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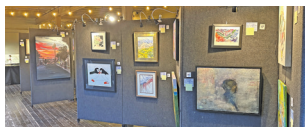
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## Eviction notice for Keith Harper at ranch

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

The legal struggle between the adult children of missing Mountain Center resident Lydia “Dia” Abrams and Keith Harper, who identifies himself as Abram’s fiancée, has passed another milestone, as eviction papers were posted on the gates of the Bonita Vista Ranch during the first week of December.

The court-appointed trustee in the case, Richard Munro of Invenz Inc., has taken this step after having Harper removed as trustee of Abrams’ estate in November. The notice is addressed to Harper and “all others in possession,” and instructs them to vacate within 60 days. It prohibits them from taking any property of the trust including vehicles, furnishings, jewelry, tools, etc., and specifically names several unusual items: a wooden horse and a red vintage fire truck.

The notice also states that although the trustee does not need to “provide a just cause” for the eviction, there are such causes. It goes on to allege the following: that Harper has withdrawn property from the rental market with the intent to sell it; that he possesses firearms on the property; that he has “maintained or committed” a nuisance on the property; that he has failed to make “insurance, utilities, and other necessary” payments; that he has marketed the property as short-term rentals without authority.

The Crier’s last coverage of this story presented Harper’s latest “theory” about Abrams’ disappearance. He began, this fall, to talk about two videos: one taken during a burglary Memorial Day weekend of this year, and another supposedly taken the day Abrams disappeared. Harper said both showed two males and a female, identical or nearly so. The burglary seems to have actually occurred; three people, whose names Harper supplied, were arrested on Apple Canyon Road on May 27, served about six months behind bars and were released in November.

That much is true, but Harper connects this event and the three perpetrators to a video he claims to have given to the police. In this alleged video from June 6, 2020, according to Harper, the same three perpetrators accost Abrams, one of the men strikes Abrams with a wrench and Abrams falls. Diana Fedder, named as co-trustee of Abrams’ estate in her May 2020 trust, told the Crier that the cameras had stopped working over six months before that day, and there was no video from the ranch from the end of 2019 until Abrams’ disappearance. The video installer wanted a hefty fee to monitor the cameras, money Abrams said she did not have. She and Abrams tried, and failed, to access the video feeds.

Beyond this flaw in his story is a greater implausibility; that Harper could see a video of three evil-doers murdering the woman of his dreams, and then never mention it during countless interviews and depositions over three years. As one Mountain Center resident who knew Abrams well, and also interacted with Harper, put it, “The guy is not even a good liar.” This is perhaps the most likely theory that explains the facts.

In other attempts to confirm elements of Harper’s back story, the Crier reached out to the Utah Department of Corrections, where Harper claimed, in a June 2022 deposition, to have worked over 20 years. He has described his job as supervising other parole officers and being in charge of “intensive supervision.” He said in the depo, “I think I had 20 years, four months, and six

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Tuesday, Dec. 5, **James and Eden Morgan** of Menifee tied the knot at Town Hall with **Stephanie Yost** (standing, right) officiating. Eden’s daughter **Olivia** is shown in front of the couple. **Mayor Max** and **Glenn Warren** were in attendance to place the mayor’s paw print on the wedding certificate. **Janie Oliver** of Sunflower Bakery baked the cake and donated it as a gift.

PHOTO BY JOHNNY WILSON

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District will test its emergency siren alert system at 1 p.m. the third Saturday of the month. The test will last 1 minute. In an emergency, you will hear three consecutive 3 minute alerts. Tune into WNKI-AM 1610 to receive information regarding the emergency alert. The following websites will also have information regarding the reason for the alert and action that needs to be taken: [idyllwildfire.com](http://idyllwildfire.com), [fernvalleywater.com](http://fernvalleywater.com) and [mdpidyllwild.org](http://mdpidyllwild.org).

## Conservancy working to protect Strawberry Creek

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

A local real estate professional shared with the Crier an email conversation that spoke of a project “protecting” the section of Strawberry Creek from Idyllwild to Idyllwild Pines, making it a “public resource, formalizing in-perpetuity environmental protections [with] accommodations for low-impact public use.”

The Crier was unable to confirm the content with the purported sender, but did receive a response from CEO Ed Sauls of the California Land Conservancy (CLC), a nonprofit that describes its mission as to “encourage and facilitate the preservation, protection or enhancement of land in its natural, historical, agricultural, forested, or open space condition or use.”

According to Sauls, “Strawberry Creek is a treasure that is of historical importance to both the people and wildlife in Idyllwild. Its reliable flow supports rare natural resources, it provides unique recreational opportunities, and it is stunningly beautiful.

“The California Land Conservancy is looking into the feasibility of conserving Strawberry Creek for current hill residents and future generations. There is a lot to learn and understand about Strawberry Creek and we are still early in our process of evaluating the project including potential public and private grants to secure its preservation.

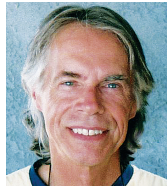
“We will be pleased to keep the Town Crier and hill residents apprised of our progress and we welcome input from you and others in this important adventure.”

The “ownership” of the creek is a legacy of the original subdivision of land within the valley into parcels. The Johnson family are often referred to as Idyllwild’s original developers, but Gerald Johnson “married into” a project begun by the family of his wife, Eleanor Potes Johnson. Those who own land abutting the creek, or have seen county parcel maps, know that the land on which the creek flows is not included in their parcels, but rather combined into a series of long thin lots that snake between the individual lots. A number of other thin plots connect the paved roads with the creek.

One of the original selling points of what was then called Idyllwild Mountain Park Co., or Idyllwild All Year Resort Co., was the presence of a pedestrian path along the creek, allowing residents and visitors alike to walk from Fern Valley to town (and further) without setting foot on paved roads. A number of access points are memorialized on the county maps. Many are continuations of named roads passing between private property to the creek. Oak-

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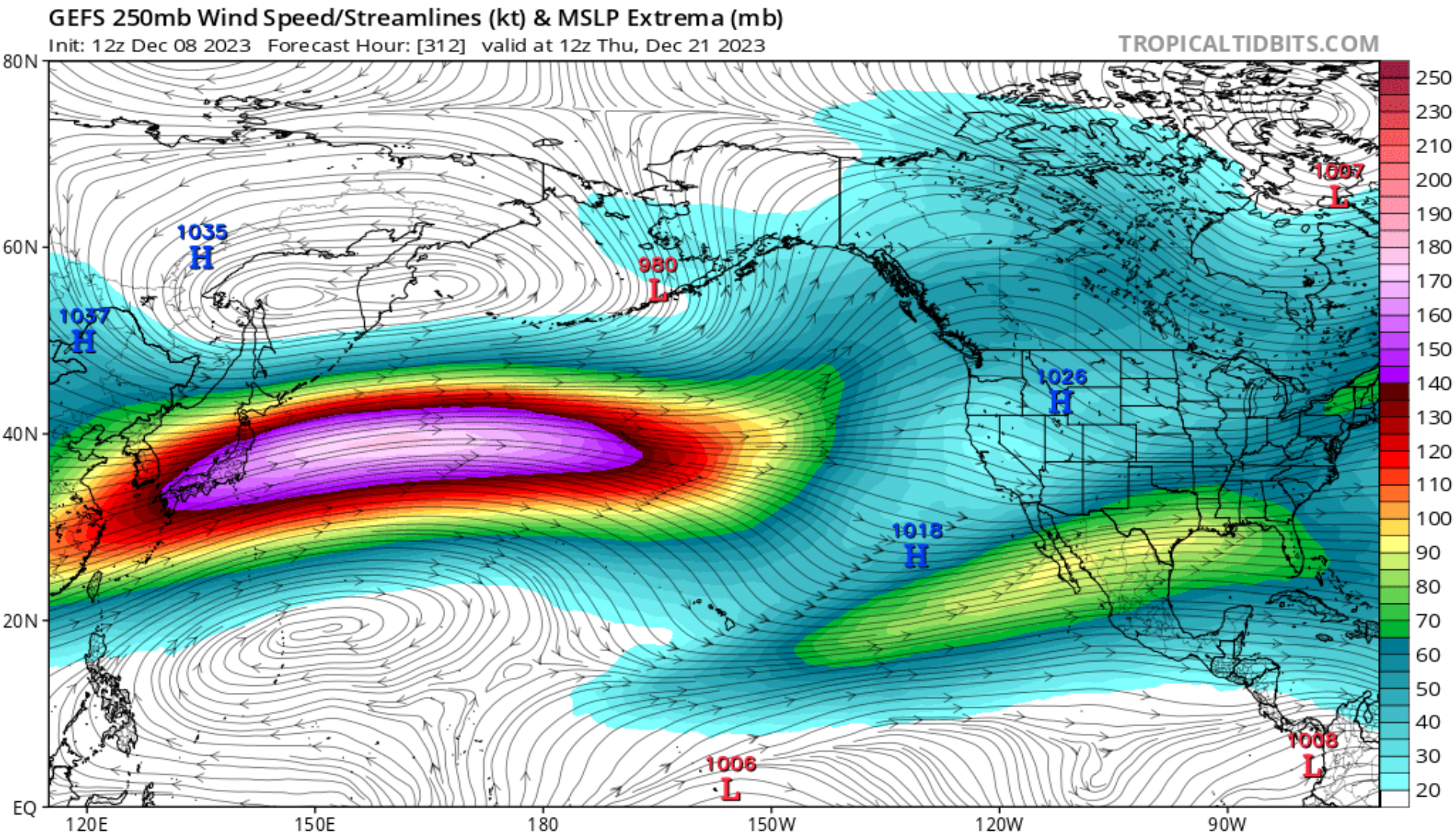
# If it’s El Niño, are the storms coming?

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Last month, Warning Coordination Meteorologist Alex Tardy of the San Diego Office of the National Weather Service (NWS), was in Idyllwild at the invitation of Mountain Disaster Preparedness. Tardy spoke in general about weather forecasting and specifically about the coming winter predictions. “We can predict well in 6 to 10 days pretty accurately,” Tardy said with pride, then lamented that longer range forecasts were less reliable because the presence of many conditions that create and change weather are not yet present and known. The lower reliability of long-term forecasts was apparent last week. In his Dec. 6, video, Tardy said,

ly to bring the jet stream further south. Is a stormy and wet January a guarantee? Not yet, according to both meteorologists. In his blog, Swain wrote, “... the critical time for California remains about 2 weeks out, then the nose of this powerful jet core would possibly arrive near the coast. Will it make it all the way, and will it still be remarkably strong? Will it direct a sequence of strong/moist storms into California in the days following? I’m leaning toward yes at the moment, but as always ... things can change, and this is still a fair distance in the future. Uncertainty is high, but this certainly has potential.” Recent El Niño weather conditions have not produced very rainy winters. In fact, the two most recent wet winters, including 2023, were when La Niña con-

ditions were present. This year, the NWS sees a very strong El Niño in the Pacific now. While Tardy leans toward more precipitation next month and during winter, he did not have the benefit of Swain’s more recent analysis. “I have high confidence in a wetter winter than not. December was distinctly different than January through March will be,” Swain concluded in his broadcast. But both men cautioned about this year’s snow-pack. With an expectation of a warmer than normal winter, even with greater precipitation, it is more likely to rain. And the warmer temperatures will prevent the ground from getting cold enough to prevent whatever snow may fall from accumulating.



“There are some indications that January will be wet but not February.” And this precipitation wouldn’t arrive until the holidays. However, two days later, Daniel Swain, meteorologist and climate scientist at the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at the University of California, Los Angeles, shared a slightly different view and confidence about the approaching winter weather. For the next two week, they both agreed. “It will remain dry and warm for the next few weeks,” Swain began, then added, “I expect [it] to change rather dramatically and quickly ... I think it will get a lot wetter in the months to come.” The difference in the confidence of their views for the future was Swain had the benefit of an analysis that aggregated several weather models. The summary indicates that a very strong jet stream will develop south of Japan in the next two weeks and move east across the Pacific Ocean. This, in combination with the El Niño conditions in the equatorial Pacific, is likely to bring several Pineapple Express storms to Southern California because these combined pattern changes are more like-

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Wednesday 12/13

**55/34**  
Sunny

Thursday 12/14

**57/37**  
Mostly Sunny

Friday 12/15

**58/39**  
Partly Cloudy

Saturday 12/16

**60/40**  
Mostly Sunny

Sunday 12/17

**60/41**  
Partly Cloudy

Monday 12/18

**55/38**  
Partly Cloudy

Tuesday 12/19

**54/37**  
Mostly Cloudy

Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov).

Idyllwild this year				
Date	High	Low	P	S
12/5	66	37	0.00	0.0
12/6	63	35	0.00	0.0
12/7	57	32	0.00	0.0
12/8	60	28	0.00	0.0
12/9	57	29	0.00	0.0
12/10	70	36	0.00	0.0
12/11	65	36	0.00	0.0

Idyllwild last year				
Date	High	Low	P	S
12/5	44	32	0.00	0.0
12/6	43	25	0.00	0.0
12/7	43	23	0.00	0.0
12/8	48	20	0.00	0.0
12/9	51	24	0.00	0.0
12/10	50	27	0.00	0.0
12/11	41	33	1.48	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 automatic 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.]

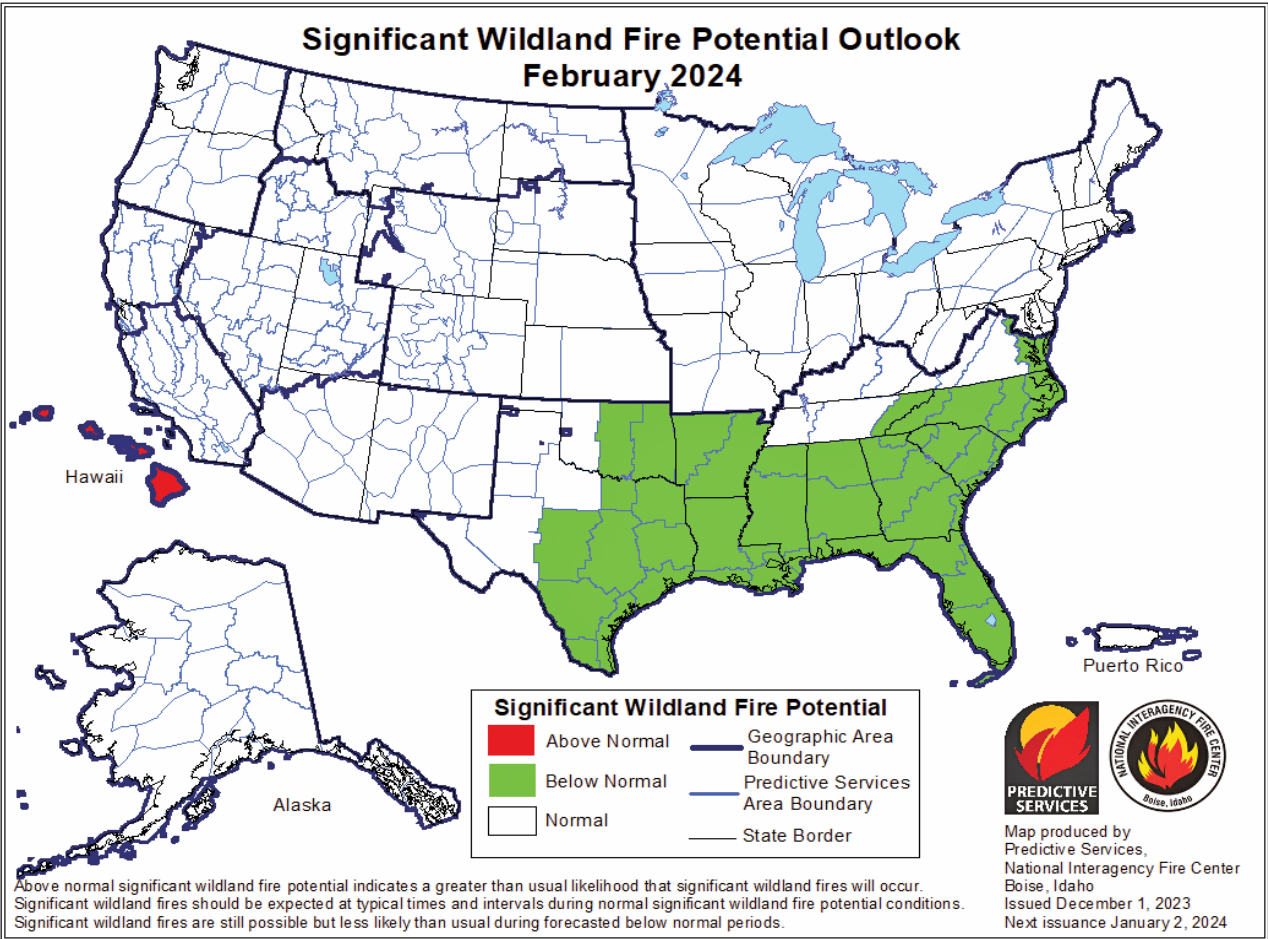
Our weather season is July 1 to June 30. Our season totals now have been corrected for the period July 1 through September 17, 2018, which prior to this issue of the TC had been in error. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at [www.idyllwild-towncrier.com](http://www.idyllwild-towncrier.com)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

A clear day near Idyllwild Tuesday with temperatures in the high-50s.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

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# Large wildfire chances plummeting this winter

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

The National Weather Service’s forecast of an El Niño winter has strongly affected the prognosis of wildfires in the next few months. Fire services, state and federal, are expecting a cooler and wetter winter from December through March.

The December report from the Predictive Services Unit for Cal Fire’s Southern Region said “[with] normal precipitation for Southern California ... the odds tilt in favor of large-fire potential to remain near normal.” And normal for this period is “zero.”

Currently, no drought areas exist within the state, and only two are “abnormally dry” in the desert. These conditions and the expectation of a wetter than normal winter significantly reduce the forecast of major winter wildfires.

“The combination of above normal fuel moisture for

larger dead fuels and live fuels coupled with the El Niño pattern and absence of drought support this tilt in the odds for the December 2023 – March 2024 4-month period,” Cal Fire concluded.

The Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center (WFTIIC) reports no fire weather watches nor red flag warnings. The sole active fire is in Northern California.

The WFTIIC Significant Fire Potential maps from December through March indicate no anticipation of above normal fire threats anywhere in California.

However, it should be noted that the National Interagency Fire Center did express some caution about the appearance and effect of the predicted El Niño. “There is greater forecast uncertainty than typical for El Niño due to other climate, teleconnection, and ocean temperature patterns that do not often coincide with El Niño leading to a lack of previous events to predict from.”

# Fire insurance is topic at Elders meeting

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

This month’s meeting of IDY Elders & Others was focused on the issues surrounding fire insurance for Hill residents. The event was called “The Ins & Outs of Home Fire Insurance,” and the featured speaker was Bob Severns of Severns Insurance Agency in Hemet. Severns has provided coverage for Idyllwilders for many years, and as a FAIRplan broker, still writes policies here.

Severns began by outlining the situation homeowners are in; traditional carriers are not allowed to “non-renew” in high-risk areas, but may increase the rates, and some have seen their premiums double or quadruple. The FAIRplan, set up to be an insurer of last resort, is now the only option for many in areas affected by wildfire.

One change this year is the adoption of ZESTY AI, a model used to determine the wildfire risk of individual properties. ZESTY considers data like slope and wind behavior in addition to the condition of a property to determine a home’s fire risk. This, in turn, determines the premium each homeowner pays.

Because the evaluation of a home fire risk is now highly individual, the insurance companies also must offer discounts when certain risks are eliminated or mitigated by the homeowner. The discounts for “hardening” a structure may, according to Severns, add up to 14%, but they are individually small; “many things that make small

differences.”

Severns also clarified that FAIRplan is not a state-run program but rather one the state required private carriers doing business in the state to create. The terms of its mission are determined by court decisions as Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara and the private carriers sue each other. As an example, the court has upheld a requirement that the FAIRplan offer comprehensive or “wrap around” policies, but this has not been implemented.

At present, homeowners buy a FAIRplan policy that covers fire, lightning, smoke and a few other perils, with add-ons available, but they also must purchase a Difference in Conditions (DIC) policy covering, among other things, falling trees, liability, theft and water damage (but not flooding.) The DIC, in turn, does not cover earthquakes; most Californians have no coverage for that.

As FAIRplan has taken on more policies, the increased workload has slowed the process down, according to Severns. He also noted that the “platform” on which quotes are generated changed on the first of this month. The system is inundated with requests, and waits for quotes are now seven days. So, shop early.

IDY Elders & Others meet at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Idyllwild Library. Its mission is to figure out ways for elders, and disabled persons, to stay on the Hill, helping them find the resources that are available, and

By BECKY CLARK  
EDITOR

The Riverside County Coroner’s Office reported that Fred Robles, 45, of Idyllwild, was found dead in a ravine near Highway 243 about 0.4 miles south of Westley Street in Banning Wednesday, Nov. 1.

It was unknown when Robles died. The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department said the cause of death was blunt trauma due to a single-vehicle traffic crash.

fill the gaps. Meetings cover topics that attendees have asked about; last month it was Medicare.

Other meetings have covered emergency evacuation of pets, Mountain Disaster Preparedness, and grants to help seniors with fuel abatement and Goldspotted Oak Borer trees. This month, one attendee expressed an interest in access to health care on the Hill, so that may arise soon.

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# Michael LaFata new Fern Valley Water director

By JP CRUMRINE  
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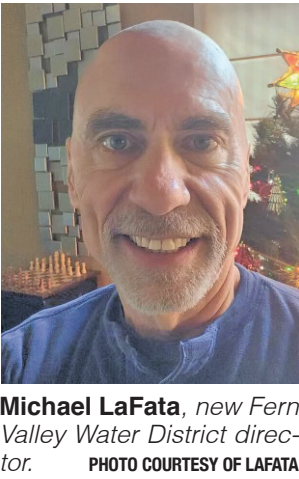
At its special meeting last Thursday, the Fern Valley Water District’s (FVWD) Board of Directors unanimously appointed Michael LaFata to fill the board seat vacated by Gary Erb in October.

LaFata and Dawn Finlayson were the only applicants seeking the appointment.

During the discussion, Chair Jon Brown said the board faced a choice between two aspirants, who “... both seem competent and interested. Both have business experience.”

And Director Kevin Scott, added, “Both are very different and acceptable.”

After further discussion, Brown moved to appoint LaFata and the vote was 4-0 in his favor.



Michael LaFata, new Fern Valley Water District director. PHOTO COURTESY OF LAFATA

The board interviewed each candidate separately. LaFata said he has lived in Idyllwild almost four years. He retired from the automotive industry in 2019 when he and his wife were living in Orange County and they have two children.

He said he managed and recruited managers for large Mitsubishi Motors dealerships in the Western Region.

In response to a question about his interest in serving on the board, he replied, “I know how things work. I’m capable of doing what’s asked.”

For more than 10 years he was on a local homeowners’ association, where he learned to listen to and address questions and issues from constituents.

If selected, he indicated a strong interest in learning more about and helping with FVWD’s construction program. “I’m fascinated by construction,” he told the board.

The board next met with Finlayson. This was her second effort to join the FVWD board. In July 2022, current Director Chrissie Teeling was chosen to fill the vacancy created when Walt Bonneau Jr. resigned. They were two of three candidates.

Finlayson has lived on the Hill since 1990 and the

majority of that time she has been a Fern Valley resident. She is the owner of Village Hair Creations. She and her husband have an adult son.

She has been on her church’s board as well as a desert homeowners’ association. With this experience, she wrote in her application, “I think it is important to do service in my community and I would love to make new friends on the Hill.”

She described her long interest in water and its chemicals. Working with people’s hair, she saw how chemicals have different results. Former Idyllwild Water District General Manager Tom Lovejoy would often discuss with her how the chemicals in water could interact with the chemicals in her lotions and colorings and alter the expected results.

“He helped me understand how it affected my business,” Finlayson said.

After telling, LaFata and Finlayson the result, Brown praised both and said, “It was a very difficult decision and greatly appreciated your interest and time.”

LaFata’s first board meeting will be in January.



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Voting for FVWD directors

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter authorized by the board of directors for the Fern Valley Water District is intended to respond to the Town Crier’s Nov. 23, 2023 letter from Danny and Colleen McDonald.

First, let us make it abundantly clear that the district has always followed California’s Uniform District Election Law. In the particular situation raised by the McDonalds, the Uniform District Election Law allows the district to request the county board of supervisors to appoint the directors to



the board in the case where there is no contest; in other words, when the directors to be elected from the district does not exceed the number of offices of director to be filled. (Calif. Election Code section 10515).

This allows the district to save taxpayers’ money in order to keep rates low, in addition to the time savings. In the case where a vacancy occurs between elections, the statutes under which Fern Valley Water District is established requires vacancies to be filled by appointment by the board (Calif. Water Code section 34707.5).

We know the McDonalds already know this since we’ve previously written to them about these issues in response to the many letters they have written to the district over the years.

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FERN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT PRESIDENT

Challenging director vacancies and pipeline completion consume FVWD meeting

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Last Thursday, the Fern Valley Water District’s (FVWD) Board of Directors held both a special meeting to choose a new director and a special regular meeting. The board had to cancel its November regular meeting because of the lack of a quorum. It also planned to cancel its next regular meeting, which would have been Dec. 21, because of its proximity to the Christmas holidays. This special meeting addressed business items for both meetings.

Besides approval of past minutes and financial reports, the only action taken was approval of a \$500 Christmas bonus for each staff member. In 2022, the board increased the bonus from \$250 to \$500, but did not want to make another increase this year.

The directors did discuss a letter, which was printed in the Nov. 23 edition of the Town Crier, from district constituents Danny and Colleen McDonald.

The McDonalds expressed concern and disagreement with the FVWD board’s intention to appoint a person, rather than call a special election, to replace former Director Gary Erb, who resigned in October. As a landowner district, they argued that all directors should be chosen by voters and not the board.

They have had previous discussions and exchanges of letters with the board about this issue. In 2017, General Manager Victor Jimenez and FVWD’s general counsel responded to a similar expression of a lack of elections to fill vacancies.

“While we concur that the Uniform District Election Law applies to the District’s elections,” wrote Ward Simmons of Best, Best and Krieger, FVWD’s general counsel. In his 2017 letter, Simmons stated that the California Water Code specifies the process for filling vacancies between elections.

Section 1780 (a) of California’s Water Code specifically states, “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a vacancy in any elective office on the governing board of a special district, ... shall be filled pursuant to this section.”

After notifying the county’s registrar of voters, “The remaining members of the district board may fill the vacancy either by appointment pursuant to subdivision (d) or by calling an election pursuant to subdivision (e),” reads section 1780 (c), which is what the FVWD has consistently done when filling vacancies between elections.

The district has 60 days to appoint a replacement. If this occurs before half the term has occurred, then the seat will be on the ballot at the next general election. If it is after half the term, the appointee will complete the term and then must stand for election to a full term.



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By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors has directed the county’s chief executive officer to examine the ramifications of separating the Coroner’s Office from the Sheriff’s Department. The vote was unanimous on the proposal Chair Kevin Jeffries (1st District) and Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (4th District), who joined with Jeffries on the proposal at his request, submitted.

Since 1999, the Riverside County Coroner’s Office has been part of the Sheriff’s Department. California is just one of three states that permits counties to combine these two offices. In California, only 10 counties have separated the two offices.

The coroner investigates and reports on all violent, sudden or unusual deaths of persons within the county as established by California law.

In an Oct. 31 letter to the board, a number of community groups, led by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California, urged the board to take this action.

“Studies support this separation; it is proven that Coroners operating under Sheriff’s Departments are more likely to underreport officer-involved deaths,” noted the ACLU.

“Families who lost loved ones in Riverside jails have noted these same issues outlined above. Additionally, many families have yet to receive autopsy reports one year after their loved one’s death,” the letter continued. “The separation of these offices reduces the perception that the process is unduly influenced by law enforcement.”

Seven members of the public spoke in favor of the idea, but there was no discussion among the directors before their vote.

Vonya Quarles, executive director and co-founder of Starting Over Inc., was the first speaker. Starting Over blends direct services with civic engagement and public policy work. The organization helps some of Southern California’s most vulnerable populations by addressing homelessness, recidivism and reentry.

“If 47 states are mandating separation and only three do not, it is not just a matter of a perceived conflict it is an actual conflict,” Quarles began her statement to the board. “... To separate these two [the coroner from the Sheriff’s Department] is clearly one way to bridge the growing divide between people and the Sheriff’s Department. Separation is not an attack on the law enforcement.”

Two mothers and a sister of men who have died in-custody of the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department also spoke in favor of the proposed study.

Lisa Matus’s son, Richard, died Aug. 11, 2022, while in custody. She has had great difficulty confirming the circumstances and cause of his death.

“To not separate these offices will continue to hinder closure for families,” she said. “Swift resolution is crucial for closure in anyone’s death.”

Richard’s sister Candance Cortez also urged the board to approve the study. Lisa and family filed a lawsuit against the Sheriff’s Department in March 2023.

Naomi Bravo, whose son, Cristian Viramontes, died in-custody Feb. 5, 2023, also supported the proposal. His family has also filed litigation against the county and the Sheriff’s Department.

“While there is no evidence of any improprieties in Riverside County regarding the operations of the Coroner’s Office under the Sheriff, the optics of a potential conflict of interest can lead to a loss of confidence in our institutions,” wrote Jeffries and Manuel in their request to their colleagues.

But the question is not new to the county. The 2017-2018 Riverside County Grand Jury also looked at this issue, and recommended that as an alternative to separation, the sheriff reestablish “an agreement with acceptable terms, with an adjacent County, to perform autopsies of in-custody deaths.”

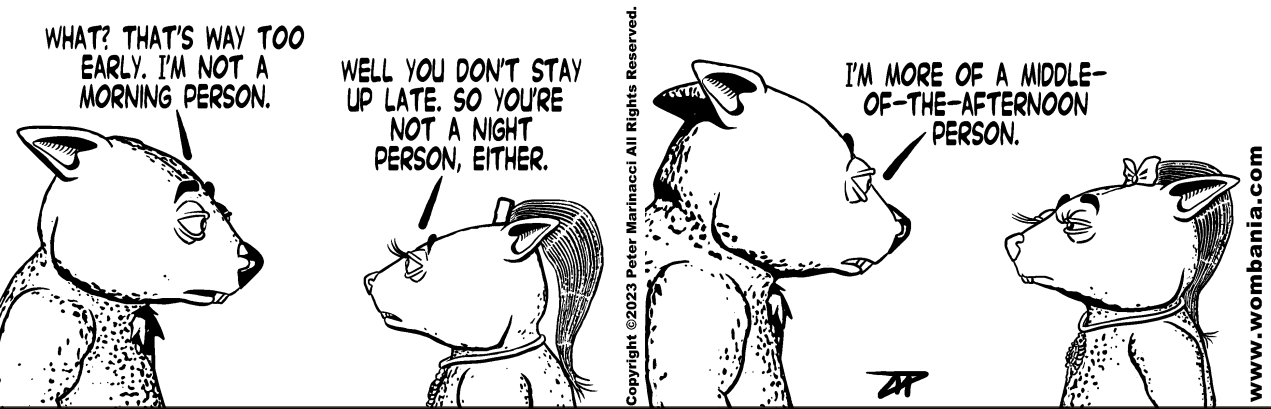
From 1999 to 2005, Riverside County had an agreement with Orange County to do this, but after its expiration in 2005, it was not renewed.

No one from either the Sheriff’s Department or the Coroner’s Office addressed the board about the proposed study.

Nevertheless, because of the past views and actions statewide, the county should be prepared to know what the “potential costs, savings, legal issues, organizational structure, and labor considerations” might be, Jeffries and Perez wrote in their proposal. A final report is expected from the CEO in 90 days.



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Editor's note: Organizations, please read your listings carefully and email [becky@towncrier.com](mailto:becky@towncrier.com) with any changes.

- Wednesday, Dec. 13**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
  - Pine Cove Water District board meeting, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
  - Grief Support Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St
  - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Community Church Guild, 2 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 54400 N. Circle Dr.
  - Idyllwild Chapter of Citizens'

Climate Lobby, 6 p.m. Zoom link will be sent to those who sign up at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>.

- Thursday, Dec. 14**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - AA discussion & birthdays, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Mountain Communities Mutual Aid food distribution, 1-2 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
  - Idyllwild Community Zen, 6 p.m. Text/call Valerie Velez at 951-392-6507 for information.

- Friday, Dec. 15**
- Idy As (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, Dec. 16**
- Antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd.
  - 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 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. or Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.
- AA happy hour & birthdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Behind Idyllwild Water District, 54255 Pine Crest Ave. (bring chair)

- Sunday, Dec. 17**
- 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.

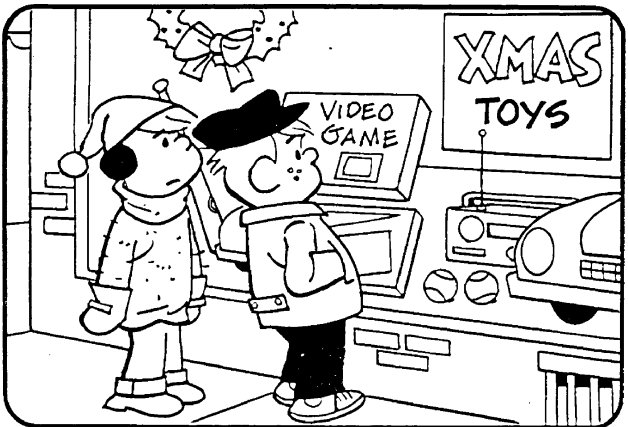
- Monday, Dec. 18**
- Day of Mindfulness, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
  - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Codependents Anon, 6 p.m. Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.

by PETER MARINACCI

- Tuesday, Dec. 19**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Idyllwild Garden Club board, 10 a.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
  - Tai Chi for Seniors, 10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
  - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Wednesday, Dec. 20**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
  - Mobile health clinic, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Grief Support Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
  - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - High Valleys Water District board meeting, 3 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
  - Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.

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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., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues. & Thurs.

- Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 8 a.m.-noon Tues.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. (Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Sunday to Saturday, Dec. 3 to 9.

- Dec. 3 — Medical assist. Strawberry Valley Dr.
- Dec. 3 — Public service assist. Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 4 — EMS, transport. Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 5 — Public service. Tollgate Ave.
- Dec. 7 — Walk-in medical assist.
- Dec. 8 — EMS. Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 8 — Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke. Hwy. 243.
- Dec. 9 — EMS, transport. Fern Valley Rd.
- Dec. 9 — Gas leak. Hwy. 243.

Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire log

The Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire responded to these recent dispatches from Monday to Sunday, Dec. 4 to 10.

Pine Cove

- Dec. 4 — Breathing prob-

lems, 9:27 a.m.

- Dec. 5 — Seizures, 11:52 a.m.
- Dec. 6 — Traffic crash, 9:18 p.m.
- Dec. 7 — Unknown medical, 12:19 p.m.
- Dec. 9 — Vegetation fire, 9:21 a.m.
- Dec. 9 — Gas leak/odor, 1:56 p.m.
- Dec. 9 — Inaccessible rescue, 5:39 p.m.
- Dec. 10 — Seizures, 9:31 a.m.

Garner Valley

- Dec. 5 — Structure fire, 7:27 a.m.
- Dec. 5 — Traffic crash, 3:14 p.m.
- Dec. 6 — Fall, 3:55 p.m.
- Dec. 6 — Fire, false alarm, 4:32 p.m.
- Dec. 6 — Unknown medical, 4:52 p.m.
- Dec. 7 — Fire, false alarm, 4:32 p.m.
- Dec. 8 — Traffic crash, 5:19 p.m.
- Dec. 9 — Vegetation fire, 9:21 a.m.
- Dec. 9 — Inaccessible res-

cue, 5:39 p.m.

- Dec. 10 — Breathing problems, 11:55 a.m.

Pinyon Pines

- Dec. 4 — Methotrexate administration immune response, 10:50 a.m.
- Dec. 5 — Hemorrhage, 8:40 p.m.
- Dec. 6 — Sick person, 10:29 a.m.
- Dec. 6 — Abbdominal pain, 12:58 p.m.
- Dec. 7 — Heart problems, 7:46 a.m.
- Dec. 9 — Vegetation fire, 9:21 a.m.
- Dec. 9 — Fall, 12:03 p.m.
- Dec. 9 — Chest pain, 12:19 p.m.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Monday to Sunday, Dec. 4 to 10.

Idyllwild

- Dec. 4 — Alarm call, 12:18 a.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 4 — Assist other department, 9:19 a.m. 53000 block of Meadow Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 4 — Fraud, 9:35 a.m. 54000 block of Ridgeview Dr. Report taken.

- Dec. 4 — Public disturbance, 11:20 a.m. 53000 block of Middle Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 4 — Check the welfare, 8:41 p.m. 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 5 — Public assist, 9:35 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 5 — 911 call, 12:14 p.m. 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 6 — Recovery of stolen vehicle, 11:49 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 6 — Recovery of stolen vehicle, 12:37 p.m. 54000 block of Rockdale Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 6 — Suspicious vehicle, 6:09 p.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 6 — Assist other department, 9:18 p.m. 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 7 — Assist other department, 6:20 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 7 — Area check, 10:16 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 7 — Assist other department, 1:02 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 7 — Follow-up, 8:52 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 7 — Assist other department, 11:56 p.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 8 — Alarm call, 6:55 a.m. 54000 block of Falling Leaf Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 9 — Civil dispute, 6:05 p.m. 55000 block of Encino Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 9 — Miscellaneous criminal, 6:13 p.m. 55000 block of Encino Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 9 — Alarm call, 11:29 p.m. 25000 block of Glen Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 10 — Alarm call, 3:27 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 10 — Trespassing, 7:48 p.m. 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 11 — Check the welfare, 10:15 a.m. 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 5 — Alarm call, 11:18 a.m. 25000 block of Deer Path Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 7 — Danger to self/other, 11:45 a.m. 52000 block of Green Craig Dr. Report taken.
- Dec. 8 — Alarm call, 2:28 a.m. 52000 block of Tall Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 8 — Alarm call, 12:11 p.m.

25000 block of Emerick Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 11 — Alarm call, 9:12 a.m. 24000 block of Rocky Point Rd. Handled by deputy.

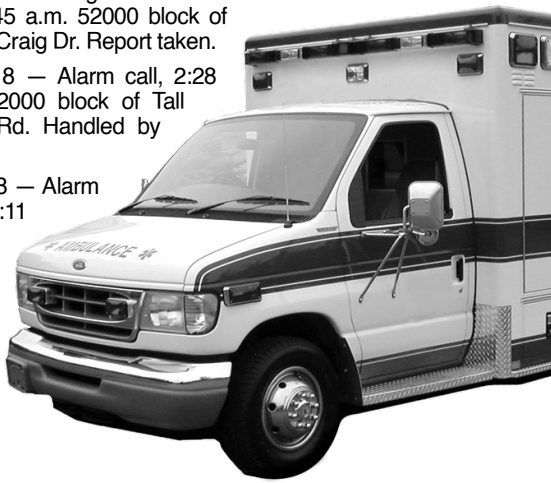
Poppet Flats

- Dec. 5 — Incurigible minor, 7:57 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino

National Forest

- Dec. 5 — Check the welfare, 12:16 p.m. 49000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 8 — Assist other department, 5:18 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 9 — Assist other department, 4:47 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 11 — Vehicle theft, 10:07 a.m. 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.



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Eviction

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days,” and that he also worked in Youth Corrections, as director of recreation, at the State Industrial School in Ogden.

A Utah Department of Corrections human resources analyst found a record confirming that an employee with Harper’s name and birthday worked with the Department of Corrections from 1981 to 1994. The archivist added this note: “This former employee did have previous experience with the State of Utah starting in 1971, but it was not with the Department of Corrections.”

So, in this case, Harper’s story is at least generally true, and his law enforcement experience was not limited to his short stint behind bars in Colorado. His numbers give precise detail, not 23 years total, nor 13 years in the actual department. He also claims to have earned a master’s degree in physical therapy and physical education from Brigham Young University, but the school does not confirm attendance or degree status without a power of attorney from the student.

Friends of Abrams say she speculated that Harper suffered from dementia. One said that Harper used multiple identities and had identi-

fication with alternate names on it. Frequently, the account he gave of his law enforcement career was full of exaggerations but short on consistency or depth of knowledge, they said.

He liked to say he worked with the Drug Enforcement Agency or strike teams, but when pressed for detail, he clarifies; as a corrections officer, he worked side by side with members of other agencies.

The Crier has not yet received a call back from the Sheriff’s Deputy in La Plata County, Colorado, responsible for Harper’s registration as a sex offender, but asked if Harper carrying a firearm is a violation of the terms of this registry. Requirements for the offender registry are tiered, and a misdemeanor convict like Harper is treated differently from a child sex offender or other felon.

Harper has not responded to the Crier’s request for comment on this story. It is not known if he is still living at the Bonita Vista Ranch, the event and wedding venue he re-christened “Cali’s Great Escapes.”

He still has a court date Dec. 21. If he appears, he will either have to produce an accounting of his trusteeship or pay sanctions of \$1,500. But he has until at least late January to move out or fight the eviction in court.

Strawberry Creek

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wood Drive is the best marked of these and is still in use. Others have disappeared through neglect or been fenced in.

Property owners may build a fence along an easement but may not block it. Sometimes seen are “no trespassing” signs posted in such a manner as to imply that the road or path is private, when they should be turned so that a pedestrian or motorist knows they may travel a path but may not pass between the posts on either side of the path.

The ownership of the lots on which the creek flows has remained with the Johnson family. It was one of several assets, central to Idyllwild’s identity, and thought of as public, but held privately. Town Hall was another of these properties, and when the Chamber of Commerce was dissolved, the deed reverted to the Johnsons, who were relieved to find a community-minded buyer, aware of its practical and historic importance, in Dave and Lois Butterfield.

But the creek has remained in private hands, although we have known for many years that Jay Johnson, grandson of Gerald, was seeking a way to maintain the integrity of the creek and make its public access permanent and legally protected. Johnson told the Crier he is not ready to make a public statement about this, but confirmed that negotiations are well underway.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as BE FRANK 25418 HOTEL LANE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 2086, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

FRANK—FERNANDEZ 25418 HOTEL LANE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

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

Registrant Signature: FRANK FERNANDEZ

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 11/15/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202316666

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2023.

CVMV2303690 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 Heacock Street, Suite D201, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Branch name: Moreno Valley Court.

BRIDGET ANN LOWE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: BRIDGET ANN LOWE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: BRIDGET ANN LOWE changed to Proposed name: BRIDGET ANN WIESE.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 12/20/2023 Time: 8:00 AM, Dept. MV2.

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

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

Date: October 4, 2023  
BELINDA HANDY  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Pub. TC: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as LAS CASUELAS TERRAZA at 74748 HIGHWAY 111, SUITE C, PALM DESERT, CA 92260. RIVERSIDE COUNTY. GABINO CORTES HERRERA

74748 HIGHWAY 111, SUITE C, PALM DESERT, CA 92260.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who

declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: GABINO CORTES HERRERA

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 10/19/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202315422

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as THE BAREFOOT ARBORIST, 54880 WILDWOOD DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: PO BOX 3511, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

DEBORAH JANINE GEISINGER 54880 WILDWOOD DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

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

Registrant Signature: DEBORAH JANINE GEISINGER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/29/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202314425

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as DESIGNATED DRIVERS OF TEMECULA VALLEY, 2108 N ST, SUITE N, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816. COUNTY OF TEMECULA.

DESIGNATED DRIVERS OF TEMECULA VALLEY LLC 2108 N ST, SUITE N, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

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

Registrant Signature: JODY SVENDSEN

MANAGING MEMBER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 11/07/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202316327

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PALMS TO PINES VACATION RENTALS, 420 N VILLA CT, UNIT 110, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262. RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing Address: 420 N VILLA CT, UNIT 110, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262. IT ALL STARTS HERE

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Registrant Signature: CHARLES NEWCOMB

CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 10/24/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202315599

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ROOTY HILL RANCH at 44915 LOS CABALLOS RD, TEMECULA, CA 92592. RIVERSIDE COUNTY. DANIELLE MARIE MILLER

44915 LOS CABALLOS RD, TEMECULA, CA 92592.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 06/15/2018.

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

Registrant Signature: DANIELLE MARIE MILLER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 11/30/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202317184

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023.

CVSW2309829 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 30755-D AULD RD, MURRIETA, CA 92563. Branch: SOUTHWEST JUSTICE CENTER.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: BRITTANY TIJERINA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: ANDREW DAVID ELLSWORTH changed to Proposed name: ANDREW DAVID TIJERINA.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 01/18/2024 Time: 8 am, S101.

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

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

Date: 11/28/2023

COMMISSIONER BELINDA A. HANDY  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Pub. TC: Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023

CVMV2306338 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET BLDG. D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. Branch name: MORENO VALLEY.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Lindsay Rae Hope Danskey and Dakota Jolliffe filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: Dakota Kaeden Jolliffe changed to Proposed name: Dakota Kaeden Bradley.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 01/26/2024 . Time: 8 am, Dept. MV2.

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

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

Date: Nov. 29, 2023

SAMRA FURBUSH  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Pub. TC: Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ANZA VALLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, BACK COUNTRY CHURCH, 55180 HWY 371, ANZA, CA 92539 . RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: PO BOX 497, AGUANGA, CA 92536.

CURTIS LELAND MORGAN

47234 BUCKHORN RD, AGUANGA, CA 92536.

BACK COUNTRY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

55180 HWY 371, ANZA, CA 92539

This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association - other than a partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on JUNE 8, 2015.

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

Registrant Signature: CURTIS LELAND MORGAN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 06/27/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202309863

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2023, January 4, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as FOREVER EMBELLISHED, 23400 HWY 243, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: PO BOX 1638, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

KAMARA DAWN SHEPHARD 23400 HWY 243, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

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# On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

B SECTION

IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., DEC. 14, 2023

## Winter Solstice Judged Art Show

This Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) judged art show was held at the Harvey House Friday, Dec. 8. It brought artists, volunteers, friends and family together to enjoy art, live music, a Secret Santa, a potluck and the holiday spirit. As well as an art show, the event also was an appreciation dinner for AAI's members and volunteers. The dual talent of Paula King and Leslie Andre on their harps made the evening even more magical.

The judge for this show, Elin Thomas, was thrilled with the quality of entries, though she did admit it made it all the harder to judge.

The winners were:

- Best of Show: "San Jacinto Gold," Jolene Paige
- Best Theme: "Pine Cove," Trish Tuley
- "People's Choice: Seekers of Sweetness," Sandi Austin

### 2-D

- First Place: "Sunset," Rachel Welch
- Second Place: "Sunflower," Paula King
- Third Place: "Late in the Day, Depoe Bay," Randy Paige

### Honorable Mentions

"Arctic Puffins," Julie Koppel; "Cliffs," Cindy Brooks; "Unbecoming," Kirsten Miller; "Lilies with Polka Dots," Rachel Welch; "The Divine Within #2," Julie Lively; "Zava Miishe's Wardrobe," Azalia Cressler

### 3-D

- First Place: "Thriving," Cory Lavy
- Second Place: "Fireplace Screen," Dore Capitani
- Third Place: "White Winter," Sandi Austin

### Honorable Mentions

"Soon I'll Hear Old Winter's Song," Art Tobias; "Cathedral," Ron Sington

### Photography

- First Place: "Relaxing," Peter Szabadi
- Second Place: "A Winter Sunset," Lynne Eodice
- Third Place: "Winter Light Shadows," Delphine Bordsas

### Honorable Mentions

"Companionship," Peter Szabadi; "Winter Wonderland, Lois Shepard; "Ice," Trish Tuley

### Wearable Art

- First Place: "Blue Ice," Terrie Burrian
- Second Place: "Ice Queen," Donna Elliott
- Third Place: "Holiday Idyllwild Oak," Trudy Adler

### Honorable Mentions

"Wrapped," Emily Burton; "Gemstone Glory," Karen Johnston

From 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, AAI will be staging its annual Christmas Art Kit Giveaway in front of the post office. Parents will be able to choose one to two gifts per child.

Shortly, AAI will be planning its 2024 calendar of events. To offer suggestions or to join the board, email [artinidyllwild@gmail.com](mailto:artinidyllwild@gmail.com).



The Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Winter Solstice Judged Art Show at the Harvey House last Friday. PHOTO BY DONNA ELLIOTT

## ART'S CORNER

BY ART CONNOR  
MUSIC REVIEWER

Every yearly scheduled event presented at the Lowman Concert Hall on the Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) campus promises treasures of sound production from a wide-ranging talented student body to the most distinguished guest artists.

This is particularly true of the programs regularly slated for the end of the fall and the beginning of the winter season, when audiences seem to be most receptive to the program's musical selections.

And so, when prior to the second Fall Concert of this year, the return of the Los Angeles-based string ensemble Delirium Musicum proved as well-timed as well-effected, this listener received an unexpected further delight. Starting straight off, and accompanied by a small student contingent (ably led by violinist Abigail Regua), the joint forces essayed a string arrangement of the song "The Earl-King" of Franz Schubert. The resulting augmentation only served to heighten the work's various nuances throughout, and the ensemble's Artistic Director Etienne Gara passed forth congratulatory remarks to his Idyllwild cohorts.

The remainder of that Friday evening's program (minus the students), subtitled "Cabinet of Curiosities," featured a mixture of contemporary popular and classically-based mood and/or movie music, more or less exactly as written — from crowd-pleasers such as the "Danse Macabre" by Camille Saint-Saens and the overly-clichéd "Adagio for Strings" of Samuel Barber, to the string workout of Dick Dale's Middle Eastern-flavored "Misirlou" and the excerpts from Bernard Herrmann's score from "Psycho."

Included also was a genial nod to nature, in the playing of Gabriella Smith's "Cactus Yucca Scrub" from her "Desert Ecology" suite.

Not to be put off lightly, the full string orchestral arrangement of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Chaconne" from the solo violin "Partita #2" was an effective final piece; however, with Mr. Gara's forces always ready to give extras, they responded with an encore of the energetic first movement of the "Winter" concerto from Antonio Vivaldi's "Four Seasons," thus satisfying all auditors in a spectacularly designed presentation.

On the following Saturday evening, when the IAA Orchestra presented its second fall program (subtitled "Isn't It Romantic," as before), a differing set of principles ensued, though with similar anticipatory fervor. An engagingly large contingent of guest artists (again in the brass and wind sections) led the concert off with a late work of the American composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, the funeral march from his incidental music for "Othello"; characteristically stately and tragic by turns, under the exacting baton of Music Director Daniel Bassin.

There followed an exposition of a fairly challenging item in the late Romantic repertoire — Jean Sibelius' one-movement "Symphony #7 in C Major" — a work generally interpreted as either a concate-

nation of somewhat-related thematic structures, or as a quasi-Wagnerian (or Richard Straussian) rejoinder to what used to be labelled as "modernism" (i.e. Schoenberg, Stravinsky). Dr. Bassin opted for the latter approach, and though some of the cadential sections seemed to be out of place, the piece effectively ended in a proper C natural mode, and led to the audience's gratification.

The highlight of the evening followed the intermission with a complete performance of Sir William Walton's "Concerto for Viola and Orchestra" in its revised setting for expanded orchestral forces. This featured the 2023 IAA Concerto Competition's Grand Prize winner, Seoyeon Bay, as soloist, displaying her prodigious talent in keeping the balance of sound production throughout, while being accompanied by an obviously well-rehearsed large orchestra — particularly in the work's third and final movement, where changes of mode and rhythm effect the "romantic" aspect of the composer's intentions. Ms. Bay was amply rewarded by her colleagues, as well as from an appreciative audience that included a goodly number of her fellow students.

Then on the Monday evening following these weekend events, the IAA Department of Music presented its late fall Chamber Music Recital in Lowman Concert Hall to a relatively small group of listeners (in contrast to the previous two evenings). The opening movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's "Ghost Trio" (Opus 70 #1) was infused with a respectful "spirit" (no pun intended); pianist Katerina Sommers gave out both impetuosity and temerity for her violin and cello participants to model upon.

There followed a few more or less trivial selections; a movement from Giuseppe Maria Cambini's "Six Trios for Flute, Oboe and Bassoon" (Opus 45), plus two movements from Francis Poulenc's "Sonata for Horn, Trumpet and Trombone" (with Dr. Bassin's appearance as trumpeter adding to the composer's typical whimsical piquancy), and the St. Pierre "Variations on 'La Folia'" (for flute, clarinet and oboe) — all of which displayed the extent of the virtuosity for all involved.

More serious matters were dealt with in the final programmed selections, in particular the two string quartet ensembles, playing respectively the Adagio movement from Beethoven's "String Quartet #1" (Opus 18 #1 in F Major) and the "Notturmo" third movement of Alexander Borodin's "String Quartet #2 in D Major"). This listener/spectator was most impressed by the professionalism evidenced in the makeup of both grouping involved (notably that led by violinist Rentso Stavrev).

Professional quality was also the case in the work which separated those two ensembles; Jean Francaix's "Quatuor" (for flute, oboe, clarinet and bassoon), with its first two movements played in reverse order, gave forth the further talents of the orchestra's principal players. So indeed, a pre-holiday surfeit of live music seemed most welcome in a world so troubled and tensed as at present; for our part here on the Hill, one can only anticipate the further generation of soundings to come, which are in many cases, already evident.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Event charges may apply. See ads throughout the issue. Email [editor@towncrier.com](mailto:editor@towncrier.com).

### Wednesday, Dec. 13

- Storytime "Holiday Cookies" with Helle Brisson, 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.

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- STEAM Afterschool, Snowflakes, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

### Thursday, Dec. 14

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

### Friday, Dec. 15

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

- Art Alliance of Idyllwild Christmas Gift Giveaway, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Post Office.

### Saturday, Dec. 16

- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
- Idyllwild Master Chorale, "Holiday Highlights," 7:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

### Sunday, Dec. 17

- Idyllwild Master Chorale, "Holiday Highlights," 1:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

### Monday, Dec. 18

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Cribbage games, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild library.

### Tuesday, Dec. 19

- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Idyllwild Chess Club, 4-8

p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

### Wednesday, Dec. 20

- Preschool Storytime: "Mrs. Claus" with Miss Susan, 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.
- Idyllwild's Best Book Club: "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

### Thursday, Dec. 21

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

### Friday, Dec. 22

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

### Saturday, Dec. 23

- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)

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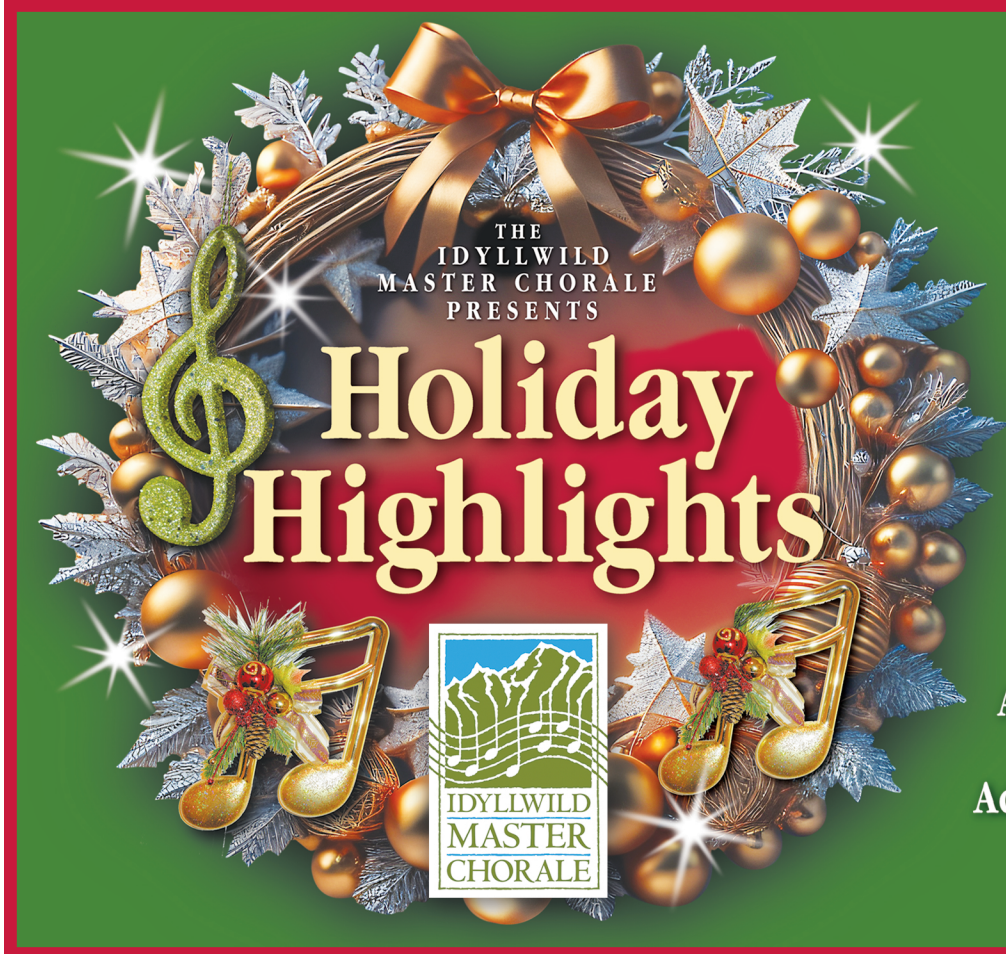
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# Palms to Pines Golf Association names champions

By JIM CRANDALL  
PALMS TO PINES GOLF ASSOCIATION HANDICAP CHAIR

Palms to Pines Golf Association (PPGA) President **Pete Capparelli** recently presented the awards to the group's two Club Champions. **Steve Olson** won the championship for the A-flight and **Dan Morgan** won for the B-Flight. They played in the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) Tournament of Club Champions earlier this month.

Each year, official SCGA member groups compete for the Club Champion title, and at the end of the year, the SCGA holds the Tournament of Club Champions at a number of courses in Southern California.

Olson played his tourney at Desert Falls Country Club in Palm Desert and Morgan played at Cimarron Golf Resort in Cathedral City. While they didn't win, it was a thrilling experience to compete at the regional level.

PPGA, based in Idyllwild, holds tournaments once a month at a different course in the area — Hemet, Temecula, Moreno Valley, Meniffee and the desert. Members accrue points each month based on where they place in the tourney, for example 6 points for first place, 4 points for second, 3 for third, 2 for fourth and 1 for fifth. At the end of the season, the top eight point finishers in the A-flight and B-flight go into playoffs for club champion.

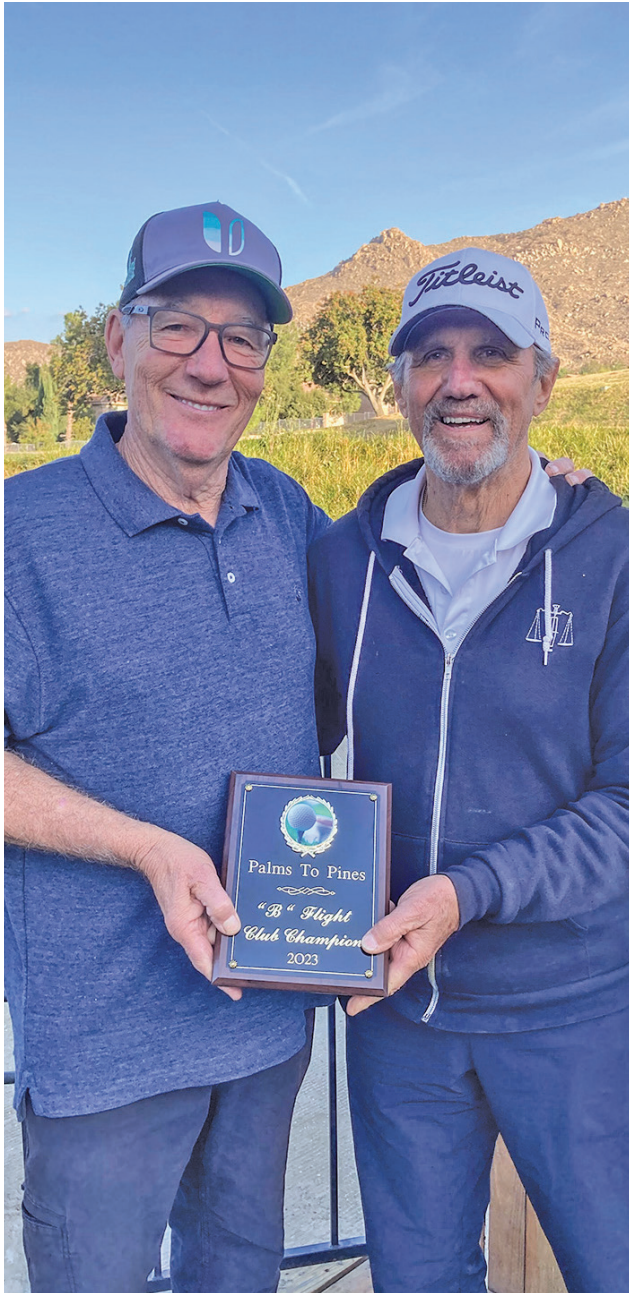
For more information, or to join the club (open to all), email Jim Crandall at jimidy3@gmail.com.

Left, Palms to Pines President **Pete Capparelli** presents the plaque to **Steve Olson**, winner of the A-Flight Club Championship.

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Right, Palms to Pines President **Pete Capparelli** presents the plaque to **Dan Morgan**, winner of the B-Flight Club Championship.

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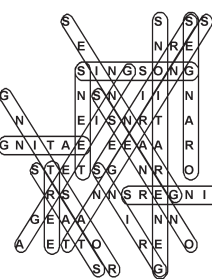


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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Ms. Grace Pavon and Haley Randall from the Enrichment Learning Opportunity Program chose this week's Idyllwild School Students of the Week. April Yuhas (above) "is kind, polite and very thoughtful," Pavon wrote. "She is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. She has such a bright and positive attitude and is the perfect example of a successful student." Rachel Vasquez Ramirez (below) "is an inspiration; despite any struggle, she comes to school with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and improve. Rachel takes pride in her work and encourages her peers to do their best, especially when they are feeling discouraged," wrote Randall. "There is no doubt they will succeed and go on to do great things."

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CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF cats and kittens talked about making the holidays safe for pets.

**Harley:** All of you please gather around. I have some big news.

**Pepper:** Some of us are here, but it's a rather sparse group.

**Harley:** You're right, Pepper. Who seems to be missing?

**Smokey:** Hmmmm ... it's quiet, and looking around I cannot find Don and Phil.

**Carrie:** Right! I just learned that they were adopted this past Saturday!

**Eeyore:** Wow! That is such fabulous news! Lucky boys.

**Pepper:** We are all so very happy for them.

**Harley:** And there is more big news, and here she comes right now.

**Sheba:** (entering the room) Hello, *Harley* everyone! I'm ARF's newest dog, Sheba. I'm so happy to be here.

**Eeyore:** Hi Sheba! You are just beautiful. Will you please tell us all about you?

**Sheba:** Of course. I'm young, around 6 months old. The kind people at ARF think I've got a good dose of Australian Kelpie in my genetics, probably mixed with who-knows-what.

**Smokey:** That's interesting. I think you're the first Kelpie to come to ARF. How big will you be once you're fully grown?

**Sheba:** Probably 38 to 40 pounds. People will like me because of my predicted size, but they'll also really like how affectionate and loving I am. Naturally, I like to play and go on walks. My foster thinks I'm pretty good on a leash, and she says I am crazy-smart. I do learn very quickly and easily. I also like to play with other dogs.

**Harley:** Welcome to ARF, Sheba. I doubt you'll be with us for very long. Whomever adopts you will be very lucky! I hope you meet many potential adopters this weekend. They should call ARF now to make an appointment to meet you.

Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of Days of our Nine Lives each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy 243. ARF is open Saturdays 10-3, Sundays 10-2, and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.

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**75 years ago - 1948**  
"Ma's New Husband," the first production of the Mountain Players, was a big hit. Evie Kretsinger and Leigh Dutton headed the cast.

**70 years ago - 1953**  
Boxes were placed in village stores for gifts of food and clothing for American Indians on the Santa Rosa reservation.

**65 years ago - 1958**  
Businesses were asked to enter the Community Yule Decoration Contest the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce sponsored.

**60 years ago - 1963**  
Intermittent rain fell, bringing the season's total

to 10.90 inches, compared to 1.87 inches for the previous year.

**55 years ago - 1968**  
Welch's Carriage Inn offered a complete dinner for \$1 on Wednesday Family Night.

**50 years ago - 1973**  
With grocery industry strikes affecting deliveries to the Hill, local grocery store owners were making runs to Los Angeles and Santa Fe Springs several times a week to obtain goods.

**45 years ago - 1978**  
Busted water pipes, hard-to-start cars and cold hands tormented many Hill residents when a cold spell dropped temperatures to as low as 8 degrees.

**40 years ago - 1983**  
Hemet Unified School District announced it was exploring yet another prospective site for a mountain high school. Funds were approved to complete an environmental assessment on the site located behind the Living Free Animal Sanctuary in Mountain Center.

**35 years ago - 1988**  
Dwight "Buzz" Holmes was preparing to conduct the 12th-annual local presentation of Handel's "Messiah."

**30 years ago - 1993**  
After serving two years on the Hemet Unified School District board, Bill Sanborn was elected president.

**25 years ago - 1998**  
Mike Pearson, a good friend of Santa Claus, was booking Christmas Eve visits by Santa to locals' homes in exchange for a donation to the Idyllwild Tree Monument maintenance fund.

**20 years ago - 2003**  
The County Service Area 38 Advisory Council proposed a special tax to be collected from Pine Cove property owners to help fund the Pine Cove Fire Station and ambulance contracts. The tax was to be voted on in May.

**15 years ago - 2008**  
The defense attorney for accused murderer and arsonist Raymond Lee Oyler had inadvertent support from the federal government for his contention that

another more likely person was an arson suspect at the time Oyler was arrested.

**10 years ago - 2013**  
Within the San Bernardino National Forest, the national fee area review resulted in a proposal to eliminate the standard amenity fee designation for seven areas (Arrowhead, Barton Flats, Big Bear North, Big Bear South, Black Mountain, Falls and Thomas Mountain).

**5 years ago - 2018**  
The California Fire Safe Council awarded a \$200,000 matching grant to the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council. The local FSC was one of 45 awardees this year. The money was to be used for fuel reduction projects.

**1 year ago - 2022**  
The Riverside County Board of Supervisors denied the five countywide elected officials — assessor/county clerk/recorder, auditor-controller, district attorney, sheriff/coroner and treasurer/tax collector — possible pay raises, between \$35,000 and \$60,000 annually.



Vi Taylor on West Ridge raised giant pumpkins and squash in her mountain farming in December 1963. Helping with the display were her grandchildren Kurt, Suzie and Wendy Warren.

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SPORTS

Idyllwild Community Center Sports

By JOHNNY WILSON  
ICC DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS & RECREATION

Adult Volleyball

The 2023-2024 season of ICC Adult Volleyball was off to a smashing start Tuesday as Idyllwild Brewpub faced off against Idyllwild Garage in the season-opening match. Idyllwild Brewpub won the first game 25-21, but Idyllwild Garage came back strong to win the next two of three games to force the match into the dreaded fifth game tie-breaker. Ultimately, it was Idyllwild Garage who emerged victorious to win the match, three games to two. The teams play at Buckhorn Camp.

Tuesday's second match was BBI Construction vs. Village Hardware. This match played out very similarly to the previous one. The games went back and forth until Village Hardware claimed victory in a tie-breaking fifth game and won the match 3-2.

In Thursday night's games, BBI Construction had no trouble taking on Idyllwild Brewpub as they cruised to a 3-1 victory. The other Thursday game was intensely close between Red Kettle and Forest Lumber as their match went into yet another fifth game tie-breaker. In the end, Forest Lumber held on to win the match 3-2.

The competition was good, the teams were even, and everyone played really well — all the matches could have gone either way. This is going to be one heck of a season.

Standings

	Wins	Losses	Ties
BBI Construction	1	1	0
Forest Lumber	1	0	0
Idyllwild Brewpub	0	2	0
Idyllwild Garage	1	0	0
Red Kettle	0	1	0
Village Hardware	1	0	0

Adult Basketball

Nearly 30 local adults have signed up for ICC's Adult Basketball League. The teams have been decided and the games will begin Wednesday, Dec. 13. The season will run through Feb. 7, 2024.

Youth Basketball

This year, ICC is putting together a Youth Basketball Camp for kids ages 7 to 10 and 11 to 14. The six-session camp will focus on the fundamentals of basketball, such as passing, dribbling, shooting, defense and basic strategy through a combination of drills and scrimmage games (\$39/kid for the entire camp.)

The first session begins Wednesday, Dec. 13. To register, visit [idyllwildcommunitycenter.org](http://idyllwildcommunitycenter.org).



In the opening match, Idyllwild Brewpub and Idyllwild Garage faced each other.

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Coach Michael Smith teaching ages 11 to 14 how to set a proper screen.

PHOTO BY JOHNNY WILSON



WORD SEARCH

(Answers on previous classifieds page)  
WORDS FOUND IN  
**MAGIC MAZE • "SEASON'S GREETINGS"**

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: AN AFTERNOON NAP

Agreeing	Grins	Seniors	Tangerines
Eating	Oneness	Singers	Teens
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

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HOROSCOPES

December 2023 — Week 2



**March 21 – April 19**  
At this time, you might want to resist that otherwise admirable Aries penchant for getting to the heart of a matter quickly. Keep in mind that a delicate situation calls for patience.



**April 20 – May 20**  
Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.



**May 21 – June 21**  
Positive aspects are strong this week. Although you still might have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that's what counts.



**June 22 – July 22**  
A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don't bring yourself into it unless you're invited, and don't stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you'll be there for them.



**July 23 – August 22**  
As the truth about an ongoing situation emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment before you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.



**August 23 – September 22**  
Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel the most qualified could create resentment. It's best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it first.



**September 23 – October 22**  
Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.



**October 23 – November 21**  
Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season's growing commercialization.



**November 22 – December 21**  
Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday plans, and don't forget to include you-know-who in them.



**December 22 – January 19**  
Disagreeing with an opinion that you can't accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. It's better to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.



**January 20 – February 18**  
Getting involved in helping others during this increasingly hectic period makes the generous Aquarian feel good. You could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.



**February 19 – March 20**  
The Piscean way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don't be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.

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