

# Idyllwild Town Crier





# Fire on Sherman Thanksgiving Day fire destroys Pine Cove home

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

CalFire and Idyllwild Fire responded to a house fire in the 53000 block of Sherman Drive at 9:26 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. CalFire Public Information Officer Tawny Castro provided the following information: The first engine to arrive found a two-story structure “well involved with fire.” The fire was contained shortly after 10:30 a.m. Two occupants suffered moderate injuries and were transported to local hospitals. The cause is under investigation.

**Top:** A total loss, a home in Pine Cove caught fire most likely due to a propane leak but still under investigation.  
**Top-Right:** Emergency personnel prepare to transport victims of the fire to first aid.  
**Right:** A fire at a home on Sherman Drive broke out on Thanksgiving Day.

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# Supervisors approve local districts’ directors

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

At the Dec. 3 meeting, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the recommendation from the Registrar of Voters to appoint new members of several County Special Districts. Among these were three from the Hill – Idyllwild Fire Protection District, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District and the Pine Cove Water District.

Although all three districts could have held elections last month to fill seats of directors whose terms were expiring, the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies. Thus, choosing the option of an election would have created an unneeded cost for the districts, so they chose to let the Board make the appointments of the candidates who filed for the seats. Section 10515 of the California Elections Code authorizes the Board of Supervisors to appoint any persons who have filed declarations of candidacy.

## Idyllwild Fire Protection District

The terms of two incumbents – Dennis Fogle and Henry Sawicki – expire this week and would need to be

filled. The only candidates filing for the election were Fogle and Sawicki, who will continue on the Board.

Fogle was initially appointed to the Board in July 2019 and won election to a four-year term in the November 2020 election. Sawicki is the former President of the Board. He was originally appointed in 2017 and won a four-year term in the 2018 election. However, he was defeated for re-election in the November 2022 vote but re-appointed to the Board in May 2023 and has won election to another four-year term.

## Lake Hemet Municipal Water District

The Supervisors approved the appointment of Darrell J. Elam to the District 2 seat and Stephan A. Pastor, current Board Vice President, to the District 5, which includes Garner Valley, seat. Both will serve full terms.

## Pine Cove Water District

Two incumbent Directors – Vicki Jakubac and Becky Smith – were reappointed to full four-year terms. Jakubac was appointed to the Board in 2016, won re-election to complete that term and then a full-term in 2020. Smith was appointed to the Board in February to fill the term of former Director Diana Luther who resigned in December 2023. She now has a full four-year term.

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# Idyllwild Weather

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 Friday 12/6	63°F / 37°F	Plenty of sunshine
 Saturday 12/7	68°F / 38°F	Plenty of sunshine
 Sunday 12/8	59°F / 31°F	Mostly sunny
 Monday 12/9	59°F / 26°F	Sunny to partly cloudy
 Tuesday 12/10	55°F / 25°F	Plenty of sunshine



Suicide Rock

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# Calvert wins his 17th term in Congress

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

In the race for California’s Congressional District 41 seat, incumbent Republican Ken Calvert has claimed his victory and his Democratic opponent Will Rollins conceded two days later.

The two competed in 2022 and the results similar, although Rollins came closer in the percentage of votes received; but Calvert’s margin of victory increased. In 2022, Calvert won with 52.35% of the vote. He had 4.7% more of the votes and an edge of 11,100 votes over Rollins.

This year, the number of registered voters in the district increased by 5.2% but the number of ballots cast was nearly 50% greater than in 2022. Rollins’ total came within 3.4% of Calvert’s voters, but the margin increased to 11,924 as of Saturday evening, Nov. 30.

After the close election two years ago, Rollins was optimistic about his chance of winning both in the Spring and last month. He felt his initial campaign voters were only beginning to know him and his views.

“When I left my job, there were only six months to introduce myself to the electorate. This time I started in May 2023 and many more people know who I am,” he declared.

He also opined that the greater turnout for the Presidential Election would favor him despite about 5,100 more registered Republicans in the District than Democrats,

“The turnout for Democrats and Republicans will be about equal, but we’ll continue to win independents and moderates,” he asserted in an October interview with the Town Crier. But the greater turnout this year, 75.6%, did not change the ultimate result.

As Thanksgiving passes, it is Calvert, beginning his 17th Congressional term in January, who is happy. He is proud that he exceeded his previous victory margin.

From Spring through the election, Calvert campaigned on the importance of the economy in this election. When asked why the Democrats did not focus on this issue, he replied, “That’s a good question! It didn’t take a rocket scientist to walk around our communities and ask. Low- and moderate-income people were concerned about the cost of gas, insurance rate skyrocketing, and food. There was a general malaise about the economy and it was clearly the issue.”

He felt that Rollins tried to make Calvert the issue, but “The people chose between me and the economy. He misinterpreted the issue and I was not a good issue.”

Rollins was not the only Democratic legislative candidate to assume higher turnout would favor them over their Republican opponents. Calvert opined that the Country and Riverside County are more center to moderate right beliefs. Although much of California is on the left. This misperception, he felt, was noticeable in the Hispanic communities in the District.

“People of moderate income and low often focus more on pocketbook issues,” he added.

Another campaign issue, that Calvert expressed concern about was its cost. Informally, he estimated that the combination of direct contributions and independent political committee expenditures totaled nearly \$23 million for Rollins and \$17 million for him.

“Forty million dollars for one race, I understand that was the third most expensive race in the U.S.,” he said sadly.

Further, from July to October, the number of registered Republican voters in the district increased by 6,000. Calvert confirmed that was not luck.

“[Our campaign] had a major effort to register voters, particularly independents to Republican,” Calvert said. “A lot of people, particularly those who register through the Department of Motor Vehicles don’t know which party they’re registered in. So, we were basically flipping them to Republican.”

As he prepares for the next Congress, Calvert, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said his first priority is to try to get the fiscal year 2025 Appropriations bills enacted. His preference is for 13 individual bills, but he recognizes that there is discussion of passing one or two large continuing resolutions. Next, in early 2025, he will focus on the FY 2026 appropriations process.

Calvert expects the Ways and Means Committee to begin work on a tax bill to continue the Trump tax cuts approved in 2017.

While Gov. Gavin Newsom is concerned about President-elect Trump’s attitude toward California and his willingness to provide funding for state projects, Calvert intends to protect funds with fighting wildfires.

“Reduction in that area is not happening. I make sure it doesn’t happen, not going to happen,” he emphasized and stressed.

As he finished the interview, Calvert sighed and said, “I feel like a drive to Idyllwild to get away from everybody for a while.” Since he spent several years of his youth here, residents may see the Congressman walking the sidewalks.

Congressional District 41		
Votes as of Saturday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m.		
	Votes	Percentage
Ken Calvert (R)	182,822	51.69%
Will Rollins (D)	170,898	48.31%
	353,720	75.6 % turnout



Rep. Ken Calvert last February with Mayor Max and Vice Mayor Meadow.  
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# Newsom vows to protect incentives for EV purchase

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Gov. Gavin Newsom is clearly preparing to “defend” California’s policies in anticipation of opposition once President-elect Donald Trump takes office. The first step occurred two days after the election. On Thursday, Nov. 7, he called a Special Session of the State’s Legislature to convene on Dec. 2. Its purpose is to prepare against the presumed new Federal attacks on multiple California’s policies and laws.

Last week, Newsom pledged to protect the State’s clean air policy which mandates a migration to Zero-emission vehicles. While Trump has not addressed this issue since the election, during the campaign, he proposed to eliminate the current federal ZEV tax credit.

Last week, Newsom issued a press release vowing to re-establish California’s Clean Vehicle Rebate Program, which was phased out in 2023. During its lifetime, the CVRP funded more than 594,000 vehicles and saved more than 456 million gallons of fuel.

The federal tax credit can be \$7,500 if the vehicle meets both the critical minerals requirement and the battery components requirement.

An academic study, also released last week, estimated that ZEV registration would fall 27% if the tax credit was eliminated.

Actually, neither executive can take those actions unilaterally. To eliminate the Federal tax credit, Trump would need Congressional action. Likewise, to re-institute the State rebate program, Newsom would need Legislative action.

“We will intervene if the Trump Administration eliminates the federal tax credit, doubling down on our commitment to clean air and green jobs in California,”

Newsom pledged in his press release.

Funding for the electric vehicles rebate, at least, would come from California’s Cap-and-Trade program for large greenhouse gas emitters and not the General Fund.

Only two weeks ago, Albert Gore, Executive Director of the Zero Emission Transportation Association, a federal coalition committed to enacting policies that drive EV adoption, said, “Production credits like 45X [section of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022] have driven enormous job growth and new economic opportunities across the country, but particularly in battery belt states like Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, and Georgia. If the United States is going to continue to fight to bring those jobs here and actually compete to win against China, there needs to be a demand signal - like the New Clean Vehicle Tax Credit - aligned with that goal, otherwise we would be undercutting those investments and hurting American job growth.” Gore has also worked at Tesla for seven years.

The Cap-and-Trade program is a key element of California’s strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It complements other measures to ensure that California cost-effectively meets its goals for GHG emissions reductions.

The program gives an economic value to the amount of pollution a company emits. California’s cap-and-trade program requires car makers to sell a certain number of ZEVs. If they don’t sell enough, they need to purchase additional ZEV credits.

For example, credits given to automakers, e.g., Tesla, a California ZEV manufacturer, that build and sell environmentally friendly vehicles can be sold to other automakers for cash.

Tesla sells carbon credits to other automakers for cash. In 2023, Tesla made over \$1.79 billion in carbon

credit revenue.

According to the California Energy Commission, more than 2.1 million ZEVs have been sold in the State since 2010 and annual sales continue to grow. The 441,283 EVs sold in 2023 were three times the number of new sales in 2020. As of the end of September, 343,213 new sales were recorded in the State, which is 78% of the 2024 total.

Thirty percent of new ZEVs sold in the U.S. are sold in California, according to the California Air Resources Board.

In July, Elon Musk, owner of Tesla and a Trump advisor, expressed support for this policy on X, formerly Twitter which he owns, “Take away the subsidies. It will only help Tesla. Also, remove subsidies from all industries.”

“Consumers continue to prove the skeptics wrong – zero-emission vehicles are here to stay. We’re not turning back on a clean transportation future — we’re going to make it more affordable for people to drive vehicles that don’t pollute,” Newsom promised in his statement.

California’s current air resource policies call for prohibiting the sale of new gas-powered vehicles in 2035 or later. Over the next 10 years, the percentage of new gas-powered vehicles sold in the State must gradually decline to zero in 2035.

While California has strict standards and laws regarding the evolution of ZEVs, Federal actions have been implemented, too.

In March 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency announced a final rule for light-duty and medium duty vehicles regarding multi-pollutant emissions standards. These stricter rules will go into effect for the model years 2027 and later. The intent of the more protective standards is to further reduce harmful air pollutant emissions from these types of vehicles starting in 2027.

# Local Assembly seats go Republican, statewide Dems still control legislature

By JP CRUMRINE  
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While the final vote counts have not been completed, the winners are known.

The state legislative races were the latest to be determined.

Before Thanksgiving, the Democratic candidates for both local State Assembly Districts conceded to their Republican opponents.

## Assembly District 36

First, on Monday, Nov. 18, Joey Acuna, the Democratic candidate for AD 36, announced his concession to Jeff Gonzalez, the Republican candidate.

“Although many ballots remain to be counted, it’s clear that this election didn’t go our way. I congratulate Jeff Gonzalez and wish him all the best in representing Assembly District 36,” he said on his Facebook page.

That afternoon, Gonzalez held a brief press conference claiming his victory. “There comes a time in the life of a community when people make a decision to stop fighting and to become ‘We the people.’ Democrats, independents, and Republicans all come together for a mandate – it is time to get back to work put community first and people over politics.”

As of Saturday evening, Nov. 30, Gonzalez held a 5,040-vote lead over Acuna. With 146,000 votes counted, a 67.5% turnout, Riverside County voters gave him a 5,100-vote advantage.

## Assembly District 47

In 2022, District 47, which includes most of the Hill communities, was the closest election in years. Only 85 votes separated the winner, Republican Gregg Wallis, from his opponent Democrat Christie Holstege. The final results were not determined until December.

In 2024, it was again a close race, but on Wednesday, Nov. 20, Holstege did offer a concession to Wallis. “While this wasn’t the outcome we wanted, I remain deeply proud of everything we accomplished together. We fought an uphill battle . . . ,” she said in a press release.

Holstege had been optimistic that the 2024 results would be reversed. She, and several Democratic legislative candidates, thought the higher turnout in a Presidential Election would make a difference. But it didn’t help her.

In Riverside County this year, the total votes cast for this race were 81,000 greater than in 2022. However, her edge over Wallis declined to 8,936 compared to 10,455 in 2022. And Wallis’s San Bernardino advantage grew from 10,540 to 14,454. This was a similar result in AD 36.

“This campaign showed what was possible: that a Democrat could compete in a district once considered unwinnable. . . .” she said beginning her concession statement. “Our region has not been represented by a Democrat in over 25 years; our work on these historic campaigns over the last three and a half years has ignited a movement that cannot be ignored.”

Assembly 47					
Counties	Registered	Christy Holstege (D)	Greg Wallis (R)	Turnout	
Riverside	247,803	93,538 (52.5%)	84,602 (47.5%)	77.4%	
San Bernardino	75,275	19,892 (36.7%)	34,346 (63.3%)	71.05%	
Total	32,3078	113,430 (48.8%)	118,948 (51.2%)		

Assembly 36					
Counties	Registered	Jeff Gonzalez (R)	Joey Acuna (D)	Votes	Turnout
Riverside	152507	51,928 (52.6%)	46,719 (47.4%)	9,8647	64.7%
San Bernardino	2934	1,138 (63.5%)	649 (36.5%)	1,787	60.9%
Imperial	90086	22,678 (49.3%)	23,336 (50.7%)	4,6014	51.1%
Total		75,744 (51.7%)	70,704 (48.3%)	1,46448	

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# Numerous recent health alerts

By JP CRUMRINE  
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In the past month, there have been an unusual number of health alerts and warnings in California. They tend to be limited to the State, and none have occurred in Riverside County.

As a safeguard, readers should be aware of what is occurring in the State.

**Whooping Cough**

As of the end of September, 1,744 cases of whooping cough have been reported in California compared to 288 at the end of September 2023. In Riverside County, there were 43 reported cases of whooping cough, also known as pertussis, compared to a total of 14 in all of 2023.

IN 2019, there were 76 cases in the County. In the four following years, 2020 through 2023, there was a total of 72 cases, and never more than 22 in one year.

Whooping cough is a respiratory illness caused by a type of bacteria called Bordetella pertussis and is highly contagious. It can be spread by coughing or sneezing.

Whooping cough may begin like a common cold, but unlike a cold, the coughing can last for weeks or months. People with pertussis have severe coughing attacks that can last for months. Infants too young for vaccination are at greatest risk for life-threatening cases of pertussis.

Treating whooping cough early with antibiotics may make the infection less serious. There are vaccines for whooping cough, too

**Bird Flu**

On Nov. 22, the federal Centers for Disease Control confirmed that a child had the first case of bird flu in California. This was confirmed as avian influenza H5 virus. The infection caused mild symptoms in the child who received flu antivirals.

While all the family members reported symptoms, testing proved negative for all.

She was an Alameda County resident, and this was the second case detected in the United States. The CDC stated that it will closely monitor available data from influenza surveillance systems. The emphasis will be watching states affected by outbreaks in animals. This includes California where widespread outbreaks of H5N1 bird flu have been detected in wild birds and domestic poultry since 2022 and dairy herds since August 2024

Limited and sporadic human infections with avian influenza H5N1 virus, where animal exposure was not identified, are very uncommon but have occurred. While the CDC’s risk assessment for the general public is low, 55 human cases of H5 bird flu have now been reported in the United States during 2024, with 29 in California.

The California Department of Public Health has issued two warnings, the latest was Nov. 27, to Californians to not consume cream top raw milk produced and packaged by Raw Farm, LLC of Fresno County. The CDPH is concerned about possible bird flu because the virus has been detected in a two retail samples.

The CDPH stressed no human bird flu cases associated with the product have been detected. Nevertheless, at the CDPH’s request, the company has issued a voluntary recall of the affected milk lot code number 20241119 with a Best By date of 12/07/2024 printed on the packaging.

**Listeria**

The CDC has also reported an outbreak of listeria in four states, including California. Eleven people have been infected. Nine required hospital aid and one child in California has died.

The U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service issued a recall of approximately 72,240 pounds of ready-to-eat

meat and poultry products from Yu Shang Food, Inc., a Spartanburg, SC, establishment. Examples of recalled foods include pork hock, chicken feet, pork feet, duck neck, beef shank, and pork tongue. Questions about the recall should be directed to the USDA-FSIS.

All ready-to-eat products produced prior to October 28, 2024, are subject to recall. The products subject to recall bear establishment number “P-46684” or “EST. M46684” inside the USDA mark of inspection.

Their shelf life that may be adulterated with Listeria monocytogenes, according to the FSIS. The initial recall notice was issued on November 9.

If you have any of these products, the CDC emphasizes that you do not eat them and recommends that you throw them away or return them to where you bought them. Also, importantly, clean your refrigerator, containers, and surfaces that may have touched the recalled foods. Listeria can survive in the refrigerator and can easily spread to other foods and surfaces.

“Consumption of food contaminated with L. monocytogenes can cause listeriosis, a serious infection that primarily affects older adults, persons with weakened immune systems, and pregnant women and their newborns. Less commonly, persons outside these risk

groups are affected,” according to the FSIS press release.

“Listeriosis can cause fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions sometimes preceded by diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms.”

**Human Flu**

On Oct. 22, the Riverside County University Health System reported, “An elderly man from eastern Coachella Valley . . . as the first individual in Riverside County to die from flu-associated causes for the 2024-25 flu season, which typically runs from October to April.”

“Now is the time to be aware of the dangers that influenza can present to our communities and do what we can to reduce the risk of getting or spreading the flu to others,” said Riverside County Public Health Officer Dr. Geoffrey Leung.

One of the most important and successful actions against influenza is getting vaccinated, Leung urged everyone over 6 months of age should receive the flu vaccine.

**Salmonella**

And just Friday, Nov. 29, the CDC reported a nation-

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Sliding scale.

# Mountain Area Safety Taskforce invites public to learn about community fire safety and evacuation plans

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

The Mountain Area Safety Taskforce will meet at the Idyllwild Nature Center on Wednesday, December 11. The event brings together representatives of all the agencies, governmental and nonprofits, engaged in preventing and responding to wildfire in our community, as well as citizens seeking a better understanding of their own responsibilities.  
Taskforce members included CalFire and Idyllwild Fire, USFS, Riverside Sheriff’s Office, and Riverside County Emergency Management Department on the governmental side, and Mountain Community Fire Safe Council, Mile High Radio Club, and Mountain Disaster Preparedness on the nonprofit side.  
MAST’s mission is “Helping to prevent catastrophic wildfires in Riverside County.” They produce a master plan for evacuations and defense of mountain communities during wildfires. This also includes much information which is not public facing, regarding vulnerabilities and shelter-in-place areas.  
During the pandemic the meetings became virtual events, and this year has marked the return of in-person public forums. If you are new to the hill, they are the best way to get to know the special responsibilities that fall on those who live in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) zones, and the roles of our various governmental and non-governmental organizations. If you are a long-time resident, this is the time to get updates and bring questions.  
Although the meetings have been scheduled quarterly, the September meeting was canceled because fire agencies were responding to incidents during a very busy summer.

Recent meetings included briefings on MCFSC’s efforts against the Golden Spotted Oak Borer, both preventing infection and removing dead and dying trees. The group administers grants that help property owners take care of this important part of forest health and fire abatement. We have also learned about the County’s Rivco Ready program, which sends address-targeted emergency messages to registered cell users ([rivcoready.org](http://rivcoready.org).) The Firefighting organizations report on fuels reduction projects and incident responses. The Sheriff’s office is there to address questions about evacuation warnings and orders.  
The time to prepare is before a fire, and the time to learn about evacuation protocols is this coming Wednesday, not the next time smoke appears around our valley.  
If you have questions related to fire protection, emergency response, fuels reduction, or forest health that you would like addressed by one of the MAST agency cooperators, please submit them to Leighanne Calacuay: [Leighanne.Calacuayo@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Leighanne.Calacuayo@fire.ca.gov). This will enable the proper agencies to provide a fuller response.  
Mountain Area Safety Taskforce Public Forum, Wednesday December 11, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243.

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- Wednesday, Dec 3
- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Thursday, Dec 4
- Emotions Anonymous, 5:00 pm Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
  - Al-Anon, 6:30 pm Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
  - 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 6
- 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
  - AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. Ark of Light, 54445 N. Circle Dr. (behind Idyllwild Acupuncture)

- Saturday, Dec 7
- American Legion Post 800 meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
  - Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. Free lessons
  - 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, 3-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 54255 Pine Crest Ave.
- AA happy hour & birthdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Behind Idyllwild Water District, 54255 Pine Crest Ave. (bring chair)

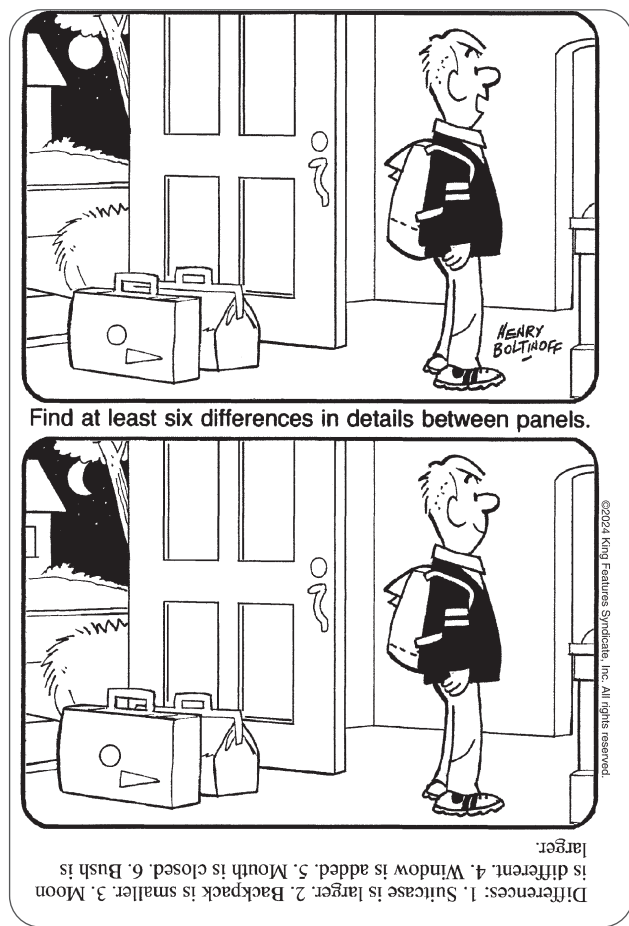
- Sunday, Dec 8
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
  - AA, discussion, noon, Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243.
  - Mixed Nuts, 5:30-7 p.m., Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Monday, Dec 9
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Codependents Anon, 6 p.m. Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.

- Tuesday, Dec 10
- 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.
  - Feeding America, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St. Bring box for food.
  - Tai Chi for Seniors, 10 a.m.

- Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- Palms to Pines Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, 6-6:50 p.m. <https://zoom.us/j/4391478344>
- Return to Yourself Virtual Support Group for Women Vets with PTSD, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat
- Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

- Wednesday, Dec 11
- 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.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood 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., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls

IDYLLWILD

- Nov. 7 — Trespassing, 12:32 p.m. 53000 block of Idyllbrook Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 7 — Alarm call, 4:33 p.m. 54000 Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 7 — Area check, 7:51 p.m. 55000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
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- Nov. 8 — Public disturbance, 1:52 p.m. 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 8 — Battery, 11:57 p.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 8 — Suspicious person, 11:59 p.m. 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Arrest made.
- Nov. 9 — Alarm call, 3:21 p.m. 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 9 — Noise complaint, 7:38 p.m. 25000 block of Tah-

- quitz Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 9 — Noise complaint, 11:05 p.m. 25000 block of Tahquitz Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 9 — Noise complaint, 11:41 p.m. 25000 block of Tahquitz Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 10 — Trespassing, 9:04 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 13 — Check the welfare, 3:30 p.m. 25000 block of Sunset View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 14 — Suspicious person, 9:49 a.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 14 — Alarm call, 4:13 p.m. 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 14 — Assist other department, 9:20 p.m. 26000 block of Lake Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 15 — Attempt warrant service, 9:59 a.m. Address withheld. Warrant.
- Nov. 15 — Check the welfare, 11:39 a.m. 26000 block of Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 15 — Suspicious circumstance, 5:59 p.m. 26000 block of Lake Ln. Handled by

- deputy.
- Nov. 15 — Vandalism, 6:13 p.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- Nov. 16 — Suspect info, 11:07 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 16 — Trespassing, 6:43 p.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 17 — Alarm call, 4:44 a.m. 26000 block of Meadow Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.

- MOUNTAIN CENTER
- Nov. 10 — Assist other department, 6:40 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 15 — Civil dispute, 12:27 p.m. 53000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

- PINE COVE
- Nov. 7 — Noise complaint, 4:59 p.m. 25000 block of Cascade Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 8 — Alarm call, 7:49 a.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 12 — Unattended death, 10:53 a.m. Address withheld. Report taken.

- Nov. 13 — Fraud, 12:32 p.m. 25000 block of Sunrise Dr. Report taken.
- Nov. 13 — Fraud, 12:32 p.m. 25000 block of Sunrise Dr. Report taken.
- Nov. 13 — Follow-up, 7:45 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 14 — Follow-up, 9:22 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 15 — Alarm call, 7:09 p.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 17 — Trespassing, 10:31 a.m. 25000 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 17 — Trespassing, 10:33 a.m. 25000 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 17 — Follow-up, 5:32 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- PINE MEADOWS
- Nov. 7 — Fraud, 2:15 p.m. 59000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Report taken.
  - Nov. 9 — Business & professions code viol, 1:35 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 12 — Miscellaneous criminal, 1:42 p.m. 35000 block of Pipe Creek Rd. Handled by deputy.
- POPPET FLATS
- Nov. 7 — Lost cellphone, 2:23 p.m. 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 10 — Narcotics, 11 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 16 — Danger to self/other, 3:19 p.m. 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Unfounded.
  - Nov. 17 — Vehicle theft, 3:38 a.m. 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Unfounded.
- NATIONAL FOREST
- Nov. 7 — Burglary, 12:36

- p.m. 58000 block of Bonita Vista Rd. Report taken.
  - Nov. 9 — Suicide threat, 5:15 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 12 — Area check, 10:05 a.m. 33000 block of Bautista Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 12 — Follow-up, 1:05 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 13 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 8:42 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 14 — Assist other department, 7:31 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
  - Nov. 15 — Found property, 11:01 a.m. 33000 block of Bautista Canyon Rd. Report taken.
  - Nov. 16 — Trespassing, 11:33 a.m. Address undefined. Unfounded.
- TWIN PINES
- Nov. 11 — Check the welfare, 6:49 p.m. 16000 block of Valley Hi Dr. Handled by deputy.

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Mo, in yellow, with other hikers on the peak



Mo with other hikers, support team, and members of Floresta



Mo with hiking buddy Leslie Bush



Mo above 12,000 feet and feeling fine

**Mo**  
*continued from A1*

Mullins is an outdoorsperson of long standing. “I’ve always loved to hike. I lived down in Vista, and I used to hike in the Poway mountain area. I’m originally from northern California, I used to hike up at Stanislaus and in the northern Sierras.” She worked for many years as a Physician’s Assistant, and was a jazz vocalist in L.A.

Although she has only lived here full time for five years, her connection began decades ago. “Back in the late 70s, early 80s I had a boyfriend who was a keyboard player who used to come up her and visit Lee Miracle. I used to come up with him. They were buddies and Lee lived next door to Rich Page, who was the Mister Mister guy. I always just loved this place. It took me a long time of working and getting it together to buy a place up here.”

She may be best known to locals as a musician. She is Musical Director at Queen of Angels Church, and performs with MoMoJo (with husband John Mullins, Monica Sierras and Julia Graham.) She was excited about her upcoming December 8 debut with Marshall Hawkins and his quartet at Middle Ridge Winery.

The Kilimanjaro trip arose from a gift from her husband of an iFIT elliptical training machine. The machine came with a subscription that includes hikes with world-class trainers, “You basically work out with them and follow them on the trail. They usually give you a physiology lecture or something in the process. I can’t say enough about the iFIT program, I think it’s the best thing...wonderful.” The Kilimanjaro series included, in addition to the scenery of Tanzania, singing and dancing by the porters, and she was “moved to tears.” She shared her experience on Facebook and an “old hiking buddy,” Leslie Bush, saw the post and invited her to join a real expedition.

Mullins began to train. “I went to the Sierras and climbed Mount Langley in preparation, for altitude training. Langley is about 15,000 feet. I was doing a regimen where I was hiking up to San Jacinto Peak every Monday, then I was hiking to Tahquitz lookout every Friday, and every Wednesday the Webster trail, up to Thousand Trails and then back down. I had a pretty robust training program for about five months... About 35 miles a week. Because of my age, I was thinking ‘I really need to overcompensate, because I don’t want to get there and not summit.’”

The training paid off. “I tell people: I was probably ten to fifteen years older than pretty much everyone else in the group, and I was the only one that had absolutely no altitude symptoms, all the way up to 19,341 feet. The reason, I believe, is because of living up here. I live at 6,400 feet and I was really pushing the altitude in the hikes up here. I had a real advantage over everybody

else. I was the first one up, and I just felt great. It was quite a surprise to other people, but not to me, because I knew that I had that advantage, and access to the most amazing trails up here.

The trip took seven days, five up and two down. Hikers were supported by local guides and porters. “You carry a backpack yourself that weighs up to 20, 25 pounds. It has your extra clothes, rain gear, snacks, your water. The porters carry, your sleeping bag and other stuff on their heads. Like 50 pounds on their head, another 30 pounds on their back. These guys are amazing, and they watch you. They watched me constantly because they kept thinking that because of my age I was going to have trouble. They were always hovering, ‘are you OK?’ I was like ‘Yeah, I’m fine, you gonna eat that jerky?’”

Mullins says the trip was very well organized, “run by a gal called Cindy Outlaw.” Outlaw is on the board of the San Diego River Valley Conservancy and is planning another Kilimanjaro trip in 2025 to benefit that group. Mullins calls Outlaw “A force to be reckoned with. Right before we did Kilimanjaro they went up to Greenland, hooked themselves up to sleds and cross-country skis, and skied over the polar ice cap.”

Before the ascent of Kilimanjaro, group members spent a week working with a humanitarian organization called “Plant With Purpose,” also known as “Floresta” in Africa. “That group is teaching the Masai and the Chagga tribes agricultural methods for sustainable farming. The program includes a small tribal savings and loan type of program that people can invest in. I was amazed how it improves the lives of people. They were able to buy a goat and then a chicken... they were able to replace their mud and stick hut with cinder block. I saw firsthand some amazing improvements in these people’s lives.”

The hike itself included several distinct climatic zones. “You start off in the rain forest, real muddy, lots of rain. You get up into an alpine desert, it’s pretty open and dry, when you get up above 16,000 feet you’re in a regular alpine zone.” And yes, there are still glaciers up there. “They used to refer to ‘the snows of Kilimanjaro.’ Unfortunately, with climate change, which is a real thing, the snows are very sparse. There are glaciers left up there, but they are rapidly melting, it was heart-breaking.” The USGS says that the glaciers have been in retreat since 1880, with the thickness declining since 1960 by about a half meter per year, and the area covered decreasing from about 7.7 square miles to less than one.

Asked about future hikes, Mullins says she is thinking about Patagonia and the Dolomites, in Italy. But her musical endeavors make her reluctant to leave for long. She values those relationships and the livelihoods many of her partners derive from music.



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## Holiday Science

I'm Dr. I. Cide, the coolest scientist around these parts!

Try my fun and amazing holiday science experiments at home with a member of your family!



### Incredible Vanishing Candy Canes

Try this awesome EXPERIMENT!

This experiment will reveal how candy canes react to different liquids. What do you think will happen?

Record your observations to see if you predicted the correct results.

**Stuff you'll need:**

- ☐ 4 small candy canes
- ☐ 4 clear jars or glasses
- ☐ Hot water
- ☐ Cold water
- ☐ White vinegar
- ☐ Cooking oil

### The Holidays Make Scents

Maybe it's because I have a carrot for a nose, but I don't get to smell much of the wonderful scents the holidays bring each year. See if your friends and family members can identify the secret scents hidden in five bags without looking in the bag.

**Stuff you'll need:**

- ☐ 5 paper bags
- ☐ Marker
- ☐ Pine needles
- ☐ Cinnamon sticks
- ☐ Hot cocoa powder
- ☐ Candy Canes
- ☐ Marshmallows
- ☐ Cup of eggnog
- ☐ Gingerbread
- ☐ Popcorn
- ☐ Roasted chestnuts
- ☐ Pumpkin spice
- ☐ Drops of vanilla extract
- ☐ Holiday scented candle

Choose any 5 of these items.



### SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

**Question:** How does a candy cane react when left in different liquids?

**Hypothesis:** Your guess at what will happen. \_\_\_\_\_

**Method:**

1. Fill each jar or glass with one liquid. Use the same amount each time.
2. Place a candy cane in each container.
3. Watch what happens to the candy canes over the next couple of hours.

COOKING OIL after 15 minutes:	VINEGAR after 15 minutes:	COLD WATER after 15 minutes:	HOT WATER after 15 minutes:
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**Conclusion:** Explain what this experiment taught you. \_\_\_\_\_

**Standards Link:** Follow the scientific process to conduct simple experiments.

### Fizzy Cookie Shapes

Baking soda and vinegar create a fizzy, bubbly reaction when mixed. Try this experiment with a family member.

**Stuff you'll need:**

- ☐ Baking sheet (makes cleanup easier)
- ☐ Holiday cookie cutters
- ☐ Baking soda
- ☐ White vinegar
- ☐ Green and red food coloring

Step 1: Add red food coloring to a cup of white vinegar. Stir. Repeat with green food coloring.



Step 2: Place a cookie cutter on the tray and pack it with baking soda.



Step 3: Add drops of green and red vinegar to the baking soda.



**Observation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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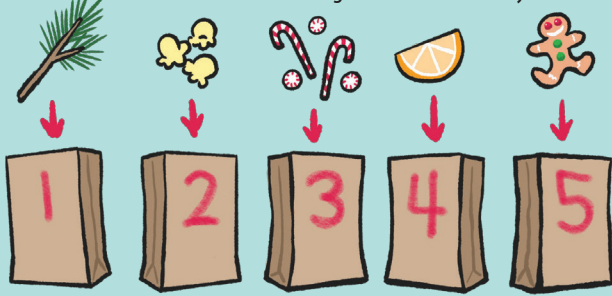
### SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

**Question:** Will people be able to identify every scent? Which one will every person correctly identify?

**Hypothesis:** Your guess at what will happen. \_\_\_\_\_

**Method:**

1. Number the bags 1 through 5.
2. Place the bags on a level surface. Place an item in each bag.
3. Have each person sniff each bag and tell you what they think they smell.



**Observation:** Which scent was guessed correctly most often?

\_\_\_\_\_

Which scent was guessed correctly least often?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:** Explain what this experiment taught you. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Standards Link:** Follow the scientific process to conduct simple experiments.


### Extra! Extra! Holiday Sights

Look through the newspaper for each of these words related to holiday celebrations:

- Lights
- Music
- Gifts
- Family
- Friends
- Joy
- Peace
- Fun

**Standards Link:** Use the newspaper to locate information.


Find each candy cane's exact twin.



### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Dr. I. Cide's Lab Equipment

Circle all the things that would be useful in a laboratory to conduct experiments. Do the math. The even-numbered items would be useful. The odd-numbered items would not be useful.



8 + 4 = \_\_\_\_\_

6 + 2 = \_\_\_\_\_

7 + 7 = \_\_\_\_\_

10 + 8 = \_\_\_\_\_

7 - 3 = \_\_\_\_\_

14 - 6 = \_\_\_\_\_

11 + 11 = \_\_\_\_\_

9 + 7 = \_\_\_\_\_

12 - 4 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Standards Link:** Solve simple equations; recognize odd/even numbers.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

S	R	Q	B	T	K	L	D	P	J
C	W	E	J	N	U	L	V	O	K
I	A	X	A	E	O	M	I	P	R
E	T	N	R	C	J	S	D	C	A
N	E	M	E	S	T	F	E	O	G
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L	O	W	M	Y	I	S	C	W	I
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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PREDICT**

The verb **predict** means a guess at what will happen in the future.

I was able to **predict** that I would get a B on the test after studying.

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Weather or Not?

**Meteorology** is the science of weather. Look at the weather forecast in the newspaper. Observe the weather each day for a week to see if the predictions were correct.

**Standards Link:** Observe different kinds of weather patterns.

### Where do young trees learn how to become Christmas trees?



**ANSWER:** Element-Tree School!!

### Write On! Holiday Jokes

Write down 10 of your favorite holiday jokes and riddles. Send them to a friend and ask them to send back 10 of their favorites!

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# Keeping your pets safe this winter

By JANICE MURASKO  
ANIMAL RESCUE FRIENDS

• Limit your dog’s time outdoors. Even dogs with the heaviest of coats can be subject to frostbite as their ears, nose, and feet are exposed to the elements with little or no protection.

• Puppies, older dogs, and dogs with very short (or no) hair may need to wear a sweater of some sort when the temps dip. Even dogs perceived to be very tough, such as Pitbulls, get cold very easily.

• Many dogs really enjoy playing in the snow, but remember that ice, snow, salt, and toxic chemicals like antifreeze and de-icers can build up on your dog’s feet. If he licks them, he could swallow the poisons.

• Pet guardians hopefully are educated to the dangers of pets in a hot car, but many don’t stop to think about how cold a car can get. Even if the cold car is not a direct threat to the dog’s health, it could be very uncomfortable. Leave your pooch at home where it’s warm.

• Pet-proof your home. Space heaters are a burn danger as are heated dog beds. Space heaters can be tipped over and possibly start a fire, and heated dog beds can burn your dog’s skin. Closely monitor use of these beds, and regularly check to see that they are functioning properly and safely.

• Veterinarians will tell you that if dogs are exposed to wet, cold weather for too long, their respiratory tract can become inflamed, which may lead to pneumonia. This is especially true for both older and younger dogs, as well as any whose immune systems may be compromised.

• Rain puddles can pose a risk to dogs that stop to get a drink. According to veterinarians, leptospirosis and giardia are two infectious agents that can potentially result when dogs consume diseased water found in puddles. If your dog can get to puddles easily, you might want to consider vaccinating her against leptospirosis. Veterinarian Dr. Michelle Dana explains that even if your dog doesn’t drink this dirty water, he still might be exposed if he steps in the water and licks his paws afterwards.

• Bring your dog indoors during wet, cold weather. He should be dry and warm at all times.

• Lightning and thunder: If you know your dog reacts poorly during a storm, prepare him with natural or prescribed medications (check with your vet). Do NOT coddle him during the event as this only reinforces fear-based behavior. Instead, stay by his side and sooth him with calming speech. Be absolutely certain that he is wearing ID (use a marker to put your number on his collar) and is micro-chipped. If he is terribly frightened and able to run from your home, he just might. Make his reunion more likely by providing rescuers your contact information.

• Traveling in bad weather increases the odds of an auto accident. Your dogs should be secured in your car in case you experience an accident. She cannot bolt from your car when first responders open a door or window. And remember, a loose dog is a flying projectile who can injure herself OR humans in the vehicle. You may put smaller dogs into crates, and a perfect seat belt/harness system can be found to work with any dog.



The Ernie Maxwell Trail

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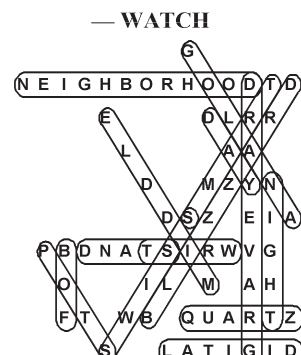
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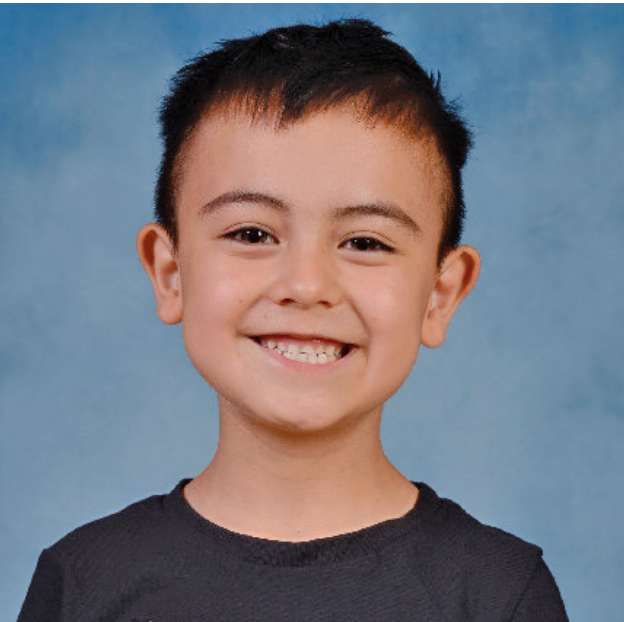


STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Monica "Nicky" Bailey, our Health Technician has chosen the following students.



Olivia Mejia is a very bright young lady with a kind heart and a sweet spirit. She not only works hard and gives her all to the task at hand, but she brings others alongside her, encouraging and helping them too! We are blessed to have her as one of our Mountain Lions!



Iker Gomez Cabrera is such a light to those around him. He is smart, imaginative, and is helpful to others. You can truly tell that he has a big heart and an overall positive attitude. What a blessing it is to have him and his infectious smile here at Idyllwild School!

CREATURE CORNER

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats talked about how being part of a forever family would give them cause to be so thankful.

Pepper: I think the ARF folks are kind of tired this week.

Harley: Did they eat too much on Thanksgiving?

Wooly Bully: I don't think that's it, but I bet it is because of a busy tree lighting event in town.

Bobby McGee: I heard they sold quite a few jackets and sweaters for some lucky pups! Kate: They had so many of all sizes and colors.

Marlowe: With the weather much cooler, soon to be cold, those will come in very handy.

Bobby McGee: I also know that there are still quite a few of them at ARF.

Harley: I hope lots of dog guardians will stop by to do some shopping for their fur babies.

Kate: And while folks are there to check out the sweaters, maybe they'll visit the cattery at the same time.

Pepper: Wouldn't it be so nice for both a family and us cats and dogs to cuddle in front of a fireplace, together?

Wooly: That would be spectacular.

Rowan: And if pet parents want to celebrate the holidays with the furever friends, there are many things we would like.

Harley: I know cats, being natural hunters, would like food puzzles. They are a great way to let us act upon instinct, while getting a meal at the same time.

Bobby: Dogs also like food puzzles. These puzzles can exercise our minds as well as our bodies.

Wooly: That's right! We dogs need mental stimulation as well as physical. Walks, of course, can exercise both.

Pepper: But I hope people will also remember both cats and dogs like the reliable ball!

Kate: If we can chase it, it's all good.



Rowan & Marlowe

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



**Past Tense**  
**70 years ago - 1954**  
The American Legion Post 800 held a turkey shoot at the Idyllwild Rifle and Pistol Club near Mountain Center.

**65 years ago - 1959**  
Golfers were testing the Hill's new golf course located in Dutch Flat, site of a pioneer sawmill operation.

**60 years ago - 1964**  
The first teen dance of the season at Town Hall was declared a success with 140 teenagers dancing to live music by Ric and the Renegades.

**55 years ago - 1969**  
Despite opposition by the County Planning Department, the Local Agency Formation Commission approved annexation of 2,200 acres in Garner Valley to the Lake Hemet Municipal District.

**50 years ago - 1974**  
The Forest Service traffic count over the Thanksgiving holiday revealed that 9,156 cars, carrying an estimated 20,143 people, visited the Hill between 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

**40 years ago - 1984**  
Caltrans announced plans to replace the Strawberry Creek bridge on Highway 243 in Idyllwild and to straighten out the double-S curve near Mountain Center.

**20 years ago - 1994**  
A winter storm provided 2 inches of snow to add ambiance to the annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Almost All the News-Part of the Time

**IDYLLWILD TOWN CRIER**  
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**HILLFOLK MOURN PRESIDENT KENNEDY**

A street in Dallas. A building and shots. The Parkland Hospital. An arrogant face, police and confusion. A pink suit sprayed with blood. Ruffled drapes draped in black. The rolling caisson and strong, straight young men of the services. Miles of sad faces. A gallant widow. Two small children in blue.

These are some of the impressions of President John F. Kennedy's assassination and burial, as the long arc of history reached into the San Jacinto mountains.

Local reaction to news of the shooting in Dallas and the events that followed were as they were across the nation and around the world.

First, there was shock and disbelief, followed by a stunning numbness. The town was hushed as residents hovered close to radios and television for latest news.

Reaction to the tragedy which struck the nation and the world was summed up by several citizens, asked to comment.

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The Rev. Arthur French, Pastor of the Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church:

"How is this possible?" you ask. "I would not do such a thing!" you report. And yet each one of us shares a part, who has ever said a mean word in malice, to a neighbor, who has ever thought with complacency and done nothing about unemployment, low grade housing, lawlessness, unrighteousness, discrimination in many forms, the lack of the right kind of education for each person according to individual ability, the murder of Medgar Evers or of children in Sunday school.

This latest great tragedy is but another in a long list of national tragedies, and must come like the handwriting on the wall in the midst of our lamenting and revealing. Perhaps it has taken the murder of our highest elected official to bring America to her senses.

It is well that the nation had a day of mourning for our late Commander-in-Chief. And yet, we as a people ought to put on sackcloth and ashes to mourn, also, the loss of our founding heritage and integrity.

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The leader of our country, the Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces, has been shot down by an assassin's bullet. When the Founding Fathers of our country adopted the Declaration of Independence a hundred and eighty-seven years ago they declared: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy not only pledged, he has given his life to those ideals our Founding Fathers enunciated and established.

In this solemn moment, we who remain should rededicate ourselves to the perpetuation of our United States of America, so that President John Fitzgerald Kennedy and those so many other patriots lost in war and peace will not have died in vain.

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Dorothy Bear - Idyllwild Librarian

It is hard to understand a thing so senseless. And hard to say what you feel. Perhaps a verse from Walt Whitman's (CONT. page 2)

**STATE PARK TREE MEMORIAL STUDIED**

Plans for dedicating a grove of young trees in Mt. San Jacinto State Park to the memory of President Kennedy are being advanced by the Frank Walton League.

Meeting this week, directors of the outdoor club suggested that a plot in the new Stone Creek acquisition be set aside as a memorial grove. A site that has been logged was mentioned.

State park supervisor Keith Caldwell explained that the proposal must have park commission approval. Word from Sacramento indicated that this is possible, although time is needed to get the matter before the board.

As outlined by leaders of the club, the project would include reforestation by Idyllwild school children, proper signing of the area and plans for a self-guided nature trail.

The move was suggested because of the late President's keen interest in conservation. He launched numerous programs during his brief term in office.

The Stone Creek site is considered because it is a new part of the state park and is undeveloped. Within 25-50 years seedlings will provide a stand of native trees that mark the memory of the nation's 35th president.

Riverside holder, chief of the California Division of Beches and Parks, is expected to visit Idyllwild December 14 to look over the Stone Creek park area.

**STORM ADDS RAIN, SNOW**

Storm, which finally blew itself out during night of Nov. 30/31, deposited varying amounts of snow and rain on the Hill. Ranger station recorded a total of 1.99", bringing season's total to 10.63 inches.

Official readings at Idyllwild Water District and Calif. Electric offices showed 2.05" and 2.20" respectively. Bob Gray read a high 2.94", and out on Tollgate Road Jack Wright read 3.31" for the storm.

**Hill Mourns...**

"Memories of President Lincoln" best fits this tragedy so like those of a hundred years ago:

"Then with the knowledge of death as walking one side of me, And the thought of death close-walking the other side of me, And I in the middle as with companions, and as holding the hands of companions, I fled forth to the hidden shore, reeving night that talks not, Down to the shores of the water, the path by the swamp in the dimness, To the solemn shadowy cedars and ghostly pines so still."

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Stephanie Chase - Idyllwild

Hate, like death, is no respecter of persons. Respectably - and too often - they go together. No ordinary disease - hate, like the scourge of a thousand "silent springs", is a virulent destroyer. From the beginning of time it has cut a dark swath across the path of humanity. The seeming advances of civilization diminish before the reality of the human hate-machines lethally active in the world today. Hatred is a coward, spawned in the dark passages of ignorance - too fearful of its own weakness to stand in the light of truth. Because it is a mockery of life, it must festy - or be destroyed.

The game of hate knows no rules. One man - spelling out humanity - unafraid - becomes target for a coward's play. A sniper's aim crack, the hold of courage nor alter the course of destiny.

From the calvary-ways of time the giants of soul rise tall before us - marking the slow, insistent ways of peace .....

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Dr. Max F. Kroone, President, USC-Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

Twice within two days history has been thrust upon us by two cruel men whose warped minds each in turn had become a self-appointed god of vengeance.

A good and great man has been cut down in his prime, leaving his beloved family, a host of personal friends, and millions throughout the world who respected, admired, trusted, loved and depended upon him, to mourn his tragic, senseless and terrible assassination.

In two score and six years he had placed his life at his country's disposal in its greatest struggle for survival, and then as one of its lawmakers, and finally as its leader he had fought for the equal right of all its citizens to a good life, and for the defense of the principles upon which our country was founded.

In a moment of great insight he pointed the way that must be ours if we would preserve our freedoms, our way of life and greatness. "Ask not," he said, "what your country can do for you. Ask," he said, "what you can do for your country." He gave it, the country he loved, "the last full measure of devotion." Greater love than this has no man. The shadow of his greatness will remain upon us forever.

**CHURCHES**

Community Presbyterian Church School 9:30  
Worship 11 am  
QUEEN OF ANGELS Mass 8:30 & 10  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Sunday School 9:30  
Service 11 am  
West. Serv. 7:30  
EPISCOPAL Episcopal Prayer Chapel in the Pines 11 am  
Wesleyan 11 am

**SPECIAL SERVICE HELD**

Villagers gathered for a simple memorial service at the Legion Park Monday, conducted by members of the Idyllwild Post. Dwight Metcalfe, in an informal talk, stressed the challenge to people everywhere to draw together in constructive endeavor. "A shock of this magnitude," he said, "should unite us both in our own community and in the world community."

The Rev. Arthur French gave the memorial prayer and taps was heard as the flag was lowered to half-mast.

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Aliisa and Annabelle enjoy the crafts table at the Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday.  
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Ariana and her mother enjoy a visit with Santa at the Tree Lighting on Saturday  
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The Children's Choir entertained the crowds at the Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday

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Idyllwild resident **Jon King** (Founder of the San Jacinto Trail Report) celebrated his record-extending 1000th ascent of San Jacinto Peak on Sunday, December 1st, 2024 with some hardcore high county hiking friends. Pictured from L-R: **Kyle Eubanks** of Yucca Valley, **Jon King** (holding sign), **Dan Mullins** of Temecula (kneeling), and **Shari** and **Chris Rodarte** of Idyllwild.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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Answers to puzzles found on B4

HOROSCOPES

December 2024 — Week 1

March 21 – April 19

A change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expected. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use your Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

April 20 – May 20

Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to be a contender.

May 21 – June 21

Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings shouldn't interfere with the more pragmatic matters that you need to take care of.

June 22 – July 22

Best not to ignore doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. Meanwhile, a weekend surprise awaits you.

July 23 – August 22

No time for a catnap -- yet. You still might have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

August 23 – September 22

News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

September 23 – October 22

It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

October 23 – November 21

Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide some much-needed reassurance.

November 22 – December 21

Cheer up! An unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

December 22 – January 19

Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult, but the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

January 20 – February 18

Prioritizing is an important part of your preholiday scheduling. Try to give time to both your workday responsibilities and any personal matters you might have neglected.

February 19 – March 20

With the vestiges of your anger about a painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including a certain personal situation.

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