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Downtown Idyllwild in all its glory

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# How the Hill communities voted

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Nov. 5 was the Presidential Election, statewide and local legislators and ten statewide propositions. The Election is over, the ballots cast, and the votes counted and recorded.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors received the certification of the canvass of the vote and the Statement of Vote from the County's Registrar of Voters.

The Statement of Vote shows how each precinct in the County voted for each race and proposition.

In general, Riverside County voting patterns are slightly more conservative than the statewide vote. This is seen by the fact that the majority of County voters chose President-elect Donald Trump and Republican Senate candidate Steve Garvey; but the statewide totals favored Vice-President Kamala Harris and Senator Adam Schiff.

This same distinction can be observed when comparing in the vote totals in Idyllwild and Pine Cove with results in Garner Valley and Mountain Center. No one has determined if elevation affects the voting characteristics of these communities.

**President**

Harris garnered the majority of California's votes and also easily had the majority in Idyllwild and Pine Cove. Both precincts were heavily in support of Harris, Idyllwild cast 61% of votes for her and Pine Cove gave her nearly the same, 59%.

But Garner Valley and Mountain Center favored Trump as did a plurality of Riverside County. However, nearly two-thirds of Garner Valley voters supported him.

It should also be noted that Robert F. Kennedy, Jr, received 1.2% of the state's votes for President (nearly 200,000) and the Hill offered some support for him too. Idyllwild residents gave him 17 votes. He received two votes in Mountain Center and one vote from a Garner Valley citizen.

**U.S. Senate**

For U.S. Senator, Adam Schiff won the election to replace, EMILY's List President Laphonza Butler, whom Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed to fill the vacancy when former Senator Dianne Feinstein died.

However, Schiff's Republican opponent, former Dodger Steve Garvey, won the majority of Riverside County voters as well as Mountain Center and Garner Valley, where he got two-thirds of the votes.

**U.S. Congressional District 41**

Incumbent Congressman Ken Calvert won a close election over his Democratic challenger Will Rollins. This is a repeat of the 2022 election results.

Calvert collected 51.7% of the vote, slightly less than his 2022 share of 52.4%, but the actual margin of votes was greater due to the higher turnout.

The Hill precincts divided just as they had in the other races. Idyllwild and Pine Cove strongly favored Rollins, providing him 60% of their vote. While Garner Valley and Mountain Center voted for Calvert. Again, Garner Valley gave the Republican candidate more than two-thirds of the votes cast there.

**Assembly District 36**

Jeff Gonzalez, a Republican, defeated Joey Acuna, the Democratic challenger, to replace retired Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia. Gonzalez secured a majority of votes in the District, Riverside County, Garner Valley and the portion of Mountain Center in this district. Both local precincts gave him two-thirds of their votes compared to his winning percentage of 51.8%.

**Assembly District 47**

In a race much less close than the 2022 version, incumbent Assemblyman Greg Wallis defeated, for the second time, his Democratic challenger Christy Holstege.

This year, Wallis garnered 51.2 % of the district's vote compared to 50.03% in 2022.

More than 57% of Idyllwild and Pine Cove voters cast ballots for Holstege. She did collect a majority of the Riverside County voters in the district (52.5%), but the San Bernardino portion of the District was overwhelming in favor of Wallis.

**Idyllwild Water District**

Only the Idyllwild precinct cast ballots for this contest. The results, challenger Jessica Priefer received the most votes, and incumbent Director Peter Szabadi lost his race for re-election. Priefer was also the only candidate to be chosen on a majority of the ballots.

Board President Dr. Charles Schelly was re-elected. Former Director Steve Kunkle had the third highest vote total, but he had resigned from the Board prior to the election and has said he will not accept the post.

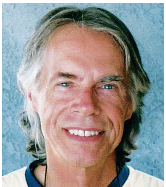
There were 1,079 ballots cast in this election, which is an 88% turnout. Three seats were to be filled, so voters could cast a vote for up to three candidates.

These are the vote totals for IWD:


Priefer	692	56% of ballots
Schelly	488	39.8%
Kunkle	385	31.4%
Szabadi	314	25.6%

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# How the Hill communities voted on Propositions

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

The Nov. 5 Presidential Election ballot included ten statewide propositions. The Hill communities were divided in their support of the various propositions as they were for the elected officials.

Statewide six of the propositions were successful. These were Propositions 2 and 4, bond measures for schools and environmental projects, Prop 3, the constitutional right to marriage, Prop 34, restricts spending of prescription revenues, Prop 35, permanent funding for Medi-Cal, and Prop 36, increased sentencing for certain drug and theft crimes, All have received more “Yes” than “No” votes, but some results were close.

These four failed to achieve majority support: Prop 5, bonds for affordable housing and infrastructure, Prop 6, eliminates forcing inmates to work, Prop 32, raises minimum wage, and Prop 33, local government residential rent control. Of these four, the closest race was for Prop 32, minimum wage.

Prop 32, raising the minimum wage failed statewide and Riverside County voters also opposed it as did Pine Cove and Garner Valley (overwhelmingly with 67.4% opposed). But 53.1% of Idyllwild voters said “Yes” and Mountain Center voters were split. Thirty voted “Yes” and 30 voted “No.”

For three measures, the results were similar among all four precincts. While the percentages varied, each precinct supported Prop 36, which strengthened felony charges for various crimes, and Prop 35, which created permanent funding for Medi-Cal.

All agreed in opposition to Prop 33, strengthening rent control,

Props 2 and 4, the two bond measures were easily approved with 55% of their vote being “Yes”. Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Mountain Center each supported these measures with 60% of more their vote.

Interestingly, the Garner Valley voters were decisively opposed to both bonds. More than 56% of their voters chose “No.”

The local precinct results were similar for Prop 3, the constitutional right to marriage. The three jurisdictions at the higher elevations supported it – more than 70% in Idyllwild. However, Garner Valley voters were opposed, but narrowly with only 50.3% saying “No.”

Another interesting difference occurred for the results of Prop 6, eliminating involuntary work in State prisons. This proposition was defeated statewide. While 53.3% of all voters opposed it, more than 61% of county voters opposed it.

However, Idyllwild voters narrowly supported it with 50.4% saying “Yes.” The other three precincts opposed it, and Garner Valley cast 73.8% of its votes against this proposition.

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Tawny Harrison’s daughter, **Poppy**, sits by a painting of her mother at the fundraiser for her mother at the Rustic Theatre on Saturday.  
PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

# Wood burning ban issued for lower elevation communities; Red Flag warning for mountains

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, the South Coast Air Quality Management District issued a three-day no burning of wood alert. The announcement was for Tuesday, Dec. 3 through Friday, Dec. 6. Its cause and purpose were because of a warning that air pollution would already be high on that day.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, the National Weather Service issued a fire weather watch for early this week. “Fire weather watch is in effect from Monday morning through Tuesday night for strong gusty Santa Ana winds and low relative humidity in all mountain areas. . .”

On Sunday, the Red Flag warning was extended to Wednesday.

But the CalFire Southern Operations 7-day forecast expects a low risk of fire through Dec. 12, but warns that the winds on Tuesday could be a trigger for a high risk event.

“Strong winds along with very dry conditions will cause the large fire threat to become high across Southern California Tuesday. . . The large fire threat will become low once again Wednesday through next week-

end as winds become light. There will be a substantial decrease in the dead fuel moisture through the end of this week and the live fuel moisture will remain critically dry across Southern California,” Cal Fire said Sunday in its 7-day Predictive Services Outlook.

The no-burn announcement was targeted at communities, below 3,000 feet and non-desert, the burning of wood products was prohibited because of its addition to an already dangerous air quality environment.

The SCAQMD explained that no-burn days are based on fine particulate pollution that is forecasted for an entire 24-hour period, which may not be reflected in real-time air quality maps. Particles in wood smoke — also known as fine particulate matter or PM2.5 — can get deep into the lungs and cause respiratory problems (including asthma attacks), increases in emergency room visits and hospitalizations.

Hill communities were exempt from the no-burn ban. The announcement stated, “South Coast AQMD’s No-Burn Day alerts do not apply to mountain communities above 3,000 feet in elevation, the Coachella Valley, or the High Desert. Homes that rely on wood as a sole source of heat, low-income households and those without natural gas service also are exempt from the requirement.”



**Linda Kwas** (President) and **Woody Henderson** (Vice President) at the Pine Cove Property Owners Association Annual Meeting.  
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 Wednesday 12/11	58°F / 39°F	Partly sunny
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 Friday 12/13	53°F / 32°F	Partly sunny
 Saturday 12/14	57°F / 31°F	Mostly cloudy
 Sunday 12/15	57°F / 26°F	Partly sunny
 Monday 12/16	59°F / 28°F	Sunshine and a few clouds
 Tuesday 12/17	58°F / 32°F	Clouds to start, then sunshine returns



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# Idyllwild Community Center offers recreation and more for seniors

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

Johnny Wilson, who is Idyllwild Community Center’s Director of Programs and Recreation, gave a talk at the Library on December 4th about ICC’s recreation programs for seniors, in and out of Town Hall. The talk was hosted by Idy Elders and Others.

Wilson gave some of his own history. His children are fourth generation Idyllwilders, and many of his own formative experiences were in Town Hall Youth Sports. He gave a brief history of Town Hall, noting its construction by volunteers in 1947 on land donated by the Johnson family, its purchase and rehabilitation by Dave and Loie Butterfield and Tom Hawthorne, who then donated it to ICC, a 501(c)(3). ICC continues the local stewardship of the building and the tradition of Town Hall recreation. Primary funding comes from our County Service Area, CSA 36.

Wilson outlined ICC’s offerings tailored to the needs of elders. There is a weekly schedule of activities to help stay healthy and active, and social and cultural opportunities like the Fireside Senior Cabaret program. Other programs, like the Sunday Farmer’s Market and the monthly Feeding America food distribution, help elders (and others) stay healthy.

Fit After 50 is a free exercise class (donations welcome) supported by the Arthritis Foundation. The classes are Mondays and Fridays noon to 1p.m., and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 11. The county-certified teachers are Ruth Martin and Deborah Martin (not related.)

Yoga for Seniors is taught by Gus Poletti. The classes are Mondays 4 to 5 p.m. and Fridays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Poletti also teaches Tai Chi Mondays 10:30 a.m. to 11:30. The yoga and Tai Chi classes cost \$10, with monthly discounts available. Both activities are renowned for strengthening the body and calming the mind and helping avoid falls. Wilson said that Poletti’s motto is “If you can walk, you can do Tai-Chi.”

Although not age limited, ICC’s adult sport leagues attract many older Idyllwilders. In addition to seasonal sports like basketball (starts in January), volleyball, (just started) and softball (in summer), Wilson has introduced quarterly ping-pong tournaments. He noted that most of the ping-pong players were over 50, and a few very competitive octogenarians participated in the most recent tournament.

Recreation means more than exercise and sports. Fireside Senior Cabaret is a 12-week writing and singing storytelling workshop. The annual offering culminates in a fall public performance where each participant presents a piece paired with song, and the public is invited to gather around the Town Hall fireplace to enjoy the show. The workshop costs \$50 includes 24 meetings, rehearsals and performance night.

Other free cultural events include the Summer Concert Series at the Butterfield Amphitheater, another venue which, like Town Hall, is available for rent from ICC.

ICC manages several other locations: the ICC kids’ playground adjacent to the unfinished new Community Center building, the skate park, the dog park, and the pickle ball court. This last is available dawn-to-dusk on a first come, first serve basis. If you don’t have a ball and paddles these can be rented from ICC. The library also has a set they lend out. You will have to call Town Hall to get the access code to the gate.

Wilson also highlighted the County’s Office on Aging as the place to call to find out what services are avail-

able for elders. They are “charged to provide leadership in developing a home and community-based, consumer-oriented system of services for older persons in Riverside County.” Their number is (877) 932-4100.

In response to a question about ICC staffing, Johnny said that in addition to himself the recreation program has a maintenance worker, the two Fit After 50 instructors, and Leo Rodriguez, director of children’s programs. The rest of the work is done by Board Members and volunteers. Wilson noted the many volunteer coaches and referees for the sports leagues, and the people who show up early to fill boxes for the Feeding America food distributions. Many of them are seniors, and volunteering is another therapeutic activity.

Another question was about the possibility of a dedicated Senior Center in Idyllwild. Although the new Community Center under construction will not be set aside for seniors, one member of the public expressed a desire for a separate facility where seniors would feel safer. This idea of a separate place for seniors was also floated at the Forest Folk forum with the Office on Aging at Harvey House in September.

For more information about ICC’s recreation programs for seniors and others call (951) 659-2638 or email [info@idyllwildcommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@idyllwildcommunitycenter.org). ICC also keeps a “shadow box” outside the Post Office where a schedule of events is posted.



Mick Lynch reads poetry at the Beat Night at Middle Ridge on Monday

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**Dear Spiritual Workout:**  
**How do I stop caring so much about what people think of me?**  
Dear Reader:

The short answer to that is by knowing that you are a spiritual being, born on purpose for a purpose, equal in that way to everyone else. Everyone. You stop caring so much about what others think of you by realizing the truth of who you are, what makes you tick, what lights you up, what you want to be, do, have, and/or experience. Your question about ceasing to care so much about what others think of you indicates that you’re familiar with the folly, the dissatisfaction that comes when we depend upon others for cues about ourselves. In other words, when we are anemic in our beliefs about ourselves, life, and our place in it, we will always depend upon others to provide that information for us. “You don’t belong here.” “You look beautiful today.” “Your kitten is the cutest.” “Why did you get a cat?” We’re constantly trying to keep up. Yet when we are strong in our beliefs about ourselves, life, and our place in it, what other people think of us doesn’t matter. “Getting this kitten is the best thing I’ve ever done for myself.” It’s not that we don’t like, want, and appreciate having friends and relations who happen to like us, it’s that we’re not dependent upon them for our personal happiness. Meditation helps this. Walks in the woods helps this. Listening to the voices of non-physical teachers helps this. Acting on what lights us up helps this.

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# Locals seek fix for potholes on highway 74

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

Motorists who travel highway 74 to Palm Desert have recently found themselves running a gauntlet of potholes and debris from attempted repairs. During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, many motorists suffered flat tires there. Locals have noted repair work for several months, but take issue with the results, and one has started a petition to bring attention to the danger and push for a solution. The Caltrans Superintendent for the district says that more thorough repairs can be expected during the next two months, and there is a full repaving scheduled for 2028.



Marvin Lopez is one of two drivers who worked that weekend at Valley Auto in Anza, the Automobile Club contract station that responds to calls on this section of 74. He said that weekend he had personally responded to “15 to 20,” and the other driver “maybe another 20.” He said he has seen repairs on the road surface but added that the tow-truck drivers had made many calls to Caltrans reporting the problem. “I’m just surprised it took that long to get fixed; we were flooding them with calls.” Pinyon Crest resident Alison Kelemen has started a petition on [change.org](http://change.org), “Oppose potholes on CA-74 (Palms to Pines Highway.)” In its first four days it gained over 600 signatures. Kelemen blames much of the damage on commercial trucks. “We see these big trucks, usually in-groups, two or three traveling together. They really beat up the road. I don’t think this road was built for this kind of traffic.” Kelemen says she has been in contact with the offices of Representative Ken Calvert and Assembly Member Greg Wallis and has offered to drive the route with both lawmakers, but so far, they have not taken her up on the offer.

Eric Dionne, Chief of Media and Public Affairs for Caltrans District 8, responded to our request for comment: “Currently, our local maintenance crew is conducting crack-sealing functions at the location in question. The team is also working on procurement to conduct localized asphalt digouts. All areas in District 8 have a supervisor who conducts weekly inspections and addresses all safety items as they arise, with a winter plan that each maintenance yard adheres to. These repairs were already in the works before the reports over the holiday weekend.” Dionne went on to describe the long-range plan, a project that will upgrade 45 miles of the highway starting in Palm Desert. “Work will address a complete mill and overlay, guardrail and sign panel replacement, upgrade curb ramps to ADA compliance, stormwater mitigation, complete street elements (which is a district-level plan that identifies pedestrian and bicycle needs), and bridge rail upgrades.” This project is slated for 2028.

The Superintendent for Caltrans District 8, Lorenzo Perez, gave more details on the repair work underway and the causes of the problem. He said that rubberized crack sealing will be finished this week, and crews will then proceed with “PASS oil (Pavement Asphalt Surface Saver), also called emulsion, for some of the finer cracks and alligating, to hold existing and patch materials together. It’s a tacking oil to bind and seal, then we use sand on top to seal, bind, and add traction. Then we will work on locations starting to rut and pop out, those are the main areas of our focus. We are trying to procure a grind and pave operation, that will probably take a month or two.”

Asked how long it takes for pothole patches to harden, he said that at current temperatures they set in 15 to 20 minutes. “We inspect, Quality Control makes sure it’s safe to open to traffic.” As to the cause of the problem, Perez said that “The pavement in that area is only 3 inches thick.” He said that roads that are expected to carry heavy trucks are often 6 inches deep or more. He agreed with Kelemen that many heavy trucks are using the road “as a shortcut to San Diego.” This is out to his hands, “We’re not law enforcement, we don’t control who goes up and down.” Highway 74 is classified as a “CA Legal Advisory Route,” which means only that “Travel is not advised” for trucks over a posted length.

The stretch of highway in question is within Assembly District 36. Asked for comment, newly elected Assemblyman Jeff Gonzalez responded “The recent accidents on Highway 74 are deeply concerning, and my heart goes out to all those affected. Ensuring the safety of not only my constituents, but all Californians is a top legislative priority.”

There is a way for motorists to file a claim with the state for damage from dangerous highway conditions. “Under specific and strict state laws, Caltrans may be responsible for damage to vehicles traveling on the state highway system, but a filed claim does not automatically mean reimbursement.” The burden of proof is on the motorist. The application can be found at [dot.ca.gov/online-services/submit-damage-claim](http://dot.ca.gov/online-services/submit-damage-claim).

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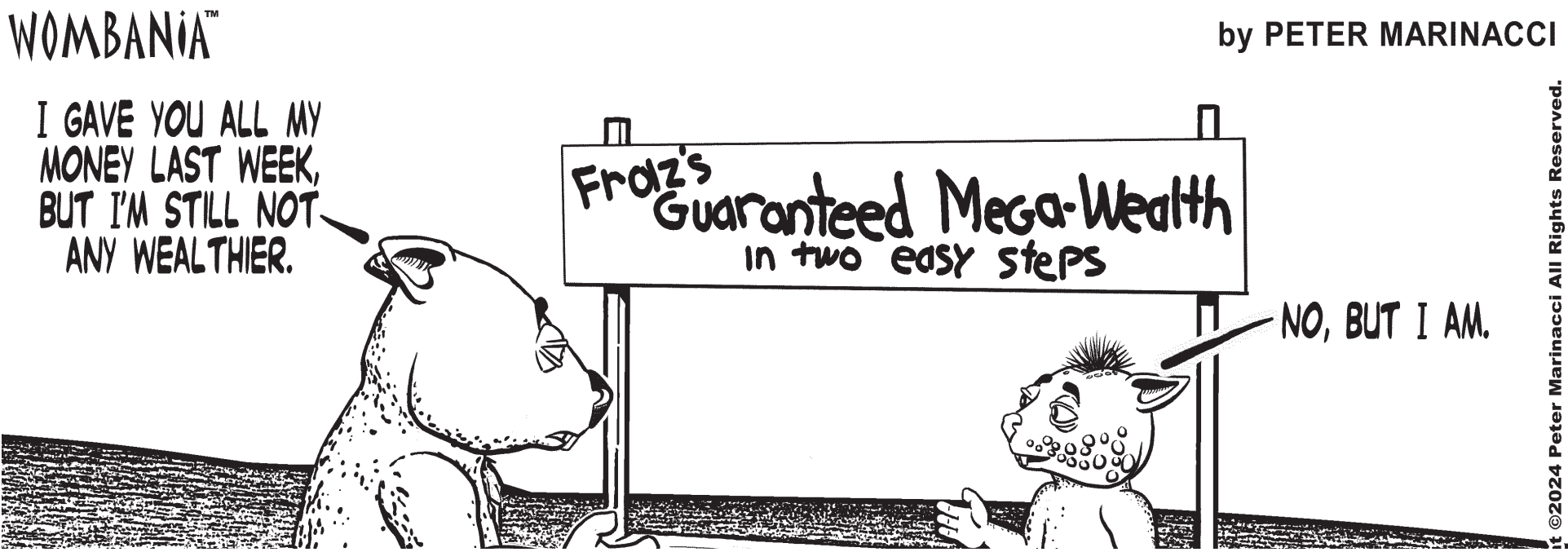
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Riverside County Registrar of Voters

Statement of Vote 2024

				Precincts							
		State	Riverside	Idyllwild		Pine Cove		Mtn Ctr		Garner Valley	
Registered Voters				1863		660		79		223	
President	RFK=1.2%			RFK=17&25		RFK=6&6		RFK=2		RFK =1	
	Harris	58.5	48%	964	61.32%	317	58.60%	28	46.67%	62	33.70%
	Trump	38.3	49.30%	608	38.68%	224	41.40%	32	53.33%	122	66.30%
				1572		541		60		184	
US Senate											
	Schiff	58.9	48.30%	942	59.47%	303	56.11%	27	45.00%	62	34.44%
	Garvey	41.1	51.70%	642	40.53%	237	43.89%	33	55.00%	118	65.56%
				1584		540		60		180	
Districtwide											
CD 41											
	Calvert	51.7	51.7	611	38.89%	217	40.71%	32	52.46%	122	68.16%
	Rollins	48.3	48.3	960	61.11%	316	59.29%	29	47.54%	57	31.84%
				1571		533		61		179	
AD 36											
	Gonzalez	51.8	52.6					16	66.67%	117	66.10%
	Acuna	48.2	47.4					8	33.33%	60	33.90%
								24		177	
AD 47											
	Wallis	51.2	47.5	640	40.92%	223	42.08%	18	51.43%		
	Holstege	48.8	52.5	924	59.08%	307	57.92%	17	48.57%		
				1564		530		35			

		Precincts											
		State	Riverside	Idyllwild				Pine Cove		Mtn Ctr		Garner Valley	
2	Propositions												
	Yes	Bonds	58.7	54.7	926	60.6%	302	58.1%	41	67.2%	71	41.8%	
	No		41.3	45.3	603	39.4%	218	41.9%	20	32.8%	99	58.2%	
3	Yes	Const right	62.6	53.8	1104	70.4%	345	65.7%	35	57.4%	90	49.7%	
	No	marriage	37.4	46.2	465	29.6%	180	34.3%	26	42.6%	91	50.3%	
4	Yes	Bonds	59.8	54.4	1041	66.2%	320	60.3%	47	74.6%	78	43.3%	
	No		40.2	45.6	531	33.8%	211	39.7%	16	25.4%	102	56.7%	
5	Yes		45.0	59.8	764	49.5%	236	45.0%	32	50.8%	51	29.1%	
	No		55.0	40.2	780	50.5%	288	55.0%	31	49.2%	124	70.9%	
6	Yes	Instit	46.7	61.0	763	50.4%	233	45.1%	30	48.4%	44	26.2%	
	No	slavery	53.3	39.0	752	49.6%	284	54.9%	32	51.6%	124	73.8%	
32	Yes	Min Wage	49.3	54.8	833	53.2%	260	49.6%	30	50.0%	61	32.6%	
	No		50.7	45.2	734	46.8%	264	50.4%	30	50.0%	126	67.4%	
33	Yes	Rent	40.0	60.6	674	44.1%	209	40.2%	24	39.3%	48	27.1%	
	No	conrol	60.0	39.4	853	55.9%	311	59.8%	37	60.7%	129	72.9%	
34	Yes		50.9	56.9	717	47.9%	271	53.0%	29	50.9%	101	61.2%	
	No		49.1	43.1	780	52.1%	240	47.0%	28	49.1%	64	38.8%	
35	Yes		67.9	66.2	919	64.0%	343	65.2%	36	61.0%	87	51.2%	
	No		32.1	33.8	518	36.0%	183	34.8%	23	39.0%	83	48.8%	
36	Yes	Felonies	68.4	73.1	913	59.4%	321	61.7%	42	71.2%	133	75.6%	
	No		31.6	26.9	625	40.6%	199	38.3%	17	28.8%	43	24.4%	

# FY 24-25 1st Quarter budget good and likely improving

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

At its Dec. 2 meeting, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors reviewed the status of its current Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget at the end of its first quarter, Sept. 30. Without any discussion or review, the County Executive’s report was accepted.

For the remainder of the current fiscal year, the fiscal projections are improving. Since approval of the initial FY 24-25 budget in June, the discretionary revenue estimate increased \$46 billion, from \$1.240 billion to \$1.286 billion, a 3.7% increase. The two principal sources of growth are interest earnings, which increased \$18 million, and property tax revenue, which increased \$17 million.

The Board also accepted without discussion two items that will have future budgetary impacts. These are approvals of re-negotiated memoranda of understandings with two of the county’s labor organizations – the Riverside Sheriff’s Association–Corrections Unit and the Laborers’ International Union of North America, Local 777.

The RSA represents about 1,000 County employees within the Sheriff’s Department. This new MOU is for two years, through December 9, 2026.

LIUNA represents about 8,000 County staff employed throughout the various departments and its agreement extends through Feb. 4, 2027.

Together the total cost of both MOUs will be about \$135.8 million. But the FY24-25 portion, about \$24 million, will not affect the current budget. “For the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year, the RSA and LIUNA agreements were factored into the Department’s budgets,” said Arianne Murphy of the County’s Public Information office.

While the report to the Board stressed that the revenue increases may “represent one-time increases or temporary upticks,” the Economic and Revenue Forecast for the County indicates the property tax revenue may continue to grow around 6% over the next four years. The Lowe Institute of Political Economy at Claremont McKenna College prepared the forecast for the County.

A second important result since the FY 24-25 budget was approved in June is the projected increase in the County’s General Fund reserves. Six months ago, the Financial Department estimated that reserves would be \$555 million at the end of FY 23-24. However, for several reasons, the final reserve balance increased to \$762 million.

The increase in reserves is primarily attributable to a surprisingly higher discretionary revenue balance at the end of FY 23-24. The final discretionary revenue ended the year \$120 million greater than expected.

The County attributed the greater revenue to interest earnings (\$45 million), property taxes (\$38.5 million), motor vehicle taxes (\$11 million), and RDA residual assets (\$9.5 million).

# Digital displays likely to become more common

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

At its Dec. 3 meeting, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors agreed to amendments to Ordinance 348, “Land Use Planning and Zoning Regulations.” More specifically, the amendments were to section 19, which regulates outdoor advertising displays.

To go into effect, the Board must hold another public hearing and adopt these changes in successive meetings. The public hearing and approval have been set for December 17. If approved again the advised ordinance goes into effect in 30 days.

The amendments would allow for digital use in on-site advertising, but only if a plot plan was approved at a public hearing. And the digital display would be subject to specific requirements regarding zoning, size, and operations.

Currently, the County does not permit digital displays, according to Sara Moore, assistant planning director. With these changes, they hope it will help local businesses.

The County planning staff stressed that “this amendment does not allow for digital displays to be part of Outdoor Advertising Displays, commonly known as billboards, which allow for off-premises advertising.”

In April, the Planning Commission held a hearing on outdoor digital advertising and recommended a policy authorizing digital on-site signs be submitted to the Board for approval.

Digital signage is different and not permitted within the unincorporated areas of the County, Richard Marshalian, the principal planner, told the Planning Commission in April.

“Only signage providing information about the on-site business and only in commercial and industrial zones,” he stated to the Commission. Commercial zones are in Idyllwild, along Highway 243 and a portion of N. Circle Drive and Village Center.

On Nov. 5, the Board did hold a hearing to consider the revisions. Based on the public comments, the Board asked for additional changes. The revised Ordinance 348 was reviewed and unanimously approved at the Dec. 3 Board session.

Some of the major changes addressed the issues of location of digital signs. For example, an exception was made to allow digital displays for a child day care center, k-12 school, public park, youth center, place of public assembly, or public facility in areas that do not otherwise allow digital displays.



Any digital displays at these sites will be at the County’s request and subject to the Ordinance’s requirements.

Also, the revised ordinance will not only allow property owners who have a digital display to display information on the business and goods or services sold on their property, but also for the display of the same type of information for their immediately adjacent property owner.

Digital displays will be allowed in the following planning zones: R-R (Rural Residential), C-T (Commercial Tourist), C-P-S (Scenic Highway Commercial), C-R (Rural Commercial).

They will be banned in three areas: the Mount Palomar Special Light District Zone “A”, the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument Area, when established; and Temecula Valley Wine Country Policy Area.

One public speaker opposed the changes. She began by expressing dismay about the changes being approved. She recommended that the Board also ban digital displays in the Temescal Valley area.

The size of the digital displays will vary depending on the acreage on which the display is located. For example, on sites less than 15 acres, the display is limited to 150 square feet. On a site between 15 and 20 acres, the size cannot exceed 200 square feet. The largest signs, 400 square feet, may be erected on property greater than 30 acres.

The County may request to use these signs in case of an emergency. And an owner may voluntarily display community information on behalf of the County.

The revised Ordinance also explicitly states the billboards may not have digital displays. Only free-standing signs. i.e., not attached to a building, are permitted to be digital.

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CVME2404840

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 27401 Meniffee  
Center Drive, Meniffee CA, 92584, Branch  
Name: Meniffee Justice Center-Family Law.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: ERIKA PUSEY filed a  
petition with this court for a decree changing  
names as follows:  
a. Present name: MASON ANTHONY  
RODRIGUEZ changed to Proposed name:  
MASON ANTHONY PUSEY.

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: 05/29/2025. Time: 8:00 am.  
Dept. M205

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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as UPSIDE PROPERTY

2024.11.12

BELINDA HANDY  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: November 21, 28, December  
5,12, 2024

CVME2404764

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 27401 MENIFFEE  
CENTER DR, MENIFFEE, CA 92584. Branch  
name: MENIFFEE JUSTICE CENTER.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Rodolfo Sotelo Hernandez  
filed a petition with this court for a decree  
changing names as follows:  
a. Present name: Rodolfo Sotelo Her-  
nandez changed to Proposed name: Rodolfo  
Hernandez Sotelo.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons  
interested in this matter shall appear before this  
court at the hearing indicated below to show  
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Dept. M205.

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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: November 8, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as PALM SPRINGS HARLEY-DA-  
VIDSON, 19465 N. INDIAN CANYON DR,  
N. PALM SPRINGS, CA 92258. COUNTY  
OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: P.O.  
BOX 580915, N PALM SPRINGS, CA 92258  
ROACHAMERICANMOTORCYCLES, INC.  
PO BOX 580915. NORTH PALAM  
SPRINGS, CA 92258.

2024.11.12

BELINDA A. HANDY  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2024.

CVME2408957

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK  
AVENUE, D#201, MORENO VALLEY, CA  
92553. Branch name: MORENO VALLEY  
BRANCH.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Stephanie Marie Gutierrez,  
filed a petition with this court for a decree  
changing names as follows:  
a. Present name: Stephanie Marie Gut-  
ierrez, changed to Proposed name: Stephanie  
Marie Russo.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons  
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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: 01/08/2025. 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: November 19, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) do-  
ing business as PALM SPRINGS HARLEY-DA-  
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SPRINGS, CA 92258.

2024.11.12

SAMRA FURBUSH  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2024.

CVMV2408957

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK  
AVENUE, D#201, MORENO VALLEY, CA  
92553. Branch name: MORENO VALLEY  
BRANCH.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Stephanie Marie Gutierrez,  
filed a petition with this court for a decree  
changing names as follows:  
a. Present name: Stephanie Marie Gut-  
ierrez, changed to Proposed name: Stephanie  
Marie Russo.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons  
interested in this matter shall appear before this  
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without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 01/08/2025. 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  
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newspaper of general circulation, printed in  
this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.  
Date: November 19, 2024.

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2024.11.12

PETER ALDANA,  
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2024

SOLUTIONS, 34878 BITTER ROOT CT,  
MURRIETA, CA 92563, RIVERSIDE COUN-  
TY. Mailing Address: 34878 BITTER ROOT  
CT, MURRIETA, CA 92563.

LEON VINCENT HAYES  
34878 BITTER ROOT CT, MURRIETA,  
CA 92563

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 state-  
ment 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:  
LEON HAYES

Statement filed with the County Clerk of  
Riverside County on 10/11/2024.

FILE NO.:  
R-202412926

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A  
FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENER-  
ALLY 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 SEC-  
TION 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE  
IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REG-  
ISTERED 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 PROFES-  
SIONS CODE).

Publication of notice pursuant to this  
section shall be once a week for four successive  
weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regu-  
larly published once a week or oftener, with at  
least 5 days intervening between the respective  
publication dates not counting such publica-  
tion dates, are sufficient. The period of notice  
commences with the first day of publication and  
terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day,  
including therein the first day.

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. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2024

2024.11.12

PETER ALDANA,  
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2024.

CVME2408957

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FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
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cause, if any, why the petition for change of name  
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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: 01/08/2025. 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: November 19, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) do-  
ing business as PALM SPRINGS HARLEY-DA-  
VIDSON, 19465 N. INDIAN CANYON DR,  
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2024.11.12

PETER ALDANA,  
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2024.

guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine  
not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature:  
MICHAEL LEE ROACH  
PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of  
Riverside County on 11/18/2024.

FILE NO.:  
R-202414332

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A  
FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENER-  
ALLY 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 SEC-  
TION 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE  
IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REG-  
ISTERED 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 PROFES-  
SIONS CODE).

Publication of notice pursuant to this  
section shall be once a week for four successive  
weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regu-  
larly published once a week or oftener, with at  
least 5 days intervening between the respective  
publication dates not counting such publica-  
tion dates, are sufficient. The period of notice  
commences with the first day of publication and  
terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day,  
including therein the first day.

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. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2024

2024.11.12

PETER ALDANA,  
County Clerk

Pub. TC: October 24, 31, November 7, 14,  
December 12, 19, 26, 2024, January 2, 2025

guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine  
not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature:  
EMILY BISHOP  
MANAGING MEMBER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of  
Riverside County on 10/7/2024.

FILE NO.:  
R-202412649

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 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 PROFES-  
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## Idyllwild Arts Academy Chamber Music Concert

By ART CONNOR  
CONTRIBUTOR

When dealing with the expected annual presentation of the musical capabilities of Idyllwild Arts Academy students, one is always aware of the potential combinations of talents such a distinguished institution can afford its audiences. Thus, with the crisp and full autumnal mood setting, the Chamber Music concert at Lowman Hall this past Tuesday evening was presented as admirably as in previous years.

Beginning somewhat unconventionally with a complement of 3 equally proficient clarinetists, the “B Flat Minor Clarinet Trio” of the 19th century Austrian composer / teacher / choral conductor Joseph Friedrich Hummel was essayed in spectacular fashion by Evelyn Chae, Louis Chan and Yixi Danzeng, turning about the phrases in a style obviously influenced by Carl Maria von Weber’s clarinet works, which gave out a different yet pleasing opening production. Following that, Unai Tellez and Lillian Ma’s playing of the 1st movement of Antonio Vivaldi’s “Concerto in G Minor” for 2 cellos was somewhat of a disappointment, in that the usual orchestral accompaniment was missing (at least a piano or harpsichord continuo should have been provided), thus making several cellistic faulty intonations all the more obvious, though in general the execution of the movement was pleasant enough.

There followed the program in the main, with the playing of the 1st movement of Clara Schumann’s “Piano Trio in G Minor, Opus 17” by Katerina Sommers, Stanislava Krylova and Michelle Fan (piano, violin and cello respectively). The fittingly all-female ensemble did their best to exemplify the work as dignified and stalwart as possible, and pointed to the maturer interpretation of the Clara / Robert Schumann relationship, both compositionally and conjugally. With the briefest of pauses, the “Deux Movements” for 2 flutes, clarinet and bassoon of Jacques Ibert followed, with bassoonist Robert Nael obviously leading the way through a somewhat tangled and diverse tonal set, characterized by alternating flowing phrases and rhythmic aberrations that added up to a neatly unified performance whole. The evening ended with the 1st movement of Anton Dvorak’s “String Quintet in G Major, Opus 77”. Here, the leadership responsibility was obviously taken by 1st violinist Abigail Regua, who together with 2nd violinist Brendon Soo kept the thrust of the opening at the indicated “Allegro con fuoco” tempo throughout, with colleagues Seoyeon Bay, Zachary Gellar and Yiwei Guo (viola, cello and double bass) admirable keeping Ms. Regua’s pace, and thus concluding the proceedings on a

well-anticipated high mark. High expectations were also evident on the following Thursday night for the “Vocal Concert” in the same Lowman Hall venue. After a brief introduction by 2 Arts Academy voice coaches, the concert got off to a somewhat rousing start with Jiaqi Li’s rendition of Antonio Caldera’s “Vittoria, Vittoria!” Both this selection and the following “An die Musik” of Franz Schubert by Hera Zhang suffered from both soloists’ incorrect placement in the bend of the piano, resulting in an inaudible understanding of the lyrics; a much better positioning was effected in the next piece, the “Botschaft, Opus 47#1” of Johannes Brahms, offered by soprano Kaylee An, in which the song’s “message” of the singer’s re-vivifying love came through most clearly. Tenor Andy Yang’s singing of Caldera’s “Alma del core” also benefited from better positioning, though his later number (the “Yue People’s Song”, sung in Chinese) put forward a more heartfelt interpretive effort, as did tenor Jiaqi Li’s rendering of Christoph Willibald Gluck’s “O del mio dolce ardor”. The evening’s high spot came with the interplay of the “Letter Duet” from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s “Le Nozze di Figaro”, with Kaylee An and Mar Hernandez interpreting the vocal banter of Susanna and Countess Almaviva to near precision.

Of the various popular and light-classical works on the program, it remains for this reviewer to state that however energetic and persuasive the performances might be taken, the accompanying backgrounds left the presentations somewhat marred, resulting in a sort of glorified karaoke session, at least to this listener, who would have eschewed amplified bombast for a more subdued guitar and/or violin accompaniment. Nevertheless, certain salient features prevailed in specific instances -- Shen Liu and Isidore Smart-Sammy’s full-blown, torchy and quasi-beboppish rendering of the Harold Arlen / Yip Harburg “It’s Only a Paper Moon” (complete with verse) was a particular standout, and although the version of Queen’s “Somebody to Love” by Elizabeth Mullaly Henderson was somewhat overstated, it left a particularly over-reactive student audience contingent even more appreciative.

As for the remainder of the program, the few seasonal offerings were most convincingly conveyed -- Kaylee An’s singing of both Samuel Barber’s “Sure on This Shining Night” and Adolphe Adam’s “Cantique de Noel” (the latter in both French and English) come to mind most readily, as does Hera Zhang’s version of Max Reger’s “Virgin’s Slumber Song”. In all, a varied display of vocal marvels to enlighten and divert a most appreciative grouping of Idyllwild auditors.



Mar Hernandez and Kaylee An singing Mozart  
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# The Art Alliance of Idyllwild: creating community through art



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Even from its humble but enthusiastic beginnings, the Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) aspired to offer the Idyllwild community something special and beautiful through art. Its founders, Chris Trout and Grace Songolo, wrestled with their idea of how to lay the foundation for a “member funded, nationally recognized association, that served as an attraction for a small mountain village where art is a major focus of the community.” Their vision and passion for art created a strong 501(C)3 non-profit, now celebrating its 27th year, as well as Idyllwild being included as one of the 100 Best Art Towns in America in John Villani’s publication.

The AAI’s Mission is “Creating Community through Art” with Values of Community, Inclusiveness, Dedication, Artistic Excellence and Transparency. How are these goals delivered? Simply through the events it holds, its public art projects, and its dedication to art education. Several years ago, the AAI embraced the wider definition of “the Arts” to include not only visual arts, but also theater, dance, music, film making and services to the public. According to the AAI’s past President and current Grant Administrator, Donna Elliot, “our passion for art and our community has culminated in grants totaling \$25,500 in 2022, \$31,200 in 2023 and nearly \$24,000 so far in 2024.”

How is the money put to good use? Here are just some of the many and varied projects and people the AAI has supported over the years:

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- The organization, installation and maintenance of 62 painted deer and 2 coyotes and “The Trail of the Painted Deer” Map (this project was extended to two Hemet schools where students painted a family of deer, and these were installed on their premises)

The AAI has also given grants for voice lessons for an aspiring actress, ballet lessons, a summer acting program in NYC, and cash prizes for artists whose artwork won ribbons at certain events.

Some of our most rewarding giving comes with awarding yearly scholarships for local students to attend the Idyllwild Arts Academy Summer Program. In 2023 we sponsored five students to attend with a cost of \$10,000; this year is the same. Over the years we have helped inspire many local students to achieve their creative dreams.

On December 6, 2024, we staged our 4th annual Christmas Art Kit Gift Giveaway. Each year, we purchase several thousand dollars of art materials and art kits for local kids aged 4 to young adults. It is another way we can foster the creative talent in children, as well as keep them busy during the holidays!

The AAI is a volunteer-based organization. A small portion of our funding comes from membership fees. Otherwise, we hold two fundraising events each year: the Eye of the Artist and the Art Walk & Wine Tasting event. We are also grateful to several organizations that provide grants to the AAI. These include the Ruth and Joseph C. Reed Foundation, the Idyllwild Community Fund, the Inland Empire Community Foundation, 4th and 5th District Supervisors Washington and Perez, Idyllwild Youth Grant Makers, the Pink Prism Fund, and some individual donors.

For Neil Jenkins, the recently retired AAI Treasurer and now an AAI Grant Administrator, art education, particularly for the Idyllwild Elementary School’s smARTS program “is one of the most worthwhile, rewarding and fun things we do.”

With so many of the AAI’s grants and projects, we are supporting the next generation of artists. We hope these students sign up for a free AAI membership on the AAI website and take part in the exhibitions and events we offer.

We encourage people to bring your art-related projects and ideas to AAI and apply for a grant to realize them. Apply at <https://aai.clubexpress.com/content.aspx>



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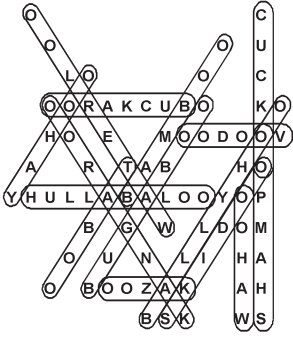
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Quinnlyn Carpenter



Xitlali Lopez Chavez

Mrs. Leslie Schelly, our attendance secretary, would like to recognize **Quinnlyn Carpenter** and **Xitlali Lopez Chavez** for their outstanding attendance this school year. Showing up everyday and on time is an inspiration to me. Very impressive Quinnlyn and Xitlali. Keep up the good work!

CREATURE CORNER

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats talked about ways to keep dogs and cats active and engaged while in the house during cold weather.

**Pepper:** Adoption news! Gather round!

**Harley:** Oh boy! Who was adopted?

**Wooly Bully:** I heard that Kate, the adorable cat, found a forever home.

**Bobby McGee:** How wonderful for her. I hope my day comes soon.

**Marlowe:** I believe you are all ready to go, right?

**Bobby McGee:** Yep! I'm now neutered and current on vaccinations. I love water so much that I really hope my adoptive family, wherever it is, will provide at least a kiddie pool during warm months.

**Harley:** That would be good for you. And your brother Wooly Bully is all ready for adoption as well, right?

**Wooly:** I am! I'll complete a family. I really, really love people and other dogs, so I'm ready.

**Marlowe:** As long as everyone here is making a pitch for adoption, I will too. Wouldn't some human want to have me, beautiful me, curled up on their lap? I'd keep them warm and cozy, and I would look good, too!

**Wooly:** And I could curl up at their feet.

**Rowan:** I'd do both lap warming AND foot warming!

**Harley:** I'm good and winding in and out of legs. I'll make anyone feel important.

**Bobby:** And we dogs are very good at listening to problems and concerns, not to mention making people happy.

**Wooly:** I bet any of us would look good among holiday decor.

**Pepper:** I think we would compliment just about any home.



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.



**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

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Found: Tool Chest Dec. 6 at N. Circle Dr. Call to identify. 659-2731.

FOUND: Lg. dark colored backpack between Mt. Vista and Valle Vista. Call identify. 659-2307.

CALL CLASSIFIEDS NOW! 659-4145

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LOST PET (Dog or Cat) Call the Idyllwild Animal Clinic at 659-4389 or 659-4393 and the Ponderosa at 659-4687. Also you may call Living Free Animal Sanctuary 659-4684 or the Animal Control Officer for agencies at 911 or call Simona Animal Haven: 659-4602, 23831 State St., San Jacinto, CA 92583.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS & ALANON Mon., 7 p.m. Idyllwild Town Hall, Sat. 8 p.m. Idyllwild Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1/2 PRICE SALE. Buy one at highest price, get item 1/2 price. ALL CLOSET (gently used items). 54227 Hwy. Pine Crest (across from Snow White Laundry).

JOBS WANTED

TYPIST AVAILABLE. Typing of any kind done in home. Call 659-3979.

Punishment by crucifixion was abolished throughout the Roman Empire in the 4th Century A.D.

SERVICES

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Get your Christmas orders in early Poinsettias are Here! florist in the forest Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 5446 Pinecrest 659-4143

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SERVICES

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by George Crenshaw

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High pressure water storage tank, 1,000 gal. Reasonable. (714) 845-4739. Alpine Haus Swiss Garden Restaurant.

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4. An instrument that beats time for musicians.

FOR SALE

1973 International Traveler - Power steering & brakes, radio, CB, roof rack, window shades, snow tires, 1985 sticker. Good condition \$2300. (714) 659-2384.

MOBILE HOMES

Mobile home in beat. Coulter Pines Park, P.C. 12x60, 2 br., 8x12 room add., 8x40 greenhouse structurally suitable for extra rms. 659-3246, 659-4928.

Mobile Home: 12x60 with 20x20 liv. rm., frplc., 2 br., 1 ba., fenced yd., carport, 2 util. sheds in Royal Pines Tr. Pl., Sp. 36 \$19,500. (619) 327-6223 or 659-2806 wkds.

RENTAL WANTED

1 or 2 bdrm. cabin needing T.L.C., remodel for low rent. Sunny, private location, excel. rd. No kids, 1 cat, adult. Liz P.O. Box 939, Anza 92006. 763-6064. Thanks!!!!

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Corner of Hwy 243 & Saunders Meadow Road (714) 659-2210

Michelli's Deli is Alive and Well

Serving all our Great Sandwiches, homemade soups and all the goodies you've been used to in the past.

659-3626

Open every day for your convenience

Monday - Friday 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

54950 Pine Crest Rd. - Fern Valley

Evening Dinner Specials

Jan's Red Kettle

Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday - Sunday 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

54220 North Circle Drive In The Village

Jerrie's Log Cabin Cafe

Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 16 4 - 7 p.m.

Next to the Post Office in Min. Center Monday - Thursday, 6 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday, 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. 659-3906

December at the Gastrognome

Reservations 659-4220

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN
9 From 5 p.m.	10	11	12	13	14 From 5 p.m.	15 From 5 p.m.
OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
16 From 5 p.m.	17	18	19 From 5 p.m.	20	21 From 5 p.m.	22 From 5 p.m.
OPEN	CLOSED Christmas Eve	OPEN Christmas Day 2 - 7 p.m.	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
23 From 5 p.m.	24	25	26 From 5 p.m.	27	28	29
OPEN	OPEN New Year's Eve	OPEN Jan. 1 From 5 p.m.	OPEN Jan. 2 From 5 p.m.	OPEN Jan. 3 From 5 p.m.	OPEN Jan. 4 From 5 p.m.	OPEN Jan. 5 From 5 p.m.
30 From 5 p.m.	31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 5

Christmas Day Dinner

Served 2 - 7 p.m.

Mexicali Rose

Homemade Mexican Food

Closed Mondays

Tuesday - Thursday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Next to the Anza Post Office 763-5333

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Hwy. 74 & Hwy. 243 3 miles south of Idyllwild

Late Night CHILI Every Night

Monday Night Football Our TV is Now Crystal Clear

Happy Hour During Game

Thursday Enchilada Special & Ladies Night

Happy Hour 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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659-9025

THE RED ROOSTER

25840 Cedar Street, Idyllwild

Mexican & American Food

Food to Go 659-2712

Wednesday - Monday 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Closed Tuesday

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Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild Hanukkah Pot Luck Luncheon Saturday 12/28 1:30pm St Hugh's 25525 Tahquitz Dr - Every Fri 6pm Zoom Candlelighting templeharshalomidyllwild.org (951) 468-0004

Idyllwild Bible Church 2 Services 25860 Highway 243, Pastor Jeff Giampa A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship Sunday Worship & Nursery Care 9-10 a.m. Sunday Worship, Nursery & Sunday School, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups Call Church Office for Information, 951-659-4775

Calvary Chapel Mountain Center 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church 54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA Father Charles E. Miller Mass Schedule: Sun. 10 a.m. Confession: by appt. 951-659-2708

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church Sunday Services 3 PM Phone (951) 659-4471 • www.sthughsidyllwild.org 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Shiloh Christian Ministries 54295 Village Center Drive Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sieme Sunday Service - 10 am 951.659.2416

Community Church Idyllwild Your Mountain Family in Christ 54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 www.icpchurch.net Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship ~ Child care available Tuesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. - Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

# Snow That Melts the Ice

By CHRIS DOSHIER  
CONTRIBUTOR

Snow abounds in brief intervals for a few months each year on the hill, bringing with it a mixture of joy, frustration and a heavy sprinkling of day-trippers eager to play in the wintry weather. Add the obligatory dad jokes about eating the yellow stuff and you have a typical season. December is magical, January is dreary, and by February you are watching YouTube videos of tropical beaches and checking out condo prices in Palm Springs. I remember my first year on the hill. I knew snow was an issue, but it didn't hit me until I needed a pack of cigarettes one afternoon and was faced with a three-foot berm blocking my truck and nothing but a shovel to handle it. I managed somehow and resolved to quit smoking. I resolved the same thing when it happened again the following week but wouldn't kick the habit until 2018 after twenty years of dedicated puffing. All things in their own time.

One of the things I most enjoy is the reaction from my flatland friends when I tell them I live in the snowy climes. "Oh, how fun!" they often say, making it perfectly obvious that they have never lived in snow. This means, of course, they have never shoveled a drive, never had their car covered in



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powder thicker than Marilyn Manson's eye shadow, and never had it happen when they were late to work or, well, out of smokes. It's all snowmen and sledding until you have to start shoveling, and if fitness isn't really your thing, your driveway will melt partially due to the stream of tears caused by your slowly breaking back. I have often proposed a sign as one enters town that says, "Snow Hurts, People." This at least would give our visiting lowland friends some perspective.

Which raises the ques-

tion of why anyone chooses to live here. I suppose there are as many answers to this as there are residents of the hill. To some, it's the luster of moon-glow on Lily Rock; for others it's the silence that runs deeper than the perpetual drone of the modern mind. For others it is the sense of community found among those who share a love of uncorrupted pines and boulders. I am reminded of a musician friend of mine who moved to LA from Chicago in the mid 90's. He moved back, telling me that in Chicago the snowy

weather forced people to come together and help one another, something he sorely missed. I can't say this is true of every hill resident, but I have experienced this altruism among those who stop to help a stranded driver, or to shovel a neighbor's drive. This is the warmth that makes the cold months tolerable, something needed in divisive times. For those looking for a "shining city on a hill", look no further than our nested hamlet, where its little absurdities and petty squabbles are no match for its lasting friendships.

## Matter of Fact

In our December 5th story about a jeep crash we incorrectly identified the location as Black Mountain Trail, when in fact it was Black Mountain Road, sometimes called Black Mountain Truck Trail. We regret the error.

### Weekly SUDOKU

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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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### MAGIC MAZE

### "OO" WORDS

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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 INK DESIGN ON THE SKIN

Ballyhoo	Cuckoo	Shampoo	Wahoo
Bamboo	Hullabaloo	Skidoo	Waterloo
Buckaroo	Kangaroo	Taboo	Yahoo
Bugaboo	Kazoo	Voodoo	

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### King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 "Waterloo" group
- 5 Financial pro
- 8 Sci-fi vehicles
- 12 Starring role
- 13 — Royal Highness
- 14 Worn-down pencils
- 15 Nose and mouth covering
- 17 Move like a butterfly
- 18 Short sock
- 19 Curved fasteners
- 21 Shoe width
- 22 Tropical tree
- 23 Santa's helper
- 26 Highland hat
- 28 Prettify
- 31 Painter Joan
- 33 Coffee vessel
- 35 A few
- 36 Glasses, slangily
- 38 Bro's kin
- 40 Compass dir.
- 41 And others (Lat.)

#### DOWN

- 43 Goal
- 45 Filmed anew
- 47 Lubricate
- 51 Mountain ht.
- 52 Gathering organized via social media
- 54 Jai —
- 55 Sailor
- 56 Skater Lipinski
- 57 Chorus syllables
- 58 Govt. lender
- 59 ABA member
- 1 — Romeo
- 2 Legume
- 3 Support
- 4 "Skyfall" singer
- 5 French vineyard estate
- 6 Math ratios
- 7 Invite to one's loft
- 8 Develops
- 9 Spectacular lunar phase
- 10 Last write-up
- 11 Bygone fliers
- 16 Bump into

- 20 Sheepish remark
- 23 German river
- 24 Sass
- 25 Comp for a foodie
- 27 "— Miniver"
- 29 LBJ's successor
- 30 Formerly known as
- 32 Spencer of "Hidden Figures"
- 34 — Falls
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- 44 Maestro Zubin —
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- 50 Online auction site
- 53 Science room

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Answers to puzzles found on B4

## HOROSCOPES

December 2024 — Week 2



### March 21 – April 19

Don't be sheepish about asking more questions before making a major decision at your workplace. Meanwhile, your personal relationships continue to improve.



### April 20 – May 20

You might be rushed into renewing an old, cold relationship. But do you really want a reheated romance when there's a chance to warm up with someone new?



### May 21 – June 21

Someone tells you something that could lead you to rethink your plans for the holidays. Get the full story before you make a decision.



### June 22 – July 22

A financial matter that had you in a dither is finally being sorted out as more facts become available. A perplexing personal matter also clears up.



### July 23 – August 22

You face a slew of new tasks at home and work. So, as much as you love being a social Lion, be careful not to overdo it at those preholiday parties.



### August 23 – September 22

Unexpected news could cause some minor adjustments in your holiday planning. Defer a decision about a financial matter until you have more facts.



### September 23 – October 22

A project might not be bringing you the results you'd hoped it would by now. But stay with it -- things will soon begin to turn around.



### October 23 – November 21

A budding personal relationship continues to develop. Things also improve in your career, although some problems still need close attention.



### November 22 – December 21

Mercury is finally stationing direct in your sign after a few weeks in retrograde. This will give you motivation to take care of any outstanding tasks before the holidays.



### December 22 – January 19

Allowing a misunderstanding to go unchallenged could jeopardize the plans you've made for the upcoming holidays. Clear the air now.



### January 20 – February 18

While you should be open to suggestions on how to plan for the holidays, you should also be firm in saying "no" to anything you disagree with.



### February 19 – March 20

Get out from under all those holiday preparations and immerse yourself in a world of music. You'll soon feel refreshed, revived -- maybe even reborn!

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