

Mountain Bears Democratic Club

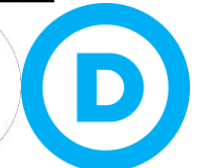
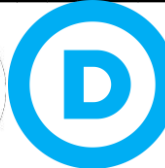
NEWSLETTER

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Mountain Bears Democratic Club was founded in 2004. We are located in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. We hope to do our part to inform and educate the public and bring newcomers to the party by registering new Democrats. The Democratic Party believes that the American Dream should be within the reach of all people. We welcome and encourage people from all walks of life to join us in discussion and debate regardless of one's political affiliations.

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NEXT MEETING

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday, October 22nd, at **6:30 pm** in the Alpine Escrow conference room in Blue Jay.

Our Club's Online Presence

Our webpage: <https://mountainbearsdemocrats.org>

Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-Bears-Democratic-Club-1464298517118574>

Community Sources of Information

Our Chamber of Commerce web page: <https://www.lakearrowheadchamber.com>

Arrowhead Lake Association web page: <https://www.ala-ca.org>

Local media:

- Mountain News newspaper: <http://www.mountain-news.com>
- Alpine Mountaineer newspaper: <https://thealpinemountaineer.com>
- Mountain Reporter digital newspaper: <http://mountainreporter.com>
- Lake Arrowhead News: <https://www.lakearrowheadnews.com>
- Lake Arrowhead 'Official Site': <http://www.lakearrowhead.com>

Sources of Legislative Information

Library of Congress: <https://www.congress.gov>

Issue Voter.org: <https://issuevoter.org/bills>

Govtrack: <https://www.govtrack.us>

California Democrats Online Presence

The party's web page: <https://www.cadem.org>

The party's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cadems>

"When I said I wanted to be an archer,
I completely missed the mark."

"I used to demonstrate laxatives,
but it took too much out of me."

National Democrats Online Presence

The national party's webpage: <https://democrats.org>

The national party's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/democrats>

Nine Ways to Help a Campaign From Afar

https://politicalcharge.org/2019/04/09/9-ways-to-help-a-campaign-from-afar/?fbclid=IwAR2LxOcsJRYhBlw5PW_WDuqcp8rzPRXRxy1XryqsTSjrwy8YqAomJE5mYWk

Health Issues

Here's a webpage for the five day allergy forecast for Lake Arrowhead:

<https://www.pollen.com/forecast/extended/pollen/92352>

Clean energy in a post-subsidy world

After decades of tax breaks, clean energy is betting it can profit without help.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=0c340620-6b95-4d49-9437-d8de69794d58 08.26.19

Walmart to End Sales of E-Cigarettes as Vaping Concerns Mount
Vaping-related lung illnesses have been on the rise, and federal and state health departments are investigating the risks.

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/20/business/walmart-vaping-e-cigarette-sales.html?campaign_id=60&instance_id=0&segment_id=17205&user_id=6519ed259c4ff742ede44fb88d37cfa1®i_id=97553500ing-news 09.23.19

In high schools, puffed-up hoodies

Camouflaged vaping devices have teachers and parents struggling to monitor a product surging in popularity.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=8f5c62e9-f44a-48b8-84a0-0194c3967673 09.23.19

India and China block e-cigarette sales

Industry's hopes for growth in Asia may falter.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=24084560-8faf-4234-bf8b-bc5da6edb10e 09.23.19

I tried to be a prison writer, but
I could never finish a sentence.

National Politics

U.S. Orders Duke and U.N.C. to Recast Tone in Mideast Studies

The Education Department has ordered Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to remake the Middle East studies program...

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/19/us/politics/anti-israel-bias-higher-education.html> 09.20.19

The Social Security Fairness Act

Two changes to Social Security from the '70s and '80s reduce the program's benefits for millions of public sector employees including teachers, police officers, and firefighters. Both provisions were enacted to prevent so-called "double dipping," or people receiving Social Security payouts from two different sources. However, over the decades, many in both parties have come to believe their cumulative accidental effect has been to unjustly lower Social Security payments to deserving recipients.

<https://govtrackinsider.com/social-security-fairness-act-would-end-two-1977-and-1983-rules-that-reduce-payments-for-millions-c992303c250> 09.22.19

BASIC Act would require governmental budget and spending estimates include interest on the national debt

A decade from now, interest on the deficit *alone* will be higher than the *entire* deficit was last year. Should this be reflected in government spending and budget estimates? <https://govtrackinsider.com/basic-act-would-require-governmental-budget-and-spending-estimates-include-interest-on-the-52f2f6309c56> 09.22.19

Why Are More Women Being Killed?

Last year, **114 women** were killed in Los Angeles County, the highest number since the beginning of the decade, according to a Times analysis of coroner and law enforcement records.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgxwDrRMvDFfHsshLqgBVFmCKgsGc> 09.22.19

The Democrats' secret weapon (an op-ed)

People will vote for a racist. They'll vote for a sexist. They'll vote for a narcissistic maniac. What they won't vote for is a punch line.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=768d98c8-a048-4f6c-a1c4-6c5c53090d3d 09.22.19

Did you hear about the dead jogger? He was always running late.

How the Impeachment Process Works

The inquiry into President Trump has the potential to reshape his presidency. Here's how impeachment works.

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/24/us/politics/impeachment-trump-explained.html?te=1&nl=evening-briefing&emc=edit_ne_20190924?campaign_id=57&instance_id=12614&segment_id=17298&user_id=6519ed259c4ff742ede44fb88d37cfa1®i_id=97553500
09.25.19

Club Stuff

- **Committee Chairpersons and Guest Speakers needed**

We are always looking for speakers who can “inform and educate the public and bring newcomers to the party”.

Contact Mickey Laws, (760) 567-6159

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CRANKSHAFT By Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers



The past, present and future walk into a bar... and ...it was tense.

Playing soon at a theater near you:
Star Wars XIX, “Luke Needs a Walker”

On the Mountain

Lake Arrowhead Area Hiking

Short synopsis of trails with a map of our area

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3798111.pdf 06.04.19

Hiking groups on our mountain

If you'd like to join the hiking group on WEDNESDAYS led by Sandy Mishodek, then e-mail Sandy for more info: sandymishodek@gmail.com

Barbara Levering leads nice slow cruiser hikes on selected MONDAYS. For more information e-mail her at: barblev6@gmail.com

San Bernardino Mountain Group of the Sierra Club

<https://www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/san-bernardino-mountains> 06.14.19

Rim of the World trail alliance

<https://rimtrails.org> 06.14.19

Not our mountain, but still...

To protect and to preserve

After years of talks, a conservation group has a \$15-million deal to buy the world's largest private holding of the world's largest trees: giant sequoias

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Closer to home, but still no on the mountain....

Judge voids SB County Supervisor Dawn Rowe's appointment

A judge has voided Dawn Rowe's [appointment to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors](#), potentially giving the governor the chance to choose a new member.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2019/09/19/judge-voids-san-bernardino-county-supervisor-dawn-rows-appointment/> 09.22.19



State Politics

Hidden battle over the state's high-profile vaccination law

In debate over SB 276, a lobby of parents emerged as a political force in Sacramento.

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On world stage, Newsom takes up torch for action

He vows to continue state's tradition as environmental leader

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=6d004c0b-5f89-49e9-bf0e-f01dc17e4651 09.24.19

Racist slurs yelled at football game

Inquiry finds visiting teens were harassed at San Clemente High

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=ea381712-9ce5-417f-8ecf-7c785a559ac7 09.24.19

Stop vaping today, state officials say

Amid a spate of lung ailments and some deaths, health experts urge people to quit until a cause is found.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=f174ad8b-e5f0-458e-8938-7319761917b8 09.25.19

EPA threatens to cut state's highway funds

Trump administration accuses California of allowing a backlog of smog-reduction plans to accumulate.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=dd9b815b-156a-4834-ab4a-03098f96c720 09.25.19

13-year-old dies after assault at middle school

Video posted online shows the boy being sucker-punched. Two students face charges.

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=d8928684-d0e6-4a54-8eea-31a95ad2a2a6 09.26.19

Where fire risk is high, insurance grows scarce

Homeowners with records unblemished by a single claim have been told their policies won't be renewed...

<https://enewspaper.latimes.com/desktop/latimes/default.aspx?edid=87026de5-32ba-4ac6-903c-7ac338f63234> 09.01.19

Everything you need to vote (California)

<https://www.vote.org/state/california> 09.03.19

County had more hate crimes in 2018

Despite a slight dip in the overall number of hate crimes reported statewide, the number of such targeted crimes in Los Angeles County increased last year, reaching its highest point in nearly a decade, according to an annual report by the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations.

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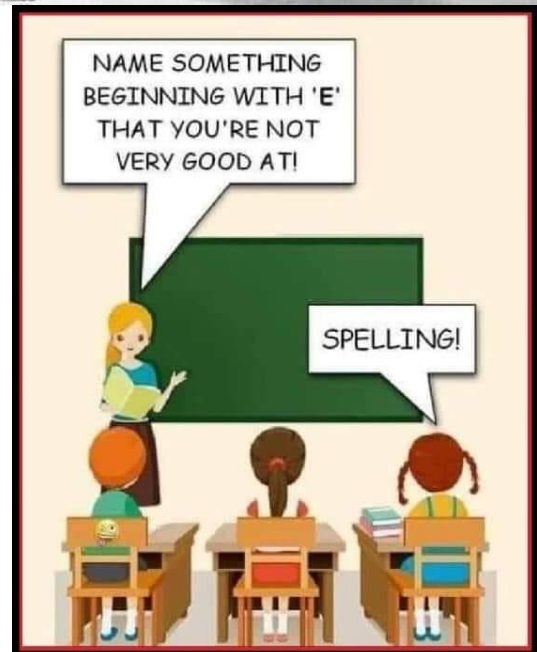
If you like maps...

...go to: <https://www.google.com/imghp?hl=en&tab=ri&authuser=0&ogbl> (google images) and type in the type of map you want to view. For example, "California Congressional Districts".

The Mountain Bears are a politically and socially active group of local democrats who want to stay informed, encourage voter turnout, and promote Democratic Party values while sponsoring or participating in community activities for the mutual well-being of all the mountain residents.



Pun Pages



I just watched my dog chase his tail for 5 minutes and thought "WOW, dogs are easily entertained." Then I realized... I just watched my dog chase his tail for 5 minutes.



If I'm telling you a story
be prepared to have 7 mini
conversations and 19 other
stories thrown into it
because I can't stay
focused.



I swallowed a dictionary this morning...

It's given me thesaurus throat I've ever had!

I tried my hand at diving, but I was a big flop.

What do you call a hippie's wife? - missis ippi

I was walking past a farm and a sign said 'Duck, eggs'.
I thought: "That's an unnecessary comma - and then it hit me."

Not only is my short-term memory horrible, but so is my short-term memory.



MY KIDS LAUGH BECAUSE THEY THINK I'M CRAZY. I LAUGH BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW IT'S HEREDITARY.

Oldtimers



A few puns make me numb, but math puns make me number.

