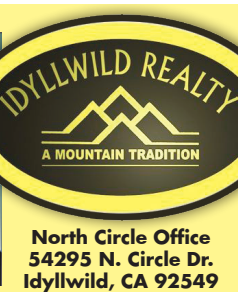




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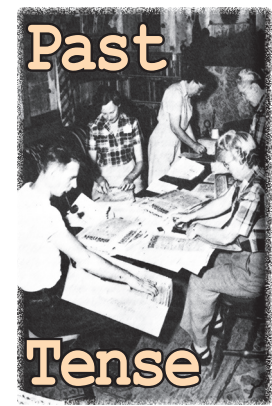
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State hopes catastrophe modeling improves wildfire insurance coverage

By JP CRUMRINE
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Last week, California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara announced that his Department's rulemaking for catastrophe modeling and ratemaking regulation has been approved and will go into effect on Jan. 2, 2025.

Previous State rules only allowed insurers to incorporate historic fire losses into their rate increase requests. The adoption of a catastrophe model, which relies on computer analysis of data, will allow them to predict future costs of wildfires. While these models are proprietary, they all use weather, topographic, local vegetation and other relevant data to predict what potential costs may be.

"Catastrophe models are essential for modeling per-

See Wildfire Insurance, page A6



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Idyllwild Water District Board welcomes new member

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Directors of Idyllwild Water, at their regular meeting on December 18, seated a new member and heard an offer from David Butterfield to purchase part of their land adjacent to his Brew Pub. Several ratepayers spoke critically of the proposal.

As this was the first meeting after the certification of election results, new board member Jessica Priefer was sworn in. Board President Charles Schelly also took the oath, as he is beginning a new term. The November election saw four candidates, Prefer, Schelly, Vice President Peter Szabadi, and Steve Kunkle vying for three open seats. When Kunkle resigned in October his name was left on the ballot. Schelly said he expected that voters would hear of Kunkle's resignation and vote for the other three candidates, but Kunkle got more votes than Szabadi, who has not expressed an interest in applying for the open seat. Kunkle then had to resign the position a second time. Applications are being accepted until February 5, with the directors expected to discuss any applications at the February 15 meeting.

The financial report was accepted without discussion. Five months into the financial year the water side of operations is 9.76% over budget. Large maintenance projects, including the replacement of uranium filter medium, loaded these expenses.

Schelly noted the "low" 10% water loss figure, even with a lot of flushing, and praised Rojas' accounting for water loss, noting that production and internal-use figures were "being measured more accurately and not carried over from month to month."

During public comments, ratepayer David Hunt asked about the Department of Transportation's increased use of water for street cleaning. General Manager Bill Rojas answered that he has spoken with The Department of Transportation, and DOT is keeping a log of how much water they take, and will notify the District when they are doing so. He added that IWD, depending on how much water is being used, will put a meter on the hydrants used.

Another ratepayer who lives near Pine Crest and County Park Road said that when the distribution lines are flushed, they notice more manganese and other residue in their water. They asked if the district could give notice of their flushing schedule. Rojas agreed that flushing scours rust and other scale loose. He mentioned the possibility of sending emails out. Priefer suggested putting the schedule on the District's website, and Rojas agreed to do this. He later noted that flushing will continue through December.

Rojas' operations report included the completion of the repair and resealing of Foster Lake Tank #3. The tank is now back in service. Work continues on the access road to Foster Lake, and a new culvert has been installed to

help protect it from future washouts.

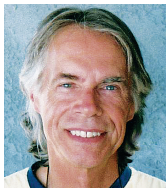
The engineering firm Dudek, hired to review the initial engineering for the Wastewater Treatment Plant replacement, has submitted a proposal for \$21,520 to write grant applications for the project, a process that will take about a year. Rojas is also talking with West Tech, a company that provides water and sewer support services and portable equipment for this type of construction.

The GM reported that the California Environmental Quality Act, for the Strawberry Creek Diversion replacement is in its public comment period, and no protests have been recorded. The project is on schedule to begin this spring.

The longest discussion was about a proposal by David Butterfield to buy part of IWD's land adjacent to the Brew Pub property. The lot is 25,781 square feet, just under .6 of an acre, bordering on Village Center Drive and Strawberry Creek. It is home to IWD's well 23. The proposal is to adjust the lot line and transfer 14,917 sq. ft. to Butterfield, leaving 10,821 with the District. Shane Stewart of Idyllwild Realty presented the offer and answered questions from the board and the public. This issue will be the subject of a separate story.

After a public discussion of the offer, the Board went into closed session to consider it. Schelly texted later that no reportable action had been taken. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15.

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More charging stations to support ZEVs coming

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

California is moving forward with its intention to replace gasoline powered vehicles – cars and light trucks – with zero emission vehicles.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the California Energy Commission approved a plan to invest \$1.4 billion in charging and hydrogen refueling stations for electric vehicles. This money would fund about 17,000 more light duty charging stations throughout California, which is 10% more than the 152,000 public and shared private chargers currently available.

Three stations have been planned in Idyllwild.

“An important part of achieving our clean car future

is building chargers in every corner of California, especially in neighborhoods historically left behind,” said Governor Gavin Newsom in a press release announcing the CEC decision. “With this investment, and the help of the private sector, we’re building a bigger, better vehicle charging network that ensures Californians can reliably and affordably get where they’re going.”

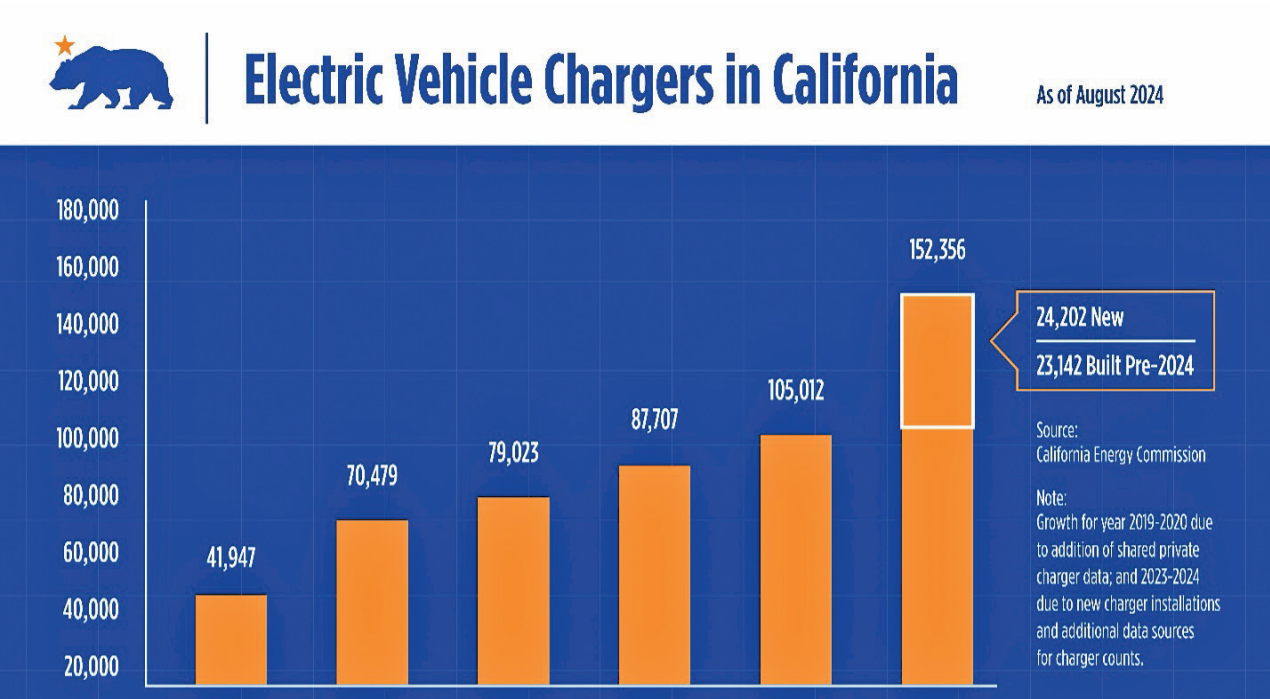
According to the Governor’s office, ZEV sales reached 26.4% of all new California vehicle sales in the third quarter of 2024. The 116,000 new ZEV sales in the third quarter are nearly 30% of all ZEV sales in the U.S.

“Today’s approval of the investment plan reaffirms California’s commitment to funding zero-emission refueling infrastructure,” said CEC’s Lead Commissioner for Transportation Patty Monahan in the CEC release announcing the decision. “The plan prioritizes clean air

benefits in low-income and disadvantaged communities that need it the most. There is no doubt – ZEVs are here to stay in the Golden State.”

Since the election, Newsom has continued to support and advocate for the State’s ZEV program. On Nov. 25, he announced his intention to protect the State’s clean air policy which mandates a migration to 2035. While President-elect Donald Trump has not addressed this issue since the election, during the campaign, he proposed to eliminate the current federal ZEV tax credit.

Newsom vowed 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, according to Newsom.



U.S. Supreme Court involved in California’s clean air regs

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Editor’s note: A separate story reporting the Environmental Protection Agency’s granting of the necessary waivers for the State to enforce these clean air regulations is on page A4.

In two separate rulings, only a weekend apart, the U.S. Supreme Court issued decisions that may affect the California’ clean air regulations.

On Friday, Dec. 13, the Court decided it will review whether the fuel industry does have standing to challenge these regulations. Lower courts have ruled they did not have the necessary standing to bring the litigation to court.

Three days later, the Supreme Court rejected an appeal from Ohio and 16 other states, claiming that California’s special status to issue State rules for clean air is unconstitutional.

This litigation has roots in the first Trump term as President. California had established regulations to set its own tailpipe emissions limits and zero-emission vehicle mandate through 2025.

In 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency revoked a waiver that the Obama administration granted for California’s 2012 zero-emission car mandate. The reinstatement of the waiver in 2022 by the Biden administration is reason for the lawsuits.

It was the oil industry, not the automakers, and 17 other states that sued the EPA claiming California does not have the authority to make this decision unilaterally.

The states, led by Ohio, used a 2013 Supreme Court ruling which overturned the Voting Rights Act singling out Alabama for greater voting oversight. The fuel makers claimed they were being injured.

Lower courts rejected both complaints. And last week, the Supreme Court upheld the decisions rejecting the appeal of the 17 states.

However, it had ruled days before that the fuel industry’s arguments on its standing to file the suit should be considered. The Court was not deciding the merits of the industry’s filing. This case is Diamond Alternative Energy vs. EPA.

The lower courts ruled that the fuel makers were simply arguing that they would make less money, consequently the courts ruled that was insufficient for standing to bring the litigation. If the Supreme Court decides the fuel industry’s does have standing to bring litigation; then the suit against the EPA will proceed

and the arguments brought by the competing lawyers will be heard.

The 1967 Clean Air Act gave California authority to “... to set its own separate and stricter-than-federal vehicle emissions regulations to address the extraordinary circumstances of population, climate and topography that generated the worst air in the nation.”

These rules still require EPA to issue a waiver of California’s rules from the Federal rules. It is the waiver for the 2012 regulation that is being challenged.

The plaintiffs argued, “EPA granted preemption waivers for California to tackle local problems like smog in the Los Angeles basin, where the pollution was both generated by and felt by Californians. But all sensibility stopped in 2009, when California began claiming that Section 209 authorized it to set standards to curb greenhouse gases in an effort to tackle global climate change.”

“California’s clean car standards have successfully helped reduce the dangerous soot, smog, and climate pollution that put all people at risk, while also turbocharging clean technologies and job creation,” said Alice Henderson, Director and Lead Counsel for Transportation and Clean Air Policy for Environmental Defense Fund said in a press release supportive the court’s rejection of the States’ appeal. “EPA’s decision to grant California this preemption waiver is based on a rock-solid legal foundation and decades of precedent, and it ensures vital clean air protections for millions of people.”

But there is support for the Supreme Court’s actions, on Dec. 13, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) president and CEO Chet Thompson issued the following statement, “We are very pleased that the United States Supreme Court has agreed to grant cert on this very important case. . . Congress did not give California special authority to regulate greenhouse gases, mandate electric vehicles or ban new gas car sales—all of which the state is attempting to do through its intentional misreading of statute. We look forward to our day in court.”

Last week, the State Senate’s Republican leader Brian Jones, posted the following on X, formerly Twitter, “Good news! The Supreme Court will review California’s EPA waivers that grant Newsom’s Air Resources Board unchecked authority to hike gas prices, mandate EVs, and ban appliances. It’s time to rein in this overreach. Let’s hope the Court revokes these waivers, restores balance, and makes essentials like gas and home heating affordable again.”

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FVWD Board still discussing location for reserves

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

The Dec. 18 meeting of the Fern Valley Water District Board of Directors was somewhat a repeat of the November meeting. The Board agreed to wait until their January meeting to decide whether to shift funds from the money market account to the State's Local Agency Investment Fund or leave them in the money market account.

Board President Jon Brown noted that the Federal Reserve had lowered rates a quarter of a point on Wednesday, the day before the meeting, and may continue lowering in 2025. Consequently, the Board should expect lower rates on its cash reserve deposits. However, they are unsure whether the State' LAIF account rates will fall faster than market accounts.

Consequently, on a motion from Brown, they decided to make that decision next month. Until then, the District will keep slightly more than \$400,000 in LAIF, which is paying 4.55% interest. The money market balance of \$530,000 will earn 4.28% interest. A difference of only .17% for about a month.

Brown leans toward moving the cash into LAIF because in the past he has seen their interest rate decline

slower than market accounts.

General Manager Victor Jimenez agreed with Brown stating, "We can leave things the way they are. There are no big projects planned this summer [which would need funding] and there's not much of a difference on yield. There's no reason to move the money around now."

Director Robert Krieger agreed with transferring the funds to LAIF, but also felt deferring the decision for a month would result in better information to make the long-term decision.

The Board did approve making a \$250,000 payment to its employee retirement accounts. This reduces the long-term costs of annuities.

In his report to the Board, Jimenez said all is well in the district. Water production and storage are normal. He did share that he has acquired a new Geographic Information system which will be used to map the District's water systems and facilities. While enthusiastic about its performance, he also noted that the cost was \$2,000, nearly \$8,000 under the budgeted amount for new software.

The Board also approved the acquisition of a new water meter for the Tahquitz Pines neighborhood. A bigger system is now needed since the area has a commercial customer. Consequently, there would be a need

for more water in case of fire.

"We need the new meter," Jimenez told the Board. "A lot of water may pass through this system." The Board unanimously agreed that this meter needs to be upgraded.

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Dear Reader,

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Dear Spiritual Workout:

I’m concerned about spending the holidays with my family. We’re not all so close that we laugh and have non-stop fun like so many Kennedys playing football on a sprawling compound, but we’re close enough that the idea of not being together is something that definitely wouldn’t fly. So, I’ve been getting better at setting some boundaries to make it all easier on myself, but I am failing at setting boundaries without feeling tremendous guilt. What can I do about that?

Dear Reader:

You have clearly identified the value of the concept of boundary-setting so three holiday cheers for you and that — sincerely. As for what you can do about the “tremendous guilt?” Continue and/or go deeper into your exploration of boundary-setting because if guilt is part of it, there is room to grow.

I’m pretty sure that what you’re calling guilt is actually you taking responsibility for the effect of your boundary-setting on others. To be sure, there’s nothing wrong with caring about other humans whether or not we’re related to them. But the whole point of setting a boundary is to exercise our sovereignty as individual humans. It is to know where we end, and another begins. It is to fully appreciate that each and every one of us creates our own realities, one hundred percent, so nobody can create another’s experience. That means the disappointment — or whatever your authentic, boundary-setting has engendered in your family members — is all theirs. But if you believe it’s somehow yours, that you created their experience of your boundary, you’ll feel that guilt, plain and simple. And that’s all you need to know that something isn’t quite right. Better: “I understand it’s a challenge for you to accept that my going out drinking with everyone tonight isn’t good for my health and well-being right now. It’s nice that you want me to be there, thank you, but that doesn’t supersede my own need to do what’s right for me. So go, have fun, and we will still have our ‘Die Hard’ movie and shopping traditions to enjoy tomorrow.” Then simply practice knowing that’s what theirs is theirs and what’s yours is yours. Period.

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Newsom proclaims Bird Flu emergency

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in response to Avian influenza A (H5N1), commonly known as “Bird Flu.”

Earlier in the day, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed that a patient in Louisiana has a severe infection of Bird Flu. This is the first severe case in the country. Officials believe the person’s infection came from exposure to sick and dead birds in backyard flocks. This is the first instance of this cause being identified.

“No person-to-person spread of H5 Bird Flu has been detected. This case does not change CDC’s overall assessment of the immediate risk to the public’s health from H5N1 Bird Flu, which remains low,” the CDC stressed in its statement.

Since Bird Flu has recently been detected in dairy cows on four farms in Southern California, Newsom chose to take action quickly. Nationwide, since its initial confirmation of detection in cattle in Texas and Kansas in March 2024, the virus has spread to dairy cattle in 16 states. The CDC has confirmed 61 cases of human infection since then.

The Governor’s proclamation will expand monitoring and further cooperation throughout the State to contain and mitigate the spread of the virus.

Newsom also stressed that “To date, no person-to-person spread of Bird Flu has been detected in California and nearly all infected individuals had exposure to infected cattle.”

This emergency proclamation will provide state and local agencies with additional flexibility around staffing, contracting, and other rules to support California’s evolving response.

“This proclamation is a targeted action to ensure government agencies have the resources and flexibility they need to respond quickly to this outbreak. Building on California’s testing and monitoring system — the largest in the nation — we are committed to further protecting public health, supporting our agriculture industry, and ensuring that Californians have access to accurate, up-to-date information. While the risk to the public remains low, we will continue to take all necessary steps to prevent the spread of this virus.” Newsom said in his

press release.

Unpasteurized milk is the concern for the presence of the avian flu virus. And that is the focus of the testing program recently implemented. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration stresses that pasteurized milk is safe.

In July 2022, Bird Flu was first identified in California’s wild bird population. On August 30, 2024, Bird Flu was confirmed in a dairy cow in Central California. Since then, 641 dairies have confirmed positive tests for Bird Flu across nine California counties, previously limited to Central California. On Dec. 12 it was detected in four Southern California herds.

On Nov. 9, the California Department of Public Health announced that it had detected Bird Flu in an Alameda County child. This was the first case of a child contracting the virus.

Of the 61 total reported confirmed cases of Bird Flu infection in humans, 34 have been reported in California.

Officials have also been working in close collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local health and agricultural officials, as part of a whole-of-government effort to coordinate, implement, and ensure timely surveillance and investigation of potential cases of Bird Flu

To prepare for a possible emergency outbreak of Bird Flu, Peter Chin-Hong, a professor of medicine and an infectious disease specialist at the University of California, San Francisco, in an opinion column in the Los Angeles Times, urged continuation of “... the timely surveillance of animals and raw milk — batches of which have been recalled for potential Bird Flu risk — to better identify infected herds and understand the true magnitude and dynamics of infection. ... and we still need to test farmworkers and their close contacts more systematically. Hospitals and clinics should move to centralize and share H5N1 data.

“The current supply of H5N1 vaccines is small, but the government can expand its production and consider offering them to farmworkers who request them,” Chin-Hong concluded.

For more information on H5 Bird Flu in the U.S. and CDC’s response, including regularly updated case counts, visit the H5 Bird Flu: Current Situation page at www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary/index.html

EPA approves State rule to gradually ban gasoline powered auto sales

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Editor’s note: A separate story reporting on two U.S. Supreme Court decisions relating to these regulations and waivers is on page A2.

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced it was granting a waiver to the State to implement and enforce its Advanced Clean Cars II regulations for light-duty vehicles, and its “Omnibus” low-NOx regulation for heavy-duty highway and off-road vehicles and engines.

The waiver is necessary because the Clean Air Act provides a provision for California to adopt emissions requirements independent from EPA’s regulations. The state must seek a waiver from EPA for new motor vehicle emission standards.

Once President-Elect Donald Trump is inaugurated, this waiver may be rescinded. According to Reuters, in a campaign speech, on Oct. 24 in Saginaw, Michigan Trump promised, ““When I’m president, no state in America will be permitted to ban gas powered cars or trucks, and I guarantee it - no way.”

In 2019, his Justice Department began to investigate whether California and automakers agreed illegally to State emission regulations. And further disputed the State’s authority to establish separate rules. (See story on page x.)

California’s regulators and leaders were very pleased to receive the waivers. Following the EPA announcement, in its press release, the California Air Resources Board said, “... California can fully implement its regulation that would move the state toward 100% sales of zero emission options by 2035. A second waiver was granted for the Heavy-Duty Omnibus regulation, which will drastically reduce smog-forming emissions of and particulate matter and nitrogen oxide.”

ACC II requires the number of zero emission vehicles to increase annual until 2035, when all new vehicles for sale must be zero-emission. The CARB adopted this regulation in 2022.

“The regulation does not ban fossil fueled cars and

pickup trucks; residents can drive existing internal combustion vehicles as long as they want,” the CARB stressed.

The Omnibus regulation will require manufacturers to comply with more stringent emissions standards. It will cut heavy-duty NOx emissions by 90%, overhaul engine testing procedures, and further extend engine warranties, according to the CARB press release.

“California has longstanding authority to request waivers from EPA to protect its residents from dangerous air pollution coming from mobile sources like cars and trucks,” said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan in their press release. “Today’s actions follow through on EPA’s commitment to partner with states to reduce emissions and act on the threat of climate change.”

“California’s ongoing success in tackling pollution challenges and improving public health is possible thanks to landmark regulations that support technological innovation and move us toward a zero-emissions future for transportation,” said CARB Chair Liane Randolph.

And Gov. Gavin Newsom was very pleased with the granting of the waivers for the State’s clean program.

“Clean cars are here to stay. The Biden-Harris Administration reaffirmed what we’ve known for decades – California can rise to the challenge of protecting our people by cleaning our air and cutting pollution,” Newsom said in his press release. “With more makes and models available than ever before, millions of Californians have already made the switch to clean cars. Automakers and manufacturers have made it clear they intend to stick with California and consumers as we move toward clean cars that save people money.”

But the lame-duck approval did not sit well with State Republican leadership.

“Never mind that the technology isn’t there and the charging infrastructure is falling apart. Never mind that this isn’t practical in rural areas or that people can’t afford to pay even higher up-front costs for cars,” said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher. “Newsom and his Democrat allies are all in on making life harder and more expensive for working Californians.”

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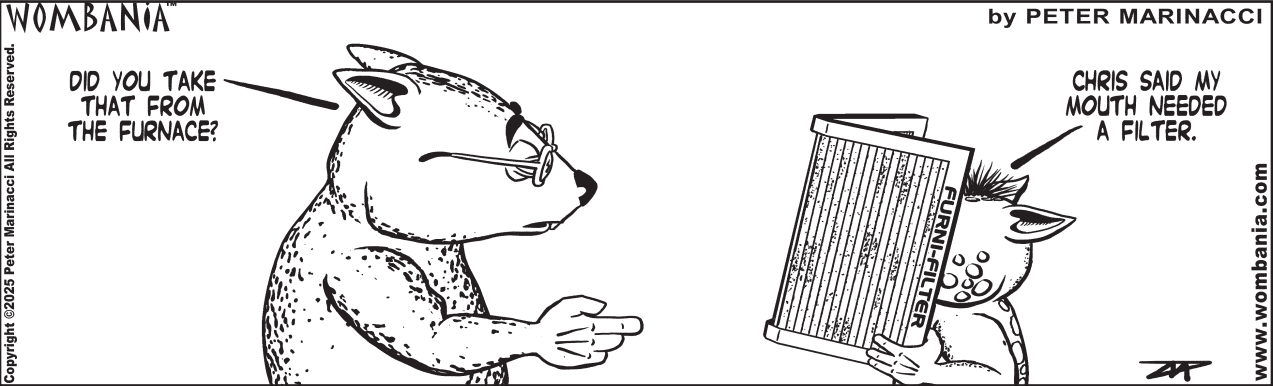


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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 Jazzercise 8:30 AM Town Hall Fit After 50 10:00 AM Town Hall Jazzercise 5:30 PM Town Hall	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 Farmers Market 9:00 AM Town Hall Chanukah in Idyllwild! 4:30 PM Town Hall
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 Jazzercise 8:30 AM Town Hall	

Sheriff’s log

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

IDYLLWILD

- SUSPICIOUS PERSON 12-24-2024 00:19 AM 2600 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243 IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- 911 HANGUP FROM CELLPHONE 12-23-2024 19:15 PM 5500 *** BLOCK HEMSTREET PL/TAHQUITZ VIEW DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION 12-23-2024 10:31 AM ADDRESS WITHHELD IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ALARM CALL 12-23-2024 09:08 AM 5400 *** BLOCK NORTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- CIVIL DISPUTE 12-23-2024 08:07 AM 5400 *** BLOCK SOUTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- BARKING DOG 12-23-2024 08:05 AM 5400 *** BLOCK SOUTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- UNKNOWN TROUBLE 12-21-2024 21:46 PM 2500 *** BLOCK GLEN RD IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE 12-21-2024 17:31 PM 5300 *** BLOCK MIDDLE RIDGE DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE 12-21-2024 17:31 PM 5300 *** BLOCK MIDDLE RIDGE DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT 12-20-2024 17:23 PM 5400 *** BLOCK PINE CREST AV IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ALARM CALL 12-20-2024 15:35 PM 2400 *** BLOCK FERN VALLEY RD IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- DANGER TO SELF/OTH-

- ER 12-19-2024 11:24 AM 2600 *** BLOCK DELANO DR IDYLLWILD REPORT TAKEN
- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT 12-19-2024 10:08 AM 2600 *** BLOCK DELANO DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- 911 HANGUP FROM CELLPHONE 12-19-2024 08:50 AM 2400 *** BLOCK FERN VALLEY RD IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- PUBLIC DISTURBANCE 12-18-2024 15:38 PM 2600 *** BLOCK DELANO DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- 911 CALL FROM BUSINESS 12-18-2024 15:05 PM 2500 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243 IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE 12-18-2024 11:38 AM 5500 *** BLOCK SOUTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT 12-17-2024 22:12 PM 5400 *** BLOCK TAHQUITZ VIEW DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ALARM CALL 12-17-2024 13:15 PM 2400 *** BLOCK PIONEER DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- PUBLIC DISTURBANCE 12-17-2024 08:57 AM 5500 *** BLOCK SOUTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ALARM CALL 12-16-2024 06:19 AM 5400 *** BLOCK NORTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ALARM CALL 12-15-2024 23:43 PM 5400 *** BLOCK CRAGHILL DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- 911 CALL 12-15-2024 20:23 PM 2400 *** BLOCK FOREST DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- PETTY THEFT 12-15-2024 11:15 AM 5300 *** BLOCK PINE CREST AV IDYLLWILD REPORT TAKEN
- FOLLOW-UP 12-14-2024 11:20 AM ADDRESS WITHHELD IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- FOLLOW-UP 12-14-2024 11:20 AM ADDRESS WITHHELD IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY

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- SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE 12-14-2024 10:39 AM 5500 *** BLOCK SOUTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- VANDALISM 12-14-2024 02:30 AM 2600 *** BLOCK SADDLE DR IDYLLWILD REPORT TAKEN
- SILENT ALARM 12-21-2024 12:23 AM ADDRESS WITHHELD PINE COVE HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- HAZARD 12-21-2024 08:55 AM 5200 *** BLOCK PINE RIDGE RD PINE COVE HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT 12-18-2024 13:32 PM 5200 *** BLOCK LAUREL TRL PINE COVE HANDLED BY DEPUTY

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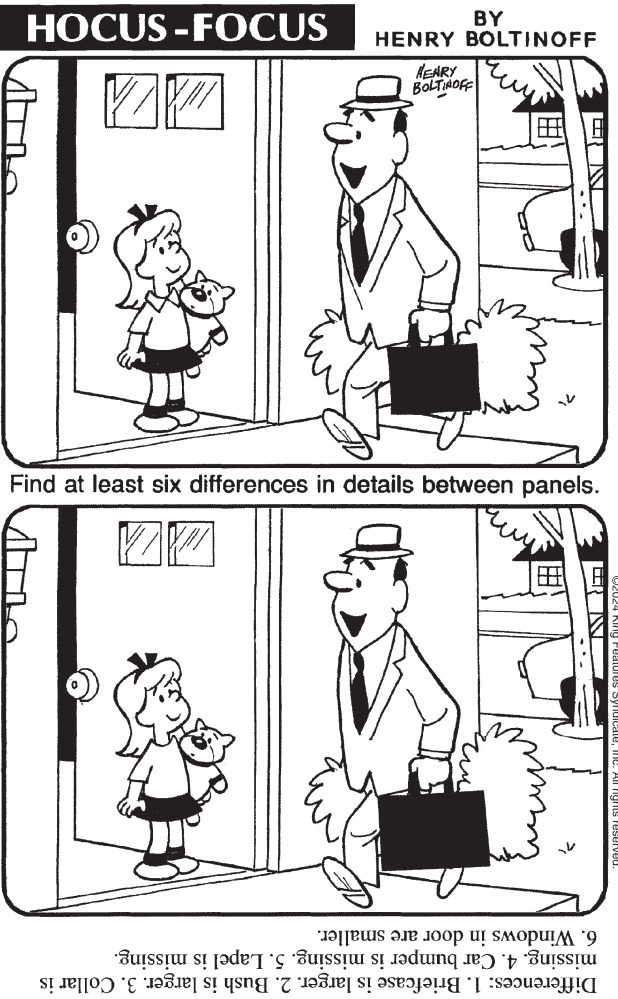
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- UNKNOWN TROUBLE 12-22-2024 04:26 AM 2200 *** BLOCK SOBOBA RD POPPET FLATS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- PUBLIC DISTURBANCE 12-21-2024 23:26 PM 2200 *** BLOCK SOBOBA RD POPPET FLATS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- VANDALISM 12-20-2024 11:18 AM 4500 *** BLOCK COYOTE ST POPPET FLATS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- BURGLARY 12-15-2024 14:12 PM 1800 *** BLOCK DEER TRL POPPET FLATS REPORT TAKEN
- CHECK THE WELFARE 12-14-2024 16:19 PM 4500 *** BLOCK PARTRIDGE ST POPPET FLATS HANDLED BY DEPUTY

SAN BERDO NAT FORS

- SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE 12-21-2024 11:43 AM 5000 *** BLOCK E ST HWY 74 SAN BERDO NAT FORS REPORT TAKEN
- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT 12-21-2024 03:15 AM ADDRESS UNDEFINED SAN BERDO NAT FORS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- PUBLIC DISTURBANCE 12-19-2024 16:07 PM 2700 *** BLOCK GOLDEN ROD RD SAN BERDO NAT FORS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT 12-19-2024 11:37 AM 2800 *** BLOCK SAUNDERS MEADOW RD SAN BERDO NAT FORS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT 12-17-2024 21:24 PM ADDRESS UNDEFINED SAN BERDO NAT FORS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- VANDALISM 12-17-2024 06:50 AM 4900 *** BLOCK E ST HWY 74 SAN BERDO NAT FORS UNFOUNDED
- CHECK THE WELFARE 12-16-2024 14:42 PM 5600 *** BLOCK E ST HWY 74 SAN BERDO NAT FORS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- PUBLIC ASSIST 12-16-2024 10:41 AM ADDRESS UNDEFINED SAN BERDO NAT FORS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL 12-14-2024 17:04 PM 5200 *** BLOCK TEMECULA DR SAN BERDO NAT FORS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- VICIOUS DOG 12-14-2024 11:12 AM 2200 *** BLOCK EAGLES NEST DR SAN BERDO NAT FORS HANDLED BY DEPUTY
- ALARM CALL 12-13-2024 11:23 AM 5800 *** BLOCK BONITA VISTA RD SAN BERDO NAT FORS HANDLED BY DEPUTY

TWIN PINES

- SHOTS FIRED 12-23-2024 17:22 PM 4700 *** BLOCK WOODCLIFF DR TWIN PINES HANDLED BY DEPUTY



12 Step Meetings in the Idyllwild area 3rd quarter 2024

(Revised 8/5/2024)			
Sunday	AA - Discussion	Noon	Idyllwild Water District
	AA - Speaker meeting (last Sunday of the month)	Noon	St. Hugh's
	"Mixed Nuts" (Al-Anon with AA participation)	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Spirit Mountain Retreat
Monday	AA - Discussion	Noon	St. Hugh's
	CoDA (CoDependents Anonymous)	6:00 PM	Zoom - Call Mary at 951-634-4048 for Zoom link
Tuesday	AA - 12x12	Noon	St. Hugh's
Wednesday	CoDA (Co-Dependents Anonymous)	Noon	St. Hugh's
Thursday	AA - Discussion & Birthdays	Noon	St. Hugh's
	Emotions Anonymous	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Spirit Mountain Retreat
	Al-Anon	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Spirit Mountain Retreat
Friday	Idy A's - Members of AA, NA, Al-Anon, CODA, etc.	Noon	St. Hugh's
	AA with Al-Anon participation	5:30 PM	Ark of Light
Saturday	AA - Book Study	Noon	St. Hugh's
	NA - "Recovery on the Hill" meeting	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Inside Idyllwild Water District
	AA - Happy Hour & Birthdays	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Behind Idyllwild Water District (bring your own chair)
Every day	Closed AA Meeting (you are welcome if you have a desire to stop drinking)	Noon	Zoom - email serenitvpin@icloud.com for Zoom link
St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 State Hwy. 243 Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Ark of Light, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Suite F			
July through September 2024 - All meetings are open unless otherwise noted (Meeting secretaries - please call 951-634-4048 to change info)			

Late hikers in Strawberry Creek Canyon found after brief search

By DAVID JEROME CORRESPONDENT

Drivers on Highway 74 on Sunday night, December 22, noted police vehicles and ambulances at several areas between the entrance to Bee Canyon Truck Trail and the Strawberry Creek bridge. A helicopter with a search light hovered over the creek canyon. Sergeant Wendy Brito-Gonzalez of Riverside County Sheriff's Office provided these details: At 8:24 p.m. a caller reported that they had lost contact with a group of hikers in Strawberry Creek Canyon and were concerned for their safety. RSO's rescue helicopter responded and spotted the hikers walking towards the caller. No injuries were reported. The ambulances were staged nearby in case the hikers required medical help.

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THURS., DEC 26, 2024

Idy Stained Glass brings ancient craft to Village Lane

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Jon Gaw is the proprietor of Idy Stained Glass, a new shop in the Village Lane. Friday, December 20 was the beginning of his “soft opening weekend” and he was hard at work cutting and assembling colorful projects that bring light to life.

The focus for the shop is going to be instruction. Gaw loves sharing the craft with others. “I have a heart for passing on the knowledge of stained glass, continuing the tradition. A lot of folks here have expressed an interest in learning the art or taking a refresher course. We’ll offer beginner and advanced classes.”

The shop will have everything that people need for stained glass: tools, materials, instruction and inspiration. Gaw proudly uses all American-made glass. Although, in the past, much exotic glass came from Europe, and the Chinese have made inroads into the big-box craft store market, he likes what US makers are doing. “There are a handful of art glass manufacturer in the US that are exceptional.” Gaw also seeks out older glass. “I make it a point to try to also buy glass from estate sales, former artists. Older glass, not made anymore, is more interesting, it has history.”

The shops will also have smaller pieces for sale; “That’s going to take a little bit of time. I will continue to do commissions for folks. Since the third piece I made, I’ve had a waiting list, typically very long.”

Gaw first came to stained glass as a form of therapy. “I was a General Contractor most of my life. I was in a bad motorcycle accident, lots of surgeries. My mom got me a gift certificate for a stained glass class at a shop. I fell in love immediately, I decided ‘this is a thing I could do.’ It’s been off to the races since then.”

Stained glass is less physically demanding than construction but uses many of the same thought processes and skills. “A lot of tools are used in cutting and shaping the glass.” He gives credit to his dad, who was an engineer, for his linear, mathematical problem-solving abilities, and his craftsmanship. “I’ve been using many types of tools since I was very young.” But Jon adds “It’s really accessible to anyone, even if they haven’t had experience with the tools.”

Gaw shows photographs of the process, starting

with an artwork he wanted to reproduce in glass. The first step is to create a design “We call it a pattern. It’s like creating your own paint by number.” The glass has its own rules, pieces need to be simple, well-defined shapes. Once the design has been rendered in to separate small shapes, every piece must be given a code, a letter and number, to identify where it goes

One copy of the pattern is then cut into pieces with three bladed scissors, it takes a sliver out to leave room for metal foil. “These get glued on the glass before you cut. Then I use a grinder or a saw. Then fitting. Then coper foil with adhesive backing to wrap the edges. Every single piece. Once that’s done I solder with a soldering iron and solder, then clean and apply patina to blacken the solder. Make a frame.”

One of his pieces is based on Edmund J. Sullivan’s “A Skeleton Amid Roses,” familiar to Grateful Dead fans. It has over 2,000 pieces and took over a thousand hours to complete. “It’s difficult for folks that aren’t familiar with stained glass to understand how meticulous and time consuming the art is.”

Gaw lived most of his life in Long Beach and other parts of Orange County. Although he and his wife only moved to Idyllwild this summer, they are long time visitors. “I was a rock climber growing up, I spent a lot of time up here. Suicide and Lily Rock, San Jacinto Peak.” When the time came for a change, the pair took their time, visiting other artistic small towns around the southland, even though Idyllwild was in their hearts. “We both knew this was where we were going to end up, but to do it justice we looked around at other mountain communities.”

What did this place have? “Everything the other places didn’t. We ended up staying up here several different weeks. Late fall, winter, spring, before we pulled the trigger. We got to experience the sense of community here, spoke with a lot of business owners in town, got to feel comfortable, fell in love with it. We wanted a town where neighbors care about each other. There is a true sense of community, you don’t find that down the hill.”

Idy Stained Glass, 54200 North Circle Dr. Unit D#1, in the Village Lane, Thursday-Sunday, hours to be determined. For information about classes, email idystainedglass@gmail.com, or call (562) 843-8566.



Jon Gaw with his interpretation in glass of “Skeleton Amid Roses.”

PHOTO COURTESY JON GAW

Fire at Creekstone Inn

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

A fire broke out at the Creekstone Inn on Friday, December 20, shortly after 5 p.m. Smoke billowed from attic vents and drifted down Pine Crest Avenue towards town. Idyllwild Fire Protection District engines arrived and quickly brought the fire under control. Two people who said they were guests but declined to identify themselves said they had just started a fire in the fireplace in their first-floor room when the smoke alarm went off and the building had to be evacuated. Several guests were accommodated at the Grand Lodge.

Officers of Riverside Sheriff’s Office were also on scene. Community Service Officer Jeff Funkhouser

said that the rumor that the fire started in a decorative fireplace had been debunked. Although many of the rooms have electric “fireplaces,” this room had a real wood-burning fireplace.

The Creekstone’s Manager, Austin Castro, gave this statement: “Our outstanding staff responded swiftly, ensuring the prompt and safe evacuation of all guests. We are deeply grateful to the Idyllwild Fire Department for their rapid response and exceptional efforts in extinguishing the fire. Their quick action minimized damage to our cherished inn. We are working with local and county officials on a date when we will be able to reopen. We’d also like to thank the community for their concern and support during this unfortunate time.”



A fire broke out at Creekstone Inn on Friday,

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD



The guest room affected by the fire at Creekstone Inn

PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME



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HAPPY SILLY NEW YEAR!



Start 2025 with smiles and laughs with these silly games! Being silly can bring smiles and laughs to your friends and family, too!

New Year Bingo

1. Cut out these bingo cards and give one to each player.
2. Once the game starts, everyone looks or listens for the words on their card.
3. When you see or hear one of these words related to New Year's celebrations, cross it out.
4. After one hour, time's up! The player who crossed out the most words wins!

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CELEBRATE MIDNIGHT BALLOONS
CALENDAR CLOCK 2025

TIME RESOLUTION CONFETTI
2025 FUTURE HOUR
PARADE DAY EXCITED

MUSIC HOLIDAY BALL
PEOPLE HAPPY RESOLUTION
LAUGHTER 2025 GOODBYE

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

New Year Guessing Game

Each player chooses something related to New Year celebrations, like balloons or confetti. The other players ask **YES** or **NO** questions to try and guess what it is, asking no more than 20 questions. Each time someone asks a question with a **NO** answer, they have to dance and cluck like a chicken!



Hey, kid! That is **NOT** how I dance! What the heck?

Stinky Sock Game

Seat everyone in a circle. Quickly pass a pair of rolled-up socks around as music plays. When the music stops, the person holding the socks leaves the game. The last person left is the Toe-tally Tops!



Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Silly Headlines

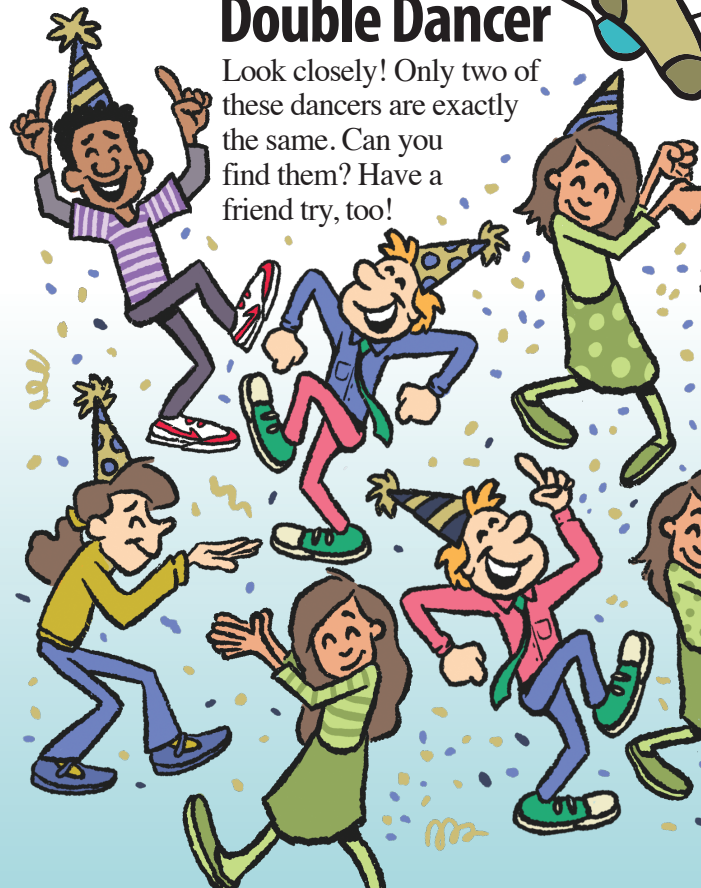
Clip newspaper headlines and paste them together to create silly news items. For example:

Spaghetti rocket travels to **MOON** hotel

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Double Dancer

Look closely! Only two of these dancers are exactly the same. Can you find them? Have a friend try, too!



Kid Scoop Together Funny Fill-In

Ask a family member for each kind of word below. Then fill in the blanks to create a very silly story to read aloud!

Our Annual Silly New Year Party

My parents like to host a New Year's Eve party every year. And these _____ parties are hilarious!

Dad likes to wear a party hat made from _____ and _____. Mom wears a _____ gown covered with sparkly _____. They greet each of their guests by shouting "_____!"

_____ music plays as everyone _____ begins to dance and _____. Under Ambrose has a _____ voice and likes to _____ loudly.

People bring lots of _____ appetizers and _____ snacks, such as cheesy _____, sweet _____ and spicy _____ on _____ toothpicks. Aunt Clara always fills the punch bowl with _____ which the guests look forward to each year.

As the clock strikes midnight, everyone shouts "_____!" and many _____ are dropped from upstairs onto the surprised and delighted party guests. It's sure a _____ way to start the New Year!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Toilet Paper Tower Toss

Make a tall tower of toilet paper rolls. Take turns trying to knock over as many rolls as you can by tossing a rolled up sock at the tower three times.

Which player knocked over the most rolls? Add up how many rolls they knocked over with each turn to see who won.



Aziz	6	4	2
Carlos	3	2	4
Kendra	4	4	5
Anna	1	4	6
Mia	5	2	3

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

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

ASK
BALL
CLOCK
DANCE
GAME
HOUR
MIDNIGHT
MOON
MUSIC
PARADE
PARTY
SOCK
TOSS
TOWER
YEAR

T	M	D	A	N	C	E	N	E	A
M	O	L	L	A	B	L	O	C	D
I	F	W	A	G	Y	H	O	U	R
D	H	L	E	K	A	E	M	C	Y
N	P	Y	S	R	D	M	S	I	K
I	Z	A	S	A	E	S	E	S	C
G	L	V	R	E	O	C	J	U	O
H	Q	A	R	T	B	G	W	M	S
T	P	V	J	W	Y	E	A	R	J

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: **CELEBRATE**

The verb **celebrate** means to do something enjoyable for a special holiday or occasion.

We always **celebrate** New Year's Eve at my cousin's party.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

What's New?

Look through the newspaper for three things that didn't exist when your parents were born. Ask them which of these things made the biggest difference in their lives.

Standards Link: Follow simple written instructions.

What do frogs shout on the first day of January?



ANSWER: "HOPPY NEW YEAR!"

Write On! Let's Get Silly!

How would you like to get silly in the New Year? What silly things would you do? Write about them.



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CAFE AROMA 54750 N Circle Dr,		Ol Man Proffitt 5:30pm-8:30pm			Paul Carmen & Sarah Kay 5:30pm-8:30pm		Adam James Glover 5:30pm-8:30pm
FERRO 25840 Cedar St							
MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY 54301 N Circle Dr		Bluegrass, American & Folk Lily Rock Ramblers 2-5pm	Lilith Band Country, Rock & Americana 4-7pm	Rock & Pop Spare Change (John, Erik M, Erik R & George) 3-6pm	The Royal Pains Classic Rock & Surf Tunes 2-5pm	James Taylor Tribute Bryan Goodhead 2-5pm	
TARYN'S PLACE 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3			Nathan James 6:30pm	Sheyna Gee 6:30pm	Craic Haus 6:30pm	Lily Rock Ramblers 6:30pm	Kevin Kertin 6:30pm

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2025: To a Different Drum

By CHRIS DOSHIER
CONTRIBUTOR

As 2024 draws to a close, I think about what lies ahead with as much optimism as I can muster. 2025 promises to hold many surprises, along with much of the same heartbreak and hijinks we’ve come to expect with each trip around our anchoring star. Personally, I’m a bit overfed on headline stories, the kind blaring loudly on our morning television, so I am turning to the relative tranquility of smaller events, those which go unnoticed amid the sound and fury of our time.

For instance, it will likely fly under the radar of the populace that January 1st is Public Domain Day, when thousands of works from 1929 will be available for public use. This New Year’s Day event will probably garner little press, what with a plethora of televised bowl games (remember when there were, like, six?) and the greater necessity of sleeping off our collective hang-over. The Rose Parade will have no float commemorating the event, which is odd, since anyone excited by the five-and-a-half mile floral spectacle ought to be at least somewhat jazzed by the availability of Mickey Mouse’s first appearance in *The Karnival Kid* . I, for one, am buzzing,

We also have the 2025 World Men’s Handball Championship ahead of us. While this will get more publicity than Public Domain Day, it will be obscure enough to warrant inclusion here. My experiences with handball are limited, and don’t involve the fast-moving type that will be showcased at the IHF tournament. I only have memories of playing at recess, sliding on asphalt occasionally, and realizing that my meager throwing arm was more equipped for writing poetry than trying to tag some kid in the rear with a red, rubber ball. That is not to degenerate the upcoming championship, however, which I recommend as a fun alternative to dreary pastimes such as doom-scrolling and excessive news consumption.

Finally, I will bring attention to obscure holidays worth celebrating. On February 26th is Inconvenience Yourself Day. While this sounds snarky, it may be a reason to travel roads less taken, to go to a cinema rather than binge watch on the couch, or to make time for that herb garden you keep promising to plant (interpretation, after all, is everything). On Friday the 13th of September is National Defy Superstition Day. I hope to see some folks in town walking under ladders, opening umbrellas indoors and spilling large quantities of salt (don’t break any mirrors, though-it’s frowned upon.) And coming on October 10th is my personal favorite: Hug a Drummer Day. If you see me or any of my drumming kinfolk, give us a big hug and reassure us that, despite the jokes, we are indeed musicians, and perfectly hug-worthy. Events like these, small and unobtrusive, can save us from paying too much attention to the headlines that dominate our lives (and give more attention to drummers, which is always good).

The ICC Adult Volleyball Season is off to a “Smash” Start

By JOHNNY WILSON
ICC SPORTS DIRECTOR

The 2024-2025 season of ICC Adult Volleyball is underway at Buckhorn Camp’s gymnasium known as the “Peace Center.” Five of last year’s six teams have returned with the addition of two new teams.

The current reigning champions, BBI Construction (led by coach Jeanelle Meskimen), will be facing off against some familiar rivals: Idyllwild Garage (led by coach Kyle Loutzenhiser), Idyllwild Brewpub (coach Dawn Sonnier), Red Kettle (coach Kyle Owen), and Village Hardware (coach Lance Fogle).

Also added to the mix are two new teams: Adams Electric (led by coach Jolene Solorio) and Pino Tree Service (coach Spencer Kincaid).

The seven teams will be competing in the regular season (December 2024 – March 2025) for the six playoff spots, where the #1 seed and #2 seed will have automatic byes in the single-elimination playoffs tournament in March 2025.

After the first two weeks of matches, hot out of the



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gates and showing no mercy, are Idyllwild Brewpub and Village Hardware – both teams victorious in their first two matches and so far undefeated.

The new team Adams Electric is right at their heels, winning the first two and losing just one match so far.

BBI Construction and Idyllwild Garage both started their season even with one win and one loss. Red Kettle and Pino Tree Service will both be looking to 2025 for their first win of the season.

The season has paused for the holidays and will resume January 7th. Below are the current standings.

Place	TEAM	W	L
1	Idyllwild Brewpub	2	0
1	Village Hardware	2	0
3	Adams Electric	2	1
4	Idyllwild Garage	1	1
4	BBI Construction	1	1
6	Pino Tree Service	0	2
7	Red Kettle	0	3



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—Kahlil Gibran

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75 years ago - 1949
The Kemp sawmill was sold to a Big Bear firm. All of its logging equipment was moved off the Hill.

70 years ago - 1954
The Valley Cab Company was advertising a weekly round-trip between Idyllwild and Hemet for \$2 each way.

65 years ago - 1959
Dr. Max Krone, then president of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation, received word from LIFE magazine editors that two pages of its Christmas issue would feature activities of the school.

60 years ago - 1964
Hillfolk were advised that making a local telephone call would require dialing

seven numbers and that the prefix "659" must be used.

55 years ago - 1969
Taylor's Lodge in Mountain Center announced that the restaurant would be serving ham and eggs from 2 to 4 a.m. after the New Year's Eve music and dancing.

50 years ago - 1974
About 200 students from Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut planted 5,000 trees in the Soboba burn area. They planned to plant 3,000 more in February.

45 years ago - 1979
The Jim Snell Memorial Ambulance was dedicated at a ceremony at the Idyllwild Fire Station.

Locals had raised nearly \$12,000 of the \$34,149 purchase price.

40 years ago - 1984
Idyllwild Fire Department officials issued an advisory telling residents not to burn their Christmas tree in the fireplace after the holidays because they could be highly explosive and cause a flash fire.

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Happy New Year

Many of our area businesses have joined together this week to send their New Year's greetings to you through the Town Crier and have made possible a special feature, "1984 — The Year in Review," highlighting some of the events of 1984 as reported in the Town Crier. So from all of us, "Thank you for 1984 and Happy New Year for 1985."

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Storm brings White Christmas to Hill

The biggest snowstorm of the season hit Idyllwild last week, assuring Hill residents and visitors of a White Christmas. Almost a foot of snow came down Thursday, Dec. 20, adding to an inch that fell Tuesday, Dec. 18, and 3½ inches the week before. Temperatures dipped after the storm moved out and have stayed well below freezing at night. Even though daytime temperatures have crept up to 57 degrees, it hasn't been warm enough to melt a lot of the snow. Roads and highways have been sheets of ice in the mornings. There have been several reports of people slipping on the ice. Two men were transported to hospitals with possible back injuries in unrelated incidents. A man slipped at the Idyllwild Post Office and was transported to Loma Linda University Hospital by the Pine Cove ambulance. Another man slipped on ice at Lake Fulmor and was transported to Pass Memorial Hospital in Banning. The storm and icy roads caused a "rash of fender benders" on the Hill last week, according to Greg Transue, public affairs officer for the California Highway Patrol office in Banning. The CHP required chains on vehicles entering the Mountain area at Lake Fulmor and Mountain Center last Tuesday, Wednesday and for a few hours Thursday. Officer Transue reported. The 11 inches of snow recorded at the Idyllwild Fire Station last week brought the season's total to 18½ inches, well above last year's 4.75 inch snowfall total for the season.

Fun in the snow

TOP PHOTO . . . David Kinnannon, left, and Sean LaFontaine jumped in a soft snow bank to make "snow angels."

RIGHT PHOTO . . . Vehicles may have had trouble getting around, but Aaron Maffit found it a pleasure to travel on his cross-country skis.

Photos by
KAREN NEVILLE
Staff Writer

FV planning for treatment plant

The Fern Valley State Water District is filing a pre-application for State Safe Water Funds for a future water treatment plant. Tom Horne, FVSWD manager, received the go-ahead at last week's regular monthly board meeting from the district board to file the pre-application. The pre-application does not obligate the district to anything, but will place it on a state priority list for funds. Mr. Horne was recently contacted by the

Open, closed for holiday

The New Year's holiday next week will mean a two-day vacation at some public service institutions.

CLOSED ON MONDAY, DEC. 31, AND TUESDAY, JAN. 1:

- Mt. San Jacinto Senior Center
- Fern Valley State Water District Office
- Idyllwild Visitor Center
- Riverside County Offices

CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JAN. 1:

- Hill post offices
- Idyllwild Branch Library
- Idyllwild Disposal Site
- Idyllwild Water District Office
- U.S. Forest Service Idyllwild Ranger Station
- Pine Cove County Water District

CREATURE CORNER

Last week in *Days of Our Nine Lives*, the ARF cats celebrated adoptions of the remaining two puppies, Woolly Bully and Bobby McGee.

Pepper: What a year ARF has had!

Harley: Really! The numbers just came out, and they are amazing.

Eeyore: Keeping in mind that ARF is a small, volunteer based rescue, the numbers are so respectable!

Pepper: In 2024, ARF took in 41 dogs, and adopted out all 40.

Marlowe: It also took in 41 cats and adopted out 40. The 41st cat came in just the last few days.

Felix: Are you talking about me? I'm the 41st!

Harley: We are, Felix. You are unbelievably friendly with everyone! Anyone looking for a young cat needs to meet you.

Felix: I agree! I'm just 9 months old and ready to join a loving family. I will bring joy, guaranteed!

Marlowe: Hey, I know all about the 40 dogs that were adopted, but what about the 41st?

Harley: The 41st dog hasn't yet been introduced to the public. She is super special, but is recovering from a necessary, one-time surgery.

Rowan: Why is that?

Harley: She was found on a road after being hit by a car. She was in very bad shape.

Eeyore: Fortunately, ARF stepped in to get all the veterinary care she needed, including surgery.

Pepper: What else about her?

Eeyore: Nothing...yet. ARF is waiting until early January to introduce her to the world. Guess everyone will have to wait!

Marlowe: What a great New Year's gift she will make.

Eeyore: What a great new year for anyone who adopts a precious pet.



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.

35 years ago - 1989
No one knew where it came from, but a little pot- ted cedar tree appeared on South Circle Drive, where the landmark giant ponderosa pine stood for 335 years before being felled in October. A traffic jam occurred as locals came to see the little tree.

30 years ago - 1994
Larry Donahoo, a paid-call firefighter, was named Idyllwild Fire Department's firefighter of the year.

25 years ago - 1999
Mild weather, with the thermometer reaching 80 degrees, was credited for the success of the Audubon Society's Centennial Christmas Bird Count on the Hill. Spotters counted 105 different species,

including two birds not previously seen at Lake Hemet.

20 years ago - 2004
It was announced that the new Village Centre shopping mall was scheduled to open in less than two weeks.

15 years ago - 2009
Valley Health System District voters finally accepted what the board had urged for several years — sell the district's public hospitals to pay off the accumulating debt.

11 year ago - 2013
Pamela Jordan, head of school at the Chicago Academy of Arts, was to become the next president of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

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
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
Church Office 951-659-0097
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 Slime
Sunday Service - 10 am
951.659.2416

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54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
www.icpchurch.net

Sunday Worship — 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell
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Tuesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. - Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

Rockin' the Holidays

MUSIC FEST



Friday, Dec. 20 4-7pm
MoMoJo+ Rock & Soul



Saturday, Dec. 21 3-6pm
Adam James Glover Croon & Swoon



Sunday, Dec. 22 2-5pm
The Auroras Indie Blues



Monday, Dec. 23 2-5pm
The Royal Pains Rock & Surf Tunes



Tuesday, Dec. 24 2-5pm
The Len-Tones R&B & Country Rock



Thursday, Dec. 26 2-5pm
Lily Rock Ramblers Bluegrass



Friday, Dec. 27 4-7pm
Lilith Rock Country, Rock & More



Saturday, Dec. 28 3-6pm
Spare Change Rock & Pop



Sunday, Dec. 29 2-5pm
The Royal Pains Rock & Surf Tunes



Monday, Dec. 30 2-5pm
Bryan Goodhead James Taylor Tribute



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Wash thoroughly
6 Black Sea port
12 Saudi neighbor
13 Reacts to a pun
14 Baseball's Roberto
15 Attack verbally
16 — -pedi
17 Barrel bottom bit
19 — tree
20 Use a stun gun
22 California's Big —
24 Director Brooks
27 Campbell of "Scream"
29 Eve's guy
32 Citrusy flavoring used in baking
35 Pedestal part
36 Actress de Matteo
37 Pro vote

38 Decade parts (Abbr.)
40 "No seats" signs
42 Food additive
44 Help a crook
46 Like custard
50 Venetian marketplace
52 Security desk request
54 "Nothing for me, thanks"
55 Protruding navels
56 Breeds, as salmon
57 Spiteful

DOWN

1 Ward of "Once and Again"
2 "Let's go!"
3 Pay
4 Italian article
5 Tweety's meal
6 Monster
7 Pulls
8 Very long time
9 The "S" of SNL
10 Crisp cookie

11 Hammett pooch
12 Candied veggie
18 Undo
21 Director Lee
23 Former Mideast gp.
24 '60s chic
25 Mound stat
26 "Bad Romance" singer
28 Physical effort
30 Super serve
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34 Eastern "way"
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53 "Levitating" singer Lipa

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Answers to puzzles found on B4

HOROSCOPES


December 2024 — Week 4




March 21 – April 19
The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them but also to deal with what happens afterward.




April 20 – May 20
You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.




May 21 – June 21
In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.



June 22 – July 22
A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.




July 23 – August 22
You can make this New Year a roaring success! Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.



August 23 – September 22
The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move away from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you!



September 23 – October 22
Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon for both of your sakes.



October 23 – November 21
The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpio, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.




November 22 – December 21
You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.



December 22 – January 19
The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time until you've built up your self-confidence.



January 20 – February 18
Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or career.



February 19 – March 20
This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but they will soon go along with your ideas.

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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: A PERSON SERVING TIME

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Animate
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Plumate
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