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TOPICS COVERED BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

PERTENANT ISSUES AND PROGRAMMING:

OVERVIEW:

Welcome to Southern California Life, where we give you a new perspective on your local news. I'm your host, Heather Dawson...

The number of Los Angeles County homes slipping toward foreclosure jumped by 108 percent in the second quarter, compared to the same period last year.

Lenders sent default notices to a record total of 21,632 homeowners in Los Angeles County in the second quarter of the year, up from last year's total of 10,393. The number of Riverside County homes slipping toward foreclosure jumped by 125 percent in the second quarter, compared to the same period last year.

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Lenders sent default notices to a total of 14,974 homeowners in Riverside County in the second quarter of the year, up from last year's second-quarter total of 6,648.

Tonight we continue our spotlight on the city of Mammoth Lakes. Home to great dining you might not expect to find in a mountain town.

Edisto gallery and tea room combines three of the best things life has to offer all under one roof; art, gourmet food, and tea. Edisto carries 60 yes sixty varieties of tea from around the world. They offer everything...red bush tea, not just your everyday tea either and if tea isn't your...well...cup of tea, Edisto features a gourmet lunch menu designed to satisfy every palette. There's something for everyone.

As you sit down to enjoy your tea and a selection from their menu which changes weekly, you get the opportunity to take in the exquisite collection of paintings, photography and fine art crafts from both local and distant artists. Elsa is the owner of Edisto and her goal is to bring together art and community.

Efforts to preserve indigenous species have long been a part of California's heritage ... leading the way, of course, are the state's universities.

UC-Irvine's own "secret Garden" really isn't a secret. It's right there, at the corner of Jamboree and Campus.

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It's all here – a stone's throw from civilization ... the plants that make our ecosystem unique ... even the animals who love them.

The Master Gardeners of Orange County are responsible for the UCI Arboretum.

Do you hate to wait at the pharmacy for prescription refills? Soon you may not have to. There's a new vending machine that could get you in and out of the drug store much faster.

In the script-center, a drug-dispensing machine, arrived at Alicia Pfingst local pharmacy, so she signed up.

Alicia Pfingst comments, "Swipe my card, my prescription drops, I am out the door in less than five minutes."

Linda Pinney (pin-nee) got the idea for the drug vending machine when she was - where else? - standing in line.

Linda Pinney comments, "60% of the population is picking up a refill, something that they've been getting month after month, year after year, and they really just want to quickly get it off the shelf."

Script-Center could be the remedy. Customers register to use the machine when they have an original prescription filled the old-fashioned way. When the customer calls for a refill, the pharmacist packages the medication and puts it in the machine. Customers enter an I-D and password, swipe a credit card and Script-Center coughs up the refill.

Linda Pinney comments, "People can come in and pick up the prescriptions as long as the store's open, even if the pharmacy's closed."

As popular as the automated machines are with customers, pharmacy researchers plan to study the safety of the technology.

Ray Smith, Pharm. D. comments, "See how patients like it, how pharmacy staff like it, if there's any difference in any problems that come up."

Customer's are not charged extra to use the machine. The automated drug dispensers are now installed in eight pharmacies in California and one in Virginia.

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