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Nature Center hosts update on mountain yellow-legged frog restoration effort

By David Jerome
Editor

Dr. Talisin Hammond of the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA) gave a presentation at the Idyllwild Nature on conservation breeding, reintroduction, and management of the endangered mountain yellow-legged frog on Saturday Aug. 29.

Dr Hammond said she is one of eight scientists on the "core frog team" at the zoo. The restoration effort includes ten sites located in the San Jacinto, San Gabriel, and San Bernardino Mountains.

The frogs were once common in California streams and lakes, but have lost 98% of their southern range, with recent modelling studies predicting that 80 to 90 percent of the remaining local populations will be lost in the next 50 years without intervention, Hammond said. "Starting new populations is integral to recovery."

Hammond explained that the program uses "ex situ" (off site, or laboratory) breeding of frogs that are then released in the wild and monitored. This type of intervention, she said, is a "last ditch effort, for species that have no other option and have a high risk of going extinct in the wild." Although the usual "poster children" for such projects are birds or mammals, large charismatic animals, amphibians are also well suited to the process, according to Dr.Hammond.

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Adult mountain yellow-legged frog. PHOTO COURTESY OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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State Supreme Court considering Bianco's election investigation

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

The California Supreme Court heard arguments on Monday, Aug 24 on two cases brought against Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco for seizing nearly 650,000 ballots from the County's Registrar of Voters Office. These ballots were cast in the November 5, 2025 special election.

One case argued that Bianco failed to follow state election laws regarding the handling of ballots. The other brought by State Attorney Geneal Rob Bonta argued that the Sheriff ignored Bonta's directives to pause his investigation and return the ballots.

Ballot investigation

In the first case, Bradley W. Hertz, Bianco's attorney, argued that sworn affidavits by county residents (the Riverside Election Integrity Team, a citizen group concerned about election process) was sufficient to raise the question of whether election fraud or other election laws had been violated.

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

With these affidavits, Bianco secured a county judge's approval to seize the ballots. Hertz argued that local law enforcement officers have the right to take

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SB 1013 looks at Automated License Plate Recognition cameras

By David Jerome
Editor

Idyllwild, like communities across the nation, has recently seen meetings and demonstrations on the subject of Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras. Concern over the encroachment of government surveillance is bipartisan, as Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) has launched a senate investigation into Flock, one of the makers of the cameras, and the supplier for Riverside County's program.

Presently two 2015 laws restrict the use of ALPRs in California. SB 34 limits how data from ALPRs is collected, stored, shared, and used, and SB 54 prohibits providing personal information about individuals for immigration enforcement, beyond their immigration status.

This year, state senator Sabrina Cervantes, (D - District 31) has authored and introduced SB 1013, the Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Data Accountability Act.

The bill updates earlier laws, and the legislative counsel's digest notes how each provision builds on these existing laws. (https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB1013/2025)

The bill requires agencies to "maintain reasonable security procedures and practices" including managing which employees can access data from the systems, securing accounts to access the information, and tracking searches made by employees.

It also requires that agencies "Implement a usage and privacy policy, under the supervision of the Department of Justice…"

The proposed legislation enables individuals to file suit if they have been harmed by unauthorized use of ALPR data or breach of security.

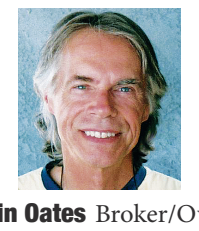
It also would also begin a state DOJ random audit program on ALPR operators and end-users to determine their compliance.

It would end default access to data by any national ALPR database. Law enforcement agencies may "manually implement agency to agency sharing with other California state law enforcement agencies" only as authorized by an existing order, California Department of Justice General Order 2023-05. It exempts the Department of Tax and Fee Administration, granting them default access.

It also exempts transit agencies including "public transit operator, department of transportation, public works department, campus transportation agency, or an airport or airport operator."

As to archiving data, the bill states that "a public agency shall, within 14 days, archive all ALPR information that has been held for more than 60 days unless it is retained in the evidence file of an active investigation or criminal proceeding or matches information on an authorized hot list." It also requires a warrant to access archived ALPR data.

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SCE Climate rebates on August and September bills

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

The Climate Credits for Southern California Edison customers will appear on their summer bills. This year the full credit is $72.

Both the August and September bills will receive $36, or half the full credit.

In the past, there was a spring and a fall credit. This year, the California Public Utilities Commission shifted the credit distribution from April and October to peak summer months to give households relief when air conditioning usage drives up electricity bills.

No action is needed to receive the credit. This will be identified as either "CA Climate Credit" or "California Climate Credit" or "Small Business Climate Credit" on your bill.

"We know families and businesses are facing higher costs for everyday essentials," said SCE President and CEO Steve Powell in a press release announcing the 2026 rebate. "The climate credit provides direct savings on summer bills and, together with lower electricity rates this year, helps make energy more affordable for customers."

Since 2014, California's large investor-owned utility customers have been recipients of the Climate Credit. The state's Cap-and-Invest program has delivered $19.4 billion in bill refunds back to residential utility customers. During most of this period, the annual credit was between $60 and $120. In 2023, it jumped to $142. Last year, it was $56. Since 2014, SCE customers have received a total of $1,090 in Climate Credits.

The amount of the credit depends on the utility provider and the market prices for the greenhouse emission allowances, which affects how much emitting businesses have to pay into the Fund. For example, Pacific Gas and Electric customers will receive a $72.36 credit this summer, but San Diego Gas and Electric customers will garner a full credit of $98.72.

The California Climate Credit is funded by the state's Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Program aiming to lower greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and other big industries. The program was created by the California Air Resources Board and the credit is managed by the California Public Utilities Commission.

The Cap-and-Trade Program requires major air polluters, e.g., power plants, fuel suppliers, and greenhouse emitting large industrial facilities to "buy carbon pollution allowances from auctions managed by the California Air Resources Board."

The revenue from the emission allowances is used either to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions or to help utility customers with the cost of their electric or natural gas bills. The California Climate Credit does the latter.

Mobile homes, net energy metering customers, or those who have solar and/or an electric vehicle will be eligible for the credit too. Solar power will not affect one's eligibility or the amount of the credit. If one owns a second home, both are eligible.

Investor-owned utility customers receive a separate California Climate Credit on both their electric and natural gas bills. The amount of the credit depends on your specific utility and market prices for greenhouse gas emission allowances. Currently, all residential and qualifying small business electricity SCE customers receive the credit.

More information about the CPUC Climate Credit can be found at https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/natural-gas/greenhouse-gas-cap-and-trade-program/california-climate-credit.

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New Paving still needs safety markings



Dear editor:

We certainly appreciate the re-paving that Caltrans has had performed along 243. and even recognize that there may be a "curing period" before the striping might be ideally applied. Nevertheless, the absence of that striping is creating hazardous situations in multiple locations.

The most notable of these is in the intersection of Maranatha, Pine Crest, and 243 (whose traffic is supposed to halt at the stop sign, but regularly doesn't... thus endangering anyone where the "Abbey Road style" crosswalk is now obscured). Another serious danger spot is the first sharp right turn coming up from Mountain Center.

If it is indeed too early to put the permanent stripes in these locations (and others), then I highly recommend they install a whole lot more of those little yellow "flapper-ma-jigs" that at least inform the aware drivers where lane demarcations &c. will be.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

R. Bruce Denney
Idyllwild, CA

Parton's Passing

Dear Editor,

One of my heroes—and, for a time, one of my Idyllwild neighbors—passed into a different sphere this week. Dolly Parton died at the age of 80.

There is an old saying that one should never meet a hero because you're apt to be disappointed. Not so with Dolly Parton.

In person, Dolly was generous, kind, personable and extraordinarily witty—beyond anything I had imagined. I had the fortunate opportunity to meet her several times over the years. My husband, Bill, managed Melissa Etheridge, and Dolly and Melissa performed at several events together.

During one of our conversations, Dolly decided that she and I had several things in common. "You're just my size—five feet tall. Tiny and mighty, rounded, and you have big boobs like me!" That was Dolly: funny, direct and completely comfortable being Dolly.

As our conversations continued, we discovered something else we shared: a love for Idyllwild. Like so many of us fortunate enough to spend part of our lives here, Dolly loved the beauty, serenity and sense of community found among our pine forests. She owned a home in Idyllwild for many years and told me the mountains reminded her of her childhood home. Idyllwild was a getaway from the lights, attention and bustle of her everyday life.

Here, the wigs and makeup could come off. She could put on her sweats and, like the rest of us, breathe deeply into the quiet and calm of the mountain.

I told her that her arrival in town wasn't exactly a secret when her big tour bus was parked in the middle of Idyllwild. Yet the people of this community respected her privacy. Dolly knew that, and she appreciated it. She found peace here.

Knowing that someone whose life was lived on such an enormous stage had also chosen our little mountain community as a place of refuge always meant something special to me. Through my conversations with Dolly, I came to appreciate Idyllwild a little more myself.

Dolly was an inspiration to me in so many ways. She lived her life looking for places where she could make a difference—and then doing something about it. Her generosity, love, humor and kindness came from a very big heart.

I like to believe that this land gave something back to her, too—that the trees, rocks, mountain air and quiet of Idyllwild helped provide some of the grounding and spiritual renewal that allowed Dolly to return to the world and give so much of herself to others.

Perhaps that is something those of us who call Idyllwild home can understand.

Dolly Parton belonged to the world, but for a while, she also belonged to our little mountain community.

May her life continue to inspire all of us—especially those of us in Idyllwild who had the privilege of sharing the same glorious mountain air.

Karla Leopold
Idyllwild

Past Time for Fence Repair

Dear Editor,

About a year ago I wrote to the Town Crier about the deteriorated and missing sections of fencing along Hwy 243 at the state park which is the first thing visitors and locals notice when entering Idyllwild on Hwy 243 and the last thing that is seen when leaving town and heading down to the Beaumont Banning pass.

After my email was published there were responses…….. much like the responses I received when asking staff at the state park: "The park is waiting for Caltrans to finish their work in the immediate area and then the state park will restore what you noted as a terrible eyesore."

Well as there was a bunch of chatting and finger pointing between agencies after my letter was published and the work by Caltrans in the immediate area has been done…. The fencing is still down, and again….. nothing has been done other than more deterioration and even more fencing falling down.

I realize that the state park might not care about what they look like to the locals or visitors, but us Idyllwilders certainly do.

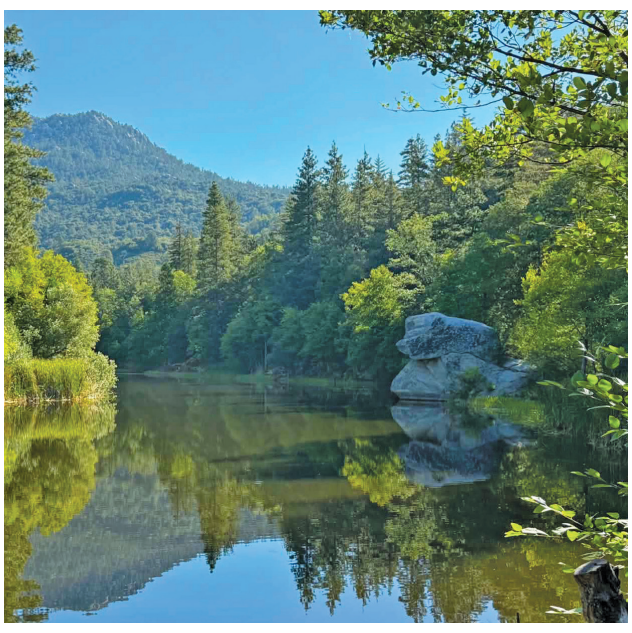
As a member of the local Rotary, I have even said that myself and a few other members would love to have a couple community workdays to assist in the project. As with prior comments, letter to the editor, and vocalization…… nothing still has been done.

What do us locals need to do to get that eyesore taken care of? The visual affect of that neglected restoration is also a statement to homeless that says " C'mon in, we won't do anything to prevent your entry and cohabitation".

The issue needs to be fixed, not "fixed this century" but fixed now!

Chuck Weisbart (Cheeze)
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Idyllwild Weather

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Day	High / Low	Conditions
Wednesday 9/2	76 °F / 57 °F	Mostly sunny and beautiful
Thursday 9/3	76 °F / 56 °F	Sunny and beautiful
Friday 9/4	73 °F / 58 °F	Plenty of sun, but cool
Saturday 9/5	75 °F / 56 °F	A stray morning thunderstorm
Sunday 9/6	75 °F / 57 °F	Cloudy with a shower and thunderstorm
Monday 9/7	81 °F / 55 °F	A couple of morning thundershowers
Tuesday 9/8	78 °F / 57 °F	A couple of afternoon thundershowers



Community Events September 2nd - September 8th

Wednesday September 2nd

Library events:

- Storytime: Storytime: "Pirates"- 11:00am - 12:00pm
- Read to Esperanza - 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Thursday September 3rd

Library events:

- Yarn Club - 10:00am - 12:00pm

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 September 4th

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30am- 9:30am - Town Hall
- Tai Chi - 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 Hal

Saturday September 5th

Library events:

Little Music Makers with Ms. Laura and Friends - 10:00am - 11:00am

ICC events:

- Jazzercise- 8:30am- 9:30am

Tuesday September 8th

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

Sunday September 6th

ICC events:

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

Monday September 7th

ICC events:

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

Idyllwild Library:

- 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.
- 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, September 3

Idyllwild Free Summer Concert Series presents The Dixie and Swing Collective

The 27th season of Idyllwild's free Summer Concert Series comes to a close with this southland big band. 7:00 p.m., Butterfield Amphitheater, 54201 Ridgeview Dr.Friday, September 4

Rally to protest Supreme Court ruling on mail-in ballots

Idyllwild Indivisible rally to protect mail-in voting. 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. highway 243 across from the Green Thing Nursery.

Saturday September 5

Art Alliance of Idylwilld Here and Now Show
Juried show and competition with many categories, art, music, bar, food. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center 54195 Ridgeview.

Mayor Max and Vice Mayor Meadow's 4th Birthday Party
Free food and entertainment, face and rock painting, deputy mayor certificates and Mayor Max ties for children and pets, silent auction, Cash the llama and more. 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., Mountain Paws, 54380 North Circle Dr.

Saturday, September 5

Pine Cove Property Owners Association monthly meeting: guest speaker Dr Richard Yocum
PCPOA welcomes members and interested residents, owners as well as renters, to hear guest speaker Dr. Richard Yocum, president of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit. RMRU is the all -volunteer group that engages in search and rescue missions in our forest and elsewhere. 10 a.m., Pine Cove Water District meeting room, 24917 Marion Ridge Drive, Pine Cove

Labor Day Dinner and Music at American Legion Post 800
Dinner at 3:00 p.m. $15 per person, meatball sandwich potato salad and dessert. Music by DaVersion 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. no charge. Everyone welcome. 54360 Marian View Dr.

Idyllwild Rotary and ICC present Town Hall Bingo Night
Proceeds benefit Idyllwild School Booster Club, sending local students on annual trips. 18 and over only, game packs at $10, $15, or $20. Play begins at 5:00 p.m., doors open at 4:30. Town Hall 25925 Cedar St.

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. Concert preceded by 30-minute pre-concert talk. Free, $20 suggested donation. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts Academy.

Sunday, September 6

Lily Rock Chamber Music Festival
The Manhattan Chamber Players and their west coast colleagues return for the fifth annual weekend of music. Brahms' String Sextet no. 2 in G major, and the Mendelssohn Octet in Eb major. 1:00 p.m. Concert preceded by 30-minute pre-concert talk. Free, $20 suggested donation. Outdoors at St. Hugh Episcopal Church Amphitheater, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.

The Silverados at Butterfield Amphitheater

Free concert with the Silverados, Southern California premier country rock cover band 7:00 p.m. Butterfield Amphitheater, 54201 Ridgeview

Monday, September 7

Idyllwild Help Center Thrift Store
Grand Re-Opening
Join the Help Center in celebrating the "re-imagined new chapter" of the Thrift Store. Ribbon cutting with Idyllwild Rotary. 11:00 a.m., 26330 CA-243

Wednesday, September 9

Mountain Area Safety Taskforce Public Meeting
The agencies responsible for public safety in emergencies will hold their quarterly public forum. This is your chance to find out what agencies are doing to prepare for wildfire, and what residents need to know to be prepared for evacuations. Usually there are representatives of IFPD, Cal Fire, USFS, RSO, and local nonprofits whose missions include forest health and disaster preparedness. 11:00 a.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243

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.

Thursday September 17

Grand Tea for Idyllwid Community Fund Grantees

Idyllwild Community Fund celebrates 2026 grant recipients. 6:00 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

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.

Sunday, September 20

Autumnal Equinox Celebration at Spirit Mountain Retreat
Music by Local Color, poetry, bring finger food to share, more info call (951) 659-2523. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Tuesday September 22

Idyllwild Indivisible Community Meeting: "This Land is Our Land" with guest speaker Mary Lunetta

California Sierra Club Chief Conservation Strategist Mary Lunetta will speak about the Sierra Club's statewide efforts to protect the state's national public lands. Idyllwild Library Community Room 5:30 p.m.

Saturday September 26

Idyllwild Yoga & Wellness Festival
Yoga, wellness, food, music. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10

Mountain Quilters Quilt Show
Idyllwild Mountain Quilters host exhibition of their latest handiwork. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Idyllwild Community Church, 54400 North Circle

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

Friday, November 20

Senior Cabaret at Town Hall
ICC presents the 4th annual Senior Fireside Cabaret. Sign up is open for the 12 week workshop in which participants prepare their story and a song to present to the community.



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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BETTER BATH, 28822 OLD TOWN FRONT ST STE 203, TEMECULA, CA 92590. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 28822 OLD TOWN FRONT ST STE 203, TEMECULA, CA 92590.

BETTER BATH AND KITCHENS LLC
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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.

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:
NIKO A ZAVALA
MANAGER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 08/04/2026
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I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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APRIL S GRYCNER
52115 AVENIDA RUBIO
LA QUINTA, CA 92253

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Registrant Signature:
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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

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

T.S. NO. 145404-CA APN: 559-152-009 AND 559-152-010
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/31/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 10/14/2026 AT 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/10/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0104206 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Riverside County, State of California executed by: MORGAN LONCLE AND BETH THORNE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AND PAUL HANEY A SINGLE MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; In the courtyard, of the Historic Corona Civic Center, 815 W Sixth St, Corona, CA 92882 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 53083 CEDAR CREST DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, &, VACANT LAND CEDAR CREST DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $110,886.47 if the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to thE Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. the beneficiary under said Deed of TRust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of default and demand for sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. the undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. you will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. you should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. if you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. you are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. if you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924G of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. if you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 313-3319 or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 145404-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet web site. the best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective january 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924M of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this Internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 145404-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (855) 313-3319 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as FERNLEAF SHADOW MUSIC, 25461 SHADOW OAKS DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 25320 FERNLEAF DRIVE, P.O. BOX 3696, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

DANLING YANG
25320 FERNLEAF DR.
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

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

Registrant Signature:
DANLING YANG

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 08/10/2026
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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as LUPITA'S CLEANING SERVICE, 25275 PALOMAR ROAD, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: PO BOX 1673, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

MARIA GUADALUPE MAYORQUIN MORENO
25275 PALOMAR ROAD
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Registrant Signature:
MARIA GUADALUPE MAYORQUIN MORENO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/13/2026
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County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as LULA & BETTY, 42031 MAIN ST, SUITE A, TEMECULA, CA 92590. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

BEAN & CRUMB LLC
42031 MAIN ST, STE A
TEMECULA, CA 92590

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:
TRACY CHAIREZ
MEMBER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 06/24/2026
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R-202609255

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Pub. TC: July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 20, 27, September 3, 10, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as ALISA MAREE DESIGN, 21352 DUNN STREET, WILDOMAR, CA 92595. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

ALISA GRANGER SHARON
21352 DUNN STREET
WILDOMAR, CA 92595

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:
ALISA GRANGER SHARON

Riverside County on 08/20/2026.
FILE NO.:
R-202612201

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LIEN SALE

On 09/14/2026 at 25687 MC LAUGHLIN RD SUN CITY, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 AUDI VIN: WAUANAF42HN020168 STATE: NA LIC: NA at 10:00 AM.
Pub. TC: September 3, 2026

LIEN SALE

On 09/14/2026 at 755 S. SAN JACINTO AVE SAN JACINTO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 ALFA VIN: ZASPAJAN2K7C37425 STATE: CA LIC: 9DLF524 at 10:00 AM.
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LIEN SALE

1998 NOVURANIA DINGHY BOATS HIN# PKD11238E898 CA CF# 1692PJ LIEN SALE: 9/14/2026 AT: 10:00 AM 2673 AVALON STREET, JURUPA VALLEY, CA 92509
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PARTY ZONE WHOLESALE INC., 23942 ALESSANDRO BLVD 3K,MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing address: P.O. BOX 4912, ANAHEIM, CA 92803.

PARTY ZONE WHOLESALE INC.
23942 ALESSANDRO BLVD #K
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

State of Corporation: CA

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

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Registrant Signature:
MAHDI RASOLI
PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 08/13/2026
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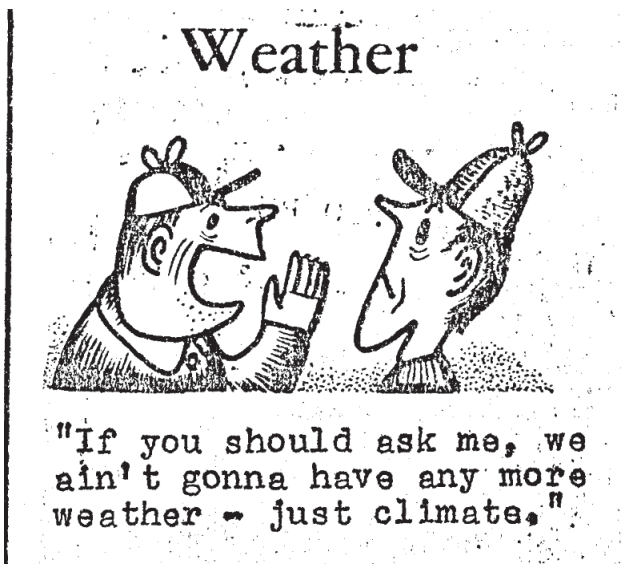
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12-STEP MEETINGS IN THE IDYLLWILD AREA July–September 2026

SUNDAY — AA Discussion, noon, Idyllwild Water District. "Mixed Nuts" (Al-Anon with AA participation), 5:30–7 p.m., Ark of Light.

MONDAY — AA Discussion, noon, St. Hugh's. CoDA (CoDependents Anonymous), 6 p.m. on Zoom; meeting WW744 at coda.org or call 951-634-4048. AA Closed Women Only, 7–8 p.m., St. Hugh's.

TUESDAY — AA 12x12, noon, St. Hugh's. AA Book Study, 6–7 p.m., St. Hugh's.

WEDNESDAY — AA Open Meeting followed by meditation, 9–10 a.m., St. Hugh's. ACA/ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics), 5:45–7 p.m., Spirit Mountain.

THURSDAY — AA Discussion & Birthdays, noon, St. Hugh's. Emotions Anonymous, 5–6 p.m., Spirit Mountain.

FRIDAY — AA Open Discussion, 7–8 a.m., St. Hugh's (starting July 17). Idy A's — members of AA, NA, Al-Anon, CoDA, etc., noon, St. Hugh's. AA with Al-Anon participation, 5:30 p.m., Ark of Light.

SATURDAY — AA Big Book Study, noon, St. Hugh's; AA Speaker Meeting on the last Saturday of the month. AA Happy Hour & Birthdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m., behind Idyllwild Water District (bring a chair).

EVERY DAY — AA meetings online anytime at aa-intergroup.org.

LOCATIONS: 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.

All meetings are open unless otherwise noted. Meeting secretaries: Call 951-634-4048 to change information.

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Trump vote by mail EO draws frenzy of lawsuits

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

In March, President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order to establish federal control of state processes for voting by mail, and ordered oversight of citizenship verification of voters.

Within days, several lawsuits opposing this action were filed in Massachusetts Federal District Court.

Last week, several actions relating to the EO, including multiple court opinions dominated the news. At the end of the week, actions to implement the EO remain on hold pending further court review.

The outcome of this issue could have a major effect on California's elections. In the June primary, statewide turnout was 40.8%, but nearly 90 % of voters submitted their ballots by mail. For the 2024 Presidential election, turnout was 71.4 %, of which 80 percent of ballots were cast by mail. In Riverside County, for both of those elections, the percentage of vote-by-mails ballots was nearly the same.

Sequence of events

On Monday, Aug. 24, the U.S. Supreme Court lifted a lower court's order prohibiting action to implement the EO. The Supreme Court ruled that, since implementation of the EO was enjoined, the planning for its implementation posed no threat to the States. Further, this decision was not a ruling on the legality of the EO. In essence, the Court felt that the states filed their litigation too soon.

"The Supreme Court just let the Trump administration move ahead (for now) with its plan to disenfranchise voters across the country," Governor Gavin Newsom said in a press release. "California will be suing again to block these Orwellian rules from being implemented."

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani, in Massachusetts, found the Trump Administration violated her earlier preliminary injunction blocking the executive order when it issued rules on how the Postal Service should implement it. This followed the Friday, Aug. 21, release of the USPS new rules.

The Trump Administration argued that the new rules would not be implemented until the Supreme Court ruled on the issue.

On Wednesday, Aug. 25, Talwani lifted her block on planning for the EO, based on the Supreme Court decision.

On August 26, 2026, the Postal Service issued its final rule, "Ballot Mail for Federal Elections". The rule adds a new section to USPS's Domestic Mail Manual and includes many of the standards and procedural changes addressed in the EO.

Later that day, California Attorney General Rob Bonta, along with 23 other attorneys general and the Governor of Pennsylvania, filed a lawsuit challenging the USPS's final rule. These officials aver that it unlawfully attempts to interfere with states' constitutional authority to administer elections by allowing USPS to reject mail, offer non-postal services, and discriminate among users of the mail.

On Thursday, Aug. 27, Judge Talwani issued a temporary restraining order on the implementation of the new Postal Service rules for mailing and delivering election ballots.

In her decision, she wrote, "Now that the USPS has published the Final Rule, Plaintiffs' challenges are ripe. . . The Final Rule's mandatory requirements necessitating immediate action of Plaintiff States likely constitute concrete injury-in-fact, caused by the new regulatory scheme and redressable only by injunctive relief."

In a press release announcing the temporary restraining order, Bonta said". . . we sued to stop the illegal USPS rule in its tracks. Today, the district court blocked the rule, making it clear that President Trump must keep his hands off our elections." Bonta added "The right to vote is a foundational principle of our democracy, and we're making sure it remains protected for everyone."

The restraining order, issued in both cases, prevents core parts of the rule from being implemented or enforced for 14 days, while the court considers whether to issue a preliminary injunction that would allow states to administer the midterm elections unimpeded by these unlawful requirements.

A hearing on this motion had been set for Sept 3, 2026.

But, on Friday, Aug. 28, the Trump Administration filed a separate appeal opposing the restraining order.

USPS mail voting rule

The USPS mail-in ballot rule requires states to comply with new design standards for ballots. It also requires that recipients must be on the state's mail-in and absentee participation list (which the Department of Homeland Security will help formulate); otherwise, the USPS will not accepted the ballot for delivery.

Implementing the EO means the Postal Service would not deliver ballots in states that do not comply with its rules.

In the preface for the final rule, the USPS acknowledges that two injunctions were in place prohibiting it from fully implementing the EO and that while the rule is final and in effect, it "will not take actions to implement the rule specifically for the 2026 election unless and until the government obtains relief from those injunctions."

These new USPS standards require outbound and return federal ballots to be sent in envelopes that (1) bear the official Election Mail logo, (2) bear a unique Intelligent Mail® barcode and ballot mail service type identifiers, (3) are compatible with automated mail processing, and (4) have undergone USPS design review.

Any state that intends to use mail-in or absentee ballots must provide USPS with a list of participating voters, including names, mailing addresses, and barcodes for each outbound and return ballot.

Under the rule, a state should notify the USPS of its intent to use mail-in and absentee ballots no fewer than 90 days prior to a federal election. This notification is optional,

23 acre fire closes Hwy 243 Monday

A fire, alternately named "Panarama" and "Panorama," closed access to Mountain Communities from Banning on Monday, Aug. 31. According to Cal Fire's website, the incident was initially reported just after noon as a vehicle over the side near Highway 243 and Mount Edna Road. The vehicle caught fire, which extended into the surrounding vegetation.

One bystander climbed down into the rocky terrain and pulled an occupant from the vehicle. Fire crews assisted the bystander back up the hillside, where they were evaluated by paramedics and declined further treatment or transport.

Helicopter 605 hoisted the vehicle occupant from the ravine using a Stokes basket and transported the patient to a landing zone. The patient was then transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital with moderate injuries.

By 6:36 p.m. the fire was reported to be 23 acres and 5% contained, with hose line and retardant in place around the perimeter.

By 7:33 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1 crews had begun mop-up and fire suppression repair efforts throughout and were working to establish 200 feet of control line around the fire perimeter to strengthen containment. Caltrans site showed the highway open, with several one-way sections for continuing road work.

The response included 164 personnel, 1 helicopter, 27 engines, four water tenders and four crews, with air tankers flying missions "when conditions allow."

Bianco

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ballots after obtaining a warrant, regardless of state election laws.

"We need to know if there was a crime," Hertz told the Court. "We're not trying to overturn the election, so it doesn't fit within the usual Elections Code."

However, the UCLA Voting Rights Project and the Attorney General's Office disagree with this interpretation.

The Voting Rights Project argues that State Election law is very specific on how to handle ballots. It strictly governs who may take custody of, handle, count, and review ballots and election materials, and Bianco's seizure and counting of ballots in Riverside County violated the Elections Code, they say.

The Voting Rights Project stressed that a criminal investigation does not give law enforcement license to bypass the safeguards the Legislature established to protect ballot custody, transparency, and public confidence in election outcomes.

California Elections Code section 18502 states, "It is a felony for anyone who is not an authorized election official to . . . take, alter, or destroy any ballot container or cast ballots."

Further, Chad Dunn, legal director of the VRP, argued that Bianco and the Election Integrity Team failed to follow legal guidelines when contesting election results. The Elections Code Section 16100,11 subdivisions (d) and (g), establish a process for contesting and reviewing ballot counts.

Hertz and Bianco argue that criminal law supersedes the Election law.

Attorney General supervision of County Sheriffs

The second case involves the extent of authority that the Attorney General has over local sheriffs. State law says the AG supervisors them. Hertz and Bianco argue that essentially means "advises".

Bonta to the contrary, argues he has authority to oversee these officials.

"The Riverside County Sheriff's unprecedented seizure of more than 650,000 ballots was an unlawful attempt to sow distrust and undermine public confidence in our elections," Bonta said in his press release prior to the hearing. "The Sheriff violated state elections law and flagrantly disregarded my direct orders. Six months after my office intervened, we've seen no evidence that any elections crimes were committed that would support the Sheriff's warrants."

The justices seemed to want to understand Hertz's view that "direct supervision" also come with "no control over your actions."

No decision was rendered last week. The Court has 90 days to issue a written ruling.

Prior to the beginning of the hearing, as he approached the Court building, Bianco offered his opinion of the proceedings about to begin.

"People like to think it's about an election, but it really isn't. This about corruption in California and what I want everyone to realize is that there is not one state law in any state, not one state constitution that allows for an individual to stop a lawful investigation into a crime," he stressed.

"This is about whether or not a corrupt AG can stop a lawful investigation. We're excited about our arguments this morning," he concluded.



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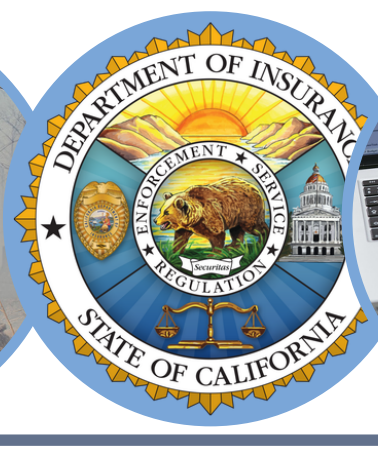
MCFSC presents an evening with the CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Andrea Valdes, Outreach Analyst
with the **CA Department of Insurance** will present on the Commissioner's **Sustainable Insurance Strategy**, as it directly relates to our mountain communities.

Date:
Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Doors @ 4:45pm; Presentation Starts @ 5:00pm

Location:
ICC Building Next to Playground
54195 Ridgeview

This event will also be streamed online!
For the link, call 951-659-6208
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Frog Update

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Dr Talisin Hammond is part of the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance's core frog team. PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME

Factors that suit frogs for ex situ breeding efforts include their high reproductive rate, with one female producing thousands of eggs, little parental care and thus little learned behavior needed for survival, and small size and ease of capture. Hammond also highlighted the "unique role" amphibians play in connecting terrestrial and aquatic eco systems.

On the other hand, amphibians are the "most threatened vertebrate taxonomic group," affected by climate change induced fire and drought, introduced predators, and habitat loss. With about half of amphibian species on the decline, the mountain yellow-legged frog is the local representative, Hammond said, of "the global amphibian extinction crisis."

Hammond dated the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance's involvement in the project to 2006, when government scientists entrusted them with tadpoles rescued from a drying pool. SDZWA biologists raised the tadpoles, studied their genetics, nutrition, behavior and disease survival. "Since then it's morphed into a full-scale research and recovery program." As of this year, Hammond noted, over 14,000 individuals have been reintroduced. The present population of mountain yellow-legged frogs at these ten sites is estimated in the low hundreds.

The audience at the Nature Center heard about the life cycle of the frog, which spends from one to three years as a tadpole, then two to three years as an adult before it is ready to breed. They may live over 20 years, with the oldest known wild MYLF 24 years old. The frogs brumate, the amphibian version of hibernating, each winter, and may spend up to half the year in this state.

In the laboratory, Hammond explained, the life cycle can be slightly accelerated, with tadpoles taking only six months to metamorphize into frogs. They are then released into the wild population. Sometimes these populations are monitored and treated for disease.

Monitoring the reintroduced frogs is made difficult by the frogs' ability to blend into their environment. They are "cryptic," Hammond said, not only camouflaged but able to change their color to match the surroundings. The group tried radio tracking and camera trips, but settled on Passive Integrated Transponders (PITs), tiny microchips like those implanted in pets. The researchers are able to find the frogs in creeks with a tool that looks like a metal detector, sweeping through an area and recording the unique code of each frog it passes over.

Reintroductions often fail, Hammond noted. The small number of animals fall prey to predators and disease. Lack of genetic diversity in captive-bred populations is a hazard, as are poor quality release sites, and the natural movement and dispersal of the reintroduced frogs. Juvenile frogs in an unfamiliar environment may wander long distances in search of a home, making them especially vulnerable. Hammond said the frogs were moving upstream up to a mile and a half from their release sites. The frogs are know as "headwater specialists."

To combat this problem, the scientists undertook what Hammond called some "cool behavioral research." To reduce post release dispersal they attempted to make the environment in the lab more closely resemble the target release environment. The theory is that frogs will seek conditions like the place they were reared, their "natal habitat" and be "anchored" to a suitable location.

The breeding aquariums were modified to create faster flowing water, more like a stream. They measured the jumping and swimming behavior of the frogs raised in flowing water, and also their morphology, the development of their bodies.

They found that these frogs were better swimmers, but also dispersed shorter distances compared to frogs reared in still water. The effect was strongest in frogs released after a single year, which also saves money compared to keeping them in captivity for two years.

Other efforts to prepare the frogs for survival included predator avoidance training. A snake was enlisted in these experiments. The frogs were exposed to the sight and smell of the snake and "aversive conditioning," a light ammonia spray that mimics the frogs' natural alarm scent. The frogs learned to avoid snakes.

The scientists even found that the "personalities" of individual frogs, how outgoing they are, predicted their survival in the wild.

Hammond spoke at some length of the "most deadly pathogen known to science" the chytrid fungus, which has devastated frog populations across the world. It seems to be an Asian fungus, perhaps from South Korea, that spread around the world due to the global amphibian trade, including the use of frogs in medical experiments.

The researchers have access to 20 years of amphibian skin swabs collected by the U.S.G.S that show the year-to-year variation in local infection. Chytrid, Talisn said, was present at all the sites where the frogs are being introduced, and the mountain yellow-legged frog is among the most susceptible species. The fungus has a mobile "zoospore" phase where it seeks a host, and must breed on an amphibian's skin. The prevalence of the fungus varies year-to-year and site-to-site, and interventions by researchers show some success in mitigating the impact on the frogs.

Reintroduced populations did worse with the fungus than native populations, but some did better than others, showing presence of the fungus but little disease. Hammond's presentation included a graphic of a triangle with the word "disease" inside and the three sides labeled host condition, environment, and pathogen.

Various interventions addressed the fungus. At Bluff Lake, in the San Gabriel Mountains, frogs were caught and kept temporarily in enclosures, then bathed in an antifungal for ten minutes daily for five days. After the treatment the frogs showed less fungus, but also a less diverse skin biome.

One intervention involved exposure to a light load of a strain of the fungus, not unlike a vaccination. Frogs treated this way showed a much reduced chance of reinfection, Hammond said. From a small study with 20 frogs, in 2024 hundreds of frogs were treated with added probiotics to promote a healthy skin biome. In 2025 there were no resources to continue the probiotic experiment.

Hammond spoke of chrytid in Dark Canyon, near Lake Fulmor. In 2024 only one frog in a thousand was infected. The next year all the frogs were infected. In 2025 only treated frogs had survived. The frogs with probiotic treatment showed the best results.

All this work, Hammond underlined, is a "Band-Aid, not a permanent solution." The goal is to get reintroduced frogs to live long enough to breed in the wild. "The next generation might have a better chance." Surviving offspring can be expected to be better adapted to their environment than their lab-bred counterparts.

As to a long term, sustainable solution, Hammond called these interventions, including pre-exposure, anti-fungals and probiotics, "great tools" but said it is not possible to repeat them every year. She pointed to the northern, Sierra Nevada strain of the frog, found in areas like Yosemite and Kings Canyon. These larger populations experienced the crash earlier, and have rebounded, having evolved reduced susceptibility to the fungus.

It may be possible to use frogs from these areas to repopulate the southern range, but this raises serious questions and is "not on the table at this point." How do we define species and variety? Would introducing foreign genes into the local population compromise it in some way? Are we saving a species if we are mixing it with a close relative? Aren't natural species constantly changing?

The mountain yellow-legged frog, Dr. Hammond, underlined, has been here much longer than humans, about 12 million years. It's population has plummeted to "the edge of extinction" in about 80 years, "the blink of and eye." But the conservation breeding program is seeing results. Frogs are breeding in the wild at multiple sites, researchers are seeing multi-year survival, and the small populations are growing.

The scale of the effort is shown by the many organizations credited for contributing: The Birch Aquarium (La Jolla), the Santa Ana Zoo, UCLA, California State Parks, USFS, California Department Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service, USGS, the L.A. Zoo, the Big Bear Alpine Zoo, the Wildlands Conservancy, and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo.

Funding came from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Amphibian Ark, the Schwemm Family Foundation, the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Board approves amendments to STR Ordinance, recognizes 'urgent circumstances'

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

At their Aug. 24 meeting, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors gave final approval to amendments to Ordinance 927 (Regulating Short-Term Rentals).

The supervisors had no discussion prior to the vote, which was unanimous (5-0). Four members of the public did offer comments before the Board voted.

Three speakers were opposed to STRs or Airbnb's in residential neighborhoods. All said they suffered from problems created by parties at adjacent or close rentals. The fourth speaker recommended that STRs have a check-in clerk similar to hotels.

At the July meeting, Woody Henderson, president of the Mountain Community Fire Safe Council, spoke to the Board. He shared that the Hill communities generally share support for the operational and amendment changes.

Nevertheless, he is not satisfied with the new ordinance.

"The supes weakened 927, making the Hill and other Rivco unincorporated areas less safe. Operators that get banned for multiple offences are now allowed back in after 2 years? Give new operators a chance," he said in a subsequent email to the Town Crier.

"Refusing to require a one-time fire inspection for our novice STR hosts? Our Inns get inspected annually. We have had two big home fires in the last couple years. Sherman and Wrightwood, both STR fires. . . The changes and refusal to put common sense safety measures into 927 endangers community members and visitors alike," Henderson stressed.

The new amendments addressed several issues. One would suspend a STR certificate for six months once a third violation has been issued for that address. If the operator received two more violations, the certificate would be revoked.

Another change affecting the status of a certificate is called an "urgent circumstance," defined as "a situation where the Code Enforcement Director, Planning Director, and/or TLMA [Transportation and Land Management Agency] Director, or their designees, have determined that immediate action is necessary to abate a significant violation in order to protect public safety and/or prevent damage of surrounding property."

A consequence of determining that an "urgent circumstance" exists is that a STR certificate may be suspended or revoked for that reason alone, according to Section 14 f (6) of the revised Ordinance 927.

The Board also approved increasing the fees for STRs. The initial application fee for an STR application, $740, will increase to $1,077. The current annual renewal fee, $540, and will become $775.

Another change affects STRs where an owner's or operator's primary residence is on the same property as the STR. Code Enforcement and the Board agreed that occupancy limits could be raised by two for "hosted" STRs.

The amendments also prohibit hourly rentals of STRS and they must be rented at least four times each year. The Board also eliminated the current moratorium for issuing STR certificates in the Thousand Palms and B Bar H Ranch areas.

For more information about the County's STR process, please see revised Ordinance 927.3 currently at https://planning.rctlma.org/short-term-rental-program#docaccess-84c9f6a3e31e3cec6e17af9faed94137.

Navy scholarships for STEM fields

Local David Pearson, who is a civilian advocate for the US Navy, reached out to share information about scholarships for those considering a career in the armed services, or just looking for educational opportunities.

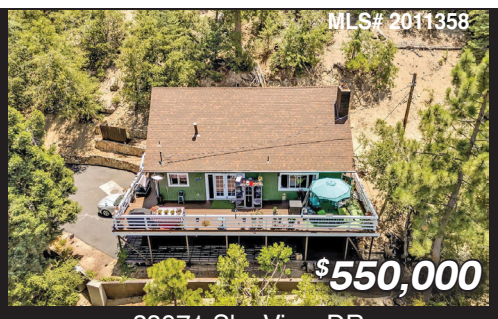
"The application period for two new series of scholarships from the US Navy and Department of War has been opened. Idyllwilders, please share this information with members of your families, anywhere in the US, who are entering STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) educational programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels:

"The US Navy's SMART STEM scholarship recipients receive full tuition, annual stipends, summer internships, and after graduation, civilian employment with the Department of War. Application information: https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart. Application deadline: December 1, 2026.

"The DoW National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program is a competitive fellowship for citizens intending to pursue a Doctoral degree in STEM research and development at a U.S. institution of their choice. Find more information at https://ndseg.sysplus.com/. Applications are open through October 30, 2026."



59302 Donna Mae PL
2 Bed, **1** Bath, **1,080 sqft**



23971 Sky View DR
4 Bed, **2.75** Bath, **2,223 sqft**



24924 Fern Valley RD
3 Bed, **1.75** Bath, **1,835 sqft**

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Town Crier: Almost All the News, Eighty Years Later



By Sam Markus
Correspondent/cartoonist

Eighty years ago, Ernie and Betty Maxwell sat in the attic of their Idyllwild home piecing together a newspaper.

The first Town Crier was four pages long, typed and mimeographed, with artwork by Ernie and, in the issues that followed, headlines and bylines drawn by hand. It was a small operation made for a small mountain community — a way for "Hill folk" to know what their neighbors were doing.

A lot has happened since 1946.

The paper grew. At its height, up to 20 employees and contributors helped put it together. Owners changed, editors changed, technology changed and eventually the way people got their news changed altogether.

Today, nearly anyone with a phone can announce an event, advertise a business or report what they saw on one of Idyllwild's many Facebook groups.

Once, as editor David Jerome puts it, getting the word out meant pasting a flyer on every bulletin board or getting it into the Town Crier. Advertising helped support the newspaper because businesses needed the newspaper to reach Idyllwild.

The internet changed that equation. Why pay for access to an audience when you can post to it yourself?

But something was lost in the exchange.

There is no editor of Facebook.

There is no journalistic credo governing a Facebook group — no one institutionally responsible for checking whether a claim is true, sourcing it, contextualizing it or deciding whether it deserves amplification. For Jerome, that responsibility is still at the heart of the job. Facts need sources. News needs context. The goal is to remain tuned to the human events of a small town without simply becoming its gossip sheet.

That job can take some unusual forms.

On a recent afternoon, Jerome was at his desk deciphering a legislative bill and translating it into something regular Hill folk could understand. Meanwhile, the phone kept ringing. There were garage-sale ads to organize, stories to edit and people walking in to report their own breaking news.

And inside the Town Crier's small office at The Collective, three people are now doing the work that once required as many as 20.

Mike Ferro and Corey Pickettt took over the Town Crier in September 2025 and are only beginning to understand the size of the thing they inherited.

For Ferro, that has meant juggling the weekly act of publishing with the less visible machinery required to keep a newspaper alive. Printing alone costs roughly $700 every week. Getting those papers delivered costs even more. With advertising no longer supporting local newspapers the way it once did, memberships and direct community support are increasingly essential.

Abandoning the physical newspaper would mean surrendering something fundamental about what the Town Crier has been for eight decades. But analog nostalgia only explains part of the paper's strange durability.

A significant portion of its readers no longer live in Idyllwild at all. They once did. For them, the Town Crier remains a tether to the mountain. A way of knowing which businesses opened, which neighbors did something remarkable, what local government is deciding and what is changing in a place that still feels like theirs.

For others, a printed newspaper offers something increasingly unusual: a way to know what's happening in town without joining Facebook or asking Meta to mediate their relationship with their community.

The challenge for the new Town Crier is figuring out how an 80-year-old institution fits into that new landscape.

Pickettt initially thought some of the answer might lie in email marketing. Instead, she discovered that Idyllwild still responds remarkably well to something much older: meeting people face-to-face and knocking on doors.

In that sense, the Town Crier has come full circle.

When the Maxwells produced their first issue in 1946, they stayed up until nearly 4 a.m. completing the layout, printed roughly 250 copies and gave them away to local boxholders. Then they waited around the post office to see how people reacted. When someone told them they wanted to subscribe, they made another.

Those early years weren't exactly easy either. Winter storms could turn simply getting the paper into town into an expedition. The Maxwells later recalled hauling issues by sled and fighting their way back up the mountain through snowstorms.

Keeping the Town Crier alive, it seems, has always required a certain amount of unreasonable determination.

Under its new leadership, the Town Crier has hosted community gatherings including a holiday party at Middle Ridge Winery, a movie night at the Rustic Theatre and a birthday celebration honoring Marshall Hawkins. Membership is evolving beyond simply receiving the newspaper, with community gatherings and benefits from local businesses becoming part of the effort.

The idea is not merely to sell access to a publication, but to build a community around one.

The people putting that publication together are a small cast.

Beyond the three-person core, longtime correspondent J.P. Crumrine continues reporting on local politics, community events and regional issues, while Sam Markus contributes illustrated profiles of the Hill's people, businesses and events, along with the weekly Local Man comic.

Asked to imagine the core Town Crier team as the crew in a heist movie, Jerome didn't hesitate.

Ferro is "the muscle," the IT guy, and the boss.

Pickett is the getaway driver — and, according to Jerome, an artist at "keeping it 100."

Jerome volunteered himself as comic relief. He looks worried at the suggestion that he might be the "mastermind."

The joke may be closer to the truth than any of them intended. Keeping a small-town newspaper alive in 2026 requires a little scheming.

It also requires reinvention.

Ferro wants the paper to move away from relying on the sensationalism of accidents and catastrophe and further toward the people who make up the community. Jerome's job is to curate those stories responsibly — to distinguish news from rumor and community interest from gossip. Pickett has taken on the equally daunting work of making sure the newspaper has a community willing to sustain it.

It sounds surprisingly similar to what the Maxwells set out to do.

The paper they assembled in 1946 did not survive by remaining unchanged. It grew, moved, expanded and contracted. Now, approaching 80, it has become small again.

Three people at The Collective. A few contributors. A printer bill every week. Members willing to keep paying for something much of the rest of the country has decided it can live without.

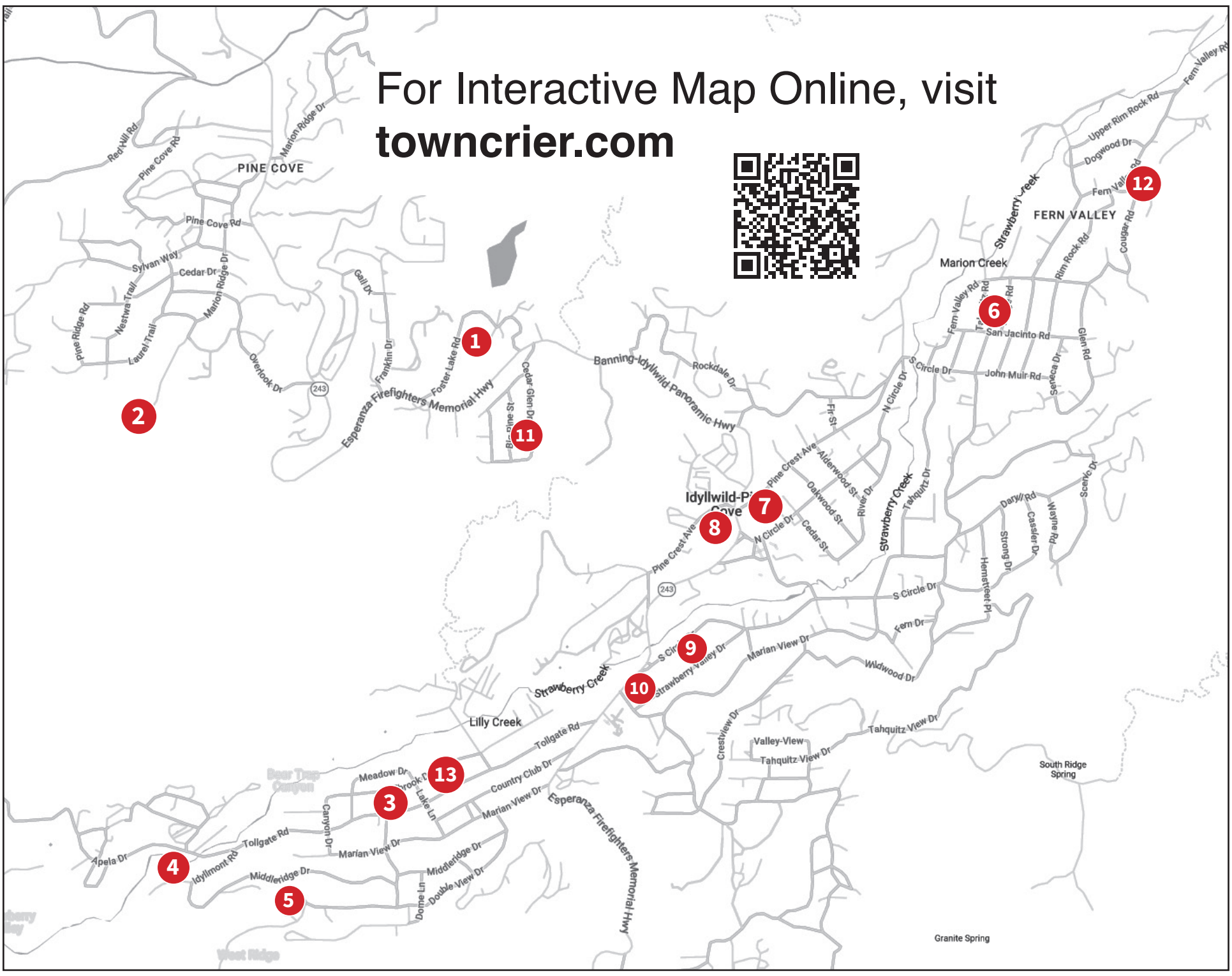
Not because print is economically sensible.

Not because everyone desperately needs a newspaper.

But because Idyllwild would be different without one.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND YARD SALE MAP



1 BLOWOUT YARD SALE

53200 Forest Lake Dr

Friday, Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Clothes, art, picture frames, Christmas stuff, art supplies, household décor, collectibles

2 YARD SALE

25485 Marion Ridge Dr.

Sat. Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

13.5 ft. Ally collapsible canoe, Raleigh Technium Bicycle, plus tools and household goods.

3 YARD SALE

26666 Meadow Glen Dr. Fri, Sat, Sun 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Everything must go! Most items are new with tags.

4 YARD SALE

52596 Idyllmont Road

Friday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Multiple Vacs, Decorative Rugs, Cleaning supplies, Misc. Hardware, Glassware, Popup tents, Misc Tools, Party Decs, Ninja Crockpot, Subwoofer, Power Wash, Snow Blower, 21-Speed Maxim, Humidifier

5 2-FAMILY SALE

53050 Double View Drive

SUNDAY ONLY 9-4

Beautiful things. Copper bowls, throw pillows, dog stroller, baskets, women's designer clothes, ceramics, artwork, gold mirror, pleather chairs, antique doll w/clothing, men's shoes 9, decorative tin box, dog pen, jewelry, Oil radiators, standing fans.

6 YARD SALE

25280 Tahquitz Rd.

Saturday only, 8am–3pm

Great finds at great prices! Clothing, jewelry, accessories, kitchen items, home décor, and more. Lots of treasures to browse—come early for the best selection!

7 ESTATE SALE

54321 Pine Crest Ave

Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 9-6pm

Antique Furniture, China Armoire & Tables, Vintage Purses & Women's Clothing, Jewelry, Art, Big Screens, Lamps and Books. Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 9-6pm. Come early for best items won't last long. Must have vehicle to transport furniture. Cash, Zelle, Venmo or CC.

8 YARD SALE

25965 Highway 243

Fri.-Mon. Sept 4-7, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Idyllwild's StopLight Annual Labor Day Sale event, 10 – 50% off storewide

9 FOUR FAMILY YARD SALE!

54135 South Circle Dr

Saturday, September 5, 8am-1pm

Vintage Clothing, 80's Toys, Video Game Consoles, CD's, Audio Equipment, Guitars & Instruments, Art & Art Supplies, Tools, Furniture, Housewares, Space Heaters, Kid's Toys, Plush, and other Kid's Items. Lemonade and Baked Goods Sale!

10 TOO MUCH STUFF SALE

26540 Hwy 243

Friday and Saturday ONLY , 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Great clothes, housewares, rugs, outside Idyllwild Mini Storage

11 YARD SALE

25689 Cedar Glen Dr.

9/4 Friday 9am–3pm, 9/5 Saturday 9am–2pm, Sunday closed

Lots of current books, cookbooks, prints and paintings, kitchenware, collectible toys, and lots of men's clothes.

12 MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE

24855 Roble Dr.

Labor Day Weekend Fri. + Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m

Tools, Furniture, Clothes, Chest Freezer, Massage Table, Kitchen Goods, Linens

13 HUGE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE

53415 Idyllbrook Drive

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8:00 AM – 2:00ish PM

LOTS OF GREAT STUFF! , Garden & Outdoor Items , Kitchen Items , Household Goods & Décor , Antiques & Unique Finds , Tools , Bedding & Linens And LOTS More! , MULTIPLE FAMILIES = LOTS TO SHOP! , Come early for the best selection — there's a little bit of everything and plenty to dig through!

Upcoming Mountain Area Safety Taskforce public meeting

Meet the responsible agencies, hear updates, learn about doing your part and being prepared for fire

The next Mountain Area Safety Taskforce meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, at 11 a.m., at the Idyllwild Nature Center. This is the best opportunity for citizens to learn what local, state and federal agencies are doing to prevent and prepare for wildfire, and what they can do to help.

Depending on how busy the day is for firefighters, the meetings usually include briefings from Idyllwild Fire Protection District, Cal Fire, and the United Stated Forest Service. These agencies all have extensive presence on the Hill and work together to maintain and extend a network of fuel breaks around our communities. State and Forest Service Rangers are usually in attendance. Riverside County Sheriff's Office also participates, as they are responsible for evacuations during wildfires, and the County Emergency Management Department has in the past explained their role, and encouraged residents to sign up for evacuation updates through two programs: RivCoready,org and protect.Genasys.com.

Local nonprofits also send representatives and may provide briefings. This usually includes Mile High Radio Club, Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, Mountain Disaster Preparedness, the Red Cross, and Idyllwild Rotary Club

These quarterly events are the primary public forum for local emergency awareness. Public attendance has been increasing after the return of in-person meetings after the pandemic, and some meetings have included a more freewheeling conversation about the big picture our state faces and the challenges, natural and bureaucratic, the foresters and firefighters face.

Public questions are invited, and if more involved may be submitted in advance to Leighanne.Calacuayo@fire.ca.gov.

MAST Public Meeting, 11 a.m. Wednesday September 9, Idyllwild Nature Center , 25225 Highway 243. Sign up for evacuation alerts at: RivCoReady.org. Download the app for address-specific evacuation warnings and orders at: protect.Genasys.com

Summer Concert Series

The 27th season of Idyllwild's free Summer Concert Series comes to a close tonight, Thursday Sept. 3, with the Dixie and Swing Collective. There will be no opening act and the music will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The evening will feature classic Dixieland Jazz and high-energy swing music for dancing.

The concerts have had the Butterfield Amphitheater for their home since 2019. Each year, series founder and producer Ken 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.

Classifieds



For Rent

House/Cabin for rent in Fern Valley off of Scenic Dr. in Idyllwild. Recently Restored, sleeps 8, Fully furnished, plus bunk house that could be used for storage. Lots of parking on 1/3 of an acre, air conditioning and heaters, long term renter wanted with minimum of 60 days. Utilities to be paid by renter. No smoking, no pets. First and last plus deposit. Monthly Rent $2,750.00 Call 760-801-9301 or 760-598-8855 (leave message)

"People who love to eat are always the best people."
— Julia Child

Help Wanted

Home caregivers: Live-in Mon.-Fri. in July; 4-6 hours daily in August. Active to accompany on walks/hikes, crafts, getting out and around. Call (760) 641-5008 ask for Suzanne...

Firewood

Pine $350, Hard and Soft Mixed $395, Black Oak $500, Citrus $550, Mesquite $695, Delivery Included

Room for Rent

Studio room, private entrance, private ¾ bath, mini fridge and microwave, quiet Fern Valley neighborhood, no dogs, references required, 950. Call (760) 831-6232

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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HOROSCOPES

September 2026 — Week 1



March 21 – April 19
Travel plans get put on the back burner when a deadline at work is moved up. Gather the team and get busy, Aries. You're closer than you think.



April 20 – May 20
Some relationships are worth saving, Taurus. Make amends. A home improvement project goes more smoothly than expected. It's all in the prep work.



May 21 – June 21
Stumbling blocks pop up left and right, but they are no problem for you, Gemini. A wish resurfaces, and this time, it is granted, thanks to someone special.



June 22 – July 22
Gratitude is hard to come by these days. Don't let it get to you, Cancer. It's the completion of the to-do list that counts. A date is switched.



July 23 – August 22
It doesn't matter how you look at it, Leo, it is still a problem that must be resolved. Financial stresses make for a tense time at home, but all is soon worked out.



August 23 – September 22
That's just the tip of the iceberg, Virgo. There is more to be done than you realize. Roll up your sleeves and dig in. Experimentation in the kitchen wows.



September 23 – October 22
Fall picks call for some creativity at the grill. Grab that pal that loves to barbecue, Libra. A long-lost friend shows up at just the right time.



October 23 – November 21
Fudge the truth, Scorpio? You might want to rethink that notion. Look who you are dealing with. A grand plan is in the works at home.



November 22 – December 21
A sudden move at home leads to a long to-do list. Tackle it one step at a time, Sagittarius. Rush, and you could wind up with a big mess on your hands.



December 22 – January 19
Some collectibles are worth displaying, Capricorn. Take the suggestion into consideration. Confidence continues to grow at the office, as the results come in.



January 20 – February 18
The colors of fall inspire you to make some changes in décor at home. Start with that neglected corner, Aquarius. It could be so much more!



February 19 – March 20
Interest wanes. Make sure the idea is not worth pursuing before you toss it aside, Pisces. Invitations arrive by the handful. Pick the best and leave the rest.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Answers to puzzles found on B6

MAGIC MAZE ● RETREAT

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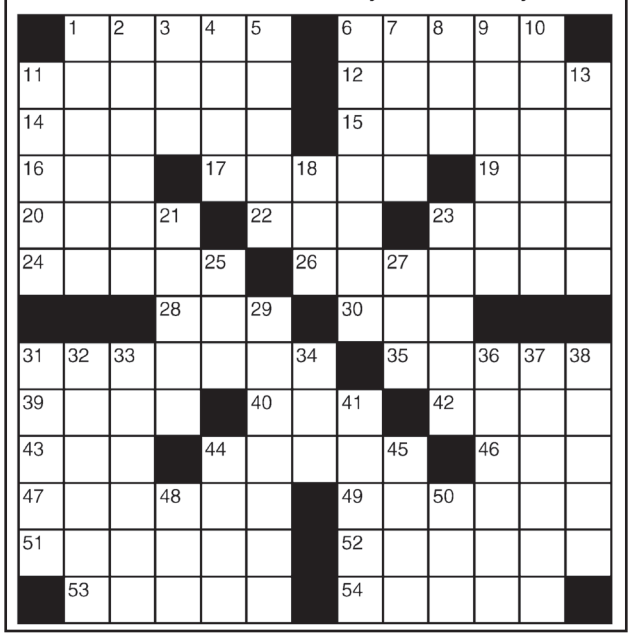
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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Back up	Recoil	Run away	Undo
Backward	Regress	Set back	Withdraw
Fall back	Retrace	Turnabout	

King Crossword

ACROSS
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6 "Nonsense!"
11 In one's dotage
12 Keyless
14 Squirm
15 Multitask, maybe
16 Before
17 Clio nominee, maybe
19 Antiquated
20 Dutch export
22 Customizable computer character
23 Diver Louganis
24 Doughnut, geometrically
26 Tell the tale
28 Scale member
30 Witness
31 Curve cutter
35 Diamond corners
39 Photog's choice
40 Fish eggs
42 Tick follower
43 Singer DiFranco
44 "Ivanhoe" author
46 "— on parle francais"
47 Word-finding game
49 Seek a bargain
51 Ape
52 Kitchen gadget
53 Having great scope
54 Monica of tennis

DOWN
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2 Ready to roll
3 Understand
4 — podrida
5 Unwanted plants
6 Sleepwear
7 Dazzle
8 Use unduly
9 Wool variety
10 Billfold
11 Saccharine
13 Sill
18 Hr. fraction
21 Indispensables
23 Wonderful
25 "Mayday!"
27 Civil War soldier
29 Theft
31 Dieters' targets
32 Film director whose father was a painter
33 Baffler
34 Wine and dine, maybe
36 Elegantly maintained
37 Bk. after Prov.
38 Vacationer at Vail, probably
41 Group character
44 Metal refuse
45 Recording
48 Martini ingredient
50 Solidify



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Local veterinarian to join Zambia wildlife collaring expedition

By David Jerome
Editor

Idyllwild's house-call veterinarian, Lorraine Kassarjian, will soon be taking a trip to Zambia, where she will help put radio collars on wild animals at the Nyamvu Game Reserve. "I'm leaving in two weeks. I'm working on three different projects, collaring Roan antelopes, Cape buffaloes, and lions. I'm working with group of veterinarians and conservationist."

Kassarjian has made several trips to Africa as a tourist joining wildlife safaris, and in 2014 joined a group of veterinarians for a project on a private reserve in South Africa. "We took DNA from Rhinos, so if their horns ever show up in customs, they know where it came from. When any kind of horn or ivory is moved, people will say "it's old, from before it was illegal. Now (customs agents) can say, 'no, we know the animal it came from.'"

Asked how she became involved in African wildlife, Kassarjian said that the South African trip started with "a pamphlet aimed at vets", from a group called Brothers' Safaris and another called African Vet Safaris.

Kassarjian seemed surprised by the Town Crier's interest in her trip. "It's really exciting and interesting to me. I just can't believe other people would be interested." Curious people read newspapers. She says the more interesting conversation will come when she returns."I'm hoping to learn more about who the groups are, and share a link when I get back." She promises pictures, too.

In addition to making house calls, Kassarjian also works with both ARF and Living Free, helping with their animals. She laments the lack of a full animal clinic on the Hill, and is hoping that Living Free will succeed in their effort to set one up so she can retire. She notes that Living Free's Can grab people from Garner Valley and Anza fingers crossed

I remember: R. Bruce Denney

By David Jerome
Editor



Bruce H. Denney with Evelyn Salees. Her family owned the Soboba Theater when Denney wired it for talkies.

R. Bruce Denney has been a visitor to Idyllwild since 1958, and a resident (except for five years in Hawaii and the Marshall Islands) since 1970, when he moved up to keep his father's cabin in the family. His father, Bruce H. Denny, lived here for three years between 1928 and 1932, then built a cabin here with his son in the early 1960s.

Born in 1904 in Philadephia, by 1912 eight-year-old Bruce H. was the youngest licensed ham radio operator in the state. "I could say he built his own radio, but everyone built their own radio in those days." It took skill and perseverance to get those early crystal sets to work. Bruce H.'s interest in sound would eventually lead him to a career in Hollywood and an Academy Award.

"Probably just before the great depression" Bruce H. was wrongly diagnosed with TB, and advised to move to a drier climate. "It turned out to not be the case, but he had the symptoms. He hitchhiked across the country. He had some great stories from along the way."

One of his father's stories involved a novel way to earn, or at least cadge, a meal. "He picked up a gopher snake, and would knock on a farmer's door who had a truck garden, offered his services, 'let him down a hole, see if he can catch any gophers, is that worth a meal?'" That initiative was accepted so well that even if he didn't come up with a gopher, people were so pleased with his effort he got a lot of meals. "My impression is that the snake only got a few gophers before he took off on his own."

Bruce H. ended up in San Jacinto. "He made friends with the Salees. Salee park is still there." (The park is just over six acres in San Jacinto at the corner of Idyllwild Dr and Tahquitz St.)

"Mrs. Salee came from the Bergman clan, also famous around these parts. Past Anza towards Aguanga, on the right side, the only red tile roof you'll see, there used to be the Bergman museum, now it's a curio shop. Across the highway there is a street called Foolish Pleasures Road."

"The Salees owned the old Soboba Theater in San Jacinto, they lived on the corner of Yale and Stetson. His agreement with them was to wire the theater for sound, because talkies. Had to be around late 1927 or early '28. He moved to Idyllwild sometime in '28."

He used to drive down to Gilman Springs and Jack Rabbit Trail, where films were delivered to a lock box. He'd pick them up and drive them to the old Soboba Theater, and show them Friday through Sunday, and then drive back and leave them at the lock box. Between showings he would wire the theater." He drove a "cut down" Ford Model T, no roof. "He talked about having to have a scarf around his neck when he came up the old dirt road, he'd nearly black out in the winter time."

One of the Sallees was like family to R. Bruce. A daughter of the Salees, Evelyn or Eve, when I was 14, my dad got back together with her, she became my 'almost-god-mother." She married Bob Bowlin, a grapefruit rancher in Indio."

When Bruce H. left Idyllwild in '32 he went to L.A., where he married his first wife. "She was so severe that he spent all his time out in the garage making furniture. It was more comfortable than being in the house."

"He worked at Todd AO Sound company. Maybe there he met Glenn Froelich, or after that, at Paramount. When Glenn retired from Paramount he came up to Idyllwild and created the first Rustic Theater (in the building that is now the Silver Pines Lodge) in the fifties, with Nina Mae, who owned the Idyllwild Inn."

"By which time my father had gotten rid of that wife. Then he married my mom, Mary Louise Gibbons, graduate from Stanford, cum laude, first female valedictorian. She was all set for a career as a school teacher, was multi lingual. I'm their second child.

"When Gulf and Western bought Paramount they brought in an executive type to run the sound department. The Employees walked off because he was not Bruce. He became head of the sound department at Paramount. Prior to that, in 1958, he got an Academy Award (not an Oscar) for technical achievement for the movie Ben Hur. His boss' was also on the award, but it was my dad's invention. It allowed a director to communicate wirelessly with extras in crowd scenes to give them cues.

Later, in '58, his friend Chuck Sutter said there was a place a few doors up the road from him, an acre, three parcels on Strawberry Creek, Upper Rim Rock Road. Can't tell you what he paid for it. I was conscripted to help with the construction of a studio cabin through the early sixties. I've added onto it since."

Bruce wishes he knew more about his father. "When they talk about the generation gap, oh boy did we have a one. Now I'm 75, he was 47 when I was born. I never got past the authority figure, I never got to be an adult around him. He passed away when I was 18."

Idyllwild Garden Club Garden of the Month: Fern Valley Wonderland

By Stephen Sutton
Contributor



Some gardens announce themselves with dramatic curb appeal. Others invite you to wander a winding path, revealing hidden treasures with every turn. Dennis' Fern Valley garden at 55055 Daryll Rd. does both.

From the moment you enter, whimsical spaces and unexpected levels invite you deeper into the garden. Around every corner, there is something new to discover—a planting, a tucked-away covered seating areas, recycled & repurposed materials, or a courtyard for a fabulous brunch. And in this garden, the very best is saved for last. You may even want to bring along a book to stretch out and stay awhile.

Dennis has been gardening for decades, cultivating not only a beautiful mountain garden but also a collection of plants filled with family memories. Among his treasures is Oxalis, brought from Dublin, Ireland, and Ajuga (bugleweed), which came from his great-aunt's home in Canoga Park in 1979.

The garden is also home to Pink Flowering Almond, Mountain Currant, Cedrus deodara (California Christmas Tree), Silver Dollar Plant, Hostas, colorful Geraniums, Peonies, and much more. Together, these plants create a garden that feels less like a collection of plantings and more like a living scrapbook of Dennis' life and family history.

Dennis invites you to stroll through his garden during daylight hours throughout the month of September. Come prepared to wander, explore, and discover what waits around the next corner—and be sure to save some time to savor the final surprise.

Do you know a local garden worthy of the spotlight? The Idyllwild Garden Club is always looking for future Garden of the Month nominations. To recommend a favorite garden, contact Stephen Sutton by email at stepheninidy@gmail.com or call/text: (562) 254-6721.

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Students of the Week



ALLISON HENRY & HARLEY JAY PENATE SAZO

Ms. Giley Hurley, our kindergarten teacher, has chosen the following students as students of the week.

Allison Henry always puts forth great effort in all that she does and is kind to others.

Harley Jay Penate Sazo is always positive, kind, hardworking and very thoughtful.

Keep it up both of you

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Creature Corner

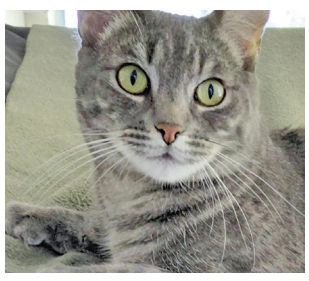
Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats celebrated adoption of Nougat the kitten.



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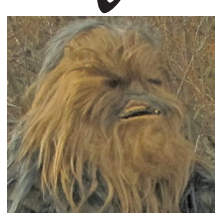


TASHA

Pepper: More adoption news!!
Sequoia: Please tell!
Cardi: Remember the two kittens Milky Way and Snickers? Well, both were adopted. Yay!
Tasha: Now all of you get ready for an even bigger celebration. Star, our big Shyloh Shepherd was also adopted!!
Sequoia: That is really great! Star waited patiently to find her perfect home, and I guess the patience paid off.
Tasha: Now we have to find homes, along with Luka. He is such a sweet, loving, handsome boy.
Honey: He is such a lap cat, along with Tasha.
Pepper: Great news all the way around
Sequoia: Also with the weather. It has cooled beautifully, which is perfect for mountain dogs and cats.
Tasha: People, too. Oh!! Here comes Luka.
Luka: Hi there! Aren't we fortunate to be here at ARF instead of on the streets.
Pepper: Even better in the mountains. Too many dangers outside.
Luka: It's safe in here. No threats, and it's temperature controlled! But I'm certain I will be happier in a home with a lap of my own.

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 10-2, Sundays 10-2, and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.

Beast Briefs



By Idyll-Beast Correspondent

A winner has been crowned in the inaugural Fat Marmot contest. The champ, Dawn, won in both the mass-gain and popular-vote competitions. Dawn is 6 years old, and weighed in at 13.2 lbs. The Guardian US quoted University of Ottawa professor of evolutionary ecology Julien Martin as saying "That's one of the heaviest animals we've ever measured," and "Six kilos is really humongous for that species."

More than 23,000 votes were cast in the contect modeled on Alaska's popular Fat Bear Week. Fattening up is an essential survival strategy for the stout-bodied, hibernating members of the squirrel family.

Louisiana is preparing for its first "recreational" alligator hunt in more than 50 years. The state will offer up to 5,000 trappers a chance to catch one of the reptiles.

Decades of unregulated hunting for food and fashion devastated populations of the swamp creatures. Hunting was banned for ten years in 1962, with tightly regulated commercial hunts allowed starting in 1972.

Gator numbers are estimated to have risen from less than 100,000 to over 3 million.

A Maine coon cat named Erebus Anomaly was certified this month by Guiness World Records for breaking the record for most toes on a feline.

The Wisconsinite, who overcame a kittenhood bout of pneumonia, broke the previous record of 28 toes by a single digit.

Erebus has eight toes on one paw, and seven on the others. His father had six toes on each paw. Most cats have only four toes on each paw and a fifth "dew claw." Polydactyl cats are relatively common, especially among Maine coons.

The BBC published an interesting item about two Monrovia residents that have welcomed a family of bears to their swimming pool. At first the new homeowners were alarmed by the unexpected visits from their ursine neighbors, but opted for co-existence rather than "a big wall and barbed wire."

The residents say that bears are "misunderstood," and the reporting adds that "Black bear attacks are incredibly rare, with just one fatal attack in California's history," but later touches on the sad tale of Blondie, a mother bear that was euthanized in March of this year after she "swiped" at a Monrovian dog-walker. The couple in the story started a petition to try to spare Blondie, who was also a frequent visitor to their yard.

The human hosts say the bears love the pool and floating toys, although the inflatable items don't last long. "They're the most adorable [creatures] you've ever seen. They're so cuddly but also intimidating, with their long claws." The animals are still not welcome to the couple's barbeques.

Wildlife authorities underline the importance of securing garbage cans and never leaving pet food outdoors.

People Magazine reports that efforts by Utah researchers to introduce beavers into dry landscapes have been successful, in at least one case, in widening a stream and creating a habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

The idea of introducing Beavers into our local ecosystem was debated at some length by the Izaak Walton League in the late 1940s. They group thought they would also have to introduce aspen trees as a food source.

Mountain Mike told the Town Crier this week that Ernie Maxwell once told him that he had bought a pair of the industrious rodents himself and taken them by mule to the high country. Mike added that they probably made a nice dinner for the mountain lions.

This idea was widespread once upon a time. A 1989 story in the L.A. Times called the successful introduction of beavers in the San Gorgonio Wilderness and "ecological blunder" that had "biologists in a quandry." The beavers found a grove of aspens and ate them.

There seems to be no evidence that beavers were ever native to the San Jacinto Mountains.



70 years ago - 1956

Idyllwild School registered 90 youngsters in kindergarten to seventh grades. The prior week, 290 students attended the first day of the new school year.

65 years ago - 1961

Tahquitz Lake Estates announced the opening of a tract on the Dutch Flat property and near Foster Lake. Lots were priced at $1,965.

60 years ago - 1966

Pine Cove residents, with the help of then County Supervisor Floyd McCall, were seeking state funds for a paid two-man fire department because the local tax base was insufficient to cover the projected cost of $20,000 to $25,000. Meanwhile, volunteer firefighters carried on.

55 years ago - 1971

Some local real estate being advertised: a three-bedroom home with a fireplace and large lot for $17,950; a one-room cabin with fireplace on 4.5 acres for $10,900. If you were a renter: a three-bedroom, two-bath furnished house, pets and kids OK, for $150 per month.

45 years ago - 1981

The Center Fire in Mountain Center jumped back and forth across Highway 74 many times, threatening more than a dozen local homes and businesses. Eventually, it destroyed mroe than 1,700 acres and cost $1 million to suppress. Investigators blamed the fire on a boy playing with matches.

35 years ago - 1991

Bulldozers started tearing apart the parking lot in the center of town as work began on a commercial complex site that came to be known as "The Fort."

30 years ago - 1996

Becky Clark, who started at the Idyllwild Town Crier as a night-shift typesetter a dozen years before, was named publisher and editor of the newspaper. She retired in November 2009. In June 2013, she and her husband Jack Clark, purchased the paper, regaining the title of editor and now co-publisher.

25 years ago - 2001

Idyllwild resident Michael Rider, professional actor and director, was directing "Romeo and Juliet," at the Ramona Bowl. Playing the role of Lord Capulet was the late Bob Beck, local resident and longtime actor, perhaps best known for his role in commercials as the Marlboro and Camel man.

20 years ago - 2006

Over the course of a week, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department removed more than 20,000 marijuana plants from the local mountains. The market value was estimated between $40 million to $100 million.

15 years ago - 2011

Thunderstorms failed to dampen the festivities of the 18th-annual Jazz in the Pines. Despite the summer outburst Saturday and light showers Sunday, visitors, volunteers and vendors all had another remarkable weekend of music and merriment.

10 years ago - 2016

A Forest Service volunteer's horse was rescued after sliding down a steep ravine in the Apple Canyon area. Cal Fire, Rivco Fire, USFS, RSO and members of the Horse and Animal Rescue Team participated in the effort. The horse, under sedation, was airlifted out.

5 years ago - 2021

The US Post Office was vandalized in an apparent break-in attempt. The Idyllwild Post Master, Lorraine Sonoqui, was able to determine that no mail was missing. Less than two weeks earlier, the outdoor letter box was broken into and three checks altered and cashed.





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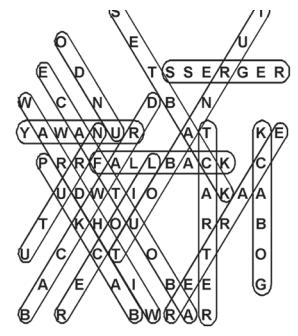
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Lily Rock Chamber Music Festival turns five

By David Jerome
Editor

The Manhattan Chamber Players will return to Idyllwild this weekend for the fifth installment of their Lily Rock Chamber Music Festival. MCP member Brendan Speltz spoke with the Town Crier just before press time to provide an update on this growing part of Idyllwild's cultural calendar.

Brendan offered his perspective on the festival's trajectory. "We are just continuing to do what is successful. We're growing it as demand requires. Each year we've seen bigger and bigger audiences. St Hugh's is a tough seat to get. We've reduced the concerts on campus to just one to keep it focused." He adds that "this year it's a very family focused roster, people very near and dear to us." The festival will continue to grow "slowly and organically as the town needs it. The response warrants another year."

There will be a master class this year at the Idyllwild Arts Academy on Wednesday, Sept 2, at 3 p.m. in Lowman Hall. "Representatives of each instrument from the Manhattan Chamber Players will be there," Brendan notes. With the academic year just beginning, the students will likely play solo repertoire, with some duos and trios possible.

IAA is spreading the word about the master class, writing that "The masterclass offers a rare opportunity to see the creative process unfold in real time as students receive guidance, explore their musicianship, and learn from some of the artists they'll soon hear on the concert stage." Brendan notes this feature of this festival is "connecting into the education lane of the town."

On Thursday there will be a private event at the Speltz family cabin in Idyllwild, still kept by bow-wielding patriarch David Speltz. Brendan and brother Brook both "grew up going to the summer music camps" at IAA, and their parents taught there. "We learned music there in Idyllwild." They are excited to be "Bringing all the things we learned in the wider world" back to the place where they learned so much.

The roster includes pianist Daniel Anastasio; violinists Grace Park, Daniela Díaz, Connie Kupka, and Brendan Speltz; violists Luke Fleming and Idyllwild Arts Music Department Chair Kai Potts Smith; and cellists Brook Speltz and David Speltz.

Brendan singled out Anastasio, who participated in the first season, "he's begun to make real waves in the classical music lecture series world," with presentations that unite scholarship and performance, "but on Saturday he'll just be playing."

The heaviest item on the program is Johannes Brahms' F minor Piano Quintet, which Brendan agrees is like a piano concerto. "It is one of the hardest pieces in the chamber repertoire for pianists, epic. Every musician loves to play it. Every festival should have it.

About the anchor of Sunday's concert, the Mendelsohn Octet, Brendan said "it is one of those miracle pieces, written when he was 16. Every musician who has ever played it thinks it is one of the greatest pieces, a real strike of lightning. Full of light and joy and romance."

Brendan ties the festival to the history of Idyllwild and the academy. "Idyllwild deserves a great festival. Idyllwild Arts was started because of chamber music. The Schoenfeld sisters, they were great pedagogues, violin and cello." Eleanore (cello) and Alice (violin) Schoenfeld were colleagues of Max and Beatrice Krone at USC and were instrumental in setting a high standard for musical education from the beginning. The Town Crier first mentions them in 1954.

Saturday : Mozart's G minor Piano Quartet, Turina's *Scène Andalouse*, Brahms's F minor Piano Quintet.

6:00 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts Academy.

Sunday: Brahms' String Sextet no. 2 in G major, and the Mendelssohn Octet in Eb major. 1:00 p.m.. Outdoors at St. Hugh Episcopal Church Amphitheater, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.

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