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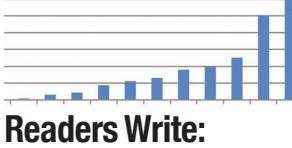
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## Harper removed as trustee of Dia Abrams' estate

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

A judge at a Palm Springs probate hearing removed Keith Harper as trustee of missing Garner Valley resident Lydia "Dia" Abrams' estate this week. The judge was responding to a motion by Abrams' adult children Clinton and Crisara, reporting that Harper was trying to sell the Bonita Vista Ranch, where he lived with Abrams before her disappearance, and where he continues to live.

Judge Russel Velasquez ruled based on declarations of Jennine Daniels, an Orange County real estate agent, and Richard Munro, the court appointed trustee for the estate. Munro's company, Invenz, describes itself in online profiles as having "developed a niche in contentious, complicated equity cases in state and federal court involving bad actors and dangerous situations where the faint of heart would not survive. We handle tough risky cases."

Munro's declaration says that Harper had made the rounds of local Mountain Center/Garner Valley realtors trying to sell the ranch. Dia's son Clinton emailed Munro, writing, "I am getting calls and texts from people telling me they are getting many calls from realtors soliciting buyers for the Bonita Vista Ranch Property ..."

One of these realtors, Daniels, said that Harper contacted her by text on Friday, Nov. 10. She called him and they discussed the property. He said the 117-acre ranch had been in the family for 16 years, and he valued it at \$5.2 million. She agreed to look at it the next day and asked a title representative at her office to find the address Harper provided. The address was incorrect: She did some online research and found Keith had written Apple Canyon Road instead of Bonita Vista Road. She texted a neighbor in Garner Valley, who explained the back story about Dia, and related that Harper was under investigation in her disappearance. It seems that this neighbor also contacted Clinton Abrams.

Daniels decided that instead of going to meet Harper herself, she would send a male agent, but when she suggested this by text, Harper stopped responding. A phone call was dropped, and a message went unanswered on Saturday, Nov. 11. A few hours later, Munro called her and identified himself as the trustee for the ranch. He explained that Harper did not have the authority to sell the property and said that she should cease correspondence with him about it.

According to David Gotfredson of CBS 8, Harper's attorney, Rob Schilling, began the hearing denying that Harper had tried to sell the property. When screen shots of the conversation between Harper and Daniels were provided to the court, he and his client "withdrew their objections" to Harper's removal from the trust. Gotfredson's story quotes the judge as saying, "My concerns are Mr. Harper's alleged efforts to hypothecate property that he has no authority to hypothecate or sell." Hypothecate means to mortgage or pledge as collateral.

Harper has shown an entrepreneurial spirit and a talent for imaginative marketing, from his "Outlaw River & Jeep Tours," in Colorado, (which also provided snow mobile tours), to his recent attempt to rebrand the Bonita Vista Ranch, now known as "Cali's Great Escapes," as a wedding and event venue. It has been reported that he has poured concrete slabs for RV hookups on the ranch. He may be seeking new lodgings soon; eviction is one course now open to the court appointed trustee.

Dia was last seen, by Harper, on June 6, 2020. Harper claimed to be her fiancé, and revealed, to the surprise of Abrams' children, that Dia had transferred her real es-

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St. Hugh's Episcopal Church held a chili cookoff Sunday, 12, at the church. Winners were, from left, Diana Kurr, third place; Lou Padula, second place; Juanita Brook, first place; James Sales, fire breather chili; Janine Koeneke, most creative chili; and Mary Knab, best overall chili.

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## Charges dismissed against Solis; released after nearly seven months in jail

By BECKY CLARK  
EDITOR

Luis Solis Delgado, 45, of Idyllwild, had his case dismissed Monday, Nov. 13, and all charges dropped. He was released from the Southwest Detention Center where he had been housed since April 27 on \$5 million bail.

He had been charged with eight felony sex charges involving two minor female children beginning in August 2015 and ending Wednesday, April 26, 2023, the day before he was arrested. He pleaded not guilty to all eight felony charges. He faced life imprisonment if found guilty.

"We were unable to proceed due to an inability to locate key witnesses," said Riverside County District Attorney's Office Public Information Officer Brooke Beare. "This led to the case being dismissed, although it continues to be under investigation."

## Fire chief receives favorable review from commissioners

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, Nov. 17 with commissioners Stephanie Yost and Dennis Fogle absent. On the agenda for the closed session following the public session was the performance evaluation of Chief Mark LaMont. Following the evaluation, Commissioner Henry Sawicki reported that the evaluation was "very favorable."

The open session began with Commissioner Rhonda Andrewson reading one of two letters to the board offering praise of LaMont: one from Salvador Reyes, acting fire chief of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF), and the other from Jim Snow, district fire management officer for the San Jacinto Ranger District of the SBNF.

Both letters focused on the cooperation between agencies, the "relationship" or "partnership." Snow said that the need is to maintain and strengthen current fuels reduction projects more than to create new ones, although he also highlighted IFPD's role in the 25,000-acre Thomas Mountain project.

Reyes' letter spoke of LaMont's "dedication to learning the nuances of IMT [Incident Management Team] usage and deployment on complex incidents in various leadership roles," and his "comprehensive understanding of the importance of mutually beneficial local agreements between the IFPD and the BDF" [San Bernardino National Forest]. Specifically, he underlined that LaMont has the "wherewithal to make essential financial decisions on behalf of the department" during cost share agreement conversations.

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# Tardy discusses reliability of weather forecasts: What is long-range?

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Warning Coordination Meteorologist Alex Tardy at the San Diego office of the National Weather Service (NWS) was in Idyllwild last week. As Mike Feyder, Mountain Disaster Preparedness (MDP) president, said Tardy is a friend of MDP and has spoken in Idyllwild several times beginning in 2015 and last appearing here a year ago.

"He's here to give us a heads up on what to look for this winter and how we should prepare," Feyder said in his introduction of Tardy.

During the evening, Tardy discussed last week's rain, the 2023-24 winter weather and weather forecasting in general.

Tardy began with a comparison of his work to MDP: "We are involved in preparedness, warning, actions and mitigations."

Prior to departing for Idyllwild, Tardy had posted online a discussion of Wednesday night's rain and a forecast for the weekend precipitation. He noted that the NWS's original forecast for the Wednesday rain was between .7 and 1 inch on the Hill communities.

The actual amount varied around the Hill. To the north, Poppet Flats received 1.08 inches of rain and Vista Grande was close at 0.94 inches. Dutch Flats had 0.87 inches and Idyllwild Fire Station recorded 0.84 inches. Further south, Keenwild Ranger Station got 0.73 inches and 0.55 inches fell in Anza.

The weekend rain forecast was for more rain, but less than a quarter of an inch. Sunday morning, NWS reported rainfall on the Hill ranged from 0.16 of an inch at Vista Grande, 0.13 inches at Dutch Flats, 0.08 inches at both Idyllwild Fire Department and Keenwild Ranger Station.

He expected temperatures to rise with mild Santa Ana winds Monday and Tuesday.

"We can predict well in six to 10 days pretty accurately," Tardy said with pride, then lamented that, "Forecasting beyond 10 days is almost impossible. Largely because the storms don't exist on the horizon."

To emphasize his point, Tardy noted that during his presentation last year, he discussed the drought that was in year three and the general winter conditions but there was no mention of a mega snowstorm at the end of February or a hurricane (Hillary) in August. These two events were unseen until much closer to their origin.

Long-term weather forecasters rely on historical records and recent trends. But the specificity of the forecast depends on the conditions in the present.

One of the most important variables is the temperature of the oceans, which then affects the atmosphere. Wind and pressure patterns change. This can alter the jet stream, further north or south, and how much ocean moisture it can transport over land. Thus, this redistribution of heat and energy from the ocean affects the weather.

When the eastern Pacific Ocean around the equator warms significantly, this phenomenon is called El Niño. And when those waters cool significantly, it is described as a La Niña.

El Niño conditions typically, but not always, generate wetter winters in Southern California. Both the winters of 1982-83 and 1997-98 were El Niño periods and produced the two wettest winters. La Niña conditions typically create the opposite weather patterns, dryness.

But these historic patterns are always good indicators of what will happen to weather conditions in any specific year. For example, the winter of 2015 was a super El Niño, "but Southern California missed every storm that year. It was the strongest El Niño on record but one of the driest years in Southern California," Tardy related.

The winter of 2023 was another good example of actual weather contradicting the La Niña mold.

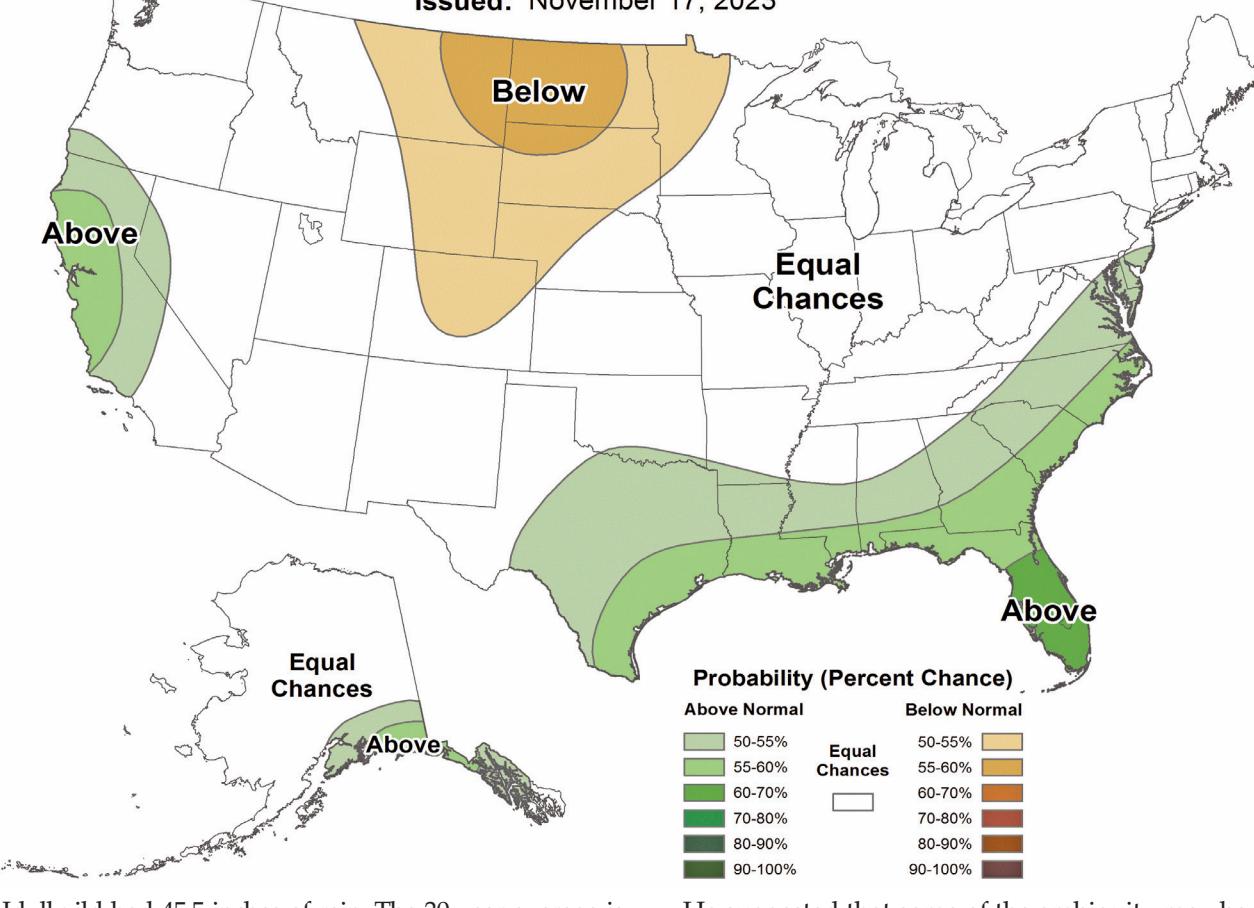
La Niña ocean conditions existed, California was in the third year of a drought. Today, the state is essentially drought free because last winter was one of the wettest ever. In the 2022-23 rain year (from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30),



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Idyllwild had 45.5 inches of rain. The 30-year average is 24.5 inches.

"It was the fourth wettest year. It was two winters in one," Tardy said.

This past summer was one of the hottest ever, especially in the desert communities, as El Niño formed. But in August, Hurricane Hillary developed and dropped a bucket of rain over the Hill and in the desert, where some areas are still recovering.

"Over the past several years, we've had La Niñas that are really dry and La Niñas that are really wet. We've had a little of everything. El Niños have been the same, some wet and some dry," Tardy stressed. "But we're going into an El Niño."

Just two weeks ago, NWS's Climate Prediction Center reported, "Based on latest forecasts, there is a greater than 55% chance of at least a 'strong' El Niño ... persisting through January-March 2024. There is a 35% chance of this event becoming 'historically strong' for the November-January season ... In summary, El Niño is anticipated to continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring with a 62% chance during April-June 2024."

Given the projection of an El Niño pattern this winter, what should we expect? Tardy again stressed the difficulty of long-range weather predictions. "After Thanksgiving, which should be warmer than normal, we're getting all sorts of signals." There is a potential for a cold storm, "but we don't know if it will go to Southern California, Salt Lake City or further north," Tardy added. "The models keep changing."

Which is another important fact about long-range forecasts. Meteorologists have nearly a dozen models to forecast future weather based on past conditions and results. But multiple models can generate different outcomes because they use different variables or give them different weight.

For example, Tardy showed a slide with December's forecast from 11 different models. Most predict above-average precipitation next month, but not all of them, in particular the NASA model prediction is for a dry month, maybe very dry.

He suggested that some of the ambiguity may be if the period is separated into the individual months from December to February. Those forecast a wet, perhaps very wet, December and January, while February may be dry with little precipitation, which will return some in March.

Meteorologist Dr. Daniel Swain, climate scientist at the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at the University of California, Los Angeles, has offered similar thoughts about the approaching winter. "The clearest prediction is for a wet winter. Temperatures should be warmer than average for winter overall. But there is a modest but noticeable tilt in odds of more precipitation. So most likely a warm and wet winter; the next likely is for an average winter."

So as of Nov. 16, the NWS service forecast for this winter is a wet and warm winter period. However, Tardy and Swain both emphasize that these forecasts are simply the odds of a difference from average so their "confidence level is not high."

For example, the NWS forecast for Southern California is a 40% to 50% chance it will be wetter than average. However, that also means there is a combined 60% chance that it will be drier than average or just average.

While weather forecasting has changed and improved since the "Farmer's Almanac," Tardy feels the long-term forecasts have not significantly improved in 30 years.

But that may be changing. In a "Science" article published Nov. 14, it was reported that Artificial Intelligence is quickly becoming a faster and better weather forecaster.

According to the author, Paul Voosen, "Artificial intelligence (AI) is now spurring another revolution within numerical weather prediction, as the field is known. In mere minutes on cheap desktop computers, trained AI systems can now make 10-day forecasts that are as good as the best traditional models — and in some cases even better. The world's top weather agency, the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, has embraced the technology: Last month it began to generate its own experimental AI forecasts."

## What is MDP and how you can help

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Thursday, Nov. 16, Mountain Disaster Preparedness (MDP) asked Alex Tardy of the National Weather Service's San Diego office to discuss the forecast for the coming winter. Tardy has been a frequent guest of MDP.

Before Tardy began, MDP President Mike Feyder briefly discussed the role of MDP that has been serving Hill residents and visitors since 1986. The founders recognized there was limited access to and from Idyllwild (only three main roads) if an emergency, such as an earthquake, were to occur. If even one roadway were closed, life would become more complicated. And as recently as February 2019, two roads were closed for significant time periods.

While there are several first responder units on the Hill — Idyllwild Fire Department (IFD) and two Cal Fire stations — if an emergency, such as wildfire, were to occur near Idyllwild, first responders would be occupied dealing with the situation. Residents and visitors would need access to information more quickly, thus the creation of MDP

and WNKI radio station.

That is the purpose of MDP. It gets information directly from IFD or the County Emergency Management Department.

With its donations, MDP has created nine disaster stations on the Hill, from Pine Cove to Mountain Center. It has teams to help with emergencies, including medical professionals.

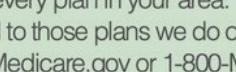
Another area it sponsors is the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). These volunteers — as are all MDP workers — are trained to care for themselves, family, neighbors, friends and the community while the first responders are combating the emergency. Through formal classroom training, they learn basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, teamwork and first aid.

Feyder noted that the number of trained CERT individuals has declined in recent years, despite just finishing another class. He asked that if anyone is interested, to contact him directly at (310) 251-2926 or MDP via its website at [mdp.idyllwild.org/about-us/contact-us/](http://mdp.idyllwild.org/about-us/contact-us/).

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52/31

Partly Cloudy

Saturday 11/25

51/28

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Idyllwild this year

Date High Low P S

11/13 64 34 0.00 0.0

11/14 68 31 0.00 0.0

11/15 61 40 0.06 0.0

11/16 61 37 0.78 0.0

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11/18 53 41 0.07 0.0

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Idyllwild last year

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11/19 57 35 0.00 0.0

The Town Crier's Idyllwild daily high and low temperatures and rain and snow totals in the past were taken directly from the National Weather Service website, which gets its Idyllwild weather information from auto-

matic weather sensing equipment at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. [We are seeking reliable Idyllwild and Pine Cove full-time residents to provide this information. Residents who follow CoCoRaHS procedures would be strongly preferred. CoCoRaHS is an organization of private, amateur weather observers that provides carefully collected data for use by the NWS. If you are interested in providing us with rain and snow reports, please contact [jack@towncrier.com](mailto:jack@towncrier.com) or (951) 659-2145.]

Our weather season is July 1 to June 30. Our season totals now have been corrected for the period July 1 through September 17, 2018, which prior to this issue of the TC had been in error. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at [www.idyllwild-towncrier.com](http://www.idyllwild-towncrier.com) or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



A clear day near Idyllwild Monday afternoon with temperatures in the mid-50s.

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## Benoit unveils county audit plan for next year

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

At the Riverside County Board of Supervisors' Nov. 7 meeting, Auditor-Controller Ben J. Benoit unveiled the fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 audit plan.

"Today's audit plan is a marked departure from our previous plans," Benoit told the board at the beginning of his brief presentation.

"This one was created by using a countywide risk assessment performed by our department," he explained. His staff went to many critical parts of the county. They asked them, "What risks did they see in their department and in others?"

The team listened to board meetings and public comments, reviewed civil grand jury reports and evaluated their prior reports, he added. "... Their input was critical, and it helped us identify the risk areas that we need to focus on," Benoit said in his news release.

The plan constitutes the schedule of audits and other direct audit activities, which are designed to meet the objective of providing timely and comprehensive audit coverage.

The countywide risk assessment was used to set the 2023-24 priorities and, the associated allocation of audit resources for the next two fiscal years. This assessment helped identify risks associated with general county operations, how these risks impact the achievement of organizational objectives, and how respective risks are mitigated, according to the auditor's release.

The FY 2023-24 plan contains a total of 62 audit projects. There will be 22 mandated audit projects, such as Child Support Services, District Attorney, Planning and 19 others; and 35 follow-up audit projects, such as Code Enforcement, Planning, two about Animal Services and another 31 follow-up audits. Also, four quarterly verifications of assets county treasury holds, and one procurement card monitoring report are planned for FY 2023-24.

During the preparation of next year's plan, the assessment team identified issues and processes to be reviewed and explored more thoroughly during the

conduct of the next set of audits. The team specifically identified the following risk themes:

- Accounting practices and compliance with Standard Practice Manuals published by the Auditor-Controller's Office
- Riverside County board policy and county ordinance compliance
- Payroll and Human Resources policies compliance and practices
- Contract and vendor management
- Asset and equipment management
- Grant management and compliance
- Compliance with laws and regulations – specific laws and regulations impacting respective county departments' operations.
- Service delivery by county departments
- Network security and application controls; this also includes physical security of restricted areas.

In the 2022-23 FY, 54 audits were completed, of which 23 were mandated and 27 were follow-up.

Also, the auditor-controller's report mentioned that new forms of monitoring reports would be used this year. Some of these reports will be provided through a board agenda item and others, depending on the sensitivity, will be provided directly to board members and county management.

Also, some changes were initiated in January after Benoit took office following his election as auditor-controller in the November 2022 election.

The Report to the Board stated, "This adjustment was made to give time for the new administration to establish a new tone in communication with all county departments. As a result of the adjustment, the audit project and monitoring reports removed from the audit plan was a follow-up audit of the Sheriff Department, the Overtime Monitoring Report, and the procurement card monitoring report."

It continued, "The follow-up of the Sheriff Department will be conducted in Fiscal Year 2023/24, the Overtime Monitoring Report will no longer be issued or be part of the audit plan, and the procurement card monitoring report is part of the Fiscal Year 2023/24 audit plan."

## IWD awards students for water posters/essays

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

The Idyllwild Water District (IWD) Board of Directors met Wednesday, Nov. 15, for short but joyous session. Director Steve Kunkle was absent.

The room was unusually animated, as parents and children attended to hear the board recognize winners of IWD's Idyllwild School Water Scholarship contest. Prizes were awarded for posters and essays encouraging water conservation.

First place winners received \$450, and second place \$300. The essay winners were two seventh graders, Alana Cavaletta, first place, and Lernon Aramburo, second. The poster winners were ninth grader Elizabeth Flores, first place, and seventh grader Scarlet Nowlin, second. (See page B6)

Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman was on vacation, so the financial report for October will be considered next month.

General Manager (GM) Leo Havener's report was brief as he had lost his voice. Water production was slightly above average, as was wastewater, both signs of an unusual amount of groundwater. The board was happy to hear that water loss in October was 2%, a low figure Havener attributed partly to the repair of a leak at Foster Lake well #4. He noted that the repair of the roof at the wastewater treatment plant, damaged by tropical storm Hilary, was completed. Photos show the new metal roof in place. He thanked the board for authorizing this work on an emergency basis at the last meeting.

Havener continues to do work requested by the board to develop a more data-driven water policy, the triggers for conservation levels. The district is "in the queue for videos of the wells." The lack of detailed assays for the wells has been a sore point in past meetings and an obstacle to meaningful discussion.

The GM has met with two local builders to discuss the repair of the long-unusable, water-damaged lower office building. Sean Townsend and Buddy Beagle are both discussing the work required, which extends to the foundation. Director

Steve Olson said the board will be able to talk about the issue more next month.

Director Peter Szabadi requested updates on a number of ongoing tasks. He asked for the status of the Strawberry agreement, a land deal that has been discussed in closed sessions and that relates to the Strawberry Creek groundwater catchment. Legal Counsel Ryan Guiboa, participating by Zoom, said there were no obstacles; the final documents and exhibits are complete and ready for signatures. "We should certainly have this executed within the next couple of weeks."

Another land deal Szabadi asked about was the "status of the lot split for the sewer plant." Havener said this is all done, waiting for the county to sign off. Also regarding the sewer plant project, Szabadi asked if the experts had done the necessary geologic testing. Havener said the firm had been up here to evaluate how and where the tests will be performed, but have not scheduled the actual work yet. As to the status of the initial 30% of engineering necessary for grant applications, and quoted in August as requiring four more months, Havener did not have an update. Szabadi asked him to "remind them of the obligations that they have."

During public comments, Steve Moulton brought up the irregularity of billing from SCE for electricity. As Olson put it, "We pay it when we get billed." There is no pattern to that billing and this makes monthly financial statements more difficult to understand. For now, this remains an unsolved mystery. President Charles Schelly vowed to "continue to try to get it billed more regularly, but we've been frustrated in the past."

Member of the public, and candidate for the open board seat, Mitch Davis, asked about hydrants that are out of service – one at Cedar and River and another on Oakwood have been dry for at least a month, he said. Havener noted that crews did a lot of maintenance on hydrants early in the year, and promised to find out if those hydrants were awaiting parts.

Havener will be on vacation Nov. 27 to Dec. 8. The next board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 20.

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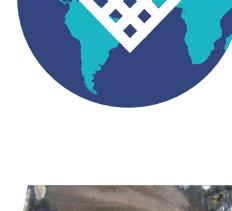
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We want to vote for FWWD directors



DEAR EDITOR:

We have lived in Fern Valley since November 1987. When we moved here we were told that Fern Valley Water District is a land-owner voter, state special district.

Any changes to the board that represents the homeowners, not the district, requires a vote.

We have not been allowed to vote for our representatives for over 15 years. We vote they do not appoint the directors for the board.

DANNY AND COLLEEN McDONALD  
IDYLLWILD

Supervisors' want Idyllwild to have the most STRs

DEAR EDITOR:

We citizens of Idyllwild, typically peaceful and non-combative, have repeatedly asked the board of supervisors to step up and protect us against the unfettered greed of the short-term rental (STR) business, which runs at our expense — runs at the expense of our treasured residential neighborhoods, otherwise known as home. We have to put up with weekend renters who blast amplified music, yell and scream late at night, generate outdoor fires with live embers, pack too many people into homes, and cause driveways and streets to be blocked and congested. It's a plague on R-1.

Most cities and municipalities all over these United States are limiting or eliminating STRs in R-1 neighborhoods. But, not our supervisors, who advocate for 500 STRs (more than we have already), which amounts to an exorbitant 14% of our housing stock.

For example, in Rancho Mirage and Temecula, all STRs are banned; in Mammoth and South Lake Tahoe, STRs are banned in R-1 neighborhoods; in Cathedral City (0.6%) and Palm Desert (2.62%), only hosted STRs are permitted in R-1; in Murrieta only 300 are allowed in

the entire city which equates to 0.84%; Indio and Coachella have about 2%; Desert Hot Springs is taking action to cap STRs at 4%; even Palm Springs, with a generous quota for STRs, has only 8%, which is really 4% as they can only be rented 26 times per year (half of the year); La Quinta is not renewing any STRs in R-1 zones; Yucca Valley is taking action to reduce STRs to 10%.

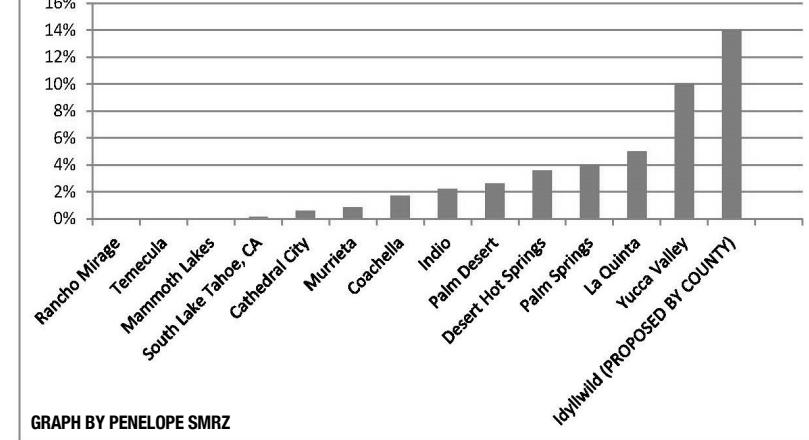
And, now our supervisors want to increase our STRs TO 14% — the highest, by far, in any city or community of Riverside County, despite that we are in a very high fire area. Why? Transient Occupancy Tax and the STR lobby.

Our community, during sessions arranged at Town Hall by our current Supervisor Perez, voted for a 10% cap (about 350 STRs) and a density limit of 300 feet.

The proposed 927.2 has yet to be voted on. It has been put off several times and now has been delayed until Nov. 28, 2023, so that more changes can be made at the instruction of the supervisors — most likely loosening of restrictions. Why not change the proposed 927.2 to reflect our community's negotiated mutual compromise? Why push it up so high, when no one who lives here wants that?

Besides R-1 disruption and increased risk of fire, another point is that tourism, which attracts STRs, cannot prosper without workers, who in turn, need local housing. Mammoth Lakes is having the same trouble, so acutely, that last month it decided to halt STRs in a

Town	Actual %
Rancho Mirage	0%
Temecula	0%
Mammoth Lakes	0%
South Lake Tahoe, CA	0.15%
Cathedral City	0.6%
Murrieta	0.84%
Coachella	1.70%
Indio	2.20%
Palm Desert	2.62%
Desert Hot Springs	3.57%
Palm Springs	4%
La Quinta	5%
Yucca Valley	10%
Idyllwild (PROPOSED BY COUNTY)	14%



## IFPD

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The chief's willingness to respond when needed has led Reyes to propose a uniquely defined Partnership Agreement with IFPD, with funding starting at \$200,000 to repay the district for resources used in fuels reduction and fire response. He went on to say that LaMont and IFPD are among "the very small number of municipal fire departments ... that we have confidence in to be able to operate safely and effectively in the high consequence environment of wildland fire."

As a postscript to the letter, Snow added that the ranger district is currently hiring. La Mont pointed out, in his report of an Oct. 26 meeting with state Senator Kelly Seyarto, that the SBNF fire service staffing currently has a 56% vacancy rate. During the meeting he said the USFS fire service is 68% staffed. This he attributes to "the archaic pay structure (GS) of the federal government. "This is a national issue that impacts California in particular." LaMont has said the pay and benefits for IFPD employees are designed to keep the department fully staffed.

Since this is the last meeting of 2023, the Chief's Report had elements of being an annual summary, and the chief used the report to lay out a number of his key priorities. The first page laid out the staff. Under the chief, there are two administrative employees, and then 13 firefighters; four battalion chiefs and three "shifts," each with a captain, engineer and firefighter. The table also points out that each of these members also has special assignments: vehicle maintenance, medical supplies, wildland training, safety officer, etc. Battalion chief duties include items like annual budget development, tracking incident response times, ambulance bill-

ing, grant writing, inspections, etc. This "wearing of many hats" permeates the organization: Executive Assistant Rachel Teeguarden has recently been certified as an emergency medical technician and may administer first aid for "walk-in" emergencies now.

The report detailed vehicle acquisitions since 2019: 10 vehicles, three of which were acquired at no cost. The total cost, cash and financed, was listed as \$1,033,500. Teeguarden told of a visit from a fire chief from an urban district. He was surprised by the variety of vehicles for a "single house" department. IFPD has the ladder truck and pump vehicles urban departments have, and four ambulances, but also has a stable of trucks for wildland fires, some of which can handle "two track" access roads. LaMont called IFPD a "one stop shop" that "has to do it all. It is a costly endeavor."

The report lists accomplishments that have been reported before: the 97% compliance on home abatement inspections, the progress on the new Bear Trap fuels project, and community CPR classes (five for USFS; two for local tree companies; two for local camp employees; and two community classes, with one more planned before year-end.) Fifteen Mutual Aid calls were listed, with at least one more since the report was drafted. The Mutual Aid calls added up to \$2,130,000 which the department has invoiced, well above last year's \$1,353,000. The report also enumerates \$120,000 in grants received, and lists a number of applications still pending.

Average incident response times was reported as 3.15 minutes for medical aid and 4.08 for fire; ambulances are faster than fire trucks.

In response to questions from the Crier, LaMont provided an explanation of the dispatch process and some history. When he first came to Idyllwild Fire in 1999, firefighters received training on dis-

patch four times a year; Idyllwild Fire acted as its own dispatcher, a capability it still has. At that time, the volume of calls was around 450 a year, less than a third the current. In 2002, the department entered into a contract with Riverside County to include IFPD in the 911 system. At first locals were reluctant to use 911, but by 2010 they had generally accepted it.

But the chief still asks locals to call 911 first, and then also call 951-659-2153; sometimes IFPD is able to arrive at the scene before the call goes through the dispatch process. Cellphone 911 calls in the area go to the California Highway Patrol first. Those calls outside CHP's area of expertise are then sent to Riverside Sheriff's Public Safety Answering Point and from there triaged to other agencies like Cal Fire, which in turn contacts the responsible agency.

Among the action items on the agenda was a proposal for bonuses for IFPD employees. This was approved. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9.

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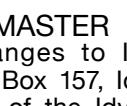
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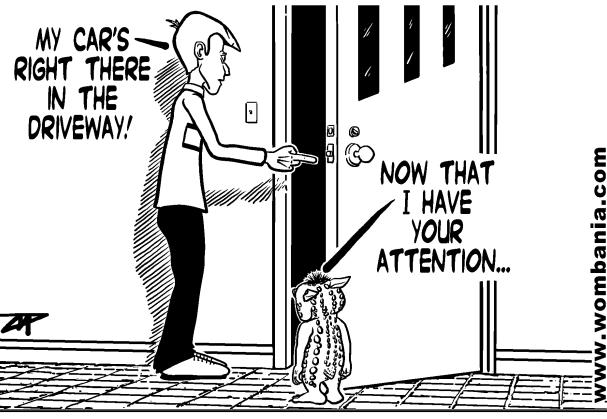
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## Wednesday, Nov. 22

- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

## Thursday, Nov. 23

- AA discussion & birthdays, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Free Thanksgiving dinner, 1-3 p.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.

## Friday, Nov. 24

- Idy A's (AA, NA, Alanon, CODA, etc.), noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat. Call 951-659-2523 for Zoom info.

## Saturday, Nov. 25

- Healing Rooms, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
- AA, discussion, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Dog Park Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. Rick Barker Dog Park, 26375 Hwy. 243.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 4-5 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- AA happy hour & birthdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Behind Idyllwild Water District, 54255 Pine Crest Ave. (bring chair)

## Sunday, Nov. 26

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist

## Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.

- AA, discussion, noon, Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Mixed Nuts, 5:30-7 p.m., Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

## Monday, Nov. 27

- Day of Mindfulness, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Codependents Anon, 6 p.m. Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.

## Tuesday, Nov. 28

- Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 9:30 a.m. Board Chambers, 4080 Lemon St., First Floor, Riverside.
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Tai Chi for Seniors, 10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Lovingkindness Medita-

## tion Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

## Wednesday, Nov. 29

- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Grief Support Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

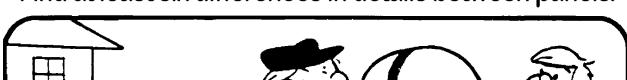
- Philosophy Discussion Club, 5 p.m. in the Spirit Mountain Retreat Hill House, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 6 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge, 25955 Cedar St.

## Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr.,

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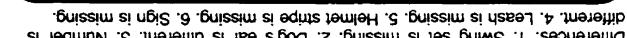
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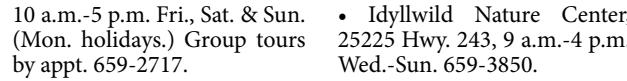
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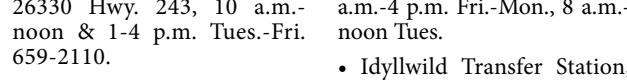
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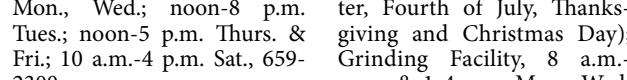
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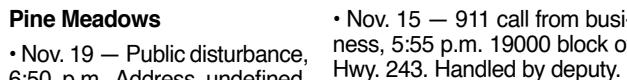
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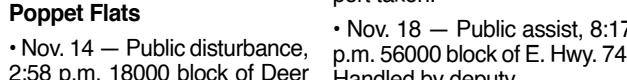
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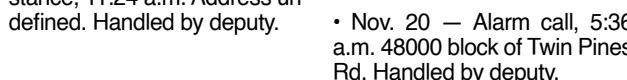
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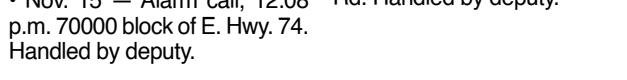
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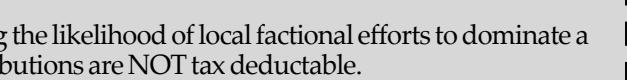
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## NEWS OF RECORD

## Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Sunday to Saturday, Nov. 12 to 18.

- Nov. 12 — EMS, transport. Palomar Rd.
- Nov. 12 — EMS, treat & release. Dome Ln./Double View Dr.
- Nov. 13 — EMS. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- Nov. 13 — EMS, transport. Circle Dr.
- Nov. 14 — Canceled on scene. Lamb Canyon.
- Nov. 14 — EMS. Hwy. 74.
- Nov. 14 — EMS. Strawberry Valley Dr.
- Nov. 14 — Medical, assist EMS crew. Circle Dr.
- Nov. 15 — Walk-in EMS.
- Nov. 15 — EMS, transport. Delano Rd.
- Nov. 15 — EMS, transport. Hwy. 243.
- Nov. 15 — Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire. Location unknown.
- Nov. 16 — EMS, transport. Circle Dr.
- Nov. 16 — EMS, treat & release. Glen Rd.
- Nov. 17 — EMS, treat & release. Delano Rd.
- Nov. 18 — EMS, transport. Pine Crest Ave.
- Nov. 18 — EMS, transport. Village Center Dr.

## a.m. 24000 block of Pioneer Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Nov. 18 — Lost hiker, 8:18 a.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Unfounded.

## Nov. 18 — Alarm call, 11:50 a.m. 54000 block of Tahquitz View Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Nov. 19 — Alarm call, 1:01 a.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

## Nov. 19 — Prowler, 5:20 a.m. 54000 block of Falling Leaf Dr. Unfounded.

- Nov. 19 — Alarm call, 12:28 p.m. 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

## Nov. 19 — Public assist, 8:05 p.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Nov. 19 — Alarm call, 9:09 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

## Nov. 15 — 911 call, 6:18 p.m. 25000 block of Upper Indian Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Nov. 15 — Assist other department, 11:45 p.m. 26000 block of Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.

## Nov. 16 — Alarm call, 6:18 a.m. 54000 Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Nov. 17 — Alarm call, 4:14 a.m. 24000 block of Pioneer Rd. Handled by deputy.

## Nov. 17 — Embezzlement, 1:47 p.m. 54000 block of Ridgeway Dr. Unfounded.

- Nov. 17 — Alarm call, 2:22 p.m. 25000 block of Palomar Rd. Handled by deputy.

## Nov. 17 — Suspicious person, 3:46 p.m. 26000 block of Crestview Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Nov. 18 — Alarm call, 4:08 p.m. 25000 block of Big Pine St. Handled by deputy.

## Nov. 14 — Alarm call, 1:52 p.m. 53000 block of Overlook Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Nov. 14 — Barking dog, 7:02 p.m. 52000 block of Laurel Trl. Handled by deputy.

## Nov. 15 — 911 call from business, 10:50 p.m. 52000 block of Cedar Crest Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Nov. 19 — Barking dog, 6:02 p.m. 52000 block of Laurel Trl. Handled by deputy.

## Nov. 19 — Barking dog, 7:28 p.m. 52000 block of Laurel Trl. Handled by deputy.

- Nov. 20 — Suspicious person, 12:27 a.m. 24000 block of Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.

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**Abrams***Continued from A1*

tate into a new trust just weeks before her disappearance, naming him and a neighbor, Diana Federer, as trustees. The Palm Springs attorney who drafted that trust, Dennis Healey, has since died.

Harper sparred with Abram's children in court over the trust, and has continued to live on and manage the property. In December 2022, another woman, ranch hand Jodi Newkirk, was found dead on the property after what Harper described as an all-terrain vehicle rollover. The coroner's report stated that she had no injuries compatible with an accident, but had died of a methamphetamine overdose.

Harper is required to register as a sex offender as a result of a 2012 Colorado conviction for a series of misdemeanor "unlawful sexual contact" incidents during his "Outlaw" snow mobile tours. He claimed innocence and appealed this verdict, and because he refused the judge's terms of parole, was sentenced to nine months in jail, ending in 2015. He must still register until 2025.

The Crier asked Harper if he wished to comment on Channel 8's reporting, whether he had tried to sell the property, and what his plans are now. Harp-

er responded with a series of rambling text messages and phone calls. He denied attempting to sell the ranch, and claims he was only trying to get a fair market appraisal of the property. He also elaborated on his own theory of the crime, a theory he has shared with CBS 8.

According to Harper, surveillance cameras at the ranch captured three individuals, two "Spanish" males and a "white girl," accosting Dia on the day of her disappearance. One of the males struck her with a wrench and she fell. He claims to have given this evidence to Alberto Loureiro, the lead Riverside County Sheriff's investigator on the case.

He maintains that the three suspects returned to the ranch and committed a burglary on Memorial Day weekend of 2023, and that on both occasions video captured them communicating with hand signals indicating a level of planning and coordination. According to Harper, the three were arrested and finally convicted this last Tuesday (Nov. 14) being essentially sentenced to time served. Harper alleges that these persons are part of a criminal enterprise that supplies "50% of the drugs in Riverside" County. Harper provided what he said were the names of the three assailants/burglars, and the Crier can confirm that Jessica Brouckaert, Miguel Angel Gomez and Jon Eric Gallarde were convicted of a

May 27 burglary and released last week. No further details were gathered before press deadline.

Harper also repeated the claim that Dia is said to have told her friends that if anything happened to her, they should look for her son, Clinton. Dia alleged in a court filing that Clinton tried to poison her while she was in the hospital. Harper claims the police never questioned Clinton, but in a June 2023 NBC "Dateline: Missing in America" segment, Clinton said he had spoken with the police "a number of times ... I've sent them everything I have. I've sent them extensive notes." Harper also was interviewed for that program and did not mention the alleged video.

Following Harper's theory of the crime, Dia was buried at a site "below Idyllwild." He referred to "Arizona Search and Rescue," but he admits the search was done by the nonprofit group findme-group.org, the creation of one J.E. "Kelly" Snyder. It organizes volunteer searches, and among the services offered are referrals to mediums, remote viewers and "forensic astrologers." Harper said they used dogs to locate Dia, and four dogs independently "indicated" a spot, but the group is not allowed to dig, and can only notify law enforcement. Harper said the GPS coordinates have been given to the sheriff's office, but it has not investigated.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a vacancy has occurred on the Board of Directors of the Fern Valley Water District as a result of the resignation of Gary Erb.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that appointments will be made as prescribed by Government Code Section 1780 by the Board of Directors of said District.

The Board of Directors intends to fill the vacancy by appointment at a Special Board meeting to be held on or before December 15, 2023 at the District office, 55790 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, California.

**INTERESTED FERN VALLEY LAND OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE INCLUDED WITH THEIR LETTER OF INTEREST AND RESUME TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 23, 2023. THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 55790 SOUTH CIRCLE DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA OR YOU CAN SUBMIT BY MAIL TO PO BOX 3039, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.**

**FERN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
By: Jessica Prier, District Secretary  
Date: October 30, 2023

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PS ARCHITECTURE TOURS, 2290 S. ARABY DR., PALM SPRINGS, CA 92264, Riverside County.

DAVID TREVOR O'DONNELL  
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# On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

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IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., NOV. 23, 2023

## Idyllwild Pizza Company celebrates 30th birthday

BY DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

As Idyllwild Pizza Company nears its 30th anniversary, the Crier sat down with founder Ken Dahleen, and his daughter and present owner Kenna.

The Dahleens opened the business Nov. 13, 1993, with a "soft" opening on the 12th, Kenna's sister Windie's birthday. Ken and wife Cheryl got married there on Valentine's Day, three months later. Since then the place has become a local institution; a family restaurant open seven days a week, and a place for youth to hang out, shoot pool or play arcade games, and do their homework over pizza.

TC: Had you ever run a restaurant before?

Ken: I had run a lot of different businesses, but my wife Cheryl had been in the restaurant business for about 15 years.

TC: How did you decide on pizza?

Ken: The honest truth is, I was tired of seeing the local youths hanging out by the telephone booth (downtown) being corrupted by derelicts. I decided to open a business that would be someplace they could hang out in, and not get in trouble. We put in a pool table and the game room, hoping that families would hang out, and it worked. We had pretty much the same menu Kenna is doing now.

Kenna: They drop off kids, they stay and do their homework, from the academy too, they still come out here, when it's snowing it's warm in here.

TC: Not just a restaurant, a community center?

Ken: That was our goal. We figured if we sold 20 piz-

zas a day, we'd pay our bills. The day we opened we sold about 80.

TC: How many a day average?

Kenna: Enough to pay the bills, but it feels like millions.

TC: When did you pass the torch to the new generation?

Ken: Cheryl and I had it 12 years. In 2003, Kenna was coming home from Hawaii and she wanted to move back to Idyllwild, wanted to know if she could have a job here. I said, "I'll do you one better. I'll sell you the business." She's had it ever since.

Kenna: I was having a baby, my first child Brighten.

TC: How has the place changed since then?

Kenna: We changed the names of sandwiches from jazz instruments. The key things are the same, why mess it up?

Kenna: Another fun thing is to employ the young people, getting their first jobs. They grow up in this building.

Ken: I see people on the street and they say "Do you remember when I used to work there?" Now their kids are working here.

Kenna: There are generations of families that have worked here. My kids have been working here since they were little. I think Brighten and Kekona started here when they were nine.

Ken: It's been a pleasure to keep this family-owned, family-operated. Literally all of our family has worked here. Four generations: Ken's great-grandchildren have worked here, bussing. During the labor

shortage, I hired my mom.

Ken: When something needs fixing, guess who gets called? I get a pretty good deal on food here.

TC: Do you still eat a lot of pizza?

Ken: I'm a salad guy now. I had heart surgery a year-and-a-half ago. They kind of clamped down on me.

TC: How many employees do you have now?

Kenna: Right now we have 18. In the summer we have more like 25.

TC: Any shout outs you'd like to make?

Ken: Much of the credit for our immediate success goes to Paul Keys of Sysco. He's now the number three there.

TC: How did he help?

Ken: His family had a pizza business in Temecula. He knew what we needed and how to do it. In the very beginning there were a lot of people in the community who wanted this to succeed. We got a lot of help from people.

Ken: I'm super grateful for the community for supporting us. During the pandemic some people were super supportive of us and the employees. They came in and continued to patronize us even though there was limited seating and there were lock downs. We did a lot of take out. It's not just tourism, it's the locals that make it so special. We're open every day to feed the people. A lot of restaurants up here are not. There is a delivery lady in this town, Cynthia, Bear Necessities. Google it. She serves everyone. I always thought someone needs to do that up here since we don't have Uber, GrubHub etc.



Ken Dahleen building the Idyllwild Pizza Company before it opened in 1993.

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Cheryl and Ken Dahleen horsing around while building the business with Tammy and Larry Hawkins (Cheryl's daughter and son-in-law).

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Ken and Cheryl Dahleen at their wedding at Idyllwild Pizza Company on Valentine's Day 1994.

PHOTO BY PAT BOSS



Kenna Dahleen (background) with her daughter Kekona at the cash register.

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### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Event charges may apply. See ads throughout the issue. Email editor@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

• Preschool Story Time, Storytime: "Thanksgiving" with Miss Pat, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

Thursday, Nov. 23

• Free Thanksgiving dinner, 1-3 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Friday, Nov. 24

• Idyllwild Rotary Christmas

Market & Festival, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Saturday, Nov. 25

• Idyllwild Rotary Christmas Market & Festival, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

• Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: 1-3 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. Santa, Village Center gazebo; 2 p.m. booths, cen-

ter of town; 4 p.m. live music & entertainment, center of town; sundown, tree lighting, Idy Park.

Monday, Nov. 27

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Cribbage games, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild library.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

• Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Idyllwild Chess Club, 4-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

Wednesday, Nov. 29

• Storytime "Dinosaurs" with Miss Luanne, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

Thursday, Nov. 30

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Idyllwild Chess Club, 4-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

Saturday, Dec. 2

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

Monday, Dec. 4

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Cribbage games, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild library.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

• Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Idyllwild Chess Club, 4-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

Friday, Dec. 1

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

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# Cranberries

Americans eat about 400 million pounds of cranberries a year!



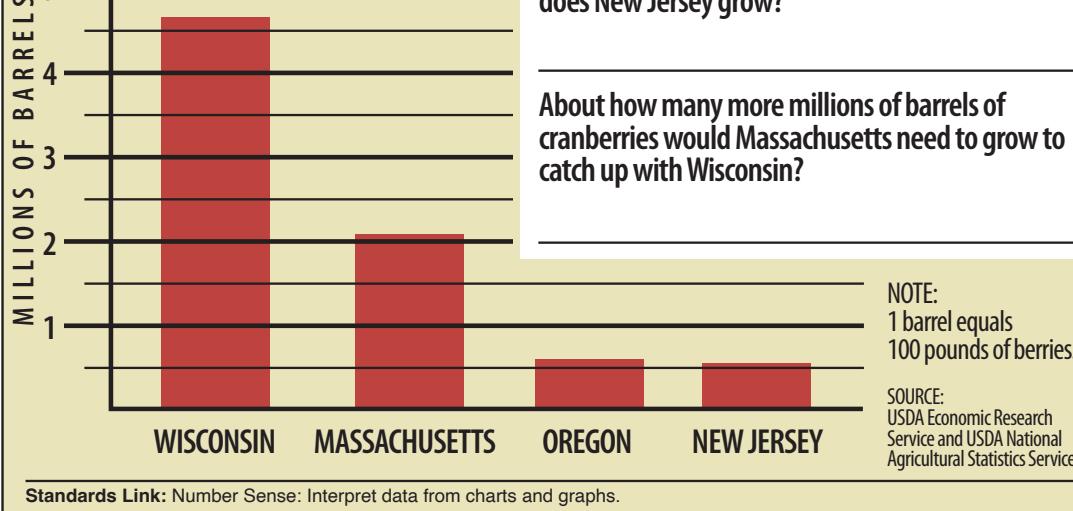
Many are eaten at Thanksgiving, but there are lots of ways to eat these little red, tangy berries all year round.

Cranberries are native to North America. Native Americans used them for both food and medicine.



## Cranberry Chart

Use the chart to answer the questions!

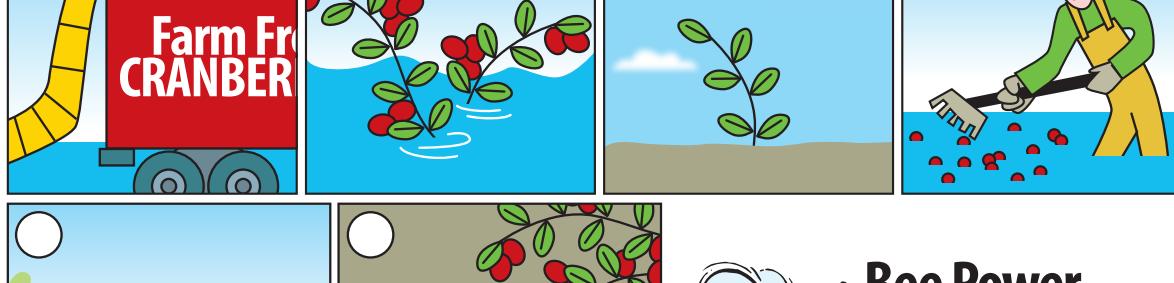


Standards Link: Number Sense: Interpret data from charts and graphs.

## Growing and Harvesting Cranberries

Number the pictures in order.

1. Cranberry vines are planted in sandy soil.
2. They grow into long vines that crawl along the ground.
3. When the cranberries are ripe, the farmers flood the field.
4. Cranberries have little air pockets inside that cause them to float to the top of the water.
5. Farmers wearing rubber "waders" walk through the floating cranberries and push them into a big vacuum in the center of the field.
6. The berries are sucked out of the water and end up in a big truck.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequence events in the correct order.

## Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Replace the missing words.

### Ways to Eat Cranberries

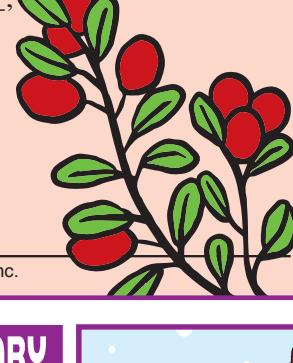
Some people like the tart \_\_\_\_\_ of cranberries. Others \_\_\_\_\_ them with sugar, maple syrup, or honey.

While they are tart, cranberries can be eaten \_\_\_\_\_ or chopped raw into salsa, salads, and other dishes. Most cranberries are used to make \_\_\_\_\_, sauce and craisins. Craisins® are dried cranberries that look like reddish \_\_\_\_\_.

Canned cranberry sauce is a popular Thanksgiving side \_\_\_\_\_. It can also be enjoyed on turkey sandwiches.

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IEODRDZPVI  
EBAWTMQRIC  
LNETFVEWNI  
DAUEEPIREN  
MRJFSYQCS  
BCTAOLFOOD

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

### Put Things in Order

Read a newspaper article and write down the main things that are reported. Number the things that happened in order: first, second, third. Is the order of your list the same or different from the article? Why could that be?

Standards Link: Analyze passages to sequence events.

What do snowmen eat for Thanksgiving dinner?

ANSWER: Cold-slaw!

## Kid Scoop Together

### Cranberry Salsa

Work with an adult to make this delicious recipe together!

#### Ingredients:

With the help of an adult, chop each of the following:

- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 chili pepper
- 1/2 red onion
- 1 clove of garlic

Mix the following in a bowl:

- 1/2 tsp parsley
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/8 tsp black pepper
- Zest of small orange
- 6 oz frozen orange juice concentrate

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Store in the refrigerator until all ingredients are chilled and flavors are well combined.

Eat with tortilla chips or put on a sandwich!

Thank you to the US Cranberries organization for the idea for this recipe. There are many more great cranberry recipes at [uscranberries.com](http://uscranberries.com)

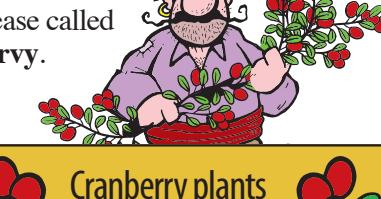


See how many words you can make using the letters in

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## Living Things Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper for:

- 5 things that are alive
- 4 things to eat
- 3 things made from something alive
- 2 things people need to survive
- 1 thing that you like to eat

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written directions.

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**WADERS**

The noun **waders** means high waterproof boots or waterproof pants with attached boots that are used for wading in water.

My mother wears **waders** when she harvests cranberries or goes fishing.

Try to use the word **waders** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## Write On!

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Do you like cranberries? Why or why not?



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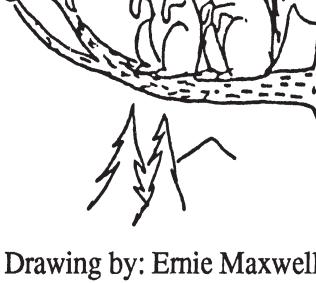
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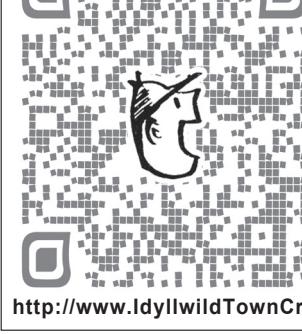
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## A guide to a watershed friendly Thanksgiving

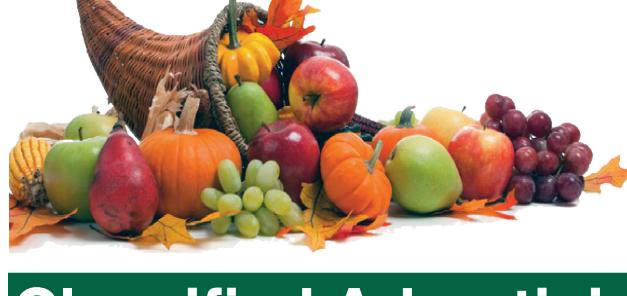
The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District advises that as people gear up for a delightful Thanksgiving feast, take a moment to show gratitude to the waterways that sustain us. Here are some tips to help protect the Riverside County environment to keep in mind:

- Opt for locally sourced, seasonal produce for your Thanksgiving spread. Supporting local farmers not only ensures fresher ingredients but also reduces the carbon footprint associated with long-distance transportation. Planning also helps save money by preventing over purchasing.

- Aim to minimize food waste by planning portion sizes carefully. Leftovers can be shared or donated to local shelters, fostering a spirit of giving and community support.

- Cooking oil should never go down the drain. It can clog your drains and pipes and result in flooding. Instead, collect it in a sealed container and drop it off at a local Household Hazardous Waste center. This simple step can prevent clogs that don't allow water to flow through to our waterways properly and protect our precious aquatic life.

- If you are looking to skip the dirty dishes, opt for reusable or compostable tableware instead of disposable options. It not only adds a touch of elegance to your gathering but also reduces the number of single-use plastics and paper products ending up in landfills.



## Opportunity to work in state capitol on fellowship

Assemblymember Greg Wallis announced that the Jesse Marvin Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program is accepting applications for the 2024-25 class.

The Assembly Fellowship Program provides the opportunity for aspiring public servants of all ages, backgrounds and experiences to directly participate in the legislative process. Beginning in October 2024, the 11-month fellowship provides an introduction to public policy through full-time work as professional staff in an assemblymember's office.

Fellows also participate in a weekly academic seminar, earning six units of graduate credit and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Policy and Government from California State University, Sacramento. Fellows are paid a monthly stipend of \$3,253, plus health, dental and vision benefits.

"The Assembly Fellowship Program offers college graduates the unique opportunity to learn and craft public policy through hands-on work with elected officials and staff," said Wallis. "The Program provides a challenging, professional work experience that serves as the foundation for successful careers in both the public and private sectors."

Fellows experience the broad range of activities conducted in busy Assembly offices, including researching public policy issues, developing legislative proposals, analyzing and staffing legislation, assisting with constituent casework, participating in meetings as the assemblymember's representative, and writing press releases and speeches. The program begins with a seven-week orientation that provides training on state government,



**Sergio Fernandez-Lopez and Hsing-Liang Lee** perform "Raymonda Suite" Friday night at the Idyllwild Arts Academy's Fall Dance Concert in the Bowman IAF Theatre.

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the legislative process and major policy issues.

Applicants must be at least age 20 and a graduate of a four-year college or university by Sept. 1, 2024. There is no preferred major. Individuals with advanced degrees and those in mid-career are encouraged to apply.

Brochures can be requested online. For more information, or to apply, visit the Capital Fellows website at <https://www.csus.edu/center/center-california-studies/capital-fellows/>. Contact the Center for California Studies with any questions at [calstudies@csus.edu](mailto:calstudies@csus.edu) or 916-278-6906.

The deadline for submitting applications is 11:59 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2023.

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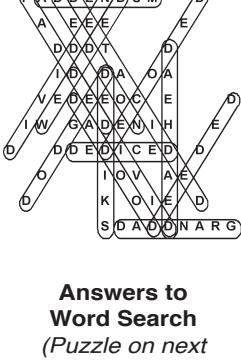
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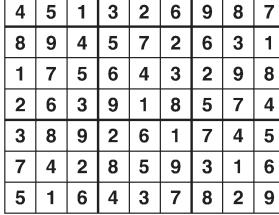
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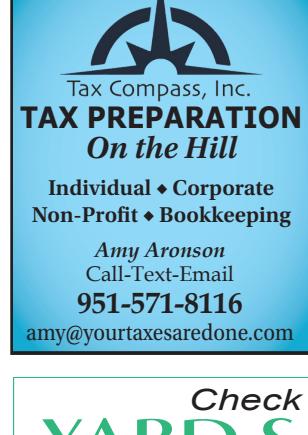
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## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Special Education Specialist **Mrs. Tatyana Kut** chose Idyllwild School Students of the Week. **Ruthie Malloy** (top) "has made great progress on her Reading Inventory assessment and places her best effort into her work. She is very kind to her peers and teachers, helps her friends, has matured this school year, and tries her best to submit her homework and classwork. Ruthie is a joy to work with, a pleasure to have in class, and has great potential. Ruthie always wants to be successful. Keep up the great work, Ruthie," said Mrs. Kut. **Owen Castro-Owen** (below) "has definitely surprised all of us with his academic improvement. He is displaying his positive work ethic by stepping up and doing what he is expected to do. He asks questions when needed and follows through when asked to do something. He is a future leader and has great potential. He has matured this school year. Owen seems to want to be successful and do what is right. Keep up the great work, Owen."

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## CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF cats, kittens and dog Rufus discussed pet hazards that come with Thanksgiving.

**Harley:** I just heard a great dog joke. Where's Rufus? He will love it!

**Pepper:** Rufus is gone. He was adopted on Saturday!

**Phil:** That is such great news, for which he is probably very thankful.

**Smokey:** But did you hear that we have a new cat?

**Carrie:** I met her. She is amazing. Her name is Lily, and she is so very friendly.

**Lily:** (entering the room) I'm Lily! Are you talking about me?

**Pepper:** Hello Lily. Wow, you are beautiful!

**Lily:** Aw shucks, Pepper. I am a calico, and we tend to be very striking. I'm just 2 years old, and I absolutely adore humans.

**Carrie:** I can't imagine you'll be here very long before you are adopted.

**Lily:** I hope you are correct. I can just imagine the beauty of spending the holiday season in a home of my own.

**Smokey:** You're not alone. We all feel that way, and I have to say that the ARF cattery is a cornucopia of beautiful, loving companions.

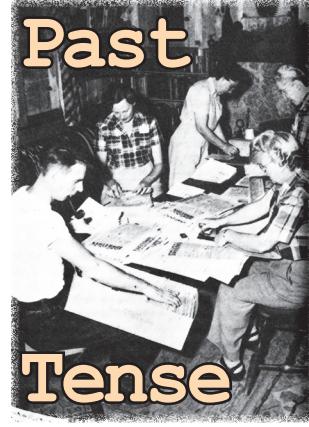
**Don:** Anyone who visits the ARF booth at the annual tree lighting event this Saturday can learn all about the cats looking for permanent homes.

**Eeyore:** I understand this event will be in the center of town, beginning at 2 p.m.

**Harley:** That's right! Saturday afternoon will officially welcome the holiday season on our mountain.

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.

*Creature Corner is seeking monthly sponsors. For those interested in sponsoring future months of Creature Corner, contact ARF at 951-659-1122 or info@idyllwildarf.org.*



75 years ago - 1948

The Town Crier was offering a \$10 prize for anyone who spotted a bear in the mountains. Bob Mitchell claimed to have laid eyes on one on Scenic Drive but a photo proof had yet to be produced.

70 years ago - 1953

The state Public Utilities Commission called a public hearing at Idyllwild Inn to consider Idyllwild Water Company's application to increase water rates.

65 years ago - 1958

Work on a new trail that would connect Mountain Center to Idyllwild via the Devil's Slide Trail was continuing.

55 years ago - 1968

60 years ago - 1963  
Designer Edmund Dantez of Palm Springs showed his new collection at a benefit for the Palm Springs Youth Center at the Tirol.

55 years ago - 1968

Exhibitors had signed up for the second-annual Harvest Festival at Town Hall. It was sponsored by the local Service Area to encourage local arts and crafts.

50 years ago - 1973

A weekend storm that moved inland from the coast brought the Hill's first measurable moisture since Oct. 10 and the first snow of the season.

45 years ago - 1978

Six months after plans for a sewer system were scrapped by directors of the San Jacinto Area Water Agency Study, a regional Water Quality Control Board member forced the issue to be resurrected.

40 years ago - 1983

About 45 people ventured into the cold night to attend a potluck dinner at Town Hall to discuss nu-

clear war and their reactions to the ABC-TV movie "The Day After," a film about nuclear war.

County Board of Supervisors.

10 years ago - 2013

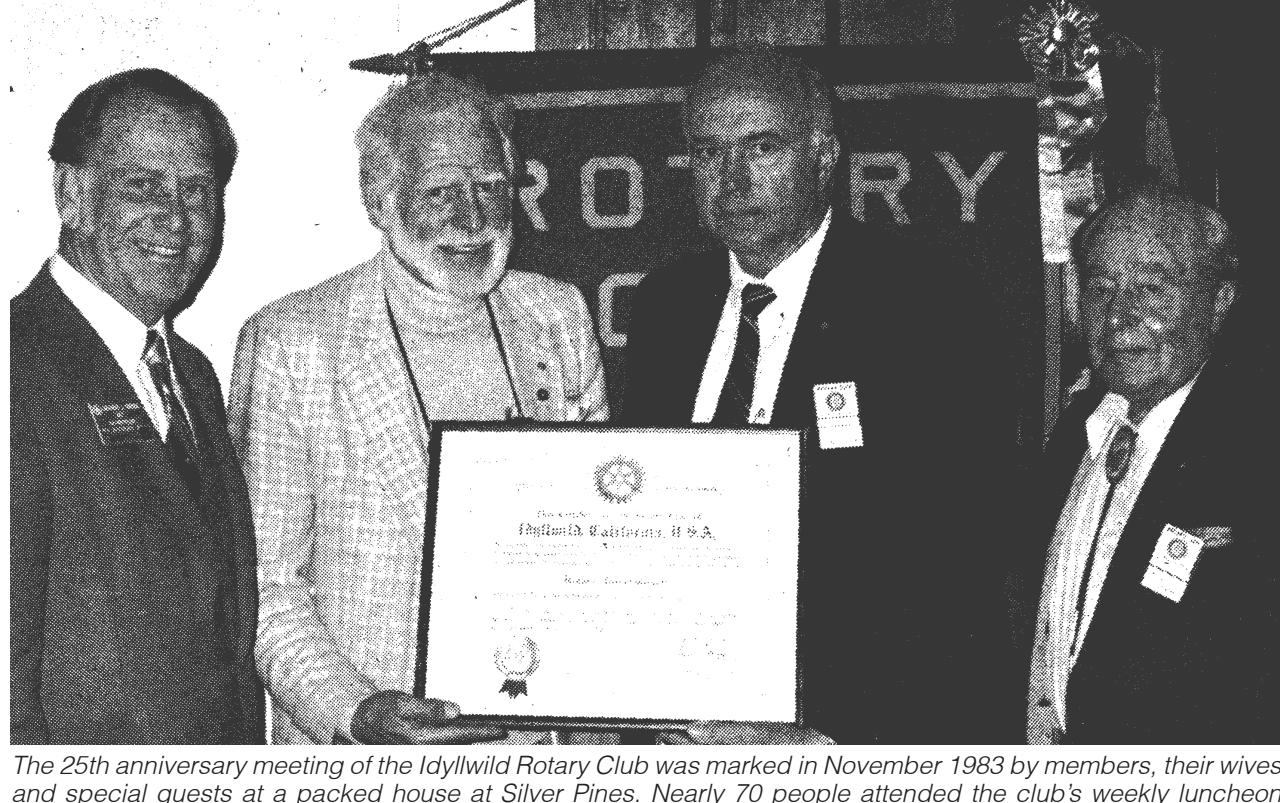
The Riverside County Sheriff's Department was investigating a rash of breaking and entering crimes in and around downtown Idyllwild.

5 years ago - 2018

Riverside County dedicated the "Heroes" mural on the back wall of the Idyllwild Library. More than 100 people showed up, including 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington, first responders from Idyllwild Fire, Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the artist, Keith Blum.

1 year ago - 2022

Wednesday night, Nov. 16, Idyllwild Water District (IWD) General Manager Leo Havener reported that Cal Trans broke a sewer line on Oct. 29 where it had been installing a culvert near Village Market, despite IWD having marked the sewer line. IWD fixed the line the same night as it had no turn-off valve, he said.



The 25th anniversary meeting of the Idyllwild Rotary Club was marked in November 1983 by members, their wives and special guests at a packed house at Silver Pines. Nearly 70 people attended the club's weekly luncheon meeting for the occasion. Displaying the original charter were, from left, District Governor **Art Brook** of Hemet, charter President **Eric Nicolet**, President **Ralph Hamilton** and charter member **Richard Elliott**. Nicolet, who was then a member of the Ventura East Rotary Club, recalled how the club got started. He was principal of the Idyllwild Elementary School at the time.

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**Joe Bressi** (left) U.S. Forest Service Volunteers Association tower leader for Tahquitz and Black Mountain fire lookouts and **Dan Roberts** (right), a U.S. Forest Service volunteer, too, present Forest Lumber Manager **Jim Adams** (center) with thanks for his generous donation of the flagpole at the Black Mountain Fire Lookout and his ongoing support.

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Idyllwild Water District's (IWD) first Idyllwild School Water Scholarship contest first place winner for posters is ninth grader **Elizabeth Flores**. IWD President **Charles Schelly** thanks her for her winning submission.

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Second place winner of the IWD poster contest is seventh grader **Scarlet Nowlin** shown with President **Charles Schelly**.

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Second place winner of the IWD essay contest **Lennon Aramburo** shown with his submission and President **Charles Schelly**.

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**Jo O'Brien**, who set up the Garner Valley Craft Faire for Saturday, with **AJ** the llama, are happy with the turnout and that no rain had fallen.

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The Garner Valley Craft Faire was well attended Saturday at the Garner Valley Common. The annual event gives goers an opportunity to purchase homemade, holiday gifts.

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## WORD SEARCH

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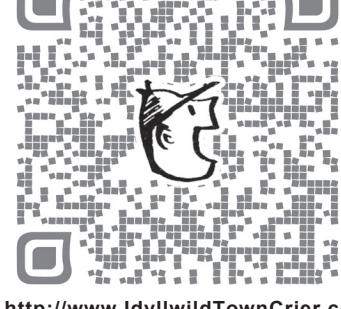
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## HOROSCOPES

November 2023 — Week 4



### March 21 — April 19

Restless Rams and Ewes might want to let others finish a current project so they can start something new. But if you do, you could risk losing out on a future opportunity.



### April 20 — May 20

The Bovine's creative forces start revving up as you plan for the upcoming holidays. Some practical aspects also emerge, especially where money is involved.



### May 21 — June 21

Moments of doubt disrupt your otherwise clear sense of purpose, but don't ignore them. They could be telling you not to rush into anything until you know more about it.



### June 22 — July 22

A planned trip might have to be delayed. Plan to use this new free time to update your skills and resume so that you'll be ready when a new job opportunity opens.



### July 23 — August 22

A flood of holiday party bids from business contacts allows you to mix work and pleasure. Your knowledge plus your Leonine charm win you a new slew of admirers.



### August 23 — September 22

An unexpected act by a colleague complicates an agreement, causing delays in implementing it. Check out the motive for this move -- it might not be what you suspect.



### September 23 — October 22

You might want to cut ties with an ingrate who seems to have forgotten your past generosity. But there might be a reason for this behavior that you should know about. Ask.



### October 23 — November 21

Be careful not to set things in stone. Much could happen during the next several days that will make you rethink some decisions and maybe change them.



### November 22 — December 21

Your plans to help provide holiday cheer for the less fortunate inspire others to follow your generous example. Expect welcome news by week's end.



### December 22 — January 19

You're in your glory as you start planning for the holiday season ahead. But leave some time open to deal with a problem that needs a quick and fair resolution.



### January 20 — February 18

The upcoming holiday season provides a perfect setting for strengthening relationships with kin and others. Meanwhile, a new contact has important information.

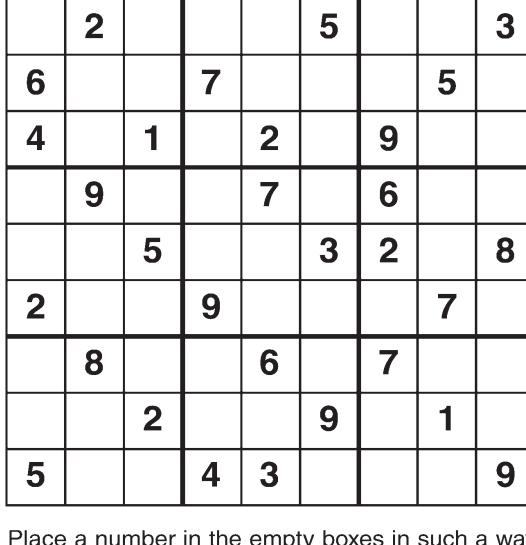


### February 19 — March 20

Instead of fretting over a cutting remark by a co-worker, chalk it up to an outburst of envy of your well-respected status, among both your colleagues and superiors.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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