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## Trailers destroyed at Royal Pines Trailer Park by falling tree, residents displaced

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

During the first night of last week's high winds, trees destroyed trailers at two local Trailer Parks, Idyllwild and Royal Pines. In Royal Pines a large tree broke in half and crushed three units. The residents escaped uninjured, although one man's dog was killed.

Barry Spencer was among those who lost their homes on the night of Tuesday, January 7. Spencer, 83, has been a Royal Pines resident for over nine years, but first came to Idyllwild in 1958 when his parents bought a cabin on Strawberry Creek.

"I was already in bed, it was between 9:30 and 10:00. There was a horrible crash and the sound of breaking glass and metal coming down the hallway towards my bedroom. There was a door in the bedroom that allowed me to get out. The Fire department was here. One of my neighbors said, 'you have to get out, we could have a fire.' The tree knocked out an electrical line that feeds several trailers."

Barry was able to go across the street to the unit of a nice couple who allowed him to spend the night on their couch. He is now staying in the trailer of a friend who winters in Palm Springs. "I'm very fortunate to have this place. There were two very cold nights, but now it will be much nicer." He was able to get his laptop out of the trailer, but everything else, including the charger and his clothes, is inaccessible. Friday, he went downtown and bought a new coat and hat. "The old ones are under a ton of wood."

Spencer confirmed that he and the other two Royal Pines households displaced by the tree were interviewed on Thursday by the Red Cross at Town Hall. "They gave us debit cards and said we are going to have a case worker get in touch with us. They also said they could assist if we need legal help."

Spencer doesn't know what is next. "It's un-



Barry Spencer surveys the damage at Royal Pines Trailer Park.

PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME

known. I don't know if I'll have to be responsible for getting the trailer and debris out." He said that the same thing happened once to a friend across the street, and he will now have to ask him how negotiations went with the company that manages the park, PAMA. An analysis by KPCC/LAist called the company one of the largest landlords in the state. The management of Royal Pines has not yet responded to a request for comment at the time this story went to press.

Spencer said he has insurance with the California Fair Plan and will be talking to his agent soon. His paperwork, of course, is still in the inaccessible

trailer.

Meanwhile, neighbors pull together. "One neighbor has been making dinner for us. During the power outage, another with a generator set up a charging station." A whole line of trailers are still without power.

This is not Spencer's first loss. In 1971 his home in Eagle Rock was destroyed by the Sylmar earthquake. He was able to rebuild.

Lyndall Bowers has been at Royal Pines since 2017. She lived with her daughter, Paige Dobson, and Paige's son Oliver, who is 11, in the trailer next to Spencer's. Bowers described their interrupted bedtime ritual. "We

were just getting into bed, but the wind had really kicked up, we were hoping to calm down and get some sleep. No sooner were we talking about his when there was a big boom, it felt like an explosion. We figured it was probably a tree; we didn't know at that moment. We've had smaller branches fall on the roof, even they feel loud, even the squirrels running on the roof are pretty loud, like a little drum. This was very large drumstick."

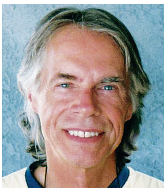
Bowers and her grandson were at one end of the trailer, Dobson at the other. The tree had cut the trailer in half. She went to her bedroom door. "It was open, there was lots of de-

bris. It was pitch black, but you could see a little light from outside, everything was dead silent. I could feel something directly in front of me. I learned later it was a tree trunk across my path. Our path was closed off down our hallway." There was a little space under the tree. "We were able to climb through to get to the other part of the house."

Bowers and her grandson still had no contact with Dobson. "I called out for my daughter. I couldn't hear anything, it was silent." The tree branches seemed to muffle her voice. "I said 'let's

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# Wildfire chances persist through Spring

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, record low rainfall since summer was reported and forecasts for a major change in these conditions are not present.

On Dec. 31, Cal Fire’s South Operations Outlook for the next three months stated, “Above normal significant fire potential has been added to the South Coast for January, and this potential will remain until significant rain occurs.”

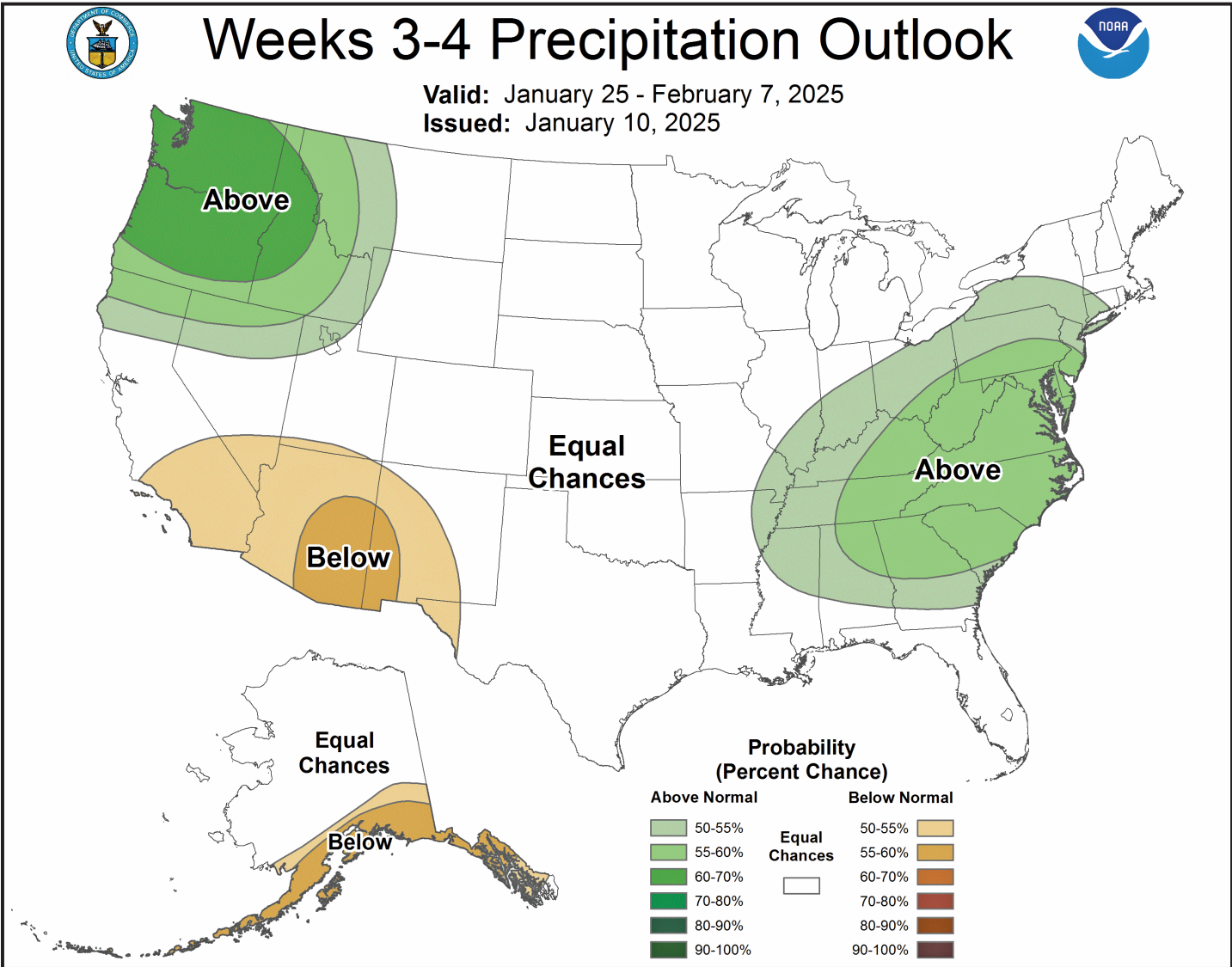
Less than a week later, a major damaging fire occurred in the Santa Monica Mountains and in the Palisades community of Los Angeles and four other fires in and the Los Angeles basin.

The National Weather Service’s San Diego Office reported that the Southern California area has had the driest beginning to a water year (begins October 1) ever and the driest six months since July 1, ever.

While the NWS says there is a chance of rainfall this weekend, the long-term forecasts do not indicate significant chances of rainfall for the rest of winter. The NWS week and two-week forecasts both indicate below average chances of rainfall through the end of January.

The South Ops report also noted that the dead fuel moisture levels were dropping. “...heavy dead fuels (1000 hr) are persistently drier than normal over Southern California, reflective of the dry pattern. And finer dead fuels, which still make up a significant component of the fuel load in Southern California, have remained susceptible to rapid drying during offshore wind events.”

The NWS is still forecasting the formation of new La Niña conditions later in January, but a return to normal conditions as early as March. The NWS Climate Prediction Center forecast added, “Weak La Niña conditions would be less likely to result in conventional winter impacts.”



Generally, La Niña periods are drier for Southern California. The current dry fall has already resulted in an increase in drought conditions in Southern California, including Riverside County.

With these likely future weather conditions, South Ops stated, “... fire potential will be minimal through April, with the growing cycle beginning to get underway. Should conditions remain very dry over Southern California, it would support an earlier than normal start to mid and high elevation fire activity in 2025.” But the report did indicate that it

was a little early to predict the spring and summer fire season.

The Wildfire Forecast & Threat Intelligence Integration Center concurs with these weather predictions. On Jan. 2, they reported, “There is a moderate tilt in the odds towards both above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation for the next 4 months. . . Above normal significant fire potential has been added to the South Coast for January, and this potential will remain until significant rain occurs.”

On Sunday, the NWS, in conjunction

with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, issued an air quality alert, which included Idyllwild and Pine Cove. “Air quality alert for harmful fine particle pollution levels due to wildfire smoke and windblown dust: mandatory wood-burning ban in effect...”

The South Coast AQMD has announced multiple residential No-Burn Day alerts since Dec. 27, 2024. These warnings were posted more than a week before the current coastal and Los Angeles conflagrations.

# Gov. continues State’s actions to promote healthy eating habits

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Concern about eating healthy foods continued last week. Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to state agencies “... to continue investigating the adverse health effects of synthetic food dyes and increase access to affordable, healthy foods.”

Specifically, Newsom was also targeting “Ultra-processed foods.” According to many health experts, these foods “... have been linked to premature death, obesity, heart disease, cancer and other chronic diseases.”

The National Institutes of Health has identified these foods are typically high-energy-dense products, high in sugar, unhealthy fats and salt, and low in dietary fiber, protein, vitamins and minerals

“The food we eat shouldn’t make us sick with disease or lead to lifelong consequences,” Newsom said in his press release. “California has been a leader for years in creating healthy and delicious school meals and removing harmful ingredients and chemicals from food. We’re going to work with the industry, consumers and experts to crack down on ultra-processed foods and create a healthier future for every Californian.”

Newsom is mandating several specific reports for his review. The first is due April 1 when the California Department of Public Health is to submit recommendations concerning possible limits to the harms that ultra-processed foods may cause.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment is to continue investigation of possible adverse health hazards from food dyes, which are a common ingredient in ultra-processed foods. An investigation of food additives will be part of these reports.

Other actions include the possibility of requiring school systems to adopt higher standards for healthy school meals. The Department of Social Services is to provide recommendations to reduce the purchase of soda, candy and other ultra-processed foods, or foods made with synthetic food dye or additives by California food-stamp users.

In his executive order, Newsom stressed that the new 2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Advisory Report to the federal Secretaries of Health and Human Services and Agriculture found that 73 percent of U.S. adults 20 years and older are overweight or obese and 38 percent of children and youth between 12 and 19 years old are prediabetic. The National Institute of Health and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention has also identified the link between healthy eating and lowering an individual’s risk for heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and other chronic health conditions.

While ultra-processed foods lead to obesity and other health problems, identifying the danger can be confusing. In a recent Washington Post story about ultra-processed foods, they suggested that some are not as bad as others.

While some peanut butters contain “... additives designed to enhance their flavor, texture and appearance, such as sugar, hydrogenated oils and emulsifiers.

These additives can transform peanut butter from a minimally processed food into an ultra-processed food.”

The “red-flags” include palm oil or hydrogenated vegetable oils such as cottonseed, soybean and rapeseed oils; mono- and di-glycerides; and sugar, molasses and other sweeteners

The authors recommended looking for peanut butter made only with peanuts or peanuts and salt.

In September, Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2316, which, beginning July

1, 2027, will ban “... food containing six specified food dye additives (Blue 1; Blue 2; Green 3; Red 40; Yellow 5; and Yellow 6) from being sold to students by school districts, county offices of education (COEs), charter schools, and state special schools.”








The proponents argued “... consumption of synthetic food dyes can result in hyperactivity and other neurobehavioral problems in some children and that children vary in their sensitivity to synthetic food dyes.”



Damage from the wind at Idyllwild Trailer Park

PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME

## Idyllwild Weather

Day	High / Low	Conditions
 Wednesday 1/15	53°F / 32°F	Hazy sunshine and windy
 Thursday 1/16	57°F / 31°F	Plenty of sun
 Friday 1/17	49°F / 33°F	Chilly with plenty of sunshine
 Saturday 1/18	53°F / 24°F	Cool with plenty of sunshine
 Sunday 1/19	54°F / 22°F	Remaining cool with plenty of sunshine
 Monday 1/20	57°F / 23°F	Plenty of sunshine
 Tuesday 1/21	60°F / 24°F	Sun through high clouds



Sunset

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Royal Pines

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go back to the bedroom.’ We crawled back through the hall. I said, ‘let’s go through the window,’ because there was no other exit. ‘We’ve got to find your mom.’ I opened the window and just as I opened it, I heard her call out. ‘Are you OK?’ ‘We’re OK, are you OK.’ We yelled back and forth.” Dobson had gotten outside the trailer through a window. “She apparently was crawling though debris to get to my window. I handed her Oliver with a blanket and some clothes. She said she would take him to the neighbors for safety. “Neighbors had called IFPD. Firefighters arrived and helped her mother out the window.

The family is staying with “friends who are like family” in Fern Valley. “They have a generator, and a little suite we have to ourselves. They are so kind to be putting us up right now.” Bowers said the Red Cross has “a lot of services, some are beneficial, some I have help with already. Were just thankful that nobody got hurt. Amazing and a blessing, and we’re glad to be together and alive.”



Tree damage at Royal Pines Trailer Park.

PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME

PCWD seeks solution for new meters

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

The January 8 meeting of the Board of Directors of Pie Cove Water District included the swearing in of two members that began new terms, and the election of officers. This should have happened in December, but that meeting was canceled for lack of quorum. Robert Hewitt will continue as President and Lou Padula as Vice President, while the duties of Secretary and Treasurer will shift from Vicki Jakubac to Becky Smith. Rose Vernard is the fifth director.

General Manager Jeremy Potter’s report showed production and use down from the last two years due to fewer leaks. Last month’s report showed water loss at a low 5.5%. The static monitoring well fell 5.7 feet in the last two months, to 73.31 feet. Potter expressed optimism that rain will come in the next months, but in reply to a question from Smith acknowledged that if there is little to no rain by April it may be appropriate to go Stage II, “mandatory compliance.”

Potter introduced the District’s latest hire, Maintenance Worker Nathan Baldwin. Baldwin has his Distribution 3 certification and worked 17 years with Huntington Beach utilities, 14 of those with Water and Sewer.

The biggest challenge facing Potter now is the completion of the project to replace the District’s meters with “smart” meters. Most of the meters and valves have been replaced, with just a few left in the final two routes. Unfortunately, the meters are not communicating with the office as they were intended to. During the most recent reading 645 meters did not send their data, up from 480 during the previous cycle. Potter has determined that the problem is the valves and not the meters themselves, and believes that the solution may lie in using a “mesh” system in place of the “machine grade cellular” system presently being used. A mesh is a network where meters can send data to one one another, with the data taking several jumps to reach the office.

Board members expressed some irritation at this development. The resolution and responsibility for the problem is made more difficult with the bankruptcy of Smart Earth Technology, the company that sold the package of valves and meters to the District. Potter is now working with a successor company, Zenner, to implement a pilot test program of the mesh solution. The test will start with the most distant meters, including Acorn Lane.

The Board approved a resolution authorizing Potter to take action to purchase the land between Highway 243 and Franklin Drive. This land is adjacent to the District’s present holdings in Dutch Flats.

The meeting continued in closed session to evaluate the performance of GM Potter. President Hewitt texted later that Potter will continue as GM and “got a raise bringing his position comparable to Fern Valley’s GM.”

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12.

Town Hall Warming and Charging station serves hundreds

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

On Wednesday January 8, Town Hall began to function as a warming and charging station to assist those affected by the Public Safety Power Shutoffs during the high wind event. Southern California Edison sent two Customer Outreach Specialists and a security guard along with two pallets full of emergency supply bags, “resiliency kits.”

That first morning only one local was there, and Edison’s Robin Willis was not sure they would be able to give out all the bags. But word soon spread, and late comers had to come back Thursday, when a second shipment of bags arrived for distribution. That next afternoon the line was out the door, and the new supply was also soon exhausted.

Johnny Wilson, Idyllwild Community Center’s Director of Programs and Recreation, was there on Friday morning as a few residents still without power stopped in for charging and information. He said that in total 316 kits were given away, but many more went away empty handed. He estimated that 500 to 600 people came either to get kits or charge their devices. “We’re glad to make this available for the community. This is what Town Hall was built for.”

Wilson said that Town Hall has two furnaces for heating, but they were tripping circuit breakers. He found that with all those bodies in the building, he could turn the heating off and the room stayed warm. He noted that every outlet in the hall and foyer was in use, and most had power strips allowing multiple chargers.

ICC also brought out board games to help pass the time. Residents and visitors struck up conversations. Most visitors made use of Town Hall’s WiFi.

Wilson added that the Red Cross met downstairs with residents of local trailer parks who lost their homes when trees destroyed their units.

Life Tribute: Cynthia Jean Blair 1953 - 2024



Cynthia Jean Blair, born to Lois and John Blair on January 17, 1953, passed away this December 13 in Idyllwild, of natural causes.

Cindy grew up in Parma, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, where she attended St. Francis de Sales grade school and graduated from Nazareth Academy. She moved to sunny California to join her older sisters in 1973, settling in Palm Desert, where she married and had two sons. Cindy earned a Bachelor’s degree from CUSB and taught 2nd and 3rd grades for almost 20 years.

She was a loving, gentle, quick-witted woman of grace. An avid reader, Cindy would often complete her thoughts with bits of poetry, quotations from sacred text, or singing lyrics by Bob Dylan.

Cindy has been reunited with her beloved son Andrew, who passed before her in 2015, as well as her brother Terry and big sister Jackie, who passed away last April. She is survived by her son Daniel, the love of her life, as well as by her aunt Margaret-Mary, her brother Robert, and her sister Susan, whose Idyllwild home she shared for more than a decade.

Services will be held Wednesday, January 22 at 10 A.M., at Coachella Valley Cemetery.

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By Steven Morrison, M.A.

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**Dear Spiritual Workout:**  
It seems like losing loved ones who die and losing homes and livelihoods and losing degrees of safety, security, and certainty are all around me and almost everyone I’m close to right now. For me, it’s not just one of these, but many. What are some ways to handle so much loss?

Dear Reader:  
From where I sit as a practitioner and from my own personal experiences of loss — via death and the loss of house/home/community/money, etc. — the first thing I’ll say is that, culturally, we Americans are not champions of processing loss. The next thing I’ll say is that a rather wide array of beliefs that any of us have will emerge in particularly strong ways when loss is the subject. Often, there are cultural and religious beliefs that guide people. Often, people realize they do not know what they believe, which makes processing their experiences particularly challenging, even frustrating. People who believe, for example, that “nothing is mine; everything is borrowed” literally don’t believe in the concept of loss and see it, rather, as change. Something has changed.  
Change, we see, is embedded in the concept “we belong to the planet, not the planet to us.” That means change is a part of our human nature just as it is part of Nature’s nature. When we allow change, as Nature does all day every day, when we offer it no resistance, when we don’t judge it, we thus align ourselves with the nature of Nature. When we resist change, when we judge it to be wrong or awful or tragic or anything like that, we prolong our pain. So “handling loss” has a whole lot to do with what one believes loss means — and going from there.

**Dear Spiritual Workout:**  
Why is it so hard to set boundaries with my friends?

Dear Reader:  
I could use a little more to go on here, but here goes. And because your question is not even a little bit uncommon, I feel reasonably comfortable spewing forth in the face of “not much to go on,” trusting you will correct me, if necessary, because, as always, I could be wrong. But is it possible that when it comes to setting boundaries, it’s relatively easy to be clear about what you are wanting? Is it relatively easy to be clear about why boundary-setting is even a thing? That part is often easier than the next part: enforcement. And that’s what I’m getting at here. I’m suggesting that “setting the boundary,” telling someone you work with or go to school with or live with or are related to, to cease doing something you find bothersome or inappropriate or whatever the case may be, is one thing. Easy for some, less easy for others, but typically rather doable. What’s hard, usually much harder, is enforcing the boundary. The boundary is crossed but there are no consequences for the one having crossed it. So, the question often actually is: Why is it so hard to enforce the boundaries I set? Could that be your question?

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A Missed Opportunity to Honor a Legacy

DEAR EDITOR:  
As a frequent visitor to Idyllwild, I am writing to express my deep disappointment that your community leaders chose not to lower the American flag in the park or at the Fort to half-staff in honor of President Jimmy Carter following his passing. As a former president and humanitarian, President Carter made immeasurable contributions both to our country and to the world, embodying the very best ideals of public service and compassion. Lowering the flag to half-staff is not just a tradition—it is a solemn expression of respect for his legacy.  
The practice of flying the flag at half-staff is rooted in a long history of honoring those who have shaped our nation, whether they served in the highest offices or contributed to our society in other extraordinary ways. Since the time of President George Washington, when the flag was lowered to half-staff following the death of former Vice President Elbridge Gerry in 1814, this gesture has been used to mourn the passing of significant figures. It is a time-honored tradition designed to convey the collective grief of our nation.  
I find it disheartening that my favorite mountain village did not participate in this respectful act, especially in light of President Carter’s profound impact. His dedication to peace, human rights, and his work through the Carter Center will be remembered long after his passing. Ignoring this tradition feels like an oversight, an opportunity missed to demonstrate to future generations the importance of honoring those who have given so much to the service of our nation.  
I urge Idyllwild’s leaders to reconsider such decisions in the future, recognizing that these acts of remembrance hold deep meaning for all of us, not just for the individual, but for the country as a whole.

Bill Clawson  
Palm Desert

The Power of Civic Engagement

DEAR EDITOR:  
One of the hallmarks of our democracy is the peaceful transfer of power. It occurred a week ago, as it always has except for the 2020 presidential election. The results of the 2024 election cycle were a grave disappointment for half the voters, but the long-held tradition of an orderly process was respected.  
With history as our guide, we may need to prepare for a battle that requires knowledge of the past and courage for the future. In the January 2025 issue of The Atlantic magazine an article entitled “How Hitler Dismantled a Democracy in 53 Days,” written by historian Timothy W. Ryback, provides Hitler’s step-by-step process of destroying Germany’s constitutional republic using constitutional rules. In less than two years after his election in January 1933, Hitler discarded the role as Chancellor and deemed himself Fuhrer in August 1934. The 47th President of the United States has indicated he will be “Dictator for a day” on January 20, 2025. Should we hope he’s kidding, or should we prepare for civic protest? Recently South Korea demonstrated the power of public outrage when their president, out of the blue, declared martial law. Are we ready to do the same? Equality and justice are manifested when we defend the rights of others and condemn cruel policies and violence towards any group of people.  
Peaceful protest is a time-honored tradition and a right of all citizens; it is how we express our commitment to the ideals of our Constitution and Rule of Law. Idyllwild Indivisible will participate in the 2025 National People’s March on Saturday, January 18, from 11am-12pm. We will demonstrate our allegiance to the best practices and ideals of our country. As a nation of immigrants, whether it was an ancestor’s choice or desperate circumstances, the cultural, religious and ethnic diversity in our country is worthy of celebration and pride. At the same time many of us understand “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” is an unfulfilled and threatened dream worth defending.  
We hope you will join us at Idyllwild Town Center Park for a short rally followed by a march up North Circle Drive to the Collective and then return to the park to disperse. There will be an opportunity to continue to proclaim your commitment to democracy by holding your sign along the highway into town. For many visitors it will be a welcome show of support and unity.

Mary Rider  
Idyllwild



Flag at full-staff in Idy Park on January 14th, 2025

Remembering Dick Goldberg

DEAR EDITOR:  
In reviewing 2024, I was sad to again say that my dear husband, Dick Goldberg, died on May 28. I want to say thanks to all who attended his lovely memorial ceremony and thanks to Pete Capparelli for hosting the event. I was in the hospital in Boise and could not attend, but I saw a video of the event and was very touched by all those who had received care from Dick over the years and showed up to share their thoughts. I will always miss Dick, like everyone else who has shared a memorial for someone who has passed. I wanted to say thanks.  
  
Janet Goldberg  
Boise, Idaho

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Monday, Jan. 20, to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day are:

- Area post offices
- Fern Valley Water District
- Hemet Unified School District
- Idyllwild Water District
- Pine Cove Water District
- PNC Bank
- Riverside County offices
- U.S. Forest Service

These will be open:

- Idyllwild Health Center
- Idyllwild Pharmacy
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park

### HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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# New Budget begins with modest surplus, no major problems

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

The Governor’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26, which starts July 1, is balanced and slightly smaller than the current budget, FY 24-25.

In his press release, Newsom said, “The budget I present to you today builds on a framework that balanced the books over two years instead of just one—an unprecedented effort to address the budget shortfall we faced. However, work remains to ensure California’s finances remain in order in the years to come.

The total budget of \$322.3 billion is balanced with a small \$363 million surplus. The General Fund portion is \$228.9 billion, \$3.2 billion less than FY 24-25. At the end of the fiscal year, the State is expecting a reserve balance of \$16.9 billion.

On Monday, Jan. 6, Gov. Gavin Newsom gave a preview of the proposed budget. On Friday, Jan. 10, when it was released, Joseph Stephenshaw, Director of the California Department of Finance, presented it, since Newsom was in Washington, D.C. for former President Jimmy Carter’s funeral.

“It’s a balanced budget, no deficits, and we’re adding to reserves,” Newsom announced. “And we continue to pay down liabilities.”

An unanticipated increase of \$16.5 billion in revenues was the principal reason the proposed budget is balanced. Both men also credited the efforts of the Legislature and Administration last spring to balance the FY 24-25 budget and produce a two-year budget plan.

“Last year, we endeavored to make this year’s budget a non-event,” Newsom affirmed. “We endeavored to solve problems for this year too, not just the current year, but we addressed the next year.”

Stephenshaw added, “The two-year budget framework positioned California on a more stable fiscal footing. . . The budget remains balanced. We made great strides and there is no need for additional solutions in this budget, which reflects a modest surplus.”

Revenues were greater than expected for several reasons. The stronger-than-anticipated performance of the economy, stock market, and cash receipts, combined with an improved economic outlook, all contributed to the upgraded revenue forecast, according to the Budget Summary.

As part of the May 2024 budget plan, the state is transferring \$7.1 billion of reserves to budget accounts. Nevertheless, the reserves balance will be approximately \$17 billion at the end of the fiscal year.

There are limited new commitments in the 25-26 budget, Stephenshaw stressed.

Propositions 98 school funding will be \$118.9 billion and total funding for pre-kindergarten through high school will be \$137.1 billion. And higher education funding will total \$45.1 billion, of which \$28.5 billion is in the General Fund.

Education highlights include full funding for universal transitional kindergarten and universal before, after, and summer school for TK-6th grade students. This budget doubles the \$500 million for literacy coaches and

adds funding for math coaches. Funding is available to help launch the State’s Master Plan for Career Education.

However, concerns have already been expressed over the educational funding amounts. “We are excited to see so many transformative education initiatives supported by CTA members come to fruition in this state budget, including investments in transitional kindergarten, school nutrition and professional development. However, we are concerned that the proposed budget does not allocate the full funding guaranteed by Proposition 98,” said David Goldberg, president of the California Teachers Association, in an Edsource press release. “In the coming months, our union will carefully monitor the required funding levels for schools and community colleges to ensure full funding is provided to our students in a timely manner, without unnecessary delay.”

The educational package includes money authorized by the approval of Proposition 2 on the November ballot. Also \$2.7 billion of the \$10 billion authorized by Prop 4 for environmental programs are part of this budget. That includes \$1.5 billion for wildfire and forest resilience.

Total proposed funding for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is \$4.3 billion, up slightly from \$4.2 billion in fiscal 24-25. Staffing will grow by slightly more than 750 positions to a total of 13,289.

The Wildfire Mitigation Program will have \$9.1 million for financial assistance to populations in wildfire prone areas for cost-effective structure hardening and retrofitting to create fire-resistant homes, as well as defensible space and vegetation management activities.

The major savings in this budget proposal is \$1.2 billion over two years as a result of eliminating 6,500 vacant positions, Stephenshaw noted. But he stressed that Cal Fire firefighters and emergency response personnel were exempt from these position cuts.

Other savings include operational efficiencies, such as a reduction in state travel budgets, printing, and IT system modernization that result in \$3.5 billion in reduced taxpayer costs.

The budget proposal includes funding for homeless programs, but it also reflects stronger accountability measures for homelessness funding, requiring frequent reporting of data and expenditures of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program, increased oversight of existing funds, and strict eligibility and accountability measures for any new homelessness funding.

The Legislature’s response to the proposed budget followed party lines. Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (D-Los Angeles), Chair of the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee, said in her statement, “The Governor’s 2025-26 budget plan reflects a fiscally responsible approach while prioritizing vital initiatives that support working families and everyday Californians. I commend the Governor’s efforts to propose a budget that reflects a commitment to economic development and worker health and safety.”

Across the aisle, Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher said in his statement, “Newsom is doubling

down on the same failed programs that stuck Californians with record homelessness, soaring energy and housing costs, and one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. The only new thing in this budget is a giveaway to the governor’s Hollywood donors and even higher taxes on small businesses. Californians were clear in the last election - they want lower prices, safer streets and a government that works for them. This budget doesn’t even come close to getting that done.”

Gallagher was referring to the tax proposal to increase the total annual California Film and Television Tax Credit cap from \$330 million to \$750 million for fiscal years 25-26 through 2029-30. This proposal is expected to reduce revenues by \$15 million in 2025-26.

To improve the Administration’s ability to budget and use reserves, Newsom is proposing some changes to Prop 2, enacted in 2014, and Prop 4, approved in 1979. He wants to increase the Prop 2 10% limit of funds to the Budget Stabilization Account, also called the Rainy Day Fund, to 20%. But Newsom is also recommending a change to Prop 4 so that these funds are not deemed an expenditure.

## President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Increases Federal Cost Share for California Disaster Declaration

CONTRIBUTED

FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell announced that President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. made additional disaster assistance available to the state of California for emergency work undertaken as a result of wildfires and straight-line winds beginning on January 7, 2025, and continuing.

The President authorized the federal cost-share to be increased from 75% to 100% for a period of 180 days of the state’s choosing within the first 270 days of the incident period. The major disaster declaration made federal funding available for Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and other needs assistance for total eligible costs.

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Registrant Signature: RICHARD A. CONNORS Managing Member

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Registrant Signature: MICHAEL HEATH PRESIDENT

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**Pub. TC: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 2025**

**CVCO2500144**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. Buena Vista Avenue, Rm. 201, Corona, CA 92882. Branch name: Corona Court.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Gloria A. Diaz Ibarra filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: Gloria Angelica Diaz Ibarra changed to Proposed name: Gloria Angelica Blackheart.

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: 02/26/25. Time: 8:00 am. Dept. C2

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: 01/09/2025.

TAMARA L. WAGNER JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

**Pub. TC: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2025**



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# Chiefs LaMont and Fogle, and CalFire brief on local readiness during high wind events

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

Asked about the level of staffing at IFPD during our recent Red Flag Warning, when three local engines were assisting at fires in Los Angeles county, Chief Mark LaMont had this to say: “We have double the amount of staff right here that we would have on a normal day, even with the three engines we sent to support our partners. Of our hand crew, three members are out on those engines helping, but thirteen are available to return here within 20 minutes.”

LaMont also compared IFPD’s past and present level of readiness. He said that at the time of the Bee Canyon fire, in 2018, Idyllwild Fire had only two engines, and during the 2013 Mountain Fire, three. They now have a total of seven, so even with three engines responding to mutual aid calls, they are more strongly positioned than during those fires. “We still have four engines here fully capable of handling any incident that may show itself. Should the need arise, we can call in 13 additional bodies.”

Returning to the topic of Mutual Aid, LaMont says “Idyllwild Fire takes our Mutual Aid commitment very seriously because we know the benefit of receiving mutual aid.” To better understand how the different agencies work together to protect the Hill during emergencies, he recommended a visit to Chief Chris Fogle of the United States Forest Service.

Fogle is Division Chief, supervising the USFS assets within the San Jacinto Ranger District, and his office is at the Keen Wild station. He explained that during the Red Flag Warning they had three type 3 engines in the district and two fire “modules.” During peak fire season these are 20 person hand crews, the “Hot Shots.” These are available nationally for 14 two-week pay periods, a little more than half a year. During the part of the year, we have in the past thought of as “outside peak” fire season, these crews are down-staffed and become Suppression Modules, SMODs, with 10 to 12 people each. Vista Grande is now in SMOD mode, and Fuels Crew 6, a seven-person hand crew. The USFS was also keeping two water tenders and five fire patrols, which Fogle called Fire Prevention Technicians.

This local contingent was being reinforced by two type 3 engines on a “cover” assignment from the Stanislaus National Forest. These reinforcements come not just from within the state, but from around the region. The Stanislaus engines relieved a group of local government engines from Idaho that “timed out” the Saturday before the wind event.

Fogle explained something of the organization of the Forest Service. There are nine centers across the nation, two of which are in California due to the size of the state and the frequency of fires. “South Ops” covers four National Forests in southern California: San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland and Los Padres. Because the northern part of the state is getting plenty of moisture this winter, some of their assets were sent to our forest to preposition before the wind event.

Fogle explained that during wind events they go to an “augmented staffing pattern.” All crews in the SBNF are on fire suppression and prevention duties, working 24 hour shifts instead of their usual 8 hours, and expected to keep doing this through Sunday.

Fogle confirmed that the USFS had a hand in cutting up downed trees during the current event, adding that he sent people from the Cranston station to cut up fallen pepper trees at the east end of Hemet.

Fogle also confirmed something that Chief LaMont brings up regularly; that the USFS is understaffed. During the 2024 fire season they were only able to staff three type 3 engines in the San Jacinto Ranger District because of “critical vacancies in supervisory positions.” The “covering” engines from Stanislaus help augment these numbers.

In the coming days Fogle asks everyone in the forest to be extremely careful. The last measurable rain was in April. Activities like woodcutting may create sparks and flames. In most winters the risk would be acceptable, but not this year. Off-road recreational vehicles start many fires with hot exhaust systems and catalytic converters. Because of very low fuel moistures, this is not a good time to pursue either of these activities.

For more information about the restrictions that are still in place this dry and windy January visit the San Bernardino National Forest webpage, [www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf).

Maggie Cline De La Rosa, Public Safety Information



Chief LaMont being interviewed by channel 3 news about the pending Santa Ana winds.

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

Specialist with Cal Fire provided this information about their level of readiness. “CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire has fire engines staffed at all stations in the surrounding area – Stations 23 (Pine Cove), 53 (Garner Valley) and 30 (Pinyon), as well as 2 brush engines and a patrol at Station 29 (Anza) that would respond to any vegetation fire that occurred. We also have strike teams (1 leader and 5 engines) that are currently being mobilized for use on the entire west end of the county, and those engines will be staged in Beaumont but will be available to respond where needed. These are engines that are coming from out of the area to pre-position for any large incidents we may have.”

# Silver Pines survives falling trees

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

On the morning of Wednesday, January 8, Pino Tree Company had a crew around and on top of Silver Pines Lodge removing branches. Silver Pines owner, Raj Panjal said “There was tree which fell on the roof around 10, 10:30 in the night, it was hanging on the roof, it came up by the roots. In the morning, I called my insurance.”

Panjal was hoping his insurance would cover this “falling object” or “wind peril.” These are not covered by the basic California FAIR Plan but may be added in a “Difference in Conditions” policy. He spent Wednesday morning filling out a claim. The Panchals had two other close calls that night; “Another tree came down, but we dodged the bullet, it grazed the walls, 10’ more it would have damaged the patio and the cabin. A third tree fell near my house, in the morning.”



Tree Removal at Silver Pines Lodge

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## Sunny Question

Why are sunny winter days COLD, while sunny summer days are HOT? *Kid Scoop's* winter expert Dr. I. Cicle explains it all!

As you can see, it's a sunny winter day here and ...

YEAH! It's a sunny day! Let's hit the waves, Bro!

Uh, Dude, there's something really wrong with this sand. It's, like, frozen!

That's because it isn't sand. It's snow!

SNOW? But it's, like, sunny today. So why isn't the snow, like, melted?

I'm glad you asked! Let's pretend this snowball is Earth.


Earth is, like, WAY bigger, Dude!

The Earth tilts on its axis as it travels around the sun. In the winter, if the part of the Earth where you live is tilted away from the sun, it gets indirect sunlight.

Indirect sunlight doesn't warm up the Earth as much as the direct sunlight we get in the summer.

That is so cool! Now, why is this sand so COLD?

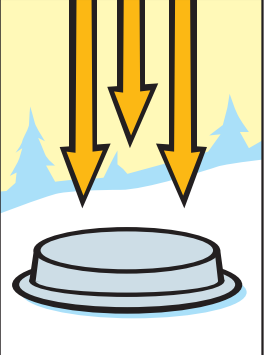
**Standards Link:** Earth Science: Students know that weather can be observed, measured and described; changes in weather and seasons are affected by the Earth's position.



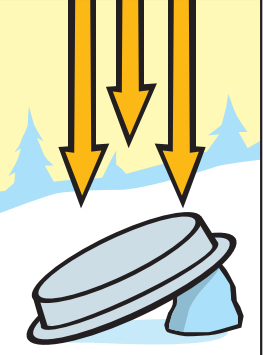
### Experiment Tells All

Try this experiment to understand the difference between indirect and direct sunlight.

Keep track of your work on a separate sheet of paper like the Scientist's Notebook.



(Fig. 1) direct sunlight



(Fig. 2) indirect sunlight

#### Stuff you need:

- 2 metal pie tins or flat pans
- a sunny winter day
- watch or clock
- a rock

#### What to do:

1. Lay one pan flat on the ground in the direct sunlight. (Fig. 1)
2. Tilt the other pan on its side. Lean it against a rock or a shoe. This pan is being hit with indirect sunlight. (Fig. 2)
3. Wait three minutes.
4. Which pan is warmer?

### SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

Question	Hypothesis	Observation	Conclusion
Which pan do you think will feel warmer after three minutes in the winter sun?	<input type="checkbox"/> pan in direct sunlight <input type="checkbox"/> pan in indirect sunlight	<input type="checkbox"/> pan in direct sunlight <input type="checkbox"/> pan in indirect sunlight	Was your hypothesis correct? What did you learn from this experiment?

**Extra! Extra!**

#### Without the Sun ...

Without the sun we wouldn't have newspapers because newsprint is made from trees and trees need the sun to grow. Look through the newspaper for other things that need the sun to exist.

**Standards Link:** Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## SMART FUN AT HOME

One important thing to understand when you read is **cause and effect**.

For example, in the legend of Groundhog Day, when the groundhog sees his shadow, he goes back in his burrow. In this case, the **effect** is that the groundhog goes back in his burrow. That is what happens. What **causes** him to go back in his burrow? Getting frightened by his shadow.

### Try It!

1. With a parent or learning buddy at home, select an article from today's newspaper. Read the headline. Discuss what you think caused the news reported in the headline.
2. The headline usually tells what happened. This is called an **effect**. Read aloud to your learning buddy the first paragraph of the article. Does this tell you the **cause**? Read the rest of the article aloud. After each paragraph, stop and discuss what you have learned about what caused the news reported in the headline.

Complete the following:

HEADLINE (effect):

CAUSE(s):

NAME:

NAME OF LEARNING BUDDY:

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Distinguish between cause and effect in text.

## Sun Spot Mystery

The sun is covered with spots! Use the spots to solve the mystery questions.

How far is the sun from the Earth?  
**3M** million miles (149.6 million km)

How long does it take the sun to make one complete rotation?  
**26** Earth days

What is the diameter of the sun?  
**86** miles. (1.4 million km)

**WARNING!** Never look directly at the sun as this can damage your eyesight!

**Standards Link:** Earth Science: Students know about the sun, planets and stars.


## Double Double Word Search

SUNLIGHT  
EXPERIMENT  
SUMMER  
MILES  
PAPER  
DIAMETER  
HYPOTHESIS  
METAL  
WINTER  
SAND  
SNOWBALL  
PAN  
AXIS  
SHOE

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

S	I	S	E	H	T	O	P	Y	H
D	A	L	L	A	B	W	O	N	S
I	W	N	I	R	E	M	M	U	S
A	S	S	D	N	X	T	N	E	R
M	I	M	E	T	A	L	R	S	E
E	X	P	E	R	I	M	E	N	T
T	A	R	S	G	T	L	P	U	N
E	E	O	H	S	I	N	A	S	I
R	H	T	I	M	N	A	P	N	W

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



### VOCABULARY BUILDERS

**This week's word: HYPOTHESIS**

The noun **hypothesis** means a suggestion or guess not proved but serves as the basis for further study.

The class was asked to test their **hypothesis**.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

#### Who cares about the weather?

Why is the weather report important to different people? Why is it important to a farmer, an astronaut or a fireman? Find an article or picture in the newspaper of a person who cares about the weather. Tell why this person cares.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Understand the main idea and supporting details in expository text.

## What kind of caps do Snowmen wear?

**ANSWER:** Ice caps.

### Write On!

#### Winter Words

Make a list of words that make you think of winter. Use these words to write a short poem or a descriptive paragraph.



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Idyllwild Residents lined up last week to get their resilience kits at the Town Hall. PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN HALL

# Public Safety Power Shutoff in Idyllwild

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

As high winds swept the southland, a Public Safety Power Shutdown affected Hill communities starting Tuesday night, January 7. Town Hall became a warming and charging station, with two Southern California Edison employees and a security guard “prepositioned” before the power went out. Robin Willis, who works in Customer Outreach was there handing out snacks, water and blankets, as well as bags of power outage essentials.

These bags included a pre-charged solar/usb power bank for recharging phones and other electronics, masks and gloves, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer gel, an LED “emergency bubble ball,” which functions as a normal LED bulb but has an internal battery that allows it to be used as a flashlight.

Also in the bags was information about SCE’s medical baseline program, which discounts power for those with electrically operated medical or mobility equipment in their homes, and PSPS alert system sign up.

To receive notification in advance of shutdowns, call 1 (800) 655-4555 or visit [www.sce.com/pspsalerts](http://www.sce.com/pspsalerts). You do not need to have an account with SCE to sign up. Customers enrolled in the Medical Baseline program and who live in Tier 2 or 3 high fire risk areas are also eligible for their Critical Care Battery Backup program, which gives out free portable battery backups to power medical equipment during emergencies. Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Mountain Center are all within the Tier 3 or “extreme” fire threat area. Learn more at [sce.com/ccbb](http://sce.com/ccbb).

For the rest of us in Tier 2 and 3 areas, there are rebates to help defray the cost of portable power stations (\$150) and generators (\$200.) This program is explained at [marketplace.sce.com](http://marketplace.sce.com). The Marketplace offers comparisons and recommendations for many energy saving products. There are also cash incentives for customers who invest in battery storage or generation equipment, see [sce.com/sgip](http://sce.com/sgip).

Other PSPS programs include Hotel Assistance, which offers discounts at participating lodging locations, [sce.com/hotel-discounts](http://sce.com/hotel-discounts). SCE also partners with 211, which offers nationwide referrals to local resources including social services. Dial 211, text “psps” to 211211, or visit 211now.org.

There was also a four-page handout explaining the PSPS decision making process, starting with weather forecasts and evaluation of wildfire fuel moisture levels, proceeding through identification of circuits that might need to be turned off, the actual shutdowns, and restoration of service. At each stage there are many “decision points” as incident commanders, field crews and the grid operation team attempt to minimize the areas impacted while maximizing safety.

# FEMA Individual Assistance

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FEMA disaster assistance is intended to meet the basic needs of your household for uninsured or underinsured necessary expenses. FEMA assistance is never provided in the form of a voucher or cash, grants are provided as direct deposit or paper check.

### Housing Assistance

Money to help you with expenses for damage that impacted your home, which may include:

- Rental Assistance: Money you can use to rent housing if you are displaced from your home because of the disaster.
- Lodging Expense Reimbursement: Money to reimburse you for emergency lodging expenses, such as hotel or motel stays. This money is only available if you do not receive money for Displacement Assistance, which is detailed below, under Other Needs Assistance.
- Home Repair or Replacement (Homeowners): Money to help you repair or replace your home damaged by the disaster. This may also include money for hazard mitigation measures, which are actions you can take when making repairs that will help reduce the amount of damage to your home in future disasters. The money can also help with pre-existing damage to parts of your home where the disaster caused further damage.
- Accessibility Needs: Money to help survivors with a disability to cover costs to make specific repairs to their home to ensure it is accessible, such as an exterior ramp, grab bars, and a paved path to the home entrance. Repairs can be made when these items are damaged. Improvements can be made when those features were not present prior to the disaster, and they are needed due to a pre-existing disability, or a disability caused by the disaster.
- Privately-owned Roads, Bridges, Docks: Money for survivors whose only access to their home has been damaged by the disaster.

### Other Needs Assistance

Money to help you with necessary expenses and serious needs caused by the disaster, such as:

- Serious Needs Assistance: One time payment to help you pay for immediate needs such as water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, breastfeeding supplies, diapers, personal hygiene items and

- fuels for transportation.
- Displacement Assistance: Money to help with immediate housing needs if you cannot return to your home because of the disaster. The money can be used to stay in a hotel, with family and friends or other options while you look for a rental unit.
- Personal Property: Money to help you repair or replace appliances, room furnishings, and a personal or family computer damaged by the disaster. This can also include money for books, uniforms, tools, additional computers and other items required for school or work, including self-employment.
- Medical/Dental: Money to help you pay for expenses because the disaster caused an injury or illness. This money can also be used to help replace medical/dental equipment, breastfeeding equipment, or prescribed medicine damaged or lost because of the disaster.
- Funeral: Money to help you pay for funeral or reburial expenses caused by the disaster.
- Childcare: Money to help you pay for increased or childcare expenses caused by the disaster.
- Assistance for Miscellaneous Items: Money to help you pay for specific items, (such as a generator, dehumidifier, chainsaw, etc.) that you purchased or rented after the disaster to assist with recovery. The miscellaneous items may be used for gaining access to your property or with cleaning efforts caused by the disaster.
- Transportation: Money to help you repair or replace a vehicle damaged by the disaster when you don’t have another vehicle you can use.
- Moving and Storage Expenses: Money to help you move and store personal property from your home to prevent additional damage, usually while you are making repairs to your home or moving to a new place due to the disaster.

### Apply to FEMA

To apply for FEMA disaster assistance, you can go online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov), download the FEMA App for mobile devices, or call toll-free 1-800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Ms. Josie Cutting**, our Literacy Instructional Aide, has selected the following students.  
**Lysandro Hernandez Ramirez** and **Aitana Acosta Torres** for students of the week! Both are second graders that she gets to work with daily. Both of these students display one very important quality, kindness.



Aitana Acosta Torres

**Aitana** is very inquisitive, and enjoys a challenge. She is attentive and ready to learn each day. Aitana is also very respectful to staff members and a very good friend to her peers.



Lysandro Hernandez Ramirez

**Lysandro** displays growth in his learning each and every day. He is very respectful to his teacher in class and pays close attention. He also makes me and others laugh on the daily! He keeps his buddies close and is a good friend to them.

CREATURE CORNER

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats celebrated the adoption of two of the four kittens.

**Pepper:** Kind of a quiet week.  
**Harley:** Except for the wind!  
**Pepper:** No kidding! I am so glad that all of us were indoors. Even without electricity and heat for a couple of days, we were safe.  
**Harley:** We snuggled in cubbies and cat trees, and curled up in blankets, so we were okay.  
**Marlowe:** I certainly hope humans brought pets indoors. Not only was it scary, but it was super cold!  
**Harley:** And from what I understand, we just might face more of the same this week.  
**Rowan:** How about some good news?  
**Harley:** We can use that now, especially with all the sad news about fires in and near Los Angeles.  
**Rowan:** In last week's Town Crier, there was an article about Valerie, ARF's dog that has been in recovery from an amputation. Well, that article led to her adoption with the perfect people!  
**Marlowe:** Oh my dog! That's wonderful!  
**Rowan:** They fell in love with her immediately, and they are so accepting of her physical challenges.  
**Eeyore:** I know she's a tripod, but what else?  
**Rowan:** Not only is she missing a leg now, she is blind in one eye. Soon she will have cataract surgery on the other. But she is a tough cookie! She has a great attitude and is such a happy girl.  
**Harley:** So Valerie was fortunate. She has received medical attention, love and care from her foster, and now a forever home.  
**Marlowe:** Hopefully we will all be as fortunate, right?



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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.



75 years ago - 1950

One hundred cars were hung up on the icy Hurkey Creek grade. A spot check revealed that only one car in 10, on the Pines-to-Palms Highway, carried chains.

70 years ago - 1955

Among snow lovers who flocked to the Hill were Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz.

65 years ago - 1960

Sheriff's Deputy Hollis C. Hollis moved on the Hill to replace Deputy Jim Henry.

60 years ago - 1965

Town Hall membership cards were being sold for \$2 to raise money for the Town Hall Improvement Fund. The holder of a card would

be entitled to a discount at Town Hall programs and activities throughout the year.

55 years ago - 1970

A citizens review committee for the general plan and scenic route work on local mountain highways was named by the county board of supervisors. Appointed from Idyllwild were Dick Elliott, Bob Johnson, Bob Eslinger, Mike Michelsen and Glenn Froehlich.

50 years ago - 1975

At a meeting of the '39ers Club, Bob Allen, president of the Pine Cove Property Owners Association, predicted that gasoline prices would rise to 75 cents a gallon or more as a result of President Ford's decision to tax imported oil.

45 years ago - 1980

Pat Hair was re-elected president of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District.

40 years ago - 1985

A solo climber who had spent a night stranded on the north face of Mt. San Jacinto was rescued by the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit.

35 years ago - 1990

About 260 educators, mostly from Southern California, were visiting Idyllwild School to observe its Whole Language Program in action.

30 years ago - 1995

Following the advice of its legal counsel, the Hemet Unified School District Board of Trustees voted to suspend teaching the district's sex education curriculum with exception of the state requirement on AIDS.

25 years ago - 2000

The Soroptimists and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department were raising funds for a gun buy-back program to reduce the number of guns in the community.

20 years ago - 2005

A rock slide of massive boulders closed Highway 243 between Idyllwild and Banning. A week of rain and snow, more than all of the previous year, caused the rock slide.

15 years ago - 2010

Once again, the state was expecting a multi-billion-dollar deficit and must continue to cut programs

in order to come close to a balanced budget, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced.

10 year ago - 2015

Riverside County approved a new ambulance service contract, transitioning emergency medical services in Pine Cove to American Medical Response as of July 1, ending the prior arrangement with Idyllwild Fire Protection District for areas outside its district

5 year ago - 2020

Brendan Steele, an Idyllwild native, achieved second place in the Sony Open in Hawaii, impressively improving his PGA Tour standing and highlighting the success of his recent coaching on putting techniques

1 year ago - 2024

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District approved a grant proposal requesting nearly \$1 million to support the Bear Trap Fuels Reduction Project, which aims to create a 360-foot-wide firebreak in the region, enhancing wildfire prevention efforts

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**Tramway Probe Sought**

A comprehensive impartial study of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway's financial and physical condition has been requested by the Idyllwild Izaak Walton League.

In a move at Town Hall Tuesday night, the outdoor club asked Governor Edmund G. Brown, the Assembly Committee on Municipal & County Government and the corresponding committee in the State Senate to investigate the aerial lift.

In discussing the issue the Izaak Walton League noted that clarification of the situation is necessary because of recent reports about the tramway's financial condition.

Last year the Assembly Committee on Municipal & County Government warned that the project was "currently heading toward financial crisis."

Although December's patronage improved over the previous month, it did not match that of a year ago, despite a reduction in fees and fares.

Since the tram's opening in September, 1963, five Winter Park Authority directors have resigned, and last week its general manager quit.

Noting the situation, the Idyllwild outdoor club discussed three alternatives that might indicate the future course of the \$8.1 million enterprise.

1. Additional ways can be found to increase revenue by expanding the operation within Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness State

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**Roadside Fire Prevention Urged**

Preplanning to reduce fire dangers once spring rains cease is a major Forest Service program this month. The goal is to give fire less chance to start.

One project now underway is brush clearing in the Thomas Mt. area. The operation was started two years ago and is to continue as long as funds are available, the Forest Service stated.

Brush-covered slopes are being converted to open fields, planted to grasses which will stabilize the soil and be less hazardous in the event of wild fire.

**PROPERTY ASSN MEETS MONDAY**

The Idyllwild Property Owners Association will meet Monday, January 18, 7:30 p.m.

It's not that we're bit-

Jim McCullough tosses more fuel on pile in Forest Service project to convert brush lands to grass fields near Thomas Mt. Program is designed to reduce fire dangers and improve grazing conditions.

Fire Control Officer Howard Evans explained the project calls for removal of both dead and living brush by bulldozer as the first operation.

The wood is burned, and the mulched earth is seeded before spring. Some of the land is used for grazing purposes.

Another step taken this week to help prevent fires was endorsement by the Izaak Walton League of a resolution sponsored by the Watershed Fire Council of Southern California.

The measure calls for "the prompt implementation of fully adequate roadside forest fire prevention measures by the

**GOV. BROWN ACCEPTS YOUTH CHAIRMANSHIP**

Governor Edmund G. Brown has accepted honorary chairmanship of the international advisory committee for the Idyllwild Youth Orchestra.

Also named to serve on the committee is Dr. Norman Topping, president of the University of Southern California. According to Dr. Max Krone, director of the Idyllwild USC campus, other members of the group will be announced shortly.

The international committee will serve in an advisory capacity for the overseas tour of the Idyllwild orchestra in 1965. The group plans a concert tour of Scandinavian countries.

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**Front Page of the Town Crier, January 15th, 1965**

**Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild**

**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 10 AM  
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

**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

**Community Church**  
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, 8:30 a.m. - Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

**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





Scott and Roxanne Wilson took their Town Crier newspaper with them to Croatia, including Dubrovnik where much of The Game of Thrones was filmed. PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT WILSON

### Weekly SUDOKU

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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1 Kitten's cry  
4 Bit of advice  
7 Prop for Sherlock  
8 Vice President Burr  
10 Ancient Greek region  
11 Future ferns  
13 Mental agility  
16 Rds.  
17 Pitchers  
18 Stickum  
19 Unpaid TV ads  
20 Close  
21 Revue segments  
23 Lover's meeting  
25 Smack a baseball  
26 1982 sci-fi film  
27 Signing need  
28 "— of One's Own"  
30 1959 Kingston Trio hit  
33 Burger King, for one  
36 Kilt pattern  
37 Lubricated  
38 Canary snacks  
39 Hosp. scans  
40 Triage ctrs.  
41 Salty expanse  
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1 Short skirts  
2 Grand tale  
3 Least strong  
4 Piglike mam-mal  
5 Golf clubs  
6 Beans go-with  
7 Sulk  
8 Campfire left-overs  
9 Stallion sounds  
10 Mensa stats  
12 Animal's nose  
14 "Jabberwocky" starter  
15 Inherited  
19 Peach center  
20 Wd. from Roget  
21 Hard work  
22 Sunflower State  
23 Walked (on)  
24 Date movies, for short  
25 Beach lotion  
26 Animated figures  
28 Pursuing  
29 Highways  
30 Sasha's sister  
31 Alliances  
32 Moreover  
34 Sloth's home  
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Answers to puzzles found on B4

## HOROSCOPES

January 2025 — Week 3

**March 21 – April 19**  
Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and messages, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

**April 20 – May 20**  
Although your keen Bull's eyes can usually discern what's fact from what's faux, an upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

**May 21 – June 21**  
As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions; some of them might even work for you.

**June 22 – July 22**  
Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up an old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to any lingering questions.

**July 23 – August 22**  
Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

**August 23 – September 22**  
Mixed signals could be causing a vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave a project, ask for a meeting where you can get things out in the open.

**September 23 – October 22**  
Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

**October 23 – November 21**  
Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Instead, take time for relaxation with someone very special.

**November 22 – December 21**  
Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices during the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

**December 22 – January 19**  
An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems, but avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

**January 20 – February 18**  
Although your workplace strategies are usually accepted, you could be challenged by someone who isn't so favorably impressed. Be prepared to defend your positions.

**February 19 – March 20**  
A fuzzy financial vista persists until the end of the month, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle some pesky personal problems.

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