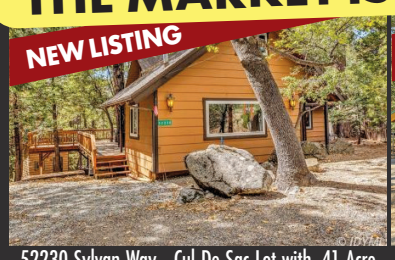
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Historic El Niño on its way: Heat and rain already here

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

When Southern Californians (especially Hill residents and visitors) think about the consequences of an El Niño, precipitation – snow – is the image.

But the recent record-breaking heat is also a result of strong El Niño conditions (which warm the ocean and reduce sea breezes), and one which the National Weather Service expects to gain strength this fall.

Last week, the Hill enjoyed or, perhaps, suffered through five different records. Record high minimum temperatures (lows at night) were recorded four times. On Friday, Oct. 2, the minimum night temperature was 63 degrees. That broke the previous nighttime high of 62 degrees, set only two years ago.

The 61-degree low the next two nights also broke the previous record highs set in 2024. Then on Thursday, Oct. 8, the low was 54 degrees, another record high, crushing the previous high of 51 from 2024, too.

The two maximum daytime temperature records were 92 degrees on Oct. 3 and 87 degrees on Oct. 7. Both previous highs were set in the 2024 heat wave.

These six records were preceded by two in September and four in August.

Looking ahead, the NWS continues to warn of El Niño building strength, which is being described as historic strength. The October monthly report from NWS's Climate Prediction Center included another El Niño Advisory.

"El Niño will continue to strengthen through the end of the year. Chances remain high for a historic event that would exceed the strength of previous El Niño events dating back to 1950 . . . With an event of this magnitude, the chances of experiencing impacts consistent with El Niño are larger, though not guaranteed . . . In summary, El Niño continues to strengthen, with a strong-to-very strong El Niño likely through January-March 2027 (remaining greater than an 83% chance)," the CPC forecast.

The temperature forecast for the next two months is that it will likely be above normal. Some prognosticators have said there is a 10% chance that temperatures may be in the top 5% of historical values for this time of year in the western United States, especially California.

The chances of higher or lower temperatures through May are currently projected to be nearly equal.

The precipitation forecast leans toward above average in October and November. By the November to December period, it moves into a 50 to 60% likely chance of above-average precipitation. From December through early spring, the chances of above-average precipitation are 60 to 70%.

". . . California is expected to face a much higher risk than normal for powerful, moisture-laden storms late this fall and winter, especially from December onward," according to the Washington Post.

Gov. Gavin Newsom has already proclaimed a "State of Emergency" to prepare and to respond to the extreme weather conditions very likely to occur this winter.

"I've never seen such high predictive confidence in a very wet California winter. This is a truly extraordinary forecast amid a record-strength El Niño event . . . Jan and Feb have especially high potential to be extremely wet in CA," wrote Dr. Daniel Swain, climate scientist with the California Institute for Water Resources and a research partner at the NSF National Center for Atmospheric Research, in his Oct. 7 Bluesky post. "There is also more going on here than just the extreme/record-strength El Niño event. While that will be a dom-

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This photo of a golden beaver being released in 1947 was likely taken by Helen Bisby on Willow Creek. The photo has been colorized with AI. Read more about this project on page B2.

PHOTO BY IAHS

Sheriff's Oversight Committee plans public sessions

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

In July, the County Supervisors approved the creation of an ad hoc committee to evaluate advisory and oversight options related to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

The committee, composed of board chair Karen Spiegel (District 2) and supervisor Jose Medina (District 1), met last month to begin planning for their sessions. They discussed public engagement dates, reviewed the project website and work plan, established upcoming meeting dates, and addressed possible consultant contracting.

Last week, they announced plans to hold a series of public listening sessions to provide residents with an opportunity to share their experiences, concerns and perspectives directly with the committee.

The sessions started Oct. 13 in Riverside. The next two sessions will be Oct. 22 in the Coachella Valley and Oct. 26 online. All will begin at 6:00 p.m.

To watch the online session, go to the following website: www.youtube.com/live/QY-76h4d56HE. If you wish to speak at this session, please fill out an online speaker form prior to the start of the meeting. A request can be made at this website: rivcocob.org/form/request-to-speak-ad hoc-oversight.

"The purpose of these listening sessions is to hear directly from the people we serve," said Spiegel in a press release announcing the sessions. "Community input is essential as we explore oversight options and evaluate what approaches may best support transparency, accountability and public trust in Riverside County."

Feedback collected during the public listening sessions, or submitted in writing through this website, will be summarized and posted online. All personally identifying information will be removed prior to posting comment summaries.

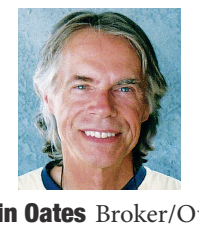
In addition to holding listening sessions, the Ad Hoc Committee will review how other counties and cities perform law enforcement oversight, evaluate existing oversight capabilities, and consider other legal, financial, and operational impacts.

The website explains that the Ad Hoc Committee is evaluating potential advisory and oversight options rather than operating or establishing an oversight entity. It includes the approved work plan, meeting information, readouts, available recordings, project materials, and a mechanism for submitting written feedback.

"Meaningful public engagement is a critical part of good governance," said Medina in the press release. "We encourage residents to take part in this process and share their perspectives as we work toward recommendations that reflect the needs and values of Riverside County communities."

In January, the Ad Hoc Committee plans to present its findings and recommendations to the whole Board of Supervisors. The Executive Office, the Sheriff's Department and other County departments provide administrative and technical support to the Ad Hoc Committee.

Next two sessions
Session 2
Thursday, October 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Coachella Valley Water District
Steve Robbins Administration Building, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211
Session 3 (Virtual):
Monday, October 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Namvar wants to serve working families

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent



Leila Namvar of La Quinta, a political newcomer, won the Democratic primary to seek California's 47th assembly district seat. Republican Greg Wallis (Bermuda Dunes) is the incumbent, first elected in 2022.

The district encompasses Idyllwild, Pine Cove and north. It also includes the desert cities and Yucaipa and Yucca Valley in San Bernardino County. Valle Vista, Beaumont, and Banning are on the western edge of the District.

Namvar was born in Tehran, Iran, in 1972. After 19 years of preparing, she finally arrived in the United States in 2002 and became a citizen in 2008.

It was a long, somewhat lonely effort for her. In 1983, her parents came to the U.S. with a Green Card. But Namvar could not accompany them and had to wait. After her mother obtained citizenship, she was able to bring her daughter Namvar here in 2002.

"I didn't know the language or the culture and had no bank account," she said. Excited and happy to be here, she got a job within two weeks. Over time, she had several jobs to earn money and attended night school to learn English.

In 2005, she married. Her husband was an emergency room nurse, and they have a 19-year-old son. In addition to learning the language, Namvar studied to become a citizen -- a goal which she achieved in 2008.

"I came to the U.S to live here," she stated. "Despite the challenges, I live the American Dream. I reached it with a lot of obstacles."

She has been working for the city of Indio for 20 years, where she recognized the value of unions. She started as a Planning Technician and became a Public Arts Program Analyst. During these 20 years, she worked on strategic plans, city budgets, and bringing more voices into the civic process.

Namvar is not simply a 9-to-5-er. While doing her assignments, she saw her fellow employees and compatriots struggling, too. Eventually, she became involved and active in the city union. Her peers appreciated her effort and elected her Chapter President of the city's SEIU 721.

"Labor is very important to me," she began. "As a working Mom, it was very difficult when I entered the workforce in 2002."

Although active in the city government arena, Namvar was not involved in partisan politics until 2024. That year she attended a conference for "Democratic Women of the Desert" as a representative from AD 47. This raised her perspective of the political horizon.

She announced her candidacy for the Democratic AD 47 nomination last fall. In June she won the primary and now is challenging Wallis, a two-term incumbent.

"This campaign is about affordability," she stated. "I fight for union members because food, schools, roads and hospitals are important. Lots of working men and women understand this."

The cost of housing is the primary affordability issue in her opinion. "I could not afford my house now. Many renters in this area have been moved out. Now the owners rent the house through Airbnb to tourists. This is not fair," she said.

As a planner with the city of Indio, she and her colleagues have emphasized the removal of barriers preventing more affordable housing. "We brought a lot of people to the table to remove barriers," she related. "It took five years, but over one thousand attainable units are now in Indio and more are coming."

Besides housing, healthcare and education are vital issues for Namvar. "These are basics. They are human rights, we can't cut them for tax relief," she emphasized. "I want to make sure they are available to the people. We should provide healthcare and insurance."

She also stated that schools are a priority in the budget. She knows their importance from her son's attendance. She says she will not cut funding for them.

As of Sept. 24, Namvar had $82,000 in cash left in her campaign account. She had already spent $370,000. But Wallis had already raised more than twice that amount and had more than $375,000 in cash available for the final weeks.

In 2022 and 2024, Wallis narrowly defeated his Democratic opponent, Christy Holstege. When asked how she could defeat him, Namvar replied, "I think the district is ready to shift. In 2024, people didn't know how bad things would change. Now they are feeling it in the grocery stores and at the gas pumps.

"People are ready to see someone like themselves. Instead of working to live paycheck to paycheck, they want help," she added. "I have no donations from corporations or lobbyists. My funds are given from working families and unions and I will be accountable to them."

Wallis seeks third Assembly term

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent



Greg Wallis (R – Bermuda Dunes) represents California's 47th Assembly District. The Hill communities included in this District are Idyllwild, Pine Cove and north. It also encompasses the desert cities and Yucaipa and Yucca Valley in San Bernardino County. Valle Vista, Beaumont, and Banning are on the western side of the District.

Wallis, 36 years old, was first elected in 2022 and re-elected in 2024. He defeated Democrat Christy Holstege in both elections. The first victory was by less than 100 votes. In 2024, the margin was 2.4 percent, or 5,500 votes.

This year, Democrat Leila Namvar (La Quinta) is challenging Wallis. As of Sept. 4, the Democrats had a registration lead of 18,640 voters in the District. Together the two major parties only represent 72 percent of all registered voters in the district.

Wallis expects another close election. "It's the nature of the district. They have a partisan advantage," he said while remaining modest in his view of the ultimate results.

Whether you call it "affordability" or the "cost of living," Wallis feels strongly about addressing this issue. When he originally decided to seek election to represent AD 47, this was an issue that helped motivate him then.

"I had too many friends and family leaving the Golden State due to rising crime, struggling schools, and the high cost of living," he has said.

He stresses that new laws may help, but the legislature needs to look at itself. "Rising costs are a serious issue. No Californian should have to pick between food, gas, or their rent. Meanwhile politicians keep spending wildly, which causes prices to go up, and raising taxes, including our Gas Tax!" he wrote on his website (www.gregwallis.org/).

"I've been in the legislature four years, and every year, the majority passes the biggest budget ever," he added.

Education is also on his agenda, especially since his wife, Desiree, is a high school teacher. He has tried to address the issue of low-performing students and schools. This was particularly acute in his first term after the COVID pandemic.

"It's not fair to make these students suffer," he emphasized.

Homelessness is also a state problem. But Wallis stresses the use of evidence-based outcomes to determine the success of programs. Merely appropriating more money for inefficient programs will not improve the situation, he says. There has been a 40% increase in homeless people during this Administration, he stated.

Central to Hill residents and property owners are efforts to prevent or to mitigate wildfires. Wallis says he is deeply involved in trying to improve the situation.

"There is no consensus on how to prevent wildfires," Wallis noted. "But we have to keep our forest clean." But this raises the unacknowledged issue of who pays to do this.

"Firebreaks around homes and structures are critical," Wallis emphasized. "We need to invest in the front end, to avoid the cost of rebuilding. But it is absolutely expensive for many Californians."

His efforts to help alleviate these costs have focused on getting tax credits approved and more grant funding for relief of costs.

Catastrophic healthcare is needed, as is more preventive healthcare, but funding these through a single-payer system is unlikely to reduce costs, Wallis opined. He reaches this conclusion from the continuing rise of healthcare costs since the Affordable Care Act was passed in 2010.

Wallis is a Republican, as is President Donald Trump. But Wallis says he is not in lockstep with the President. In the past year, he has formally and publicly opposed Trump's effort to eliminate the Chuckwalla National Monument.

He has also advanced legislation (AB 1663), which Gov. Gavin Newsom signed, to make the rules for removing dead Joshua trees more practical for desert communities and broaden the state's agreements with California Native American tribes regarding the trees.

"My job is to represent my community, this district, not one party. We need to protect public spaces," he stressed. Wallis has written to the Secretary of the Interior about the Chuckwalla issue as well as the proposed land swap in Yosemite National Park.

He is a proud member of the Bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, which addresses many legislative issues, not just parks, monuments or the environment.

Another Hill issue in which Wallis has invested time is the traffic on Highway 74, which he described as a "dangerous roadway." He and his colleague, Assemblyman Jeff Gonzalez (R AD36), introduced AB 1145, which was passed and signed last month.

Through Sept. 24, he had received nearly $770,000 in campaign donations this year. His expenditures this year have totaled $535,000, and he has more than $375,000 in cash for the final weeks of the campaign.

"Candidly, it is a tremendous honor and privilege to represent the 47th. There is so much more that unites us than divides us," he said in conclusion. "Hopefully the voters will see the work I've done and will send me back to Sacramento."

"Re-Imagining" the Thrift Store



Dear editor:

We're finally getting a glimpse of what the Help Center Board of Directors has in mind. We as a community need to speak up. By being so generous with wonderful donations and financial aid for forty years, Idyllwild has shown that its support for this institution is very strong. We are right to be extremely concerned about the direction the Board has taken.

All this talk about "reshaping and redesigning" should make us uneasy, because we can be sure that it won't stop with the Help Center property. Do we really want our special community, with its choice location, clean air and water, and clear blue skies, turned into another enclave for the wealthy? Too many pleasant locales in California have met that fate already.

Let us hope that the Board will either work with us or seriously consider resigning – as their president already has. The directors obtained control over the Help Center by underhanded means, and so far they have proven woefully inadequate at running it. The Board needs to change its ways or go.

Idyllwild, let's remember the unselfish dedication of Help Center founders Jack and Nancy Sarvela. Let's think of all the people who have benefitted from their care and love, and all those who hopefully will continue to benefit for generations to come. The current Board has completely lost the clarity of focus shown by the Sarvelas.

Let's hear from you, Idyllwild. If you don't agree, let's hear that, too.

Inge Austerman
Fern Valley

RSO Rescue 9 helicopter extracts injured hiker below Lake Hemet dam

On October 10, 2026, at 1:35 p.m., deputies responded to the 56000 block of E State Highway 74, regarding a report of a missing person. Upon arrival, deputies contacted the reporting party who stated a family member was possibly lost in the area. Deputies, with the assistance of the Sheriff's Aviation Unit, searched the area and located the missing person in a ravine. The person had fallen and was injured. The Aviation Unit assisted in retrieving the injured subject and they were later transported to a local hospital in stable condition. The investigation remains ongoing, and no further details are available.



This dead oak along the Creek Trail, between Silver Pines Lodge and the Oakwood entrance, came down during the weekend storm, crushing a bench that had been recently installed. PHOTO BY CHRIS MORSE

Idyllwild Weather

source: www.accuweather.com

Day	High / Low	Conditions
Wednesday 10/14	62 °F / 50 °F	Cool with plenty of sun
Thursday 10/15	67 °F / 53 °F	Breezy in the morning; sunny
Friday 10/16	75 °F / 46 °F	Pleasant with plenty of sun
Saturday 10/17	75 °F / 45 °F	A couple of afternoon showers
Sunday 10/18	75 °F / 44 °F	Abundant sunshine
Monday 10/19	78 °F / 43 °F	Mostly sunny and warm
Tuesday 10/20	73 °F / 43 °F	Plenty of sunshine

Vote with Forest Folk & Bring a Friend

Voting is a privilege of citizenship and an opportunity to play a part in how our government functions. In this election cycle it is important to vote early. Dropping off your ballot at Idyllwild Library is a safe, efficient option.

An added incentive will be a trip to Idyllwild Nature Center. A short talk on the health benefits of "Forest Bathing" will be followed by time spent on the Bird Deck and/or a guided walk along the Nature Trail. Refreshments and a nature journal will be provided.

The FF shuttle schedule for 2026 Midterm Election

1. Reserve your trip from home on the Wednesday you prefer below. Call 951-426-9688 at least a day before the date.

2. Wednesday, October 14, 21, and 28, with pick-up at your residence, starting at 1:00 p.m.. The van will depart at 1:30 p.m. for Idyllwild Nature Center. Passengers will leave the Nature Center at 2:30 p.m. to return home.

3. Tuesday, November 3: Reserve transportation at least a day before Election Day for transportation to the polling place at Idyllwild Library, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m..

Library offers Sasquatch-themed story time, Idyll-Beast invited

In honor of National Sasquatch Day, Oct. 20, the Idyllwild Library is planning a special story time on Wednesday Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. Budding cryptozoologists are invited to hear stories, try their paws at some special craft projects, and maybe meet the Idyll-Beast. In the past this event has been one of the highlights of the annual story time calendar.

Matter of Fact

The item in last week's paper on the Garden Club's Garden of the Month misspelled the name of the owner of the Doubleview Drive house. He is local architect David Lilieholm. We regret the error.



Rains brought landslides last weekend, and both Highway74 and 243 were partially blocked by boulders. The northbound lane of 243 was blocked around 10:30 a.m. Saturday near Round Robin Drive. The eastbound lane of Hwy 74 was blocked near Bighorn Dr. on Sunday at around 12:30.

CAPTURE FROM VIDEO BY MAUREEN SUMLER

Coming Up!

Thursday October 15 ICC Chess League

Categories for kids and adults. $29 annual membership. Junior League (5-14) 3:30–5:00 p.m. Adult League 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center, 54201 Ridgeview Dr.

Friday, October 16

Screening of documentary *Steal This Story*
Screenings of documentary Steal This Story Free screening of documentary about Amy Goodman's 30 years with Democracy Now. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., with multiple viewings if people show up. Small conference room at Idyllwild Library.

Friday - Sunday, October 16-18
Idyllwild Arts Academy Dramatic Arts Department presents: *Matt & Ben*
Comedic play by Mindy Kaling and Brenda Withers. Two then-struggling actors, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, struggle to adopt *The Catcher in the Rye,* when the script for *Good Will Hunting* drops from the ceiling. Free. Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:00 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts Academy

Saturday, October 17

Discover Mountain Gardening at the Nature Center
Members of the Idyllwild Garden Club will share their gathered knowledge about gardening in our local micro climate, and best practices with native plants. Three speakers: Helen Hixon on hummingbirds and making hummingbird perches, Julie Roy on the use of Alpaca "nuggets" in the garden, Peter Kindfield on Mountain Gardening. Refreshments, bulb and native plant sales, lilac food and "Alpaca Gold" for sale. This meeting is free to everyone, and is ideal for those who may not be able to come to the Garden Club's Wednesday meetings. Free parking for this event.
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243

No Kings Protest
Organized by Idyllwild Indivisible as part of nationwide day of action focused on early voting and election protection. 11:00 a.m., starting at Art Dept., 54240 Pine Crest Ave.

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Opening Reception: Off the Record community vinyl art exhibition
Complimentary wine tasting by Alpenglow lounge. Botanical Fudge tasting by Flower Child Fudge. 2 - 5 p.m., The Funky Bazaar, 54785 N. Circle Dr. RSVP to partake in tastings

Art Mixer at Dytch66 Gallery
Live music by Kevin Kertin, costumes welcome, kids art table, taco bar, side dishes welcome. 3 - 7 p.m., 25250 Lodge Rd

Saturday and Sunday, October 17-18

Family Farmers Produce Pumpkin Patch Festival
Activities include pony rides, petting zoo, live music, BBQ, catch and release fishing, pick your own pumpkin, games remote control boats, gold panning, train rides. Dog costume contest Saturday from 12:30, contest entry $10, first prize $250. Festival admission $10, under 2 free, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 59751 Hwy 74, Mountain Center.

Sunday, October 18

Celebration of Life Memorial service for Rosie Nowell
3:00 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr., in the Eagle Mountain auditorium near the back of the camp.

Wednesday, October 21

Film Club with Gary Leva: *Casablanca*
Join award-winning filmmaker and former USC film professor to discuss *Casablanca.* Free, 5:00 p.m. Idyllwild Public Library

Meet David Brin
Meet Hugo and Nebula Award-winning science fiction author, futurist, astrophysicist and NASA consultant David Brin. He will discuss his latest nonfiction book, *Alien Minds: Advice About (and For) Our Natural, AI & Hybrid Heirs.* 5:00 p.m. Speakeasy Bookmarket 54445 North Circle Dr

Saturday, October 24

Creepy Crawly Day at the Nature Center
Meet spiders and snakes, eat treats, try arts and crafts, costumes encouraged. Pumpkin Carving Contest at 11:30, pumpkins first come first served or bring your own,prizes for happiest, scariest and most creative. Free with park admission, $6 adults, $3 children. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy 243

Author Talk: Bobbie Becerra and *Take It: How I Grew to Accept Abuse*
Becerra will speak about her book, as well as the process of writing and publishing. 11:00 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Writer's Block: Straight Talk about Writing and Publishing with author Jolie Tunnel
Author of Idyllwild Mystery Series will speak about her publishing journey, both Indie publishing and working with a publisher. 5:00 p.m. Idyllwild Library

Hoedown at the Rustic Theater to benefit the Living Free Affordable Animal Care Clinic
2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Rustic Theater 54290 N. Circle Dr

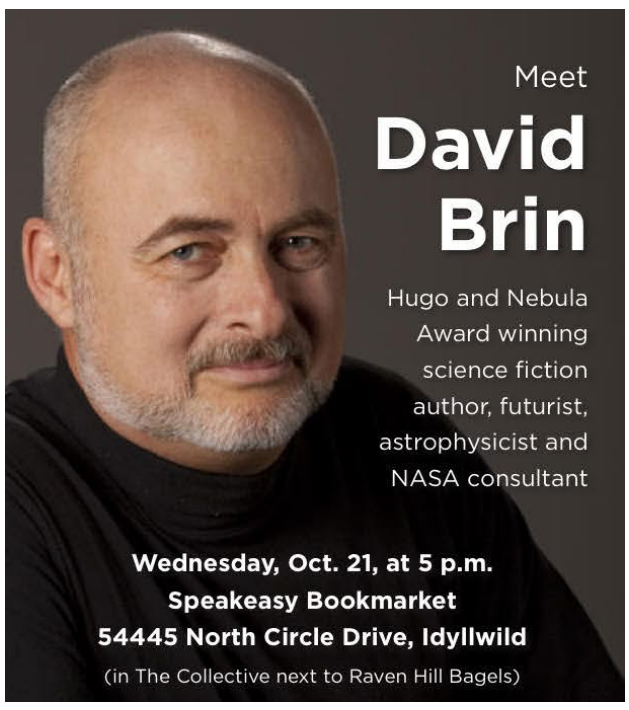
Songs and Stories of the living woods with Dryad flute and guitar duo
Dryad presents a musical conversation with the soul of a living tree. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic blanket. Under the Black Oak at the far side of the entrance meadow, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Idyllwild County Park, 54000 Riverside County Playground Rd.

Saturday, October 31

Halloween Spooktacular Party at American Legion Post 800
Music by SK Jive, Bar food and drink specials, costumer contest with cash prizes, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. 54300 Marian View 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.





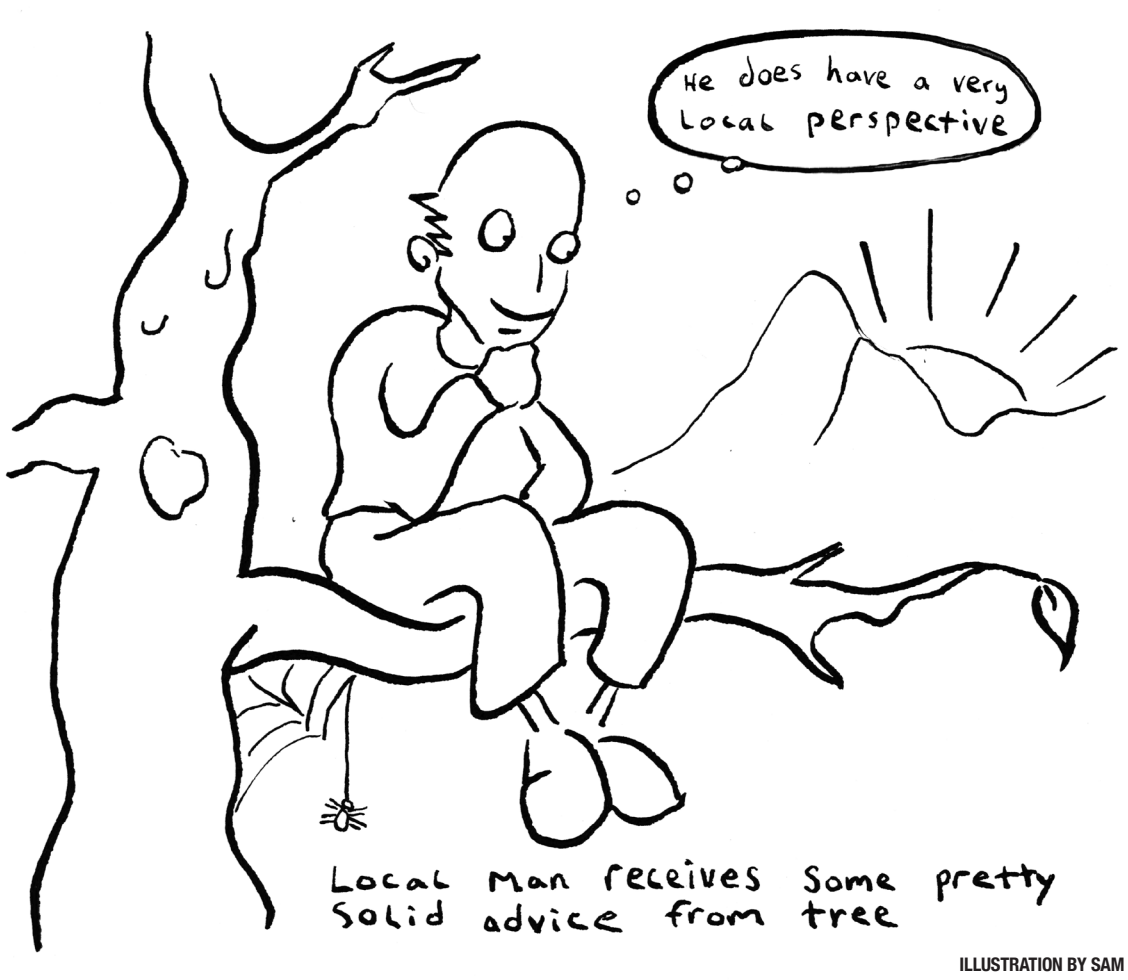


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The following person is doing business as VANTAX, 34523 SAKURA LN, WINCHESTER, CA 92596. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

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

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Registrant Signature:
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Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/14/2026.

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 2026

CVME 2608314
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 27401 MENIFEE CENTER DRIVE, MENIFEE, CA 92584, Branch name: MENIFEE JUSTICE CENTER.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: ALYSSA KAITLYN BELTRAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: ALYSSA KAITLYN BELTRAN changed to Proposed name: ALYSSA KAITLYN RYAN.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 10/29/2026. Time: 8:00 am.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above Dept. M205.

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

Date: 06/30/2026

BELINDA HANDY
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT **Pub. TC: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as GOLDEN HOUR VETERINARY CARE, GOLDEN HOUR VETERINARY CARE, PC, 82465 ASTAIRE CIR, INDIO, CA 92201. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

GOLDEN HOUR VETERINARY CARE, PC
82465 ASTAIRE CIRCLE
INDIO, CA 92201

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.

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:
ARTHUR KLOMHAUS
PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/28/2026.

FILE NO.:
R-202613962

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LEMON LILY BY THE CREEK, 26220 PINE DELL RD, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 8583 IRVINE CENTER DR, #197, IRVINE, CA 92618.

L'ECHO DU BOIS LLC
8583 IRVINE CENTER DR, #197
IRVINE, CA 92618

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:
ANGELA PHAM
PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/29/2026

FILE NO.:
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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: October 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MUD ALCHEMIST, 54425 NORTH CIRCLE DRIVE #5, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing address: PO BOX 1244, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

MUD ALCHEMIST, LLC
PO BOX 1244
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

State of LLC: CA

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

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Registrant Signature:
FREDERICK CAIN
MANAGING MEMBER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 10/09/2026

FILE NO.:
R-202614600

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: October 15, 22, 28, November 5, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as BRUCE AND ZUKA LOCKSMITH INC., 23840 ROWE DRIVE, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

BRUCE AND ZUKA LOCKSMITH INC.
23840 ROWE DRIVE
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557

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.

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:
ALEXANDER ERIC APODACA
CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 10/09/2026

FILE NO.:
R-202614575

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PETER ALDANA,
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name AA LOCKSMITH, 23840 ROWE DRIVE, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557, COUNTY: RIVERSIDE, has been abandoned by the following person(s):

AA LOCKSMITH
23840 ROWE DRIVE
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92557

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

State of Corporation: CA.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 03/13/2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signed:
ALEXANDER ERIC APODACA
CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 10/09/2026

FILE NO. R-202503408

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Local propositions put transportation and schools on ballot

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

In addition to 14 statewide propositions on the ballot, Hill voters will have two local propositions. One is for the Riverside County Transportation is a bond measure for the Hemet Unified School District.

Transportation

Measure A would extend the current one-half percent transactions and use (sales) tax beyond its March 31, 2039, sunset. The tax was initially approved in 1988 and renewed since then. It applies to the sale and/or use of all tangible personal property sold retail in the incorporated and unincorporated portions of Riverside County.

The proceeds are used for County transportation and related projects approved by the RCTC. These could be highways, interchanges, and regional corridors, local streets and roads, and public transportation, including capital improvements, maintenance, and operations, as well as related environmental mitigation.

In 2026, the Commission estimated transportation investment needs for Riverside County exceed $30 billion. The plan was approved and is part of Measure A.

Through 2057, the RCTC expects expenditures for County transportation projects will exceed $3.6 billion. Of that total, about $500 million will be invested in the unincorporated areas; another $175 million will fund projects in Hemet and San Jacinto.

The push to continue Measure A funding is motivated, according to backers, by the uncertainty around future competitive federal funds availability, as well as declining state funding.

HUSD

The Hemet Unified School District is requesting approval to issue $225 million in bonds for school construction. Passage of Measure I extends the authorization approved by voters in 2018 for this work, keeping the tax rate flat.

Measure I needs 55% support to pass. It will continue (not increase) the current estimated tax rate of $50 per $100,000 of assessed valuation on local HUSD properties.

Supporters stress that the assessed valuation refers to taxable value, not the market value of property. The taxable value of a home or business depends on when it was purchased.

Several different needs will be addressed when these proposed school projects are completed. Air-conditioning units and shade structures are needed in some schools to reduce possible health issues caused by extreme heat.

Some older schools need renovation to meet current safety codes and upgrade access for students with disabilities. In other schools, classrooms will be upgraded to help with the following subjects: science, math, engineering, technology, and career training in skilled trades and public safety.

Other important but more general structural work to be done includes repairing or replacing deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas, sewer, and electrical systems as well as improving student safety and security throughout the district.

If Measure I is approved, the use of these funds will be overseen using preapproved strict accountability and taxpayer protections. By law, all Measure I funds stay local for Hemet USD school facilities improvements. The State cannot take away Measure I funds or use them for other purposes.

Annual independent financial and performance audits will be conducted, and a volunteer Citizens Bond Oversight Committee is required.

In addition, no funds may be spent on administrator salaries, benefits or pensions.

Weather

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inant driver, there are some indications of other reinforcing atmospheric and ocean patterns that will help this event 'maximize its potential.' This is not 2015-16."

The major precipitation began with the arrival of Tropical Storm Rachel last weekend. For only the second time in history, NOAA's National Hurricane Center issued a Tropical Storm Watch for a portion of Southern California.

By Sunday morning, more than 2.5 inches of rain had fallen on the Hill.

The Governor's proclamation is already being implemented. The Department of Water Resources is working with local communities and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to prepare for potential flooding. DWR has stockpiled flood-fighting materials at 68 locations statewide. These materials include sandbags, portable flood barriers that crews can quickly deploy to divert water and 400,000 tons of rock for emergency levee repairs.

Crews are also moving swiftly to inspect and prepare California's flood-control infrastructure.

"We're taking action now to protect Californians before winter El Niño storms arrive," Newsom said in a press release. "That means getting flood-fighting supplies into position, bolstering our water infrastructure, and helping communities across the Golden State prepare."

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Sheriff's officials address license plate camera concerns at Idyllwild meeting

By David Jerome
Editor

Two high-ranking officers from Riverside County Sheriff's Office came to the Idyllwild Library on Sept. 19 at the invitation of Idyllwild Indivisible to speak to an audience of mostly skeptical locals about RSO's use of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras. They were Walter Mendez, Captain of RSO's Hemet Station, and Chief Deputy Ken Reichle.

Mendez explained that the Hemet station, including the Lake Hemet substation, is responsible for over 780 square miles. Its area of responsibility includes in addition to the mountain plateau communities of Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Mountain Center, Pinyon Pines, Sage, and Anza, much urban area: Valle Vista, parts of Hemet, San Jacinto to the Soboba reservation and casino, the Ramon Expressway corridor to Sanderson, 79 to Beaumont, the Domenigoni Parkway to Winchester, 60 to Moreno Valley, and 74 to Palm Desert. They have about 90 employees, 46 of them sworn deputies.

Mendez said about 100,000 people live in the geographic area the station covers, and the station receives about 32,000 calls per year, mostly from the urban area, with the number rising year over year. The "vast majority" of these calls, he said, are for theft including larceny, car theft and fraud.

Mendez said that the cameras are "very important" tools for solving crimes, and although most often used for car thefts, they are also used for a variety of violent crimes including homicides. "Before we were deploying these cameras we were averaging 800 to 900 arrests per year on these types of crimes. We've doubled it." Later, one local asked about declining serious crime rates, and Reichle offered that one arrest often prevents multiple crimes.

Mendez also said that our community draws increasing numbers of visitors from a heavily populated geographical region, and the cameras are "a key piece of trying to stay ahead of the curve" with a larger volume of calls and limited staff. He called the cameras a "key piece of technology" and a "force multiplier."

Mendez said that investigators must "parse" new types of information, including cell phone data and social media, while still respecting people's rights, in order to prosecute cases. "Multiple cases, had it not been for this information, that lead, on a license plate….would not have been solved."

He asked how many present had seen the show 48 Hours, and said he could not stress enough how accurate the show's premise is, that investigators have a small window of time in which to capture information useful to solving a crime. The technology, Mendez said, allows investigators to look back in time purposefully. He added that ALPR cameras also help eliminate suspects, corroborating alibis.

The cameras have been in use since 2021, when the Riverside County board of supervisors approved a contract with Flock Safety Group Inc. The initial order was for about 260 cameras for the entire county. Reichle said that in Riverside County there are now close to 2,500 cameras.

At the end of 2023, Mendez said, they had 23 cameras within the Hemet station's area of responsibility. Now the number is "close to 80." It is hard to give an exact number, Mendez said, because "they keep breaking them, they keep stealing them."

The cameras take photos of the back of passing vehicles. These are archived in a server, and can be searched by license number, make, model, color and other identifying marks like bumper stickers. The data is stored for 30 days.

Mendez described the process by which officers access and use the data. A deputy interviews a person reporting a stolen vehicle, taking down the make, model and license plate. "The officer or deputy involved still has to do their due diligence," he said. The reporting party has to sign a stolen vehicle report under penalty of perjury, and the officers verify their identity and confirm that they have the legal right to report that vehicle stolen.

At that point the officer calls the dispatcher and gives his own identifying information and the file number of the case, asking that the vehicle be entered into the stolen vehicle system. That information is uploaded to the ALPR system, which sends it out to other counties. "If a suspect is driving three or four cities down… and it drives by one of those cameras, it captures a plate, we get what's called a 'hit.'"

If there is an ALPR reader hit, the officer is notified and units near the vehicle can then be informed and asked to pull a vehicle over. Sometimes, soon after a car is reported stolen, the reporting party finds out that a friend or family member has the car, and so officers tasked with pulling a car over must proceed with care.

One question was from a Hwy 74 commuter who said they had seen white vans making arrests near Paradise Corner, and asked whether the ALPR data is shared with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Border Patrol or other federal agencies.

Reichle said that would be illegal, "I will go to jail if I share this information with the federal government." California law prohibits sharing ALPR data with federal agencies.

Another asked about national reporting that ALPR reader data, in particular Flock data, is congregated and shared with Peter Thiel's Palantir, which puts it into a database that is used by the federal government. Flock denies any relationship with Palantir, whose Gotham system is used by intelligence, military, and counterterrorism agencies as well as police departments.

Reichle said that RSO and the individual city governments with which they share data have contracts with Flock that state that the agencies own their own data and Flock cannot sell it. The information is shared throughout the state by law enforcement and certain other agencies like the DMV, but all those agencies are ordered by state law to not share with federal law enforcement.

Reichle also noted that the data is not shared with other states over concern that it might be used to trace women seeking abortions across state lines.

Reichle also explained that the data is kept "on the cloud," meaning in a data center, which must be a government-compliant CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Services) facility. These are purpose-built for sensitive government data, he said.

One listener asked who decides where the cameras should be placed. Mendez said that RSO looks for high-traffic areas and primary entries to communities. Although our local highways are not high-traffic by urban standards, they are primary entries.

Reichle noted that RSO receives many reports of thefts of RVs, fifth wheels, and off-road vehicles on the Hill, in addition to, "believe it or not," illicit marijuana grows. Mendez mentioned the 2020 mass homicide at one such grow in Aguanga. "You may not be seeing it, but there is a lot of activity that's taking place up there," he said. Aviation assets help locate these activities, Mendez added, but cameras identify vehicles and thus individuals.

Asked whether people who have cameras on their property are paid, Mendez said the cameras are typically on public land, sometimes on easements that may appear to be on private property. When asked about a local camera in Mountain Center, Reichle added that private citizens may purchase the cameras and deploy them and send the information to law enforcement.

Another question drew out a detail: Private parties that purchase the cameras and place them on private property, like a shopping center parking lot, may provide that information to the federal government or another third party.

Mendez jumped in on the mention of shopping centers, saying those parking lots attract thieves, and Reichle specifically pointed to Lowe's, Home Depot, Ulta Beauty, Albertson's and Stater Brothers as chains that keep these cameras in their parking lots, in trailers identified by flashing blue lights.

Yet another question was about officers using the cameras for their own purposes, typically tracking exes or "romantic interests."

Reichle admitted that "we have that, just like anyone, police officers are humans too." With 4,000 in the sheriff's office, one has been fired and arrested and is in state prison, and two more are on administrative leave and under investigation, he said.

Asked how access is audited to ensure compliance, Reichle said that with all data access systems there is a "breadcrumb trail." "I know who logged in, I know who accessed, and I know what they accessed," he said. "We do audits monthly, and then the machine does audits." Reichle credited the machine audits with catching misuse. "The way we've been able to capture our deputies being bad is through the AI tool." The new tool flags unusual patterns, like a deputy searching for a car repeatedly. A supervisor reviews that and sees that it is unusual and starts an investigation.

The volume of requests for data makes the machine audits necessary, Reichle said. "Just last month, the CHP accessed our system 13,000 times," adding that the Sheriff's office is "learning as we go and trying to put up the guardrails." "Before, it was a random sampling by a supervisor," who had 80 officers who access the system hundreds of times a month. "There was not enough time in the day to police our police."

The AI audit is, he said, "a much tighter system." Access to the system requires a file number, and the AI quickly spots false file numbers. He said that with an audit of 4,000 officers making 50,000 uses of the system, finding three bad actors means that "most of them are doing the right thing," and the sheriff's office is "doing the right thing" by investigating and prosecuting those who abuse the system.

Another listener asked why, if the cameras are so great, are communities across the country deciding to remove them? Reichle replied that "if you really break down what is occurring, and you understand social media, how social media is used to change the perspective… they are coming out of the Defund the Police movement. We're able to prove that these actors that are posting some of this stuff… are being paid for by some of the same people that were paying for the Defund the Police type movement."

Mendez repeated that the ALPR data is just a tool for investigation, and that perhaps RSO should have done a better job of explaining their use "at the very onset." Many members of the audience agreed with this. Reichle added, "there were tons of public meetings that nobody attended."

Reichle mentioned the cost of hiring deputies, noting that the payroll and other costs total about $250,000 per year. The cameras cost about $3,200 per year each.

Asked about what would need to be done to defund the cameras, and whether there was a renewal coming up, Reichle said members of the public can comment on the subject at any Board of Supervisors meeting. He underscored that the supervisors and sheriff are elected officials, accountable to the voters.

After Reichle said that the county has a "good sheriff," one listener asked if the rank and file of officers thought that was true, and Reichle affirmed that they did, and that he would be happy to argue Sheriff Bianco's merits.

Reichle also expressed a willingness to come to Idyllwild or send a deputy whenever locals want to engage in a dialog about policing and the community.

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Prop. 39 wants stricter voter ID rules for elections

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Proposition 39 would require all voters to show a valid, government-issued identification when casting their votes, or write the last four digits of their designated government-issued identification number on their mail-in ballot.

Supporters claim that some current elections have been decided because of illegal voters participating. No studies or analyses have given support to these claims. By tightening laws regarding registration and casting ballots, Prop 39 supposedly will mitigate concerns about the large number of illegal voters.

Current process

Current requirements to vote in California are on the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california/who-can-vote-california). You must be a United States citizen and a resident of California and 18 years old or older on Election Day.

Prohibitions to voter registration include people who are serving a state or federal prison term for a felony conviction or are currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court. More information about the prohibitions can be found on the SoS's website.

Currently, when registering to vote, Californians must provide identification and swear under oath, with a penalty of perjury, which is a felony, that they are U.S. citizens.

A voter's identity is established through the registration process by using their driver's license number, state identification number, or last four digits of their Social Security number. Voters who do not provide this identifying information through the registration process may be asked to present identification the first time they vote.

Then they must record their signatures when registering and sign on the back of the ballot envelope when voting by mail.

Violating election registration laws is a crime in California. State law makes it a crime to vote or attempt to vote more than once in an election. It is illegal to impersonate or attempt to impersonate a voter in an election, or to apply for or cast a vote-by-mail ballot by fraudulently signing the name of a fake person, another qualified voter, or a person who is not qualified to vote.

A person who is convicted of any of these crimes could be imprisoned for up to three years.

All registered voters in California receive a vote-by-mail (VBM) ballot. Voters can mail their ballot, drop it off at a ballot drop-off location, or vote in person at a voting location.

In the November 2024 Presidential Election, about 16 million people voted in California. Almost 80%, or 13 million, voted by mail.

Prop. 39 requirements

If approved, Prop. 39 will prohibit voting by mail unless the voter designates a government-issued identification number for their voter registration. It will invalidate mail ballots if the envelope does not include the last four digits of a government-issued identification number matching the number designated in the voter's registration. Individuals voting in person must present a government-issued identification.

Besides the traditional use of a state driver's license or Social Security number, the state will be required to provide voters with a voter identification card at no cost to those who request one.

Finally, State auditors must audit state and county compliance with Prop 39 every odd-numbered year.

Further details for implementing Prop 39 would be set by the state legislature.

Voter Fraud

According to the California Budget and Policy Center, "Using a comprehensive database tracking election fraud that was created by the right-wing think tank Heritage Foundation, the Brookings Institute found across more than 200 federal elections held in recent decades, the share of fraudulent votes cast were infinitesimally small — ranging from roughly 3 to 15 votes out of 10 million in seven states with close election outcomes. The study concluded that 'isolated instances of fraud do not constitute a widespread trend' and that 'no election outcome in the US has ever been altered by ballot fraud.'"

Arguments for and opposed to Prop 39

Supporters stress that use of a Voter ID is a common-sense reform to increase trust and participation in our elections. Rather than relying on signatures which could change over time, they say that relying on government-issued ID is simpler and constant. They noted that in the last election, more than 100,000 ballots were rejected due to signature mismatches.

Opponents argue that Prop 39 imposes additional steps without improving the alleged problem. California election officials already verify voters, and they say Prop. 39 would just add extra hurdles for citizens. When Texas tried this, they threw out 12 times more mail ballots than California.

Money

There is one committee registered to collect funds to support passage of Prop 39, while six are listed as opposing it.

"Californians for Voter ID, Yes on 39" has received $15.7 million in 2026 to fund its efforts. As of Sept. 24, it had spent $3.9 million and had $12.8 million in cash for the final weeks.

The opposition committees had collected about $17.5 million this year and already expended $10.2 million. Their total remaining cash was about $8 million.

Poll status

In its latest poll of likely voters, the Public Policy Institute of California found that likely voters opposed passage of Prop 39. However, an overwhelming number of Republicans (85%) do support its passage. However, less than half, about 43%, of independents plan to vote "yes." And 80% of likely Democratic voters oppose it. In most demographic and regional groups, support is less than half with a few exceptions. Likely voters 55 or older and residents in the Central Valley and Inland Empire (57% support in both regions) were more likely to support Prop 39.

A week later, the Los Angeles Times reported that the University of California Berkeley, Institute of Governmental Studies found 52% against Prop 39 and only 39% likely to vote "yes." An NBC poll found 51% against and 42% in favor.

Prop 3 would make higher income tax rate on highest earners permanent

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

If passed, Proposition 3 will make permanent the existing 2012 voter-approved tax rates for high-income Californians. The highest-earning 2 percent of California taxpayers pay these higher rates.

These rates apply to income over $371,000 for single filers, $742,000 for joint filers, and $505,000 for heads of household (2025 levels). They are set to expire in 2031.

In 2012, voters approved Prop. 30, which authorized the higher rates for a limited time. Then, in 2016, voters approved Prop. 55 to extend these higher rates until 2030. Prop. 3 eliminates the expiration date.

Revenue collected from these taxes goes to education, with 89% going to K-12 schools and 11% to community colleges.

According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, approval of Prop. 3 will continue to provide $5 billion to $15 billion annually to the state coffers.

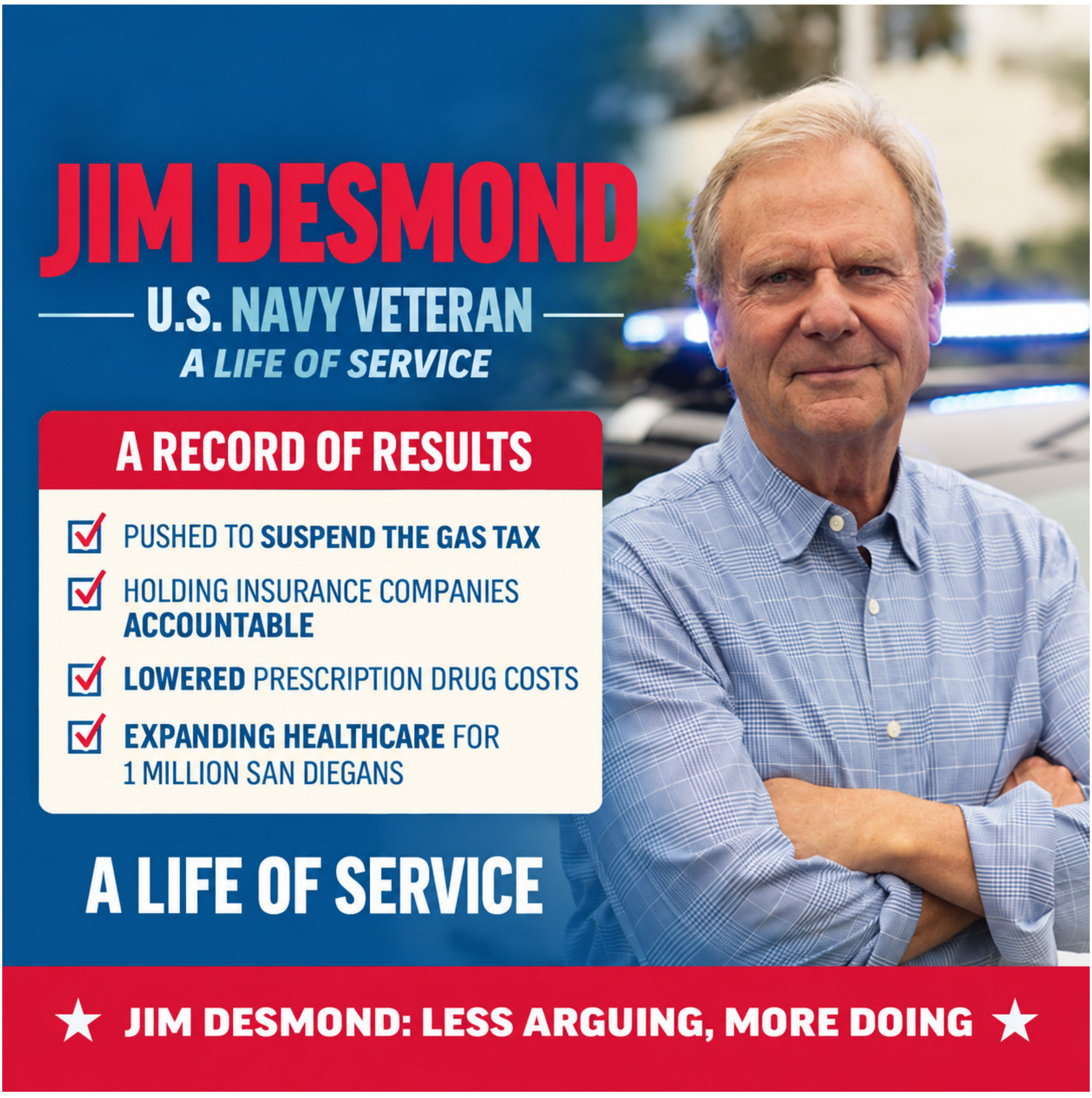
Supporters of Prop. 3 argue that this is neither a new tax nor a tax increase; it only continues current taxation provisions. They also note it helps provide funding to schools and healthcare. The California Teachers Association put this measure on the ballot. Other supporters include the California School Nurses Organization and the California State PTA.

Opponents, led by Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, argue that it was originally approved as a temporary increase, which would end. It has been extended once, and Prop. 3 would make it permanent. They argue that the State needs to cut wasteful spending rather than raising taxes.

In mid-September, when the Public Policy Institute of California released its latest poll, it found 58 percent of likely voters would vote "Yes."

"Prop. 3 garners majority support among most demographic and regional groups, but opinions are more divided among likely voters who are white (48% support), age 55 and older (46%), or reside in the Central Valley (48%)," according to the PPIC.

As of Sept. 24, the Yes on Prop. 3 Committee had expended $17.5 million and had another $23.9 million in cash. The campaign finance committee against Prop. 3 had raised and still had $5,500 as of Sept. 24.



On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

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Trail of the Acorn brings Cahuilla history to life

By David Jerome
Editor

Indigenous Peoples Day was celebrated at the Idyllwild Nature Center on Saturday, Oct. 10, as members of the Cahuilla shared their culture with locals and visitors.

Cahuilla elder Kim Marcus led bird singers and dancers in a series of songs that illustrated the stories of the people who lived in these mountains for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans. Marcus is a retired schoolteacher, and told the Town Crier he is presently involved in the effort to preserve the Cahuilla language at California Indian Nations College in Palm Desert.

As both a guardian of his culture and an educator, Marcus is always easy to follow, and although his presentations are a reminder of the genocide that devastated his own family, he is always full of wit and love for his fellow creatures, including humans.

More than one volunteer noted that Marcus seems to have become more comfortable in his role over the years. Last year attendees were asked not to photograph or record the ceremony of blessing beneath the great oak tree at the Nature Center's amphitheater. This year we were allowed to record the event, and visitors were invited to take part.

Marcus spoke of being made to learn square dancing as a child, which was foreign to him. Now he invited those gathered to "assimilate" a little into his culture. Boys were given shakers and soon were able to play along with the singers. Women were invited to sway along with the dancers. Those who stayed in their seats found that the songs quickly became familiar, and the words came easily enough that the audience was brought together in the music.

With many young Cahuilla participating in the ceremony, Marcus and fellow elder Rose Ann Hamilton spoke about being born into a world where all the elders spoke Cahuilla at home, then seeing the language and culture at the brink of extinction, and now seeing a revival. The Idyllwild Arts Academy has played its part over the last 80 years in supporting this revival.

The day also included demonstrations of acorn grinding, basket making and pictograph drawing. Marcus himself showed youngsters how to manipulate a string-and-stick drill used to drill holes through seashells.

There were samples of Cahuilla foods in the Nature Center. Wiwish, or acorn mush, to this reporter, seems a decent enough staple. One senses that a cup of that would fuel a man for quite a few miles, and that, mixed with meat or fruit, it would please the palate. One wonders why, given the productivity of the oak tree, acorns are not more commonly eaten, but they do require six months to a year of resting time to properly ripen, and must be leached in water to remove their tannins.

Other fruits and nuts from the mountain and desert offered a sense of the variety the region provided. California fan palm berries, the fruit of California's only native palm, not only make tasty snacks but also provide the rattles in the bird singers' shakers.



Cahuilla elder Kim Marcus leading Bird Singers and visitors in songs beneath the Mother Oak.

PHOTO DAVID JEROME







ILLUSTRATION BY SAM MARKUS

A Fresh Start

By Sam Markus
Correspondent

The autumn rains can be a bit sobering.

You know they're coming, yet somehow they still manage to sweep in unexpectedly, bringing a healthy dose of chaos to us mountain folks, with our homes perched on hillsides and our little business district tucked beneath the towering presence of Tahquitz.

There are hatches to batten down. Gutters to clear. Leaks to locate. Floods to prevent. Mold to confront. The whole thing can feel like an elaborate test of how well we've managed to keep the outdoors from becoming the indoors.

And yet, what a cleansing force it is.

These storms arrive without much concern for our plans or property lines, soaking through the landscape, replenishing the soil, and restoring a natural balance that has very little to do with creature comforts.

The trees drink. The creeks stir. The animals make their arrangements.

And the humans? Well, we make ours.

Rain has a peculiar way of reorganizing our priorities. Errands that seemed terribly important yesterday can wait. Outdoor projects are postponed indefinitely. We are left with little choice but to sit in front of the fire and eat soup. Perhaps stare into each other's eyes and discuss the winter to come or share the season's first ghost story.

These are difficult sacrifices, but somebody has to make them.

There's also something wonderful about the way rain changes the sound of Idyllwild.

The occasional leaf blower, barking dog, and mysterious mechanical activity of a neighbor are all swallowed by a steady, magnificent white noise. The mountain seems to lower its voice, even as the rain drums against every roof in town.

It's an odd contradiction. The storm is making a tremendous racket, yet somehow everything feels quieter.

And perhaps that's when the real work begins. With the world outside temporarily washed away, there's finally room for the quieter things we've been meaning to get around to.

Of course, eventually the rain passes. We emerge to inspect the damage, sweep away the debris, and discover which possessions were not quite as waterproof as advertised.

But we also find the mountain washed clean. The dust settled. Even familiar trees seem to have reconsidered their appearance.

Perhaps a fresh start isn't always something we have to manufacture.

Sometimes it simply falls from the sky.

A little History: Beavers and the people who love them

By David Jerome
Editor

A recent Beast Briefs item mentioned that Mountain Mike told us that Ernie Maxwell spoke to him of his effort to introduce beavers into the local high country. There does not seem to be any evidence that these animals were ever native to the San Jacinto Mountains.

Local researcher Stephen Sutton supplied the photo on page A1 from the Idyllwild Area Historical Society, and a quick dive into the Newsbank archive found several Town Crier articles about humans bringing beavers to our mountains.

The articles imply that there was more than one attempt to establish a local population of the industrious rodents.

As early as 1947, there was a mention of local furniture maker Ted Belden claiming to have seen "a beaver dam in the making" on Tahquitz Creek.

A March 9, 1949 item mentioned a meeting with a man from Thermal who was "one of the men who planted beavers in the high country several years ago." He told how no sooner than the animals were released a boy scout appeared with one in a bag, asking him to look at the "new kind of animal."

In the Aug. 13, 1949 issue Emax treated readers to an account of a recent expedition in which nine golden beavers were introduced into an area beyond Tahquitz Valley. The hope was that the creatures would build dams and "provide a series of deep pools for rainbow and golden trout."

Emax reported that the beavers came from Merced County on an all-night truck ride, and had to be frequently "watered down" to keep them cool on Devil Slide Trail.

The humans, on horseback, were led by Emax, with Bmax and Helen Bisby, a Red Cross nurse next in line. Bisby was with camera, so the photo above is likely her work. Next were Mac and Charles Lee, father and son "representing the Bureau of Game Conservation." The state trapper, Bill Pollard, was credited with catching more than 700 beavers for transplanting. "Bringing up the rear was Spencer Bisby, San Francisco Red Cross director, and friend of the Alaskan beaver colonies." Between the riders were pack mules bearing the furry cargo.

The beavers were released in two spots, and the humans tried to give them a head start with their new dams.

The Aug 14 1959 issue noted it had been 10 years since the "first high country beaver plant was accomplished" on Willow Creek. The article concluded sadly, the "Plant was unsuccessful, there was no trace of a colony two years later."

ICC Youth Soccer: Coaches Name Their Teams' "Athletes of the Week"

By Johnny Wilson
Director of ICC Programs and Recreation

Throughout the season, we ask the coaches who their "Athletes of the Week" are and why they were chosen. We want to recognize players who demonstrate both 'good sportsmanship' and 'player development'—two of the American Youth Soccer Organization's (AYSO) main philosophies. Here are some coaches' selections for "Athletes of the Week":

Coach Beth Iyaman, AFC Richmond (14U division)

"**Daniel Mejía** did a great job during Wednesday's game supporting our defenders and making several strong plays. He continues to learn, improve, and become a more confident part of the team each week.

Paizlee White really stood out with the effort and determination she brought to the game. She had been feeling discouraged at practice on Monday, but she came back Wednesday ready to give it her all. She worked hard, stayed in position, and showed a level of improvement that made me incredibly proud.

Both showed growth, effort, and determination this week, and that is why they are our 'Athletes of the Week'."

Coach Carl Dewese, Idyllwild Arsenal (10U division)

"**Charlie Dewese** is our 'Athlete of the Week' for his goalkeeping, hustle, and his continued hard play even when his team was down by a lot of goals.

We'd also like to give a shout-out to **Ruby O'Brien** for her effort and continued improvement week to week.

As a team, I'm excited about how well we are passing. Once we fix a few things that we've noticed, we're going to be tough to beat."

Coach Taylor Morgan, Grizzlies (10U division)

"Choosing just a few players is tough when the whole team was amazing!

Torin Puckett has been amazing as a goalkeeper, defending our goal from multiple angles and shots.

Pedro Lugo scored goals and brought a fantastic attitude – he excelled as both a forward and goalkeeper.

Olivia Carruth anchored the defense, saving multiple balls and fearlessly challenging players twice her size.

We are so proud of how everyone worked together as a team this week! Go Grizzlies!"

Coach Felipe Davila, Shadow Hawks (10U division)

"**Epifanio Davila used his excellent footwork to give us an early lead. Brody Beneke** is our unstoppable goalie, but watch out—he can double as a dangerous striker as well!"

Coach Hal Carey, Legends (10U division)

"Kamila Wilson had an outstanding week on offense, scoring three goals and consistently creating opportunities in the attacking end. She does a great job getting downfield, finding open space, and presenting a target for teammates to pass to. She is also developing a strong instinct for getting into position around the goal, where she is ready to receive the ball, take a shot, or make the next play.

Matthew Smith has been a strong and dependable presence at center defense. He consistently challenges attacks, clears dangerous balls, and helps keep play away from the Legends' goal. His positioning and willingness to step up to the ball have made a noticeable difference defensively."

Coach Gayle Hilgris, Howling Coyotes (6U division)

"**Kevin Freer** played a great game on defense, working hard and doing a fantastic job helping his team. **Jack Baldwin** showed off a big kick during the game, helping his team move down the field!"

Coach Beth Iyaman, Axolotls (6U division)

"The **Axolotls**' 'Athletes of the Week' are **Joshua Kaeo** and **Lionel Lugo**.

Joshua stood out this week for his willingness to step up when he is needed and step back when it is someone else's turn. He follows his coaches' direction with a smile on his face, brings a great attitude to the field, and is truly a joy to have on the team.

Lionel also had a great week. He has been paying close attention, staying involved in the play, and is always right there to assist a teammate or make a move when the opportunity comes.

We had a great game this week, and I am incredibly proud of the whole team, but **Joshua** and **Lionel** were two players who really stood out."

Great job, players and coaches! We'd also like to give some recognition to those off the field who make our league possible—our local team sponsors: Pure Bean, El Sereno, Mountain Heating & Air, Jessica McAnallen Real Estate, Adams Electric, SoCal Renovations, Speakeasy Books, Idyllwild Electric, Pharos Athletic Club, Silver Pines Lodge & Village, and Dutch Design & Landscaping. Thank you all!

RECENT SCORES
Mon. 10/05/26, 14U division: Midnight Storm 7, Purple Panthers 0.
Wed. 10/07/26, 14U division: AFC Richmond 0, Purple Panthers 5.
Thurs. 10/08/26, 10U division: Shadow Hawks 4, Legends 0.
Thurs. 10/08/26, 10U division: Grizzlies 2, Idyllwild Arsenal 1.

14U DIVISION STANDINGS (as of 10/11/2026)

TEAM	(WIN – LOSS – TIE)
1. Midnight Storm	(2 – 0 – 0)
2. Purple Panthers	(2 – 1 – 0)
3. AFC Richmond	(0 – 3 – 0)

10U DIVISION STANDINGS (as of 10/11/2026)

TEAM	(WIN – LOSS – TIE)
1. Shadow Hawks	(3 – 0 – 1)
2. Legends	(2 – 2 – 0)
3. Grizzlies	(1 – 2 – 1)
4. Idyllwild Arsenal	(1 – 3 – 0)



Idyllwild Arsenal (white/red jerseys) vs the Shadow Hawks (grey/black). Referee Administrator Paul Fetters (yellow/black) officiates the match.



Zoe Carey (#2) of the Legends attempts to dribble past defender Antonia Ziegler (green) of the Grizzlies, as goalkeeper Torin Puckett is ready to make a save.

PHOTOS BY HALLIE WILSON

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)

Beautiful apartment for lease located behind La Casita Restaurant. Large 2 Bedroom,1 bath free shared washer and dryer. Water, trash, and snow plowing included. Private parking, close to town, no dogs. $1,700 per month + security deposit. Call Jennie or Steve (951) 492-1116

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

For Rent Office/Retail

Office space/Retail, Downtown location, call Jackie: (951) 306-9769

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Handyman Services

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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HOROSCOPES

October 2026 — Week 3



March 21 – April 19

Aries, your social world gains momentum. Reconnect with allies while leaving breathing room in your calendar.



April 20 – May 20

Taurus, stalled career plans may begin moving. Take a practical step toward the progress you want.



May 21 – June 21

Gemini, think beyond familiar limits. Give a bold idea a realistic plan and room to grow.



June 22 – July 22

Cancer, allow trusted people closer. A gentle opening can help you move beyond recent emotional distance.



July 23 – August 22

Leo, relationships invite a fresh start. Make space for connection as a quieter chapter begins shifting.



August 23 – September 22

Virgo, patient effort may start showing results. Keep your approach steady and recognize small signs of progress.



September 23 – October 22

Libra, rediscover what brings you pleasure. Welcome creativity and enjoyment back into your everyday life.



October 23 – November 21

Scorpio, household matters may become clearer. Revisit a delayed plan and take one manageable step forward.



November 22 – December 21

Sagittarius, find your voice again. Share an idea that has been waiting for the right moment.



December 22 – January 19

Capricorn, refocus on stability and priorities. A patient approach helps you regain momentum around practical goals.



January 20 – February 18

Aquarius, personal momentum returns. Use what recent reflection taught you to move ahead with renewed confidence.



February 19 – March 20

Pisces, quiet insight supports a new chapter. Allow time to understand what your inner reflections reveal.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Answers to puzzles found on B6

MAGIC MAZE ● — CALL

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Unlisted clue hint: AUTOMATED TELEPHONE CALL

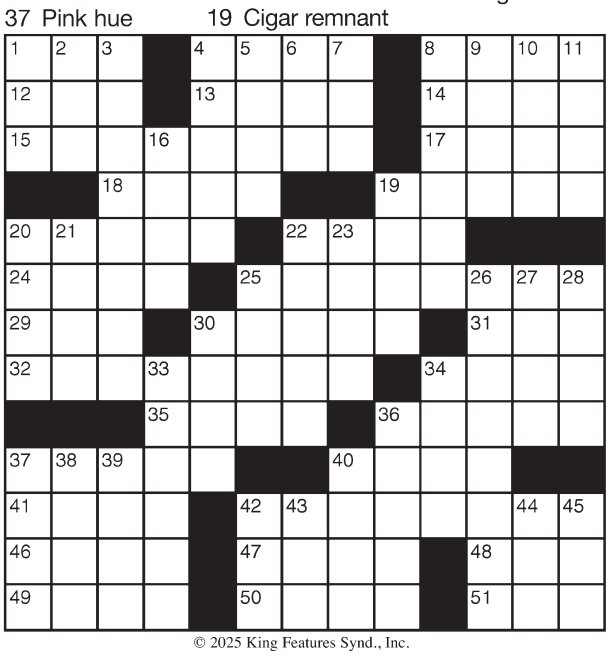
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King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Ship's sail
4 Some TVs
8 Corned beef recipe
12 Terre Haute sch.
13 Greek vowel
14 Iso-
15 Flop
17 Pop's sister
18 Coated with gold
19 Is boastful
20 Forest clearing
22 Satiate
24 Partially mine
25 Screwdriver type
29 — Lanka
30 Warning
31 Compass dir.
32 Sailing challenge
34 Wound cover
35 Breaks down
36 Piles
37 Pink hue
40 Seniors' org.
41 Each
42 Unexpected gain
46 Story
47 Shoppe descriptor
48 24 horas
49 Building wings
50 Yale students
51 Conclude

DOWN
1 Skippy rival
2 "This — stick-up!"
3 Sofia's land
4 Rummage (through)
5 Stallion-to-be
6 — standstill
7 Plopped down
8 Fireplace part
9 Water color?
10 Crooned
11 Chart toppers
16 Pot covers
19 Cigar remnant
20 "Holy cow!"
21 Entice
22 Secluded spots
23 Cooking fat
25 Move like a butterfly
26 Adventure
27 Now, in a memo
28 Society newbies
30 Missing GI
33 Curtains
34 Lowly worker
36 Devil's domain
37 Blanchett of "The Aviator"
38 Milky gem
39 Sandwich bread
40 "The King —"
42 Misery
43 Under the weather
44 Architect Maya
45 Young fellow



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Live Music

	WED 10/14	THURS 10/15	FRI 10/16	SAT 10/17	SUN 10/18	MON 10/19	TUES 10/20
CAFE AROMA 54750 N Circle Dr	Idy Arts Students 5:30pm-8:30pm	The Lily Rock Ramblers 5:30pm-8:30pm			Jac Jacaruso and Luca Jacaruso 5:30pm-8:30pm		
FERRO 25840 Cedar St							Jazz Night 6-9 pm
LEANNA'S IDYLL-AWHILE 54245 N Circle	Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm		Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm	Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm	Cole Withers 11-3 pm		
LILY'S 54905 N Circle Dr							
MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY 54301 N Circle Dr			Bryan G — James Taylor Tribute 4-7pm	In the Pocket 3-6 pm	Lily Rock Ramblers 2-5pm		
TARYN'S PLACE 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3		David Roy & Sugar Bear 7-10pm	Craic Haus 7-10pm	Dynamite Dawson 7-10pm	Elle Indigo 7-10pm	Nathan James 7-10pm	
THE PEAK RESTAURANT 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3		Kevin Kertin 5:30-7:30pm					Taco Tuesday w/ Music 5:30-7:30pm

NEWS OF RECORD

SHERIFF'S LOG
October 7–13, 2026
Grouped by location, then day and date; newest calls first.

IDYLLWILD

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
- 8:22 a.m. — Suspicious person; ADDRESS UNDEFINED; Pending dispo.
- 8:03 a.m. — Alarm call; 5400 *** BLOCK NORTH CIRCLE DR; Pending dispo.

Monday, October 12, 2026
- 8:46 p.m. — Noise complaint; 2500 *** BLOCK FERN VALLEY RD; Pending dispo.
- 7:10 p.m. — Noise complaint; 2500 *** BLOCK FERN VALLEY RD; Pending dispo.
- 6:41 a.m. — Check the welfare; 5500 *** BLOCK JOHN MUIR RD; Report taken.

Sunday, October 11, 2026
- 6:25 p.m. — Danger to self/other; ADDRESS UNDEFINED; Report taken.
- 4:02 p.m. — Man down; 5400 *** BLOCK NORTH CIRCLE DR; Pending dispo.
- 5:53 a.m. — Alarm call; 2600 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243; Pending dispo.

Saturday, October 10, 2026
- 11:12 p.m. — Alarm call; 5400 *** BLOCK NORTH CIRCLE DR; Pending dispo.
- 8:11 p.m. — Assist other department; 2600 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243; Pending dispo.
- 12:09 p.m. — Danger to self/other; 5300 *** BLOCK PINE CREST AV; Pending dispo.
- 9:59 a.m. — Unknown trouble; 5400 *** BLOCK CHIPMUNK DR; Pending dispo.

Friday, October 9, 2026
- 8:48 p.m. — Noise complaint; 2500 *** BLOCK FERN VALLEY RD; Pending dispo.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
- 9:09 p.m. — Battery; 2500 *** BLOCK TAHQUITZ RD; Pending dispo.
- 5:11 p.m. — Harrassing phone calls; ADDRESS WITHHELD; Pending dispo.
- 1:52 p.m. — Unattended death; ADDRESS WITHHELD; Report taken.

PINE COVE

Monday, October 12, 2026
- 11:27 a.m. — Check the welfare; 5200 *** BLOCK PINE COVE RD; Pending dispo.

Saturday, October 10, 2026
- 9:58 p.m. — Alarm call; 2300 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243; Pending dispo.

Friday, October 9, 2026
- 1:17 p.m. — Arson; 2500 *** BLOCK WRIGHTWOOD DR; Pending dispo.

Thursday, October 8, 2026
- 4:17 p.m. — Follow-up; ADDRESS WITHHELD; Pending dispo.

POPPET FLATS

Friday, October 9, 2026
- 10:25 p.m. — Alarm call; 4600 *** BLOCK POPPET FLATS RD; Pending dispo.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
- 1:18 p.m. — Suspicious person; ADDRESS UNDEFINED; Pending dispo.

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Sunday, October 11, 2026
- 3:46 p.m. — Emergency notification; ADDRESS WITHHELD; Pending dispo.
- 4:22 a.m. — 911 call from business; 2800 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243; Pending dispo.

Saturday, October 10, 2026
- 1:33 p.m. — Search & rescue operation; 5600 *** BLOCK E ST HWY 74; Report taken.

Friday, October 9, 2026
- 6:25 p.m. — Public disturbance; 5200 *** BLOCK STONEWOOD CANYON RD; Pending dispo.

Thursday, October 8, 2026
- 12:15 p.m. — Assist other department; 5200 *** BLOCK TEMECULA DR; Report taken.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
- 7:46 p.m. — Assist other department; ADDRESS UNDEFINED; Pending dispo.

TWIN PINES

Sunday, October 11, 2026
- 7:54 a.m. — Hazard; 4700 *** BLOCK WOODCLIFF DR; Pending dispo.

The Long View: Idyllwild for the ages

By the editor

Looking back to the beginnings of Idyllwild, we can see certain threads and tensions that have always been here. The values of a quiet, secluded community of families and retirees, and the values of a thriving tourist destination. The plans of developers and the cautions of environmentalists, or as they were known, conservationists.

In recent decades we have seen not so much new building as repurposing of existing stock. The COVID-era STR boom utilized the cabins and second homes that had historically been used a few weeks a year. The reshaping of Tahquitz Pines from a church camp to a resort added hundreds of beds to local accommodations without increasing the construction footprint.

Looking back on the causes that conservationists took up is also instructive. In the post-World War II era, the Izaak Walton League was the most visible organization that took up the cause of protecting the forest that surrounds us. They also worked to open that wilderness up for recreation, but in a selective fashion.

The Idyllwild chapter of the IWL partnered with government agencies and other local organizations to repair trails and maintain access for hikers and horse riders, replant trees where fire had occurred, build ponds along Strawberry Creek, and encourage stocking the creek with fish for angling. They debated the virtues of introducing beavers and redwoods into our ecosystem, and tried both.

The local chapter of the IWL emerged out of the meetings of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce, which had a conservation committee and a mission far beyond what such organizations usually do.

The Chamber was created as a familiar type of nonprofit for the day, the kind of organization that government officials would recognize and listen to. It could boast that it was at one point the largest in the county, largely because its membership did not consist only of businesses, and its mission went far beyond encouraging commerce. Its first big task was the construction, with volunteer labor, of the Town Hall, as a site where locals could meet, recreate, and build community.

The Chamber experienced tensions between those who joined to support local recreation and those who sought to promote tourism, and between those who wanted to keep a "dry" town and those who wanted to sell and serve alcohol. For a brief period starting in 1956 there were two Chambers, with those more aligned with Leigh Dutton's Bear Flag Festival splitting off.

Periodic droughts led many to be concerned about the ability of local water districts to provide water for new development. This played out in the pages of the Town Crier, especially in 2016.

It turns out that locals could learn to conserve water, and while we see more people around us, we see water consumption steady or even declining slightly. The wells fall in dry years and come back with rainy ones, and none of the three districts seem concerned about their long-term ability to serve their customers.

Fire has been the biggest concern here, more so in the new century. Our history is full of grand landmarks consumed by fire, and those who have lived here more than a few years have experienced multiple evacuations. The rising cost of fire insurance is a symptom of an underlying lack of planning: it was fine to develop communities in a forest without what we now call a "sustainable" strategy for keeping them safe from fire.

Meanwhile a rigid approach to wildfire across the country led to the buildup of fuel, and increasingly frequent catastrophic wildfires. We are beginning to see the fruits of a decades-long push in California to ramp up fuel reduction projects including controlled burns.

We have long heard language about "federal, state, local and tribal authorities," but we hear little from the last group. This seems to be changing. Tribes are finding ways across the state to perform cultural burns in cooperation with firefighting agencies. The Cahuilla in Anza have a Cal Fire-funded fuels crew.

The most interesting part of this is hearing tribal leaders and firefighters using the same language when speaking of the role fire plays in forest ecosystems. They also share frustration with what they see as an overly dogmatic protection structure. Yes, this land is inhabited by endangered species, but if small sections are cleared of brush or the understory is treated by fire, those creatures will move to adjacent sections and return soon to a more fertile landscape.

We must not pass lightly over the differences between the firefighters and the tribal authorities. Firefighters are fond of herbicides, which make longer lasting, greatly reducing the costs of maintenance. Native Americans, and many of the rest of us, have a different view of this and value the ability to use plants in the environment without encountering poisons.

Over a century, state and federal agencies provided fuel breaks around the mountain communities. A warming climate, drought, and air pollution weakened our conifers. Southern California Edison has removed more than 185,000 trees affected by bark beetles from Southern California mountain communities since 2003, either by hiring contractors or homeowners.

Our own Mountain Community Fire Safe Council removes many tons of dead, dying and diseased oaks attacked by the goldspotted oak borer every year.

In addition to CAL FIRE's activities, Idyllwild is protected by two agencies, the U.S. Forest Service and Idyllwild Fire Protection District, whose local leaders have fostered a spirit of cooperation. IFPD, under Chief Mark LaMont, has built up the capacity to take on landscape-scale fuel reduction projects as the state has provided avenues for funding these projects. Some of this work, like that along the highway, we see every day. Other projects we see if we take a hike. Major projects have been neglected for years, and IFPD is looking to reenter them.

The present federal administration is doing much to eliminate the environmental protections that have been put in place since the 1970s. This includes the rescission of the 2001 "Roadless Rule," which protects several areas on our mountain, one to the south of Highway 74 on the way to Valle Vista, encompassing the South Fork San Jacinto Wilderness and the Cahuilla Mountain Wilderness, and the other northeast of Highway 74 near the Santa Rosa Reservation and including Bald Mountain, Pyramid Peak and the Palm Canyon Wash.

There is an effort in Congress to codify the Roadless Rule into law, the Roadless Area Conservation Act. We see a consortium of environmental groups (including the Sierra Club, Cactus to Clouds Institute, 30x30 Power in Nature) encouraging citizens to speak to their elected representatives about the importance of preserving our wildlands, and choosing to emphasize the economic value of our wilderness to the business community that has grown up within it in this most urban of forests.

This highlights the importance of coalitions in getting anything done in a democracy. Householders, businesspeople, hunters and fishers, and conservationists formed them in the 1940s and still do today.

All signs point towards another "swing of the pendulum," as our political back-and-forth is often described. One of the smarter Democrats to have emerged in the last decade, Pete Buttigieg, has been saying that if Democrats gain the helm again, they will not be able to merely tape back together what has been broken, but will have to think long and hard about what Americans really want in the long run and how it will be paid for. Ah, if only humanity could somehow learn from experience.

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Students of the Week



NOAH BLYSTONE



JORDAN HOPPER

Mr. Brennen Priefer, our 5th grade teacher, has chosen the following students for students of the week.

Noah Blystone- He comes to school everyday with a smile and ready to create a smile on others. I appreciate his work ethic and his willingness to help others. Noah is an all around student that enjoys school.

Jordan Hopper- She is a great student who works extremely hard. She completes assignments during recess just to make sure she has them complete. She is a fantastic group member and always strives to do her best. Jordan is an example of a Mountain Lion.

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Megan Marie, here with her horse Bes, will be among those honored at Living Free's Hoedown for their efforts to rescue Idyllwild animals in danger or at risk.

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Living Free to recognize local animal rescuers at Hoedown fundraiser for local veterinary clinic

Press Release

At its Saturday, Oct. 24 Hoedown Event at The Rustic Theatre, Living Free Animal Sanctuary – California's first "no-kill" animal sanctuary – will honor Idyllwild residents who have repeatedly put their lives on hold (and sometimes at risk) to come to the aid of animals in danger. They will be presenting the rescuers with their "PAWSitive Impact Awards."

The honorees who will receive a plaque from Living Free as well as a gift from Idyllwild's own Mountain Paws are: Megan Marie, Angela Bruno, Teri Hardy, Janice Murasko-Hewitt, Lupita Marquecho, Dr. Lorraine Kassarjian, Elzbieta Machowska, Kamyron Da'Niell, Kimia Behrad, Mike Larrabure, Amber Kirkpatrick, and Rachel Newman.

"It's amazing how many real deal animal rescuers we have in Idyllwild," said Living Free executive director Sammy Busby, "and Living Free is thrilled to have the opportunity to honor them with PAWSitive Impact Awards at our Hoedown."

The Hoedown will also have food, drinks, vendors, live music from four local bands, and stand-up comedian Alice Cutler with her doggie sidekick, Freddy. All proceeds from the Hoedown event will benefit Living Free's efforts to provide an Affordable Animal Care Clinic for the Hill.

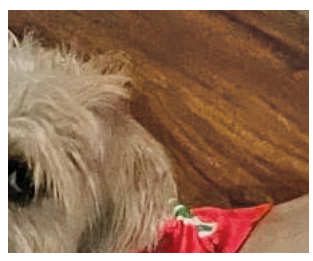
Creature Corner

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats met Georgie, the newest ARF dog.

Nelson: Well, that was a good batch of much-needed rain!
Cardi: It was wonderful, but maybe because we are in such a safe, warm, and comfortable place.
Georgie: Both cats and dogs!
Paris: So Georgie, did you stay warm and dry with your foster?
Georgie: Oh, you bet I did!
Nelson: So did I! But a home to permanently call my own would be best.
Georgie: I've heard the cats and kittens in here say the same thing.
Sequoia: Well, except for Nelson, we will all fit very nicely on a lap, and we will keep it warm!
Georgie: The great thing is, I like other dogs.
Nelson: So do I! And I like to play. Balls seem to be one of my favorites.
Tasha: You know, if a family isn't so keen on tossing a ball, a cat might be the answer. We are pretty darned good at amusing ourselves.
Sequoia: But we do like interacting with humans.
Paris: Of course! The level of play is just different.
Tiger: No one, and I mean NO ONE should be lonely with all of us here just waiting to offer love and companionship.
Nelson: Right! I hope ARF's phone rings off the hook with folks looking to make us part of the family.



KITTENS



GEORGIE



LUKA



NELSON



PARIS

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



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65 years ago – 1961

Bonnar Blong, local game manager, reported that extreme drought had caused a drastic drop in the number of coyotes, bobcats and lions in the local mountains.

60 years ago – 1966

U.S. Air Force Major Robert Krone was decorated with two awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross for action in Vietnam.

55 years ago – 1971

Forest Lumber held an open house celebrating its new building on Lower Pine Crest.

50 years ago – 1976

The Idyllwild Area Historical Society hosted a showing of a recently discovered short film shot in Idyllwild in the 1920s. It included scenic views of the local area, such as the Idyllwild Inn and other downtown businesses, the dirt road to Hemet, a miniature golf course on South Circle, old cars and men in knickers.

40 years ago – 1986

Idyllwild School third-grade teacher Doris Lombard was honored as Teacher of the Year by the Hemet Unified School District board. Her noted achievements included being the author of educational science materials used by students statewide and having organized the first Idyllwild School Science Fair.

35 years ago – 1991

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30 years ago – 1996

Author and then-Hill resident John Archambault's recently published children's book, "The Birth of a Whale," received a gold award in the 1996 National Parenting Publications Awards competition.

25 years ago – 2001

Idyllwild resident Shaunna Friemoth was crowned homecoming queen during halftime festivities at Hemet High's homecoming football game. Shaunna's mother, Tamara, was homecoming queen in 1978.

20 years ago – 2006

The directors of Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild made a public appeal for help in obtaining the land and building needed for an animal shelter to house its rescued dogs and cats until they could be adopted. ARF still had hopes of building a shelter.

15 years ago – 2011

Local Tracy Philippi, ex-Army ranger, stopped a burglary in progress and held the suspect at gunpoint until a Riverside County Sheriff's Department deputy arrived to make the arrest.

11 years ago – 2015

In four years, the Idyllwild Middle School cross-country team had grown from 10 runners to 32, said coach Lee Arnson. He and Misty Hitchcock, both volunteer coaches, had built a thriving sport in Idyllwild that few other Hemet Unified middle schools had.

10 years ago – 2016

As Pamela Jordan began her third year as president of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation, she also took on the role of head of school. Before coming to Idyllwild, she was head of school at the Chicago Academy of the Arts.

5 years ago – 2021

Sheriff Chad Bianco was responding to reporting that he had, in 2014, been a dues-paying member of the Oath Keepers. He said that he did not remember doing this, was against the January 6 breach of the Capitol, disputed characterizations of the group as an anti-government militia, and said he thought that he and the group stood by the same oath.

1 year ago – 2025

Locals were invited to a Town Hall meeting where Mountain Disaster Preparedness president Marsha Kennedy would introduce the group's new "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" strategy, emphasizing neighborhood "pods" over the shipping container Disaster Assistance Stations where residents had been told to look for help in emergencies.



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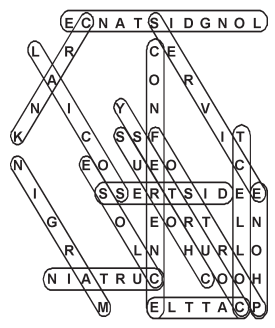
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