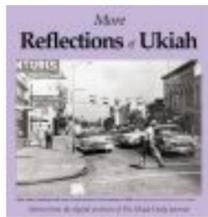




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## LAKE MENDOCINO

# More water can now be stored

Another 5,280 acre-feet can be saved before triggering flood control

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Another 5,000-plus acre-feet of water can be stored in Lake Mendocino this year before flood-control stage is triggered, according to the Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District.

RRFD&WCID General Manager

Sean White said he filed a request known as a "deviation" in March of 2014 with the Army Corps of Engineers to be able to store another 17,000 acre-feet of water in the lake.

"We were looking to get more aggressive in our storage of water," said White, explaining that the region was just beginning another of a serious drought then, and his district was hoping to avoid another situation wherein

large amounts of water were released from the lake in 2012.

Typically, the lake's storage pool holds 68,410 acre-feet, and once the water reaches that level the Corps takes over operations of Coyote Valley Dam, which can lead to large releases of water in the name of managing the risk of floods.

White said his request is called a "deviation" because it deviates

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The Army Corps of Engineers has approved an additional 5,280 acre-feet of water storage for Lake Mendocino.

NATHAN DEHART-UKIAH DAILY JOURNAL

## COMMUNITY

# SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

**Diana Clarke:** 'It's the most rewarding work for me, making sure seniors have the best life possible and that they are protected.'



PHOTOS BY NATHAN DEHART-UKIAH DAILY JOURNAL

"The Senior Center is a hidden treasure and does not have the visibility it needs to have; we are committed to making the community more aware of what a great resource it is, working to improve our communication," says new Executive Director Diana Clarke.

**By Karen Rifkin**  
for Ukiah Daily Journal

Perusing her eclectic curriculum vitae, it's clear that Diana Clarke has the expertise necessary to guide the Ukiah Senior Center in maintaining its current programs and in developing new activities for boomers entering their golden years. Four weeks in as executive director, she's ready to go.

She moved to Ukiah from Sunnyvale when she was 5, graduated from Ukiah High and attended UC Davis with the intention of being a political science major. Her friends were in the drama department and looked like they were having more fun. She switched her major and fell in love with the theater, specializing in the art of being a stage manager. "I've always been a back-of-the-house kind of person. I love making the production work." She graduated with a bach-

elor of arts degree in dramatic art, was accepted into a brand new stage management program at New York University but instead became stage manager for the American Conservatory Theater from '72 to '75. She worked at the Old Globe in San Diego and at the Arizona Theater Company.

Time for a change, she returned to school to get her master of arts degree in justice studies at Arizona in '79 and was hired full time with the Arizona Securities Division. She topped out, returned to school at Arizona State to get her law degree and worked in private practice as a trial lawyer and with the Superior Court in Phoenix, overseeing the probate and mental health department where she worked with guardianships, conservatorships and mental health and decedent cases.

It was here that she became

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Diana Clarke, executive director of the Ukiah Senior Center, with Lillie Carr, a volunteer of four years.

## UKIAH UNIFIED

# Football coaching protest at meeting

New head coach hired, and then later resigns

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At last week's Ukiah Unified School District board meeting, an estimated 100 Ukiah High School students, parents and coaches convened to protest a decision recently made by UUSD administration to hire a new head coach for the Wildcats 2015 football program. According to members of the board, a decision had been made to hire Coach Chris Burris, rather than re-hire current head coach Jeff Burrell.

During the first week of February, interviews were held for coaching positions at Ukiah High School. This is an annual evaluation that coaches must participate in every year to assess program records and allow credentialed school employees the opportunity

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## CRIME

# Transient allegedly assaulted two women

By Ukiah Daily Journal staff

A 31-year-old Ukiah transient was arrested for allegedly assaulting two women in a hotel last week, the Ukiah Police Department reported.

According to the UPD, the suspect, identified as Scotty L. Willis, called 911 shortly after 3 a.m. Feb. 12 to report that he had been assaulted earlier at the Sunrise Inn in the 600 block of South State Street.

When officers responded to the hotel to speak to the alleged assailant, a 26-year-old woman, they learned that both she and a 55-year-old woman claimed Willis had in fact assaulted them.

According to the first victim, Willis became enraged when she invited the older woman to stay in their room, at one point slamming

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## CALENDAR

### International Wildlife Film Series

Touching the Wild: 7 p.m. Friday at the Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Ave. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children.



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# WEATHER

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR UKIAH

**TODAY**  
**74°**  
**41°**  
 Low clouds breaking for some sun

**FRIDAY**  
**73°**  
**39°**  
 Warm with low clouds followed by some sun

**SATURDAY**  
**71°**  
**37°**  
 Partly sunny

**SUNDAY**  
**67°**  
**37°**  
 Plenty of sunshine

**MONDAY**  
**67°**  
**36°**  
 Plenty of sunshine

## ALMANAC

Ukiah through 2 p.m. Wednesday  
**Temperature**  
 High ..... 64°  
 Low ..... 49°  
 Normal high ..... 60°  
 Normal low ..... 39°  
 Record high ..... 80° in 1977  
 Record low ..... 24° in 1917  
**Precipitation**  
 24 hrs to 2 p.m. Wed. .... 0.00"  
 Record ..... 1.95" in 1927  
 Month to date ..... 4.84"  
 Normal month to date ..... 4.49"  
 Season to date ..... 23.76"  
 Last season to date ..... 8.45"  
 Normal season to date ..... 27.53"

## AIR QUALITY

**City** Today's air quality  
 Mendocino Cty ..... Good  
**What it means:** 0-50: Good; 51-100: Moderate; 101-150: Unhealthy for sensitive people; 151-200: Unhealthy; 201-300: Very Unhealthy; 301-500: Hazardous **Source:** airnow.gov

## ALLERGY REPORT

Allergy, dust and dander today:  
 Beneficial  
**Pollen levels**  
 Grass ..... Absent  
 Mold ..... Low  
 Trees ..... Low  
 Weeds ..... Absent  
**Source:** National Allergy Bureau

## TODAY'S UV INDEX

**3**  
 Highest at 12 p.m.  
 (The higher the number, the faster skin damage will occur.)  
 11+: Extreme  
 8-10: Very high  
 6-7: High  
 3-5: Moderate  
 0-2: Low

## SKY WATCH

	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	7:00 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
Friday	6:59 a.m.	5:55 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Today	7:17 a.m.	7:15 p.m.
Friday	7:56 a.m.	8:27 p.m.



Feb. 25 Mar. 5 Mar. 13 Mar. 20  
 Venus and Mars are one degree apart - an angular distance only twice the apparent diameter of the full moon. You can cover both with your thumb, held at arm's length. Look for them low in the west just after sunset.

**Source:** Morrison Planetarium

Planet	Rise	Set
Venus	8:14 a.m.	8:11 p.m.
Mars	8:14 a.m.	8:16 p.m.
Jupiter	4:31 p.m.	6:33 a.m.
Saturn	1:30 a.m.	11:26 a.m.

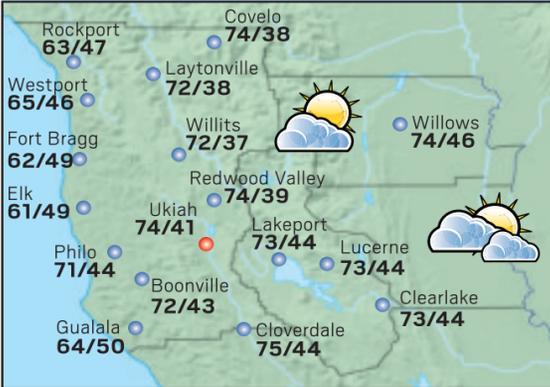
## REGIONAL FORECAST

Today will start with areas of low clouds and fog. The rest of the day will be brighter with sunshine dimmed by high clouds pulled in by a weak storm passing by to the north. It will remain warm with highs in the low 70s. Similar weather can be expected tomorrow.

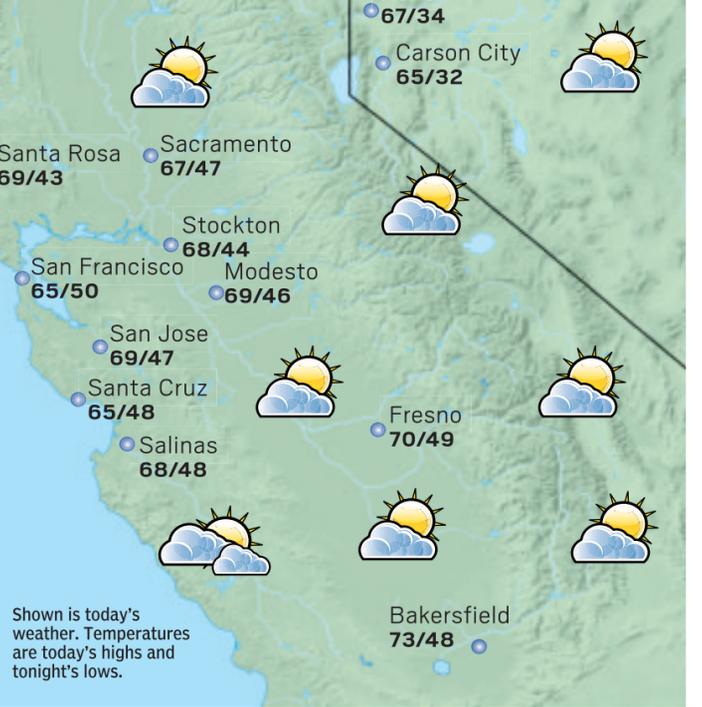
## SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Wind from the west at 4-8 knots today. Waters mostly smooth on the bay. Visibility clear to the horizon.

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## TIDES

Arena Cove				Mendocino			
Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low
10:47 a.m.	6.9	4:46 a.m.	1.5	10:54 a.m.	6.7	4:47 a.m.	1.4
11:49 p.m.	6.1	5:25 p.m.	-0.5	11:56 p.m.	6.0	5:26 p.m.	-0.5

Point Arena				Noyo Harbor			
Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low
10:50 a.m.	6.7	4:47 a.m.	1.4	10:55 a.m.	7.2	4:53 a.m.	1.5
11:52 p.m.	6.0	5:26 p.m.	-0.5	11:54 p.m.	6.4	5:32 p.m.	-0.5

## LAKE LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Wednesday

Lake	Storage (acre-feet)	Elevation (feet)	Chng (feet)	Inflow (cfs)	Release (cfs)
Warm Spr. Dam	217,599	440.24	+0.09	218	78
Lake Mendocino	67,925	737.21	+0.10	101	28
Lake Berryessa	1,058,935	411.84	+1.38	520	85
Oroville Dam	1,686,614	750.97	+0.70	4131	764
Lake Tahoe	N.A.	6222.83	+0.01	0	0
New Bullards Bar	587,380	1864.04	+0.54	1300	39
Indian Valley Res.	66,332	1404.59	+0.27	107	10

## CALIFORNIA CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Anaheim	73/53/pc	68/52/pc	Escondido	72/49/pc	67/48/pc
Antioch	69/48/pc	70/45/pc	Eureka	59/44/pc	59/40/pc
Arroyo Grande	66/48/pc	67/46/pc	Fort Bragg	62/49/pc	62/48/pc
Atascadero	71/43/pc	71/41/pc	Fresno	70/49/pc	68/47/pc
Auburn	66/44/pc	65/42/pc	Gilroy	70/46/pc	69/42/pc
Barstow	81/48/pc	78/46/pc	Indio	85/51/pc	83/53/pc
Big Bear	62/23/pc	58/23/pc	Irvine	69/55/pc	66/55/pc
Big Sur	64/49/pc	66/49/pc	Hollywood	72/52/pc	67/52/pc
Bishop	76/34/pc	72/36/pc	Lake Arrowhead	67/38/pc	61/35/pc
Blythe	85/52/pc	85/52/s	Lodi	69/46/pc	69/42/pc
Burbank	75/49/pc	70/50/pc	Lompoc	66/51/pc	66/49/pc
California City	74/44/pc	71/42/pc	Long Beach	70/55/pc	68/54/pc
Carpinteria	64/51/pc	64/52/pc	Los Angeles	70/54/pc	67/54/pc
Catalina	62/49/pc	59/50/pc	Mammoth	64/25/pc	61/25/pc
Chico	69/44/pc	70/43/pc	Marysville	69/44/pc	71/43/pc
Crescent City	59/44/pc	58/44/pc	Modesto	69/46/pc	69/43/pc
Death Valley	86/48/pc	85/54/pc	Monrovia	72/48/pc	67/47/pc
Downey	71/54/pc	67/54/pc	Monterey	63/48/pc	66/47/pc
Encinitas	66/53/pc	64/53/pc	Morro Bay	63/48/pc	65/47/pc
			Napa	66/42/pc	69/40/pc
			Needles	84/56/pc	84/55/pc
			Oakland	64/47/pc	67/46/pc
			Ontario	78/50/pc	72/49/pc
			Orange	73/53/pc	68/52/pc
			Oxnard	65/52/pc	66/52/pc
			Palm Springs	87/56/pc	84/57/pc
			Pasadena	73/51/pc	68/50/pc
			Pomona	75/48/pc	69/48/pc
			Potter Valley	74/39/pc	72/38/s
			Redding	74/44/pc	73/44/pc
			Riverside	78/39/pc	70/42/pc
			Sacramento	67/47/pc	70/43/pc
			Salinas	68/48/pc	70/46/pc
			San Bernardino	78/40/pc	72/41/pc
			San Diego	67/58/pc	66/56/pc
			San Fernando	74/49/pc	69/48/pc
			San Francisco	65/50/pc	66/51/pc
			San Jose	69/47/pc	70/46/pc
			San Luis Obispo	69/47/pc	72/45/pc
			San Rafael	65/47/pc	67/47/pc
			Santa Ana	72/57/pc	69/57/pc
			Santa Barbara	66/51/pc	68/49/pc
			Santa Cruz	65/48/pc	67/47/pc
			Santa Monica	66/54/pc	65/55/pc
			Santa Rosa	69/43/pc	72/42/pc
			S. Lake Tahoe	60/28/pc	56/24/pc
			Stockton	68/44/pc	69/40/pc
			Tahoe Valley	61/27/pc	58/24/pc
			Torrance	69/53/pc	68/52/pc
			Vacaville	70/43/pc	73/44/pc
			Vallejo	64/46/pc	66/46/pc
			Van Nuys	76/49/pc	72/50/pc
			Visalia	69/47/pc	68/45/pc
			Walnut Creek	67/47/pc	69/44/pc
			Willits	72/37/pc	70/36/pc
			Yosemite Valley	67/34/pc	64/29/pc
			Yreka	63/31/pc	56/28/pc

**Weather (W):** s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

## Clarke

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acquainted with seniors and their susceptibility to fraud schemes. "Most fraud victims are seniors; working there I became involved with protecting the elderly. We dealt with adults who could no longer take care of their own affairs; it was the court's duty to make sure their money was protected."

Clarke returned to Ukiah in 2011, and served as assistant court executive officer and Human Resources director with the Superior Court, and in-house counsel for Consolidated Tribal Health.

Lavonna Silveira stepped down as director of the

Ukiah Senior Center and Clarke stepped up. "This was the kind of work that had always been a part of my background, working with seniors making sure they have access to services."

"It's the most rewarding work for me, making sure seniors have the best life possible and that they are protected. It was all the things I was doing when I worked in fraud investigations and with the Superior Court. It feels very comfortable to me."

Under her guidance, the Senior Center will continue its ongoing activities providing transportation, outreach, the Lunch Bunch, dining room, resource and referral and the Thrift Store, but Clarke has an eye toward the future.

"We want to make sure

the center stays fresh for everyone; what might appeal to those who appreciated Lawrence Welk will not be the same for those who grew up with Rolling Stones. There's a huge generational shift between the World War II generation and the baby boomers."

The board is committed to making the changes necessary to adapt and modernize approaches to create a broader appeal. Not wanting to turn away from current practices that work well for those being served, board members are looking to expand with relevant activities and programs for those who grew up with technology, a more active lifestyle and broader interests.

Musicians for their regular ice cream socials in-

clude contemporary tune-smiths Les Beck, Paul Kemp and boogie-woogie man Ed Reinhart. Their Saturday night band line-up includes rock and country musicians Will Siegel & Friends, the Country Boys and Southern Comfort. They offer regular line and folk dancing classes and a venue for Oni Lagioia's choir to practice and perform. They have upgraded their website with a more trendy logo incorporating more information.

"Right now, we have baby boomers at an age where

they are caring for parents; the center has activities that appeal to both generations. We have multiple levels and want the community to be aware of this."

"The Senior Center is a hidden treasure and does not have the visibility it needs to have; we are committed to making the community more aware of what a great resource it is, working to improve our communication."

She is appreciative of having the opportunity to have gained the skills expertise

with which she is able to give back. "When I go into Bartlett Hall, I meet people who knew my parents or those whose kids with whom I attended school. It's a warm fuzzy, the six degrees of separation have been reduced to 1 1/2."

"The staff and volunteers are passionate about their commitment. You couldn't work with a better group of people; everyone is here with a joyous heart every day. Come to the Senior Center and have fun; it's for all ages and all interests."

## Lake

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from the Corps' normal operations at the lake, and he did not receive a reply until both he and Rep. Jared Huffman (D- San Rafael) pressed for one.

"When the Corps finally replied, they said the response had taken so long because the request resulted in new national policies," White said, explaining that the Corps decided to separate deviation requests into "major" and "minor" categories. And though his "major" request of 17,000 acre-feet of additional storage was denied, the Corps did offer him an

additional 5,280 acre-feet.

White said that number was arrived at because the maximum amount of a "minor" request is either 5 percent of the reservoir's storage or two feet above the normal storage level, whichever is more.

"It isn't the 17,000 I asked for, but it's still a considerable amount of water and I'm happy we got that flexibility," he said, adding that the Corps has not been in charge of dam releases since December of 2012, "because it hasn't been full enough since then."

As of 1 p.m. Wednesday, the lake had 67,975 acre-feet of water, and 28 cubic feet per second was being released. That low amount of outflow is the result of a Temporary

Change Order petition that will expire on Friday, Feb. 20. White said that doesn't mean 150 cfs will need to be released from the dam immediately, it just means that 150 cfs needs to be measured at the Russian River's first gauge at Talmage.

"Right now, that gauge is at about 150 cfs, so the releases will probably have to be bumped up a little by Feb. 20 to reach that level," he said, explaining that the rains in February helped boost the river flows. "That last storm really saved our bacon."

Also as of Feb. 20, he said the RRFC&WCID will rescind the mandatory conservation of 25 percent for its customers, and voluntary conservation will be in effect.

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