42 Vegas game
43 Always
44 D.C. baseball team



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Live Music

	WED 8/12	THURS 8/13	FRI 8/14	SAT 8/15	SUN 8/16	MON 8/17	TUES 8/18
CAFE AROMA 54750 N Circle Dr	Wayward Hope 5:30pm-8:30pm	Common Ground 5:30pm-8:30pm			Like Minds 5:30pm-8:30pm		
FERRO 25840 Cedar St		Like Minds 6-9 pm	Jazz Grass 6-9 pm				Jazz Night 6-9pm
LEANNA'S IDYLL-AWHILE 54245 N Circle	Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm		Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm	Cole Withers 11-3 pm	Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm		
LILY'S 54905 N Circle Dr			TBA 5:30pm-8:30pm	TBA 5:00pm-8:00pm			
MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY 54301 N Circle Dr			Piedmont Blues & Americana | Matt & Silas 7-9pm	Country, Pop & Rock | TJ & Friends 4-7 pm	Folk & Bluegrass | Those Folk		
TARYN'S PLACE 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3			CRAIC HAUS 7-10pm	Francesca Brown 7-10pm	Vincent's Choice 7-10pm	Nathan James 7-10pm	Ross Garren 7-10pm
THE PEAK RESTAURANT 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3		Kevin Kertin 5:30-7:30pm					Taco Tuesday w/ Music 5:30-7:30pm

NEWS OF RECORD

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• Aug. 11, 2026, 12:00 PM — Narcotics, 2500 *** Block Tahquitz Dr

• Aug. 11, 2026, 1:43 AM — Unknown Trouble, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

• Aug. 10, 2026, 3:31 PM — Miscellaneous Criminal, 5400 *** Block South Circle Dr

• Aug. 10, 2026, 3:28 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Forest Hill Dr

• Aug. 10, 2026, 2:13 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

• Aug. 09, 2026, 7:43 PM — Check The Welfare, Address Undefined

• Aug. 09, 2026, 3:05 PM — Vehicle Burglary, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Aug. 09, 2026, 1:54 PM — Check The Welfare, Address Undefined

• Aug. 08, 2026, 2:36 PM — Area Check, Address Undefined

• Aug. 08, 2026, 10:38 AM — Unknown Trouble, 5300 *** Block Country Club Dr

• Aug. 06, 2026, 7:33 PM — Assault W/ Deadly Weapon, 2500 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Aug. 06, 2026, 7:33 PM — Battery, 2500 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Aug. 06, 2026, 4:26 PM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

• Aug. 06, 2026, 1:54 PM — Alarm Call, 2600 *** Block Pine Av

• Aug. 06, 2026, 11:02 AM — Unknown Trouble, 2400 *** Block Fern Valley Rd

• Aug. 06, 2026, 9:45 AM — Battery, 5300 *** Block Toll Gate Rd

• Aug. 06, 2026, 8:27 AM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Canyon Dr

• Aug. 06, 2026, 2:30 AM — Check The Welfare, 2600 *** Block Saunders Meadow Rd

• Aug. 05, 2026, 5:35 PM — 911 Call From Business, 5500 *** Block South Circle Dr

• Aug. 05, 2026, 7:05 AM — Public Disturbance, 5400 *** Block Strawberry Valley Dr

• Aug. 05, 2026, 6:33 AM — Public Disturbance, 2500 *** Block Tahquitz Dr

• Aug. 04, 2026, 3:41 PM — Missing Person, 5400 *** Block South Circle Dr

• Aug. 04, 2026, 12:35 PM — Civil Dispute, 2500 *** Block Rim Rock Rd

• Aug. 03, 2026, 9:20 PM — Suspicious Vehicle, 2700 *** Block Saunders Meadow Rd

• Aug. 03, 2026, 6:33 PM — Trespassing, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr

• Aug. 03, 2026, 11:59 AM — Check The Welfare, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av

• Aug. 03, 2026, 11:34 AM — Unlawful Entry, 5400 *** Block Wildwood Dr

• Aug. 03, 2026, 8:39 AM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Aug. 02, 2026, 6:00 PM — Danger To Self/Other, 5400 *** Block South Circle Dr

• Aug. 02, 2026, 4:22 AM — Area Check, 5500 *** Block Pine Crest Av

• Aug. 02, 2026, 1:14 AM — Unknown Trouble, 2500 *** Block Glen Rd

• Aug. 01, 2026, 10:29 PM — Public Disturbance, 5300 *** Block Deer Foot Ln

• Aug. 01, 2026, 7:11 PM — Civil Dispute, 5300 *** Block Deer Foot Ln

• Aug. 01, 2026, 3:23 PM — Check The Welfare, 5500 *** Block South Circle Dr

• Jul. 31, 2026, 11:57 PM — Unknown Trouble, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Jul. 30, 2026, 10:16 PM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr

• Jul. 30, 2026, 9:21 PM — Battery, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr

• Jul. 30, 2026, 9:19 PM — Battery, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Jul. 29, 2026, 11:08 PM — Suspicious Person, 5200 *** Block Double View Dr

• Jul. 29, 2026, 4:21 PM — Alarm Call, 2600 *** Block Crestview Dr

• Jul. 29, 2026, 11:21 AM — Check The Welfare, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av

• Jul. 28, 2026, 1:15 PM — Civil Dispute, 5500 *** Block Daryll Rd

• Jul. 27, 2026, 4:39 PM — Civil Dispute, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av

• Jul. 27, 2026, 12:46 AM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av

• Jul. 26, 2026, 2:39 PM — Public Disturbance, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Jul. 26, 2026, 10:58 AM — Public Disturbance, 2500 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Jul. 26, 2026, 9:03 AM — Unattended Death, Address Withheld

• Jul. 26, 2026, 8:16 AM — Trespassing, 5400 *** Block South Circle Dr

• Jul. 25, 2026, 10:04 PM — Check The Welfare, Address Undefined

• Jul. 25, 2026, 7:54 PM — Trespassing, 5400 *** Block South Circle Dr

• Jul. 25, 2026, 12:27 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Jul. 24, 2026, 8:00 PM — Check The Welfare, 2500 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Jul. 24, 2026, 1:26 PM — Assault W/ Deadly Weapon, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr

PINE COVE

• Aug. 05, 2026, 6:08 PM — Found Property, 5200 *** Block Golden Leaf Trl

• Aug. 04, 2026, 10:02 PM — Public Disturbance, 5200 *** Block Sylvan Wy

• Aug. 04, 2026, 3:55 PM — Missing Person, 5200 *** Block Woodland Dr

• Jul. 31, 2026, 8:00 PM — Animal Abuse, 2300 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Jul. 30, 2026, 1:25 PM — Suspicious Person, 5200 *** Block Pine Ridge Rd

• Jul. 29, 2026, 8:17 PM — Unlawful Entry, 5200 *** Block Green Craig Dr

• Jul. 28, 2026, 10:12 PM — Check The Welfare, 5600 *** Block Logan Creek Rd

• Jul. 25, 2026, 9:39 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Jul. 25, 2026, 2:59 PM — Missing Person, 5200 *** Block Woodland Dr

• Jul. 25, 2026, 1:10 PM — Assist Other Department, 2300 *** Block St Hwy 243

POPPET FLATS

• Aug. 08, 2026, 7:05 PM — Assist Other Department, 4600 *** Block Poppet Flats Rd

• Aug. 06, 2026, 7:52 PM — Public Intoxication, 4600 *** Block Poppet Flats Rd

• Aug. 01, 2026, 11:24 AM — Civil Dispute, 4600 *** Block Poppet Flats Rd

• Jul. 26, 2026, 8:11 PM — Shooting At Inhab Dwelling, 000 *** Block Poppet Truck Trl

• Jul. 25, 2026, 11:11 PM — Hazard, 4500 *** Block Canyon Rd

SAN BERDO NAT FORS

• Aug. 11, 2026, 6:35 AM — Shots Fired, Address Undefined

• Aug. 07, 2026, 9:09 AM — 911 Hangup From Cellphone, 4900 *** Block E St Hwy 74

• Aug. 06, 2026, 8:32 AM — Public Disturbance, 4600 *** Block E Florida Av

• Aug. 01, 2026, 11:41 PM — Noise Complaint, 5600 *** Block E St Hwy 74

• Jul. 30, 2026, 7:33 PM — Check The Welfare, Address Undefined

• Jul. 30, 2026, 12:29 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld

• Jul. 29, 2026, 7:44 AM — Alarm Call, 6100 *** Block E St Hwy 74

• Jul. 26, 2026, 8:11 PM — Public Disturbance, 2100 *** Block St Hwy 243

• Jul. 26, 2026, 1:14 AM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined

• Jul. 24, 2026, 4:26 PM — Assist Other Department, 4700 *** Block E St Hwy 74

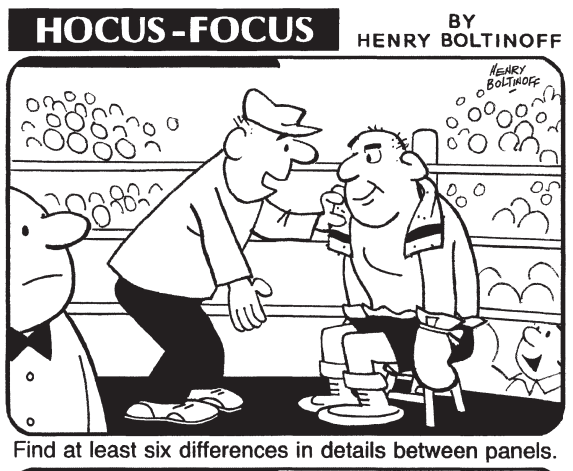
TWIN PINES

• Aug. 09, 2026, 11:57 AM — Missing Person, 4700 *** Block Twin Pines Rd

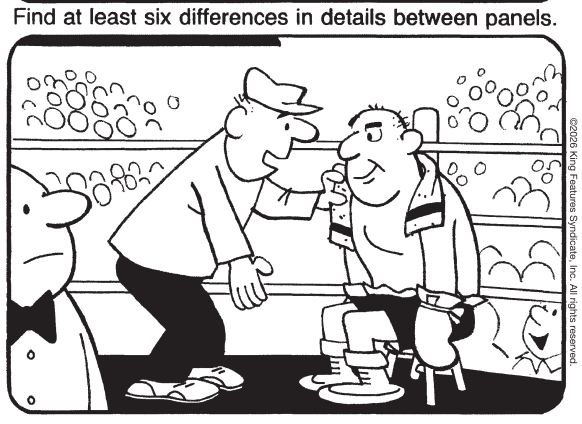
• Jul. 28, 2026, 7:27 AM — Assist Other Department, 4700 *** Block Twin Pines Rd

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Towel is longer. 2. Tie is larger. 3. Rung on stool is missing. 4. Ear is different. 5. Rope is missing. 6. Man is moved.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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Beast Briefs

By Idyll-Beast Correspondent

A Murrieta Creek resident (or residents) known as "**Baxter the Beaver**" has "captured the hearts of locals," according to recent reporting in the Press Enterprise. Baxter's dam has made him (or her, or them, as there are reports of a family with "kits") something of a "hometown celebrity," and local politicians have suggested the furry engineer as a mascot. Wildomar mayor Carlos Marquez was quoted as saying that he plans to make the beaver an honorary member of the city's public works team due to their "interest in local infrastructure." Marquez went on to say that the animal "truly gives a dam about' the community.

The item goes on to quote a scientist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as saying that there have been other reports of "resilient beavers" in the area in spite of intense human development. Their dams have"positive ecological impacts without changing the overall flow of the creeks themselves."

Many years ago, the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League discussed the idea of introducing beavers into Idyllwild's high country. Their dams, it was hoped, would provide opportunities for anglers. The beavers would, however, require the introduction of aspen trees for food, further complicating the scheme.

Big Bear resident "**Jackie the bald eagle**" passed away Monday despite heroic efforts by the Ojai Raptor Center. Jackie and her mate Shadow became celebrities due to the installation of two tree-top cameras by the nonprofit Friends of Big Bear Valley.

Jackie's diagnosis was anemia and kidney inflammation, and her treatment included a blood transfusion and oxygen therapy. ABC 7 Eyewitness news reported that the blood donor was Spirit, a resident of the CALM Zoo in Bakersfield. The cause of the bird's illness is unknown.

Jackie was found by a human couple along the shore of Big Bear Lake, unable to fly, on July 17, according to the ABC timeline. She is 14 years old, and bald eagles in the wild may live 20 or 30 years. She hatched one eaglet with her first mate, Mr. B, and 9 with Shadow.

August 17 is **National Black Cat Appreciation Day.** The holiday celebrates these elegant household predators and companions, aims to debunk the superstitions that surround them, and seeks to help shelter cats find homes.

Although popular imagination has it that a black cat crossing your path portends "bad luck," the lore about such felines is rich with more positive attributions. British sailors in the days of wooden ships believed that having a black ship's cat increased their chance of returning home safely. In Scotland, seeing a black cat on your doorstep was thought to be sign of a coming financial windfall. In England, black cats were considered excellent wedding gifts, bringing domestic harmony, and in Japan they were thought to bring luck in love.

Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild has cats of many hues available for adoption. With so many FaceBook posts complaining about the local rodent population, it is surprising that these creatures have not all found homes.

Although any day is a good day to celebrate black cats, there will be another opportunity on National/International Black Cat Day, October 27.



75 years ago - 1951

It was reported that wild turkeys turned loose on the Wellman ranch were doing well and reproducing as hoped.

70 years ago - 1956

The annual Chuckwagon Dinner for the benefit of Town Hall netted almost $500.

65 years ago - 1961

Construction of a clubhouse at Tahquitz Lake Golf Course was nearly completed.

60 years ago - 1966

Idyllwild resident and actress Marjorie Main, perhaps best known for her role as Ma Kettle in the series of Ma and Pa Kettle films, was named to head the local Red Cross drive.

55 years ago - 1971

Redistricting resulted in the mountain area being moved from the 5th to the 3rd Supervisory District.

45 years ago - 1981

A desire for controlled growth in Idyllwild was evident when about 80 residents gathered at Town Hall to learn how the Hill would be affected by Riverside County's revised general plan.

40 years ago - 1986

After serving as president of the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League for nearly 30 years, organization founder Ernie Maxwell turned the gavel over to Ray Williams. Meantime, the Ikes were opposing a proposed 50-mile car rally over the Thomas Mountain-Rouse Ridge range.

35 years ago - 1991

Dwight "Buzz" Holmes of Idyllwild resigned from the governing board of Hemet Unified School District to seek employment as a music teacher at Idyllwild School.

30 years ago - 1996

Reducing class size was on the agenda for Hemet Unified School District, which planned to reduce student population in its first-, second- and third-grade classes.

25 years ago - 2001

Then Idyllwild Fire Protection District Board President Glen McWilliams cast the tie-breaking vote in an IFPD board decision to contract with Riverside County to provide dispatch services for the Idyllwild Fire Department.

20 years ago - 2006

Idyllwild's beloved Tree Monument, carved by Jonathan LaBenne in 1989 from a 400-foot tree donated by Pearson Wood Service, was dismantled because it had become unstable due to climate- and woodpecker-inflicted damage. Sections of the monument were later sold to bidders to raise money for a new monument.

15 years ago - 2010

Riverside County representatives came to Idyllwild to discuss the proposed Idyllwild Historic Preservation.

11 years ago - 2015

Fire crews finally contained the 543-acre Anza Fire, which began on the morning of Aug. 10 after a motor home caught fire on the roadside of Highway 74, 3 miles east of Highway 371. Six to 10 homes on Hialeah Way were ordered evacuated and three firefighters suffered minor injuries.



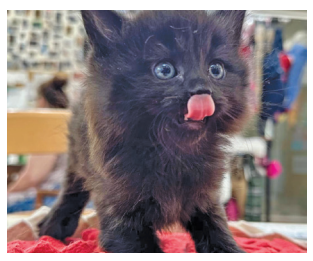
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Creature Corner

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats discussed the dangers of extreme heat and pets.



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Pepper: Is it okay to call our last week the cat days of summer?

Sequoia: Isn't it usually the dog days of summer?

Pepper: I guess so, but we're all just lounging around, so it seems more fitting.

Star: Yeah, you are all pretty lazy.

Honey: Except for the kittens! They play and play and play.

Tasha: But then they nap and nap and nap!

Star: They are so very cute, but I can see how they might be a bit of work.

Tasha: That is why getting two kittens instead of just one might be a better option for many.

Sequoia: You know, often two kittens provide mutual companionship and reduce loneliness. This can provide mental stimulation and prevent behavioral issues.

Tasha: Adopting a pair simplifies training as kittens learn from observing each other. Easy peasy!

Honey: And having two kittens encourages both to stay active and healthy while preventing potential damage from boredom or excess energy.

Pepper: Sounds logical to me!

Sequoia: But when it comes down to it, any kitten (or cat) adopted into a loving home, single or with another, is a lucky cat. We all just want loving homes.

This week's Creature Corner is sponsored by Lois Shepard. 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.

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Church Office
951-659-0097

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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.

Idyllwild Community Church
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54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
www.icpchurch.net
Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell
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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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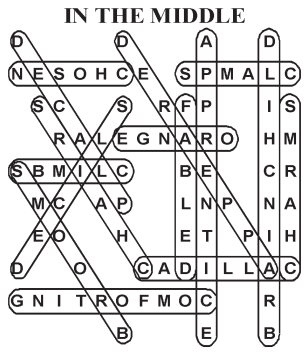
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A FOUR-LETTER WORD IN THE MIDDLE



— Weekly Sudoku —

Answer

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1	9	8	4	6	2	3	5	7
2	5	3	1	8	7	4	9	6
4	2	1	7	5	3	9	6	8
5	6	7	8	9	4	1	3	2
8	3	9	6	2	1	7	4	5
6	7	2	3	1	9	5	8	4
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1st Place Nita Harper
2nd Place Randy Paige
3rd Place Michael Gamboa
Honorable Mention Terry Chacon
Honorable Mention Jem Atwater

Special Awards and Art Supplies were also given to our young artists!



First Place Nita Harper



Second Place Randy Page

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Third Place Michael Ganboa



Honorable Mention Terri Chacon