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Forest Service closes several local campgrounds for 2025

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

On Jan. 24, the U.S. Forest Service announced the closure of several campgrounds in the San Jacinto Ranger District.

The three campgrounds to be closed, possibly for the entire year, will be the Black Mountain Group Campground, Dark Canyon Campground, and the Ribbonwood Equestrian Campground, according to Naomi Gordon, External and Legislative Affairs Officer for the San Bernardino National Forest.

The reason for the closure and its length was attributed to decreased staffing and budgets for annual maintenance costs. These three were chosen to be closed because they have less use than other District campgrounds.

"Dark Canyon Campground has an additional requirement of a full-time campground host as a result of the Mountain Yellow Legged Frog Recovery agreement between the US Forest Service and US Fish and Wildlife. Efforts in past years to find a suitable host have not been successful," according to the Forest Service press release.

Other popular campgrounds on the Mountain will remain open. These are the Pinyon Flats Campground (First Come Only, Open Year-Round), the Marion Mountain Campground, the Fern Basin Campground, and the Boulder Basin Campground, which will be open Memorial Day Weekend through late October or early November.

Reservations for the and Boulder Basin, Fern, and Marion campgrounds are available at <https://recreation.gov>

District 4 Supervisor Manuel Perez, new Board Chair

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Editor's note: Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez is the new Chair of the Board of Supervisors. He represents the Fourth Supervisorial District, which includes Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Mountain Center. The following is an interview with Supervisor Perez since he assumed the chairmanship of the board.

"It's an honor to be able to serve and be in a position to help the community and our quality of life," he said about beginning his second term as Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

While some may perceive the Chair's role as largely ceremonial, such as presiding over presentations, opening and closing the Board meetings, and representing the county at larger functions, there is much more substance to the position and Perez is well prepared this time.

"Now I have to consider the County and the needs of the other supervisors along with mine," he explained. "That's a little tougher. Your team and the other supervisors have to be on the same page for policies, reserves and other issues."

"I will try to maintain a balance, so that at the end of the day, they all feel that they were heard. We will get along together as the County family," he added. "For example, when it comes to the budget, I will listen to what the others think and propose."

Perez does have priorities for the Board's attention during his term. The three highest are jobs and the economy, housing, and social or public services (including animal services).

These can be advanced as he, with the County Executive Jeff Van Wagenen, set the Board's meeting agenda and cleared the presentations, which he envisions as setting the tone for the year.

"You're in a grind on a daily basis, so I have to identify the big areas for every supervisor and work together so that people respect each other," Perez stressed.

He is enthusiastic about the coming year and expects a lot of cooperation among the supervisors.

In 2017, when Perez first joined the Board, he mentioned that he was the only Democrat. Now the Board is composed of all Democrats.

"I think it will be more open to social issues," he opined. "With three Latinos

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Who does FEMA help, and who pays?

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The catastrophic wildfires that made this a month of extraordinary losses in the southland have brought attention to FEMA and its role in helping states respond to disaster. President Trump has suggested that there should be conditions on FEMA aid to California, but instead of building codes, fuel reduction projects or firefighting equipment, has mentioned voter ID laws and the diversion of water from the north of the state to the south.

Although FEMA is not the only source of disaster relief funding in the US, it is the largest. The Carnegie Endowment's Disaster Dollar Database covers a decade from 2015 to 2024. It reports \$50 billion spent by HUD and \$64 billion from FEMA.

FEMA aid is divided into two categories: direct payments to survivors under the Individuals and Households Program (IHP), and Public Assistance (PA), which funds community rebuilding. The three top states for IHP are Florida, Texas, and Louisiana, each having received over two billion dollars in IHP money over the

last decade. During the same period, Californians received just over \$300 million.

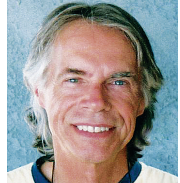
PA funding has also flowed mostly to states and territories visited by hurricanes: Puerto Rico has received over \$21 billion after hurricanes and earthquakes, with more planned. Florida and Louisiana follow at \$7.7 and \$6.2 billion. California was next on the list at \$3.7 billion, followed by the Virgin Islands at \$2.9 billion and Texas at \$2.8 billion

The Carnegie study also points out that aid does not look the same in Puerto Rico and California, and calls assessments "notoriously subjective, especially in undervaluing the damage to homes of low-income households." Average payments vary, from \$876 in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Fiona, to \$4,995 in Georgia after severe storms in 2017, and \$15,500 in California after the fires of 2020.

If you divide the totals by population, you will find that during those ten years, FEMA spent about \$100 per person in California and \$461 in Florida. Californians, through income taxes, contribute far more in total to the public coffers (\$360 billion) than residents of any other state: almost twice New York and more than twice Texas.

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On Jan. 23, Governor Gavin Newsom signed two bills appropriating \$2.5 billion to help fund the recovery efforts in the Los Angeles area after the devastation caused by multiple wildfires. The burning began Jan. 7. The Governor’s press release described the damage as hurricane-force fire storms.

This was only 10 days after he made the request of the current Legislative Special Session. Both bills, ABx1-4 and SBx1-3, provide more than \$2.5 billion for disaster relief and were passed unanimously.

“Thanks to our partners in the legislature, we’re providing over \$2.5 billion in immediate relief – expediting initial firestorm response and recovery efforts,” Newsom said in the release. “We’re also directing millions of dollars to help local governments speed up building approvals – so folks can rebuild their homes faster.”

As of Jan. 25, Cal Fire reported that the various Los Angeles area fires have caused 28 fatalities and burned and destroyed more than 16,000 structures.

Nearly all of the \$2.5 billion is intended to expedite the initial response and recovery efforts. These funds would help offset costs associated with the emergency protective measures, evacuations, sheltering for survivors, debris removal and cleanup, post-fire hazard assessments (such as flash flooding and debris flows), traffic control, and other necessary emergency response activities.

There is a separate \$5 million appropriation for rebuilding. The Department of Housing and Community Development will receive \$4 million for local governments in the fire areas. This will be used for additional planning review and building inspection resources to expedite building approvals during the recovery period.

Another \$1 million is targeted at fire-damaged school facilities. Its purpose is to aid the school districts to rebuild damaged structures. The funding will provide technical assistance to Los Angeles Unified School District, Pasadena Unified School District, and charter schools affected by the fires.

“The money will come from the state’s reserve fund dedicated to economic uncertainties, which had about \$8.3 billion as of Jan. 10, according to H.D. Palmer, spokesperson for California’s Department of Finance,” Cal Matters reported.

“This money is moving immediately and was approved unanimously with bipartisan support,” said Jesse Gabriel, chair of the Assembly’s Budget Committee. “It’s the first of many steps and there will ge a lot of steps in this journey.

Besides seeking the Legislature’s approval of supplement funding to help the victims and the recovery, Newsom has issued a number of Executive Orders to address the problems of the victims and the local jurisdictions’ recovery efforts.

These include providing tax relief to those impacted by the fires; suspending permitting and review requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act and the California Coastal Act to streamline rebuilding homes; fast-tracking temporary housing; prohibiting landlords in Los Angeles County from evicting tenants for sharing their rental with survivors displaced by the fires; mobilizing debris removal and cleanup; allowing expert federal hazmat crews to start cleaning up properties; hastening efforts to remove debris, bolster flood defenses, and stabilize hillsides in affected areas; mitigating the risk of mudslides and flooding; safeguarding survivors from price gouging; getting student back to the classroom; and protecting victims from real estate speculators..

“California leaders from both political parties are united and working together to provide L.A. with the immediate assistance and support they need,” Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) said in the release. “... This is a first step, but we are committed to a full recovery and will stand with Angelenos until this work is done.

“It is very meaningful for me as legislator for Southern California to see people of parts of the state stand up and say, ‘We’ll be with you’,” Gabriel also said in his statement.



Suicide Rock

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Fairway Market roof under repair after last week’s wind storms

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[Supervisor Jose Medina, 1st District and Yxstian Gutierrez, 5th District], immigration and LGBTQ issues will be more open. We’re all passionate about these. And we will ask questions and dig. The Board represents the diversity of Riverside County.”

The current spree of fires in Los Angeles and Ventura counties have not threatened Riverside, but Perez recognizes the constant danger of wildfire on the Hill.

He offered sympathy for the loss of lives and homes in those fires. Then stated that Riverside Board is “... doing our best to ensure safety. There are discussions with the County fire staff emergency Disaster teams and the Sheriff. We’ll work with the community to have a plan of action.”

Consequently, Perez mentioned several steps he and his staff are planning, which will involve the local community. One is a community block party.

“Its purpose is to educate people about possible dangers and available services, rather than after something happens,” he said.

Secondly, another Town Hall meeting is in the



Manuel Perez

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works. His intention is to organize and have one of these sessions every year. Perez would like to include County agency department leaders in order to “... join in an open discussion.”

One example of the issues, which would involve the local residents as well as County management, is the safety along State Highway 74.

“I hear of many accidents on 74. Folks get hurt and there’s loss of life. My brother was an example of an injury, and it been brought to my attention. People want to make it safer. Of course, we have to involve Cal Trans, as well as Riverside County Transportation. We have a role even though Cal Trans is largely responsible,” Perez said describing a community concern.

“We have to make that road safer,” he continued. “Some have suggested banning diesel trucks because the road is so narrow. Or setting times for bicyclists’ use. There needs to be a conversation.”








With respect to short-term rentals, Perez stressed, “There has to be more funding for enforcement. We have to make sure there is enforcement available for many issues, especially parking problems which are consistently a gripe.

“Overall, the complaints are down, and things are working out,” he concluded.

Perez succeeds Supervisor Chuck Washington (District 3) as the Board Chair. Supervisor Karen Spiegel (District 2) is the Vice Chair of the Board and will become chair in 2026. Perez previously served as Board chair in 2020, during the COVID pandemic and shut-downs.

Jose Medina is the new Supervisor for District 1, replacing Kevin Jeffries who chose not to seek re-election. Medina is a former State Assembly member as is Perez.

Idyllwild Weather

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 Saturday 2/1	67°F / 45°F	Sun through high clouds
 Sunday 2/2	66°F / 35°F	Mostly sunny
 Monday 2/3	67°F / 36°F	Sunny
 Tuesday 2/4	64°F / 34°F	Sun and areas of high clouds in the morning; considerable cloudiness in the afternoon



Lily Rock

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Winter flu season – plus three other viruses

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

It’s winter. It’s winter 2025. The COVID pandemic is past, the Bird Flu is still quite rare in humans, but it is flu season.

But not just normal flu season, nationally hospitals and physicians are describing the 2025 virus season as a “Quad-demic.”

Four separate viruses are spreading and becoming more prevalent. First there is the annual influenza virus. A COVID variant is still prevalent across the country as is the respiratory syncytial virus. RSV is a common respiratory virus that infects the nose, throat, and lungs. RSV symptoms make it difficult to distinguish it from the common cold or other respiratory viruses (such as the flu or COVID-19). These three are all respiratory illnesses.

Norovirus is the fourth spreading virus, it attacks the gastrointestinal system causing diarrhea and vomiting, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

It’s a very active virus season, a quad-demic. As of Jan. 17, the CDC reported, “. . . the amount of acute respiratory illness causing people to seek health-care is at a high level.” All three respiratory virus illnesses are increasing across the U.S.

In California, emergency room visits for influenza, COVID-19 and RSV are increasing. Overall statewide, only flu was considered high. COVID-19 was at a low level and RSV is moderate, according to the California Department of Public Health.

“Nationally, influenza test positivity increased to 18.8%. COVID-19 test positivity remained stable at 6.6% and RSV test positivity decreased to 8.9%,” the CDC reported.

In California, the CDPH reported influenza test results were nearly 23%. The COVID test results for the second week of January were significantly lower than this time in the past two years.

At the end of the second week of January, the Riverside County’s Public Health Department reported influenza cases were moderate. However, emergency room visits were higher than one year ago but recently began to decline.

COVID-19 cases are significantly less than in 2024. COVID and RSV emergency room visits are both lower than a year ago.

For the next two weeks, emergency room visits for influenza will remain high to very high, the CDC forecast.

These viral illnesses are much more prevalent in winter for several reasons. First, the cold weather causes more frequent gatherings of people indoors. Secondly, winter’s cold and dry weather are more conducive to virus spread and often it is a time of more susceptible immune systems.

Hand washing is an effective means for prevention. Extra precautions include wearing a mask or reducing direct interactions until healthy.

In California several counties such as San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Contra Costa, Napa, and Berkeley are requiring masks in certain healthcare and nursing facilities.

Competing with the viral “quad-demic” is a bacterial infection – whooping cough, which is also on the increase. Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is highly contagious and can be spread though coughing and can cause severe illness, especially in infants. CDPH urges all Californians, especially those who are pregnant and those who provide care to infants, to be up to date on their Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine to help prevent whooping cough.

More than 2,000 cases (62 were infants) of whooping cough were reported statewide between January and October 2024. During the same time range in 2023, there were less than 400 whooping cough cases reported in the state.



Dr. Allison Roth of the University of Missouri is banding quail in Idyllwild with Dr. Jennifer Gee (Not Pictured) of the UC James Reserve.
PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME

California’s efforts to lower fuel emissions at risk

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

California’s movement to improve air quality may begin to encounter friction and political smog. The effort to replace gasoline fueled vehicles with zero emission vehicles is not a priority of the new Administration.

Shortly after taking his oath of office, President Donald Trump signed several executive orders which will change the Federal government’s actions toward the expanding electric vehicle market.

“Today we congratulate President Donald Trump, Vice President J.D. Vance and their new administration. GM looks forward to working together on our shared goal of a strong U.S. automotive industry,” Mary Barra, Chief Executive of General Motors, posted on X, formerly Twitter.

Attributing inflation partly to “escalating energy prices,” Trump said, “I will declare a national energy emergency and we will ‘drill, baby, drill.’”

His first step was signing the “Unleashing American Energy” Executive Order. Among its energy polices, the EO states that the U.S. will now “. . . eliminate the ‘electric vehicle (EV) mandate’ and promote true consumer choice . . . by terminating, where appropriate, state emissions waivers that function to limit sales of gasoline-powered automobiles; and by considering the elimination of unfair subsidies and other ill-conceived government-imposed market distortions that favor EVs over other technologies and effectively mandate their purchase by individuals, private businesses, and government entities alike by rendering other types of vehicles unaffordable.”

He revoked several of former President Joseph Biden’s EOs which encourage through subsidies the expansion of the EV market and the goal of 50 percent of new vehicles sold in 2030 to be electric or hydrogen.

While Trump cannot revoke the \$7,500 tax credit subsidy for the purchase of a new EV and the \$4,000 credit for a used EV, these were created in law. The EO will stop federal funding to States and businesses to support EV marketplace.

This clouds the recent Federal grants to California for purchase of more EV charging stations. The award is essentially a contract, but in most cases the State has not yet expended the funds. The question is whether the Administration will be able to rescind the awards before the State does spend the funds.

While some automakers in Detroit applauded these actions, the nation’s auto manufacturers have been producing more and more EVs. This will affect their investments in this technology.

“The U.S. leads the world in oil and gas production, but it also leads the world in emissions reductions. We can do both of these things,” said Mike Sommers, president of the American Petroleum Institute. “The way that we’ve been able to cut back on our emissions is through new technology.”

Two years ago, the California Air Resources Board approved regulations that would prohibit the sale of new gas-powered vehicles in 2035 or later. Over the next 10 years, the percentage of new gas-powered vehicles sold in the State must gradually decline to zero in 2035.

The Clean Air Act, which became law in 1970, allows California to seek a waiver of the preemption which prohibits states from enacting emission standards for new motor vehicles. EPA must grant a waiver, however, before California’s rules may be enforced.

Whether Trump’s EO will rescind these waivers which have been issued in the past, will be determined. In December, the federal Environmental Protection Agency issued the most recent waiver, which allows California to implement its regulation that would move the state toward 100 percent sales of zero-emission options by 2035.

According to the most recent EV data, sales “jumped 15.2% year over year in the fourth quarter of 2024 to 365,824, setting a new volume record for any quarter. In 2024, full-year EV sales reached 1.3 million, an increase of 7.3% from the upwardly revised total in 2023. Sales of EVs in the U.S. benefitted from strong incentives from the automakers, excellent lease deals, and federal and state incentive programs”

Trump’s EO also halts expansion of new wind farms in federal waters.

“The offshore wind industry’s supply chain alone spans 40 states and \$25 billion dollars in investments, powering economic development and job creation. Wind power is one of the safest forms of energy generation around the world, for both humans and animals, and enables coastal states to generate homegrown electricity by safely tapping into nearby natural resources,” said Heather O’Neill, President and CEO at Advanced Energy United in a statement. “Pausing offshore wind projects puts livelihoods at risk and will make it harder and more expensive for states to meet their energy needs.”

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Dear Spiritual Workout:
I had a conflict with some friends earlier this year and I haven’t talked to them since but I keep thinking about it and being bothered by it. Do I let it go or try to fix the relationships?

Dear Reader:
That depends entirely upon what, exactly, is bothering you since the time of the “conflict.” For example, is what’s bothering you more about them and what they said or did? Or is what’s bothering you more about you, how you handled things leading up to the conflict, while you were in it, and since that time? It also depends entirely on what you want. What would be the possible intention(s) for attempting to “fix the relationships?” What would be the possible intention(s) for “letting go” of the relationships? And which of the possible intentions are coming from your head and which are coming from your heart, as we say? Answering these questions will itself provide much guidance.

Dear Spiritual Workout:
My spouse (wife) is having a rough time. I feel sorry for her, really I do. I know she’s in something of a funk but nothing I do seems to help get her out of it, which is all I want to do. I’m worried that I am building up resentment because it hasn’t been any fun to be together and fun is usually what we’re about. Is there anything I can do to get us back on track?

Dear Reader:
Anything you can do? By yourself? Maybe. You’re connected and because everything is energy, everything affects everything and it is quite possible that a shift in your energy will inure to the benefit of your wife, but that is definitely not guaranteed. What will help most is learning that “nothing I do seems to help” is a signal that you are barking up the wrong tree, as it were. The truth is, we cannot create in another person’s reality no matter how much we love them. So, since it’s you I’m talking to, let’s talk about how this goes down in a stereotypically healthy relationship wherein two sovereign beings partner with each other. Those people know where one ends and the other begins. They know what they are and are not responsible for. “I want you to be happy, but I realize only you can create your own happiness. Is there anything I can do today, these days to help you?” A possible answer might be: “No, thank you, nothing more than offer a little time and space. I have to do this on my own, but I appreciate your patience and knowing you’re there. I’ll let you know if that changes.” In this exchange, you’d be free to do what all of us are here to do — even when we are married — create your own happiness. Stay on your track. Be responsible for your Self. Communicate regularly with you wife to see if/when anything has changed with her. You might be surprised to see the effect of you living your life has on your wife, as suggested at the top.

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Trump visits fire areas, promises help

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

On Friday, Jan. 23, President Donald Trump visited both western North Carolina, which Hurricane Helene ravaged in September, and the Pacific Palisades area in Los Angeles, which fire devastated this month. The California visit, while from a helicopter, was positive for Trump. Governor Gavin Newsom met the President at the airport. “We’re going to need your support. We’ll need your help. You were there for us during COVID. I don’t forget that and I have all the expectations that we’ll be able to work together to get this speedy recovery,” he shared with the President.

After a brief private discussion, walking to the helicopter, Trump began his tour of the Palisades area. On returning, Trump acknowledged that seeing the actual razed area changed his perception of the Palisades Fire’s destruction of homes.

“I don’t think you can realize how rough it is, how devastating it is until you see it,” he said at the press conference following the site visit. “It’s devastation, it’s incredible. It’s really an incineration.” He also vowed to provide Federal funding to help California recover. “We’re going to do a good job in California,” he told the press in North Carolina prior to leaving for California. “That is a disaster like — I don’t know if we’ve ever seen anything like it, frankly. They say ‘the biggest in the history of California.’ I think — has anything bigger than that happened in the whole country ever?”

Both in North Carolina and California, Trump expressed exasperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He is sufficiently troubled, that he plans to sign an Executive Order to “. . . begin the process of fundamentally reforming or overhauling FEMA.”

Continuing this thought, he added, “. . . maybe getting rid of FEMA. Frankly I think FEMA is not good.” He does not plan to withhold Federal aid to areas damaged from natural disasters, but he is concerned about the Agency’s performance.

“Riverside County has a strong partnership with state and federal partners,” Bruce Barton, director of Riverside County’s Emergency Management Department, said in an email. “We also continue to advocate for actions that will make more funding and resources available at the local level to help speed our recovery from disasters.”

Trump stressed that state and local officials could better handle the recovery steps than federal staff who are unfamiliar with the area. “When you have a problem like this, whether you have a Republican or Democratic governor, you want to use your state to fix it and not waste time calling

FEMA,” he said. “They don’t know the area.” “We’re looking at the whole concept of FEMA. I like, frankly, the concept: When North Carolina gets hit, the governor takes care of it. When Florida gets hit, the governor takes care of it, meaning the state takes care of it,” he commented. “I’d like to see the states take care of disasters. Let the state take care of the tornadoes and the hurricanes and all of the other things that happen. And I think you’re going to find it a lot less expensive.” “I don’t think many people understand how FEMA works and the coordination they provide involving numerous agencies. Over the last year, there have been a number of false rumors circulating about how much funds FEMA had available for victims. That has undermined confidence in FEMA,” said Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington (3rd District). “In the end, if funds come directly to [Riverside County] (through the State), I know we can manage those resources to serve our communities in need.”

Dealing with FEMA’s future will be on the President’s agenda over the next couple of weeks, he concluded. But he did affirm he will ask Congress for aid to California to repair the fire destruction.

However, he did mention two conditions – voter IDs and water releases – that he hopes to achieve from California.

“I want to see two things in Los Angeles: voter ID, so that the people have a chance to vote, and I want to see the water be released and come down into Los Angeles and throughout the state,” he stated. “Those are the two things. After that, I will be the greatest president that California have ever — has ever seen.”

Many water experts do disagree that the State’s water management programs contributed to the devastating Los Angeles infernos.

“Conflating the health of the Bay-Delta in northern California with the catastrophic wildfires in Los Angeles is not only factually inaccurate, it’s dangerous as it does nothing to address the underlying causes of the wildfire crisis – including climate change,” said Ashley Overhouse, Water Policy Advisor at the Defenders of Wildlife. “Today’s announcement by the new administration demonstrates both a severe misunderstanding of water management and a blatant disregard for the needs of imperiled wildlife.”

At the California press conference, Trump emphasized the need to start rebuilding the razed areas as soon as possible. He promised to waive federal permit conditions for rebuilding and urged Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to do the same. She promised to expedite permits as quickly as possible and would also declare a local emergency.

As he ended the press conference, Trump promised, “I’m going to give you everything you want. I’ll give you more than any President would give you.”

LAO has greater concern over future budgets than FY 25-26

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, the State’s Legislative Analyst’s Office released its review of the Governor’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The LAO generally agreed with the Governor’s economic forecasts for the next fiscal year, however, the report expressed more concerned about future budget conditions.

In summary, the LAO concurred that the proposed budget is “roughly balanced.” While noting there were some differences between the two estimates, “. . . they do not substantively change our assessment of the budget condition.”

In fact, the LAO stressed “we are not describing the budget condition as having a surplus or a deficit at this time. These concepts are inherently tools of communication, not accounting, and are ultimately somewhat subjective.”

The LAO also accepted the Governor’s revenue estimates. While slightly higher than the LAO’s most recent forecasts, the Governor’s estimate is consistent with recent revenue trends, they stated.

Nevertheless, the LAO report cautioned about relying on these trends going forward. Much of the recent revenue increase is from capital gains, which are the result of a “booming” stock market. If that were to change, then revenues would again begin to decline.

The LAO also concurred with the Governor’s use of the State’s reserves, calling his proposal “reasonable.”

The LAO commended the Governor’s and the Legislature’s actions last June to address the massive budget problem facing the current fiscal year. Not only did this work resolve those problems, but it established a good

foundation for the proposed budget year. While the Governor’s revenue projections are \$9 billion higher than LAO’s, the spending estimates are higher too. But the LAO noted some significant changes in this proposal from the June solution. The largest (\$1.3 billion) is the result of passage of Proposition 5 in November. This altered how California handles the Managed Care Organization tax, a tax on health plans. This revenue helps the Medi-Cal program.

Secondly, the State was not able to achieve a reduction of 10,000 vacant staff positions. The budget proposal projects 6,500 fewer vacant positions. Consequently, the potential savings is \$620 million rather than the projected \$1.5 billion. Also, the expected savings from greater operational efficiencies, such as less travel, will be about \$1.1 billion less estimated.

In addition, the LAO noted that neither its spending projections nor the Administration’s anticipated what will be massive costs created by the devastating wildfire in Southern California this month.

While the LAO does not stress over these differences for the coming fiscal year, its report does highlight projected deficits of \$13 billion in 2026-27, \$19 billion in 2027-28, and \$15 billion in 2028-29.

Consequently, the LAO urges the Legislature to again consider the budget decisions as part of a multi-year package. Revenue may decline, depending upon the condition of the stock market, and expenses will increase because of the massive wildfires. The latter will also affect revenue and likely result in a tax deadline deferral for taxpayers in the wildfire areas.

Concluding its budget review, the LAO “. . . recom-

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• Jazzercise: 08:30 AM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Fit After 50: 10:00 AM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Youth Basketball League: 05:00 PM - Idyllwild School, 26700 CA-243, Idyllwild, CA
• Jazzercise: 05:30 PM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Adult Basketball League: 06:00 PM - Idyllwild School, 26700 CA-243, Idyllwild, CA
• Story Time ~ Chinese New Year, Year of the Snake: 07:00 PM - Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr, Idyllwild, CA

01/30/25 Thursday
• Cultivating a Healthy Gut - with Mary Chantler: 01:00 AM - Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr,

Idyllwild, CA
• Jazzercise: 08:30 AM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Fit After 50: 10:00 AM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA

01/31/25 Friday
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• Fit After 50: 12:00 PM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Youth Basketball League: 05:00 PM - Idyllwild School, 26700 CA-243, Idyllwild, CA

02/01/25 Saturday
• Jazzercise: 08:30 AM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA

02/02/25 Sunday
• Farmers Market: 09:00 AM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA

02/03/25 Monday
• Jazzercise: 08:30 AM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Fit After 50: 12:00 PM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Jazzercise: 05:30 PM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA

02/04/25 Tuesday
• Jazzercise: 07:00 AM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Fit After 50: 10:00 AM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Feeding America Food Box Distribution: 10:30 AM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Jazzercise: 05:30 PM - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA
• Mah Jongg: 08:00 PM - Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr, Idyllwild,

CA

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• Adult Basketball League: 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM - Idyllwild School, 26700 CA-243, Idyllwild, CA
• Storytime ~ Valentine's Day, Hugs and Kisses: 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM - Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr, Idyllwild, CA

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• MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL 01-26-2025 11:09 AM 5500 *** BLOCK SOUTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD
• ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT 01-26-2025 09:53 AM ADDRESS UNDEFINED OLD BANN IDYLLWILD
• CHECK THE WELFARE 01-26-2025 03:18 AM 2600 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243 IDYLLWILD
• ALARM CALL 01-26-2025 00:20 AM 5400 *** BLOCK NORTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD
• AREA CHECK 01-24-2025 23:44 PM 5400 *** BLOCK MARIAN VIEW DR IDYLLWILD

• SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE 01-24-2025 19:02 PM 2600 *** BLOCK DELANO DR IDYLLWILD
• SUSPICIOUS PERSON 01-24-2025 18:56 PM 000 *** BLOCK IDYLLWILD DR SAN JACINTO
• MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL 01-24-2025 14:46 PM 000 *** BLOCK IDYLLWILD DR SAN JACINTO REPORT TAKEN
• FOLLOW-UP 01-24-2025 12:31 AM ADDRESS WITHHELD IDYLLWILD
• TRESPASSING 01-24-2025 11:36 AM 000 *** BLOCK IDYLLWILD DR SAN JACINTO
• PUBLIC ASSIST 01-24-2025 10:48 AM 2600 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243 IDYLLWILD
• ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT 01-24-2025 10:11 AM 2600 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243 IDYLLWILD
• UNKNOWN TROUBLE 01-24-2025 05:10 AM 2300 *** BLOCK BANNING IDYLLWILD RD HEMET
• UNKNOWN TROUBLE 01-24-2025 03:53 AM 2300 *** BLOCK BANNING IDYLLWILD RD HEMET
• ALARM CALL 01-22-2025 23:15 PM 5400 *** BLOCK NORTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD
• PUBLIC DISTURBANCE 01-22-2025 11:10 AM 2600 *** BLOCK DELANO DR IDYLLWILD
• CHECK THE WELFARE 01-22-2025 08:24 AM 000 *** BLOCK IDYLLWILD DR SAN JACINTO REPORT TAKEN
• ALARM CALL 01-22-2025 05:06 AM 5400 *** BLOCK MEMORY LN

IDYLLWILD

• ALARM CALL 01-21-2025 17:08 PM 5400 *** BLOCK NORTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD
• HAZARD 01-21-2025 16:43 PM 2500 *** BLOCK ALDERWOOD ST IDYLLWILD
• ALARM CALL 01-21-2025 16:00 PM 5400 *** BLOCK MARIAN VIEW DR IDYLLWILD
• ASSAULT W/ DEADLY WEAPON 01-21-2025 11:18 AM ADDRESS UNDEFINED IDYLLWILD
• DANGER TO SELF/OTHER 01-21-2025 11:05 AM 5400 *** BLOCK NORTH CIRCLE DR IDYLLWILD REPORT TAKEN
• RECKLESS DRIVING 01-21-2025 10:02 AM 000 *** BLOCK IDYLLWILD SAN JACINTO
• HAZARD 01-21-2025 09:58 AM 5300 *** BLOCK TOLL GATE RD IDYLLWILD
• HAZARD 01-21-2025 07:27 AM 2500 *** BLOCK FERN VALLEY RD IDYLLWILD
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• ALARM CALL 01-20-2025 23:22 PM 2500 *** BLOCK CEDAR ST IDYLLWILD
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• DANGER TO SELF/OTHER 01-19-2025 18:32 PM 2600 *** BLOCK SAUNDERS MEADOW RD IDYLLWILD

PINE COVE

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• DANGER TO SELF/OTHER 01-24-2025 09:00 AM 2300 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243 PINE COVE
• DANGER TO SELF/OTHER 01-24-2025 05:09 AM 2300 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243 PINE COVE REPORT TAKEN
• UNKNOWN TROUBLE 01-24-2025 04:01 AM 2400 *** BLOCK MARION RIDGE DR PINE COVE
• SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE 01-24-2025 03:55 AM 2300 *** BLOCK ST HWY 243 PINE COVE
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12 Step Meetings in the Idyllwild area 4th quarter 2024

Sunday	AA - Discussion	Noon	Idyllwild Water District
	AA - Speaker meeting <i>(last Sunday of the month)</i>	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 - Big 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 <i>(bring your own chair)</i>
Every day	Closed AA Meeting (you are welcome if you have a desire to stop drinking)	Noon	Zoom - email serenityinpines@gmail.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

October through December 2024 - All meetings are open unless otherwise noted
(Meeting secretaries - please call 951-634-4048 to change info)

Spiritual Mountain Retreat Gatherings 25661 Oakwood St, Idyllwild-Pine Cove, CA 92549

• Day of Mindfulness—3rd Monday

of the month - ZOOM

only - Sharing, practice, silence and peace (\$25 suggested donation, includes light lunch) - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm Facilitator: Mary Morse

• Net of Light Meeting — Last Monday of each month - ZOOM only -

Join the important work of the Great Council of the Grandmothers - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Facilitators: Beacon Mary Morse

• Tai Chi for Seniors - Every Tuesday 10:00 am

to 11:00 am - Meditate through Movement - in the Garden - Facilitator: Cathy Mauge

• Death Café — Every - second Tuesday of the month - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - It won't kill you to talk about death - Facilitators: Bronwyn Jones & Ari Simon
• SMR Book Club — Every second & fourth Tuesday of the month - 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Facilitator: Mary Morse
• Lovingkindness — Every Tuesday - ZOOM only - Meditation Send

lovingkindness to the world - 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Self-Realization Every Tuesday (in Hill House or garden) - Fellowship Meditation 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

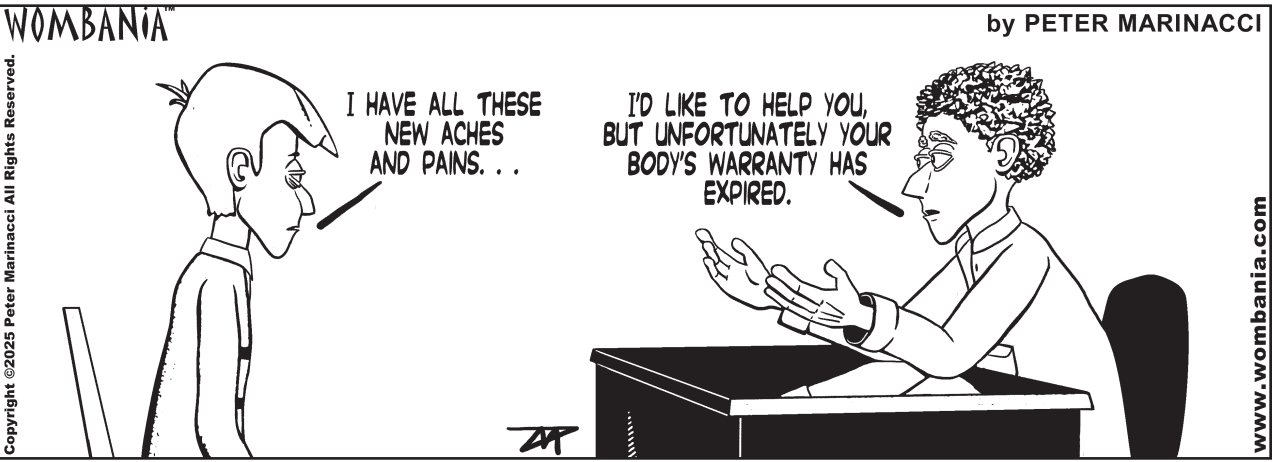
• Women Veterans with PTSD Every - other Tuesday at 6:00 pm - ZOOM only. - Support Group This is a private group and all women veterans are - welcome. Call 951-634-4048 for link information.

• Shaolin Qi Gong/ Chicks with Sticks — Qi Gong and Stick Exercises - in the Garden - Sticks Wednesdays 11:00 am - Facilitator: Teresa Halliburton

• Emotions Anonymous 12 Step Group — Every Thursday in Hill House - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

• Al-Anon 12 Step Group — Every Thursday in Hill House - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

• Women's Writing Group with fellow writers — Every Friday (in Hill House and on Zoom) - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., JAN 30, 2025

Wood stove care, feeding, and safety

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Wood burning stoves are a popular option for heating Idyllwild homes. They provide an economical and sustainable option when understood and used properly, but they obligate users to a high level of responsibility. Kevin Holldbber of Idyllwild Heating & Cooling shared some basic knowledge readers should have before firing one up.

Holldbber emphasized the sustainability angle. Wood is renewable; the carbon that is emitted is reabsorbed by the next generation of trees, making wood burning carbon neutral. The amount of carbon emitted by home stoves is minuscule when compared to the amount released in forest fires or control burns, or by the natural decay of felled trees.

Wood stoves do emit particulate matter, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District goes so far as to ban the installation of wood-burning stoves in new developments, but there are exemptions for homes that do not have natural gas pipelines nearby or are over 3,000 feet in altitude. Modern stoves are built to high standards of efficiency and emissions.

Holldbber gave some historical background. People like to think of Benjamin Franklin and his stoves, but those did not have close-fitting doors. The modern airtight stoves became popular in the 1970s and were a huge improvement over the open fireplaces they often replaced. Open fireplaces are not mentioned in modern rules, they are not even considered heat sources and are mostly decorative.

In the 1980s, individual states began to regulate wood stoves in an effort to control pollution. In the 90s, the EPA got involved, creating nationwide standards, and in 2020, emission limits were updated as part of the "New Source Performance Standards" program. The new standard is 2.5 grams of particulate per hour for cordwood. The standards aim to protect health by reducing pollution. They also save users money by increasing efficiency.

We don't experience the kind of smog that people in

valleys do, but the rules were informed by the experience in places like Salt Lake City, where inversion layers trap pollutants. During an inversion, smoke goes downhill, so the standards protect our neighboring communities.

When people first began retrofitting stoves in open fireplaces, the installation method was often unacceptable by modern standards. Sometimes the stove was placed in the fireplace with just a short length of stove pipe to create draft, but no seal. This is not only a recipe for smoke in the house but makes proper chimney cleaning difficult. A proper installation includes a liner that connects the stove to the chimney cap with no chance for smoke to escape.

Next Holldbber talked about fire itself. Burning is a chemical reaction that is both familiar and little understood. Wood burns in a three-stage process, common to all carbon-based fuels. When heated, the hydrocarbons in the wood give off volatile gases including carbon monoxide (CO), which combines with oxygen, burning and giving off heat, light, and carbon dioxide.

If the fire does not get enough oxygen, the carbon monoxide will not fully combust. It is colorless, odorless, and toxic. Those who have wood stoves should have, in addition to smoke detectors, a CO detector.

Incomplete combustion also means wasted fuel and more deposits inside the chimney. Modern stoves often use several stages of burning, giving the hot gases a second chance to burn before going up the chimney.

A wood stove is not a garbage incinerator. You may use paper to help start a fire, but don't stuff your fire box with trash. If you have proper wood and kindling, you will not need much paper. Never put plastic in a stove. Painted or treated wood is also a bad idea.

The chimney is the next element in the system. As the mixture of hot gases, including uncombusted volatile organic compounds (VOCs) goes up, they may condense on the inside of the chimney or liner, especially if the liner is cool. We call this creosote, and it includes all sorts of ash, soot, and oils. This material can burn, starting a chimney fire.

Chimneys need to be regularly cleaned and inspect-

ed. Chimney sweeps are essential professionals, and every stove owner should know one. Annual sweeping is essential, and those who heat primarily with wood are advised to have an additional mid-season sweep.

The buildup to a chimney fire is often the result of poor fire-tending technique. Holldbber shared a case study that highlights several issues: A tenant lived in a home and used the wood stove for years without having the chimney swept. They burned wet, green or improperly seasoned wood, letting it smolder. Creosote built up, even clogging the screen at the cap. A new tenant moved in and built a proper fire, nice and hot, igniting the creosote. Fortunately, Idyllwild Fire Protection District has a fast response time. In this case the chimney was correctly installed and so the building was not damaged. In a proper installation, the stove pipe is never in contact with framing or other wood.

One symptom of incomplete combustion is sooty glass on the doors. People think they are being conservative by nursing a smoldering fire, but they are wasting wood and courting a chimney fire.

Holldbber repeated a formula several times: "wet, green, or improperly seasoned wood" causes trouble. Although some stove users swear by one species of wood and turn up their noses at others, the condition of the wood and the technique of the user are what matters. The best practice is to purchase a moisture meter, \$10-20 on Amazon, and test for 15-20% moisture. Properly seasoned wood feels lighter.

Holldbber says in places like Alaska where firewood is a matter of survival, it is stored like wine: each "vintage" has its own spot, and several years' worth of wood slowly awaits its time. He also recommends a stove thermometer to help you dial in the temperature recommended by the manufacturer. These can also warn about chimney fires.

Holldbber closes with a pitch and a reminder: "Wood stoves have a long life, and even an older unit can continue to provide economical heating for many years, if properly maintained and fed." There are also federal tax credits of 30%, up to \$2,000, on EPA-approved models.

A visit to our local hardware stores with fire safety and power outages in mind

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Fire season never ends here. Outdoor abatement and indoor safety are year-round duties. Public Safety Power Shutoffs add another type of emergency to prepare for. Both local hardware stores, Village Hardware and Forest Lumber, are well stocked with the essentials.

They have plenty of fire extinguishers, and smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. Both also stock emergency chain escape ladders for second-story windows. Both have fireplace tools, metal cans and shovels for ashes, and brushes for keeping chimneys clean.

Flashlights are necessary for all kinds of emergencies, and you will find a variety, along with single-use and rechargeable batteries at both stores. They also have rechargeable weather radios. An AM radio will allow you to tune into WNKI 1610 for emergency information.

With our recent PSPS, sales of generators have been brisk, both portable and whole house units. If they don't have what you need, they can order it and get deliveries every week. The whole-house models require both an electrician and a plumber to install as they have both propane and electrical connections. A transfer switch must be installed, and this can be either manual or automatic. The switch must ensure that generator power and transmission line power never mix. In addition to

the danger of applying two sources of power to your home at the same time, an improper hook-up of a generator can send power onto lines that should be de-energized, which can be fatal to a lineman.

Although both stores have small power banks that can charge a phone, neither stocks the larger power banks that store some hundreds of watt-hours, but both can order them. In addition to keeping a few lights on and charging phones and laptops, these can keep a modem and router going, keeping you connected. Before you buy one, check the wattages of things you would like to keep powered: refrigerators need 350-780 watts. Some of these banks come with solar panels for recharging.

SCE is offering \$150 rebates on both generators and power banks for people like us who live in high fire-risk zones. Visit www.sce.com/residential/rebates-savings/rebates. You can order the equipment through their "marketplace" and have the rebate applied at check out or buy locally and submit your proof of purchase. Edison also has programs to help customers replace old appliances with more efficient models.

Consumers should note that California regulations for generators are getting tighter, and new models are required to have many safety features. They produce fewer emissions and protect against tipping, fire, and electrocution. Never use a generator indoors, not even in a garage, or near an open window or door. Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, and deadly.

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The Cold Facts

An overnight snowstorm is big news in Deersprings Valley. Scarlett Squirrel and her team of reporters at *The Treetop Tribune* have to separate **FACT** from **OPINION** to tell the story. And they need some help from **YOU** to do so!

A **FACT** is something that can be proven true. An **OPINION** is how someone feels about something.



Reporter's Notes

Roscoe Rabbit is a new reporter at the Treetop Tribune. He made a list of facts about the big storm in his reporter's notebook, but is he correct? Circle the **FACTS** in green crayon. Underline the **OPINIONS** in red crayon.

- The heavy snowfall caused several tree branches to break.
- The sound of the howling wind was scary.
- Chuck Chipmunk's family had to seek shelter in a different tree when their nook started filling with ice.
- The storm brought four feet of snow and temperatures fell to 4 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The deep snow looked beautiful in the morning.
- There will never be another storm like this in the Valley.
- Parts of Critter Creek were frozen solid by 3:30 a.m.

The Treetop Tribune

OVERNIGHT STORM LEAVES VALLEY COVERED IN SNOW

By Roscoe Rabbit, Staff Reporter

DEERSPRINGS VALLEY – An overnight winter storm brought frigid temperatures to the valley last night. A low temperature of 4 degrees Fahrenheit was recorded by Oswald Owl at 3:35 a.m.

The storm blew in from central Canada and knocked out power in the town of Riversburg for several hours. But by 10:00 a.m., winds had stopped and sunshine was slowly returning to the valley.

Local trout would be safe for the evening without a worry.

Water levels of rainfall and ponds with tributary streams who are a

Iceicles in the entry way of the Chipmunk family caused them to seek shelter in a neighboring tree.

Once the storm ended, a team of woodpeckers began to chip away at the icicles covering the Chipmunk family's doorway, and the family was able to move back home in their tree before nightfall.

"It was the scariest storm ever," said Chuck Chipmunk. "The winds sounded like an angry, howling wolf!"

Just the Facts

Scarlett knows how important it is to include as many facts as possible in a news story. These facts give readers more understanding of what happened and why.

Look at this article about the storm. Does it tell **WHO**, **WHAT**, **WHEN**, **WHERE** and **WHY**?

WHO: _____

WHAT: _____

WHERE: _____

WHEN: _____

WHY: _____

Take a Survey

A **survey** is a way to gather opinions about something.

Ask your friends and family members which of these veggies they like best. Complete the graph by coloring in a square each time someone selects that vegetable. Share your findings with everyone who took the survey.

CARROTS	POTATOES	TOMATOES	CELERY	BROCCOLI	GREEN BEANS
					

Extra! Extra!

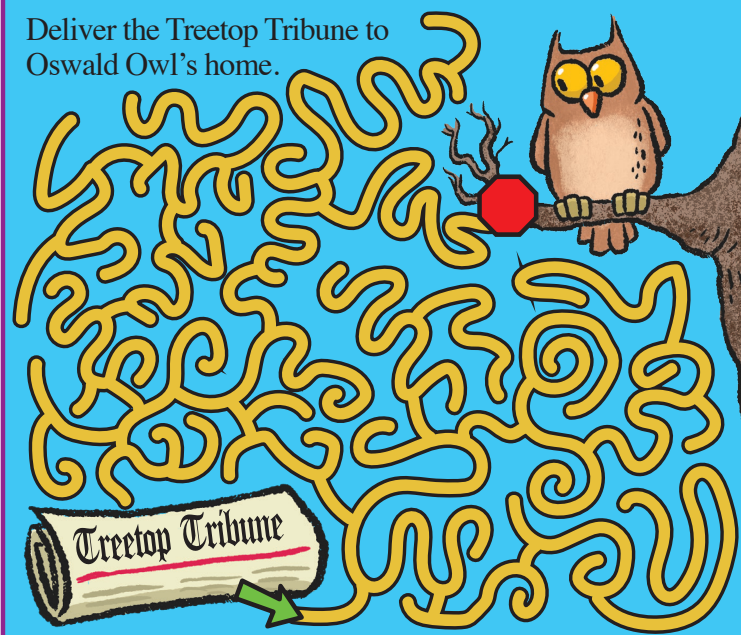
Fact Finder

Find three facts and three opinions in the newspaper. Have three friends take turns deciding which statements are facts and which are opinions. Each correct answer earns 1 point.

Standards Link: Students correctly identify the differences between fact and opinion.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Deliver the Treetop Tribune to Oswald Owl's home.




Double Double Word Search

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

A	F	Y	W	L	C	I	W	T	M
Q	B	A	J	I	R	V	M	R	O
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V	A	L	L	E	Y	W	J	P	S

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



Missing Words

Replace the missing words to complete the article below.

UNDERSTAND COVERAGE
MORNING WEATHER BURROW
EVENT CORRECT NAMED

Early in the _____ every February 2, attention turns to Gobbler's Knob, Pennsylvania, and a groundhog _____ Punxsutawney Phil.

Legend states that if Phil sees his shadow when coming out of his _____, it means he predicts six more weeks of wintery _____. But if he doesn't see his shadow, it means Phil predicts an early spring, according to the legend.

It's a big _____ that began in the late 1800s and gets lots of _____ in the news. Phil's predictions are not always _____. But that's okay, because it's all in the spirit of fun.

A group of people called the "Inner Circle" dress up in long black coats and top hats for the big Groundhog Day announcement of Phil's prediction. The president of the Inner Circle is said to speak *groundhogese* and is the only one who can _____ what Phil says.

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This week's word: **PROVEN**

The word **proven** means something that has been shown to be true or correct.

In our courts, people are considered innocent until **proven** guilty.

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Opinion, Please

Read one article in the newspaper. Write your opinion about the article. Can you use two or more facts to support your opinion? Send your opinion to the newspaper editor.

Standards Link: Language arts: Write to express an opinion.



Why can you never finish an argument with a cloud?

ANSWER: Because the cloud will just storm out on you.

Write On!

What's Your Scoop?

Write a sentence or short paragraph that tells the who, what, where and when about news at your school.



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Lily Rock Ramblers playing at Taryn's Place

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Live Music

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	WED 1/29	THURS 1/30	FRI 1/31	SAT 2/01	SUN 2/02	MON 1/03	TUES 1/04
CAFE AROMA 54750 N Circle Dr		Vincent's Choice 5:30pm-8:30pm			TBA 5:30pm-8:30pm		
FERRO 25840 Cedar St							Jazz Night 6:30pm
MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY 54301 N Circle Dr			Americana Songbook Sandii Castleberry & Lily McCabe 4-7pm	Soft Rock and R&B Jac Jacaruso 3-6pm	R&B and Country Rock The Len-Tones 2-5pm		
TARYN'S PLACE 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3		Francesca Brown 6:30pm	Wayward Hope 6:30pm	Kevin Kertin 6:30pm	MoMoJo 6:30pm	Brett Perkins 6:30pm	

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Two line men work above to complete replacement of powerpole.

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ICC Sports Update

By JOHNNY WILSON, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND RECREATION
CONTRIBUTED

ICC Adult Volleyball

The Idyllwild Brewpub (4-2) re-claimed their 2nd-place standing as they made quick work of Idyllwild Garage (3-2) last Thursday by sweeping them in 3 straight games to win the match 3-0. Idyllwild Garage slides down to 3rd place, tied with BBI Construction who both have a record of 3-2 (3 wins, 2 losses.)

Adams Electric had high hopes as they took on the undefeated Village Hardware last Thursday night. Adams Electric managed to win one game, but the fire power of Village Hardware was just too much as they won the match 3 games to 1.

Adams Electric now have an even record at 2-2 (currently in 5th place) and Village Hardware continue their hot streak as they improve their record to 4-0, currently in 1st place.

The games scheduled for last Tuesday 1/21/2025 (Idyllwild Garage vs Village Hardware @5:45pm / Adams Electric vs Pino Tree Services @7:30pm) will be played on Tuesday 03/18/2025, once again due to power outages.

CURRENT STANDINGS – 2025 ADULT VOLLEYBALL

As of 01/27/2025

Place	TEAM	W	L
1	Village Hardware	4	0
2	Idyllwild Brewpub	4	2
3	Idyllwild Garage	3	2
3	BBI Construction	3	2
5	Adams Electric	2	2
6	Pino Tree Service	0	3
7	Red Kettle	0	5

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“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
—Martin Luther King Jr.

— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

3	4	6	8	7	2	9	5	1
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8	3	4	7	2	9	1	6	5
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6	8	3	2	4	7	5	1	9
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For Sale

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— **King Crossword** —
Answers
Solution time: 26 mins.

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2-inch ad (minimum size)	\$19.95
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Ms. Brianna McGrew, our Behavior Support Specialist has chosen the following students:
Taylynn White and **Annabelle Truelson** both exemplify resilience and determination in their personal journeys.



Taylynn White
Taylynn's ability to transform challenging circumstances into opportunities for positivity, paired with her bold and confident demeanor, is truly admirable.



Annabelle Truelson
Annabelle is a student that has worked hard toward her goals and I am proud of the way she pushes through each obstacle to create her own success. Annabelle has a strong sense of self-confidence, believing in herself and taking pride in her accomplishments.

Great job you two, keep it up!

CREATURE CORNER

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats discussed the benefits of fostering dogs for ARF.

Pepper: As usual, it has been busy at ARF.
Harley: Let's hear it.
Pepper: A wonderful local family picked up a stray dog a little while back. Once she was home with them, they were happy that the thin girl was putting on weight.
Marlowe: Let me guess...she was pregnant! I heard the kind woman called ARF for help, and agreeing to foster the puppies until adopted, she is now working with ARF to find them forever homes.
Harley: How many puppies?
Rowan: You know! We saw them last Saturday.
Harley: Oh! That's right. There were six of them, three girls and three boys.
Rowan: Right. And one of them was adopted this last weekend, leaving three boys and two girls.
Marlowe: They are so damed cute! I've heard they are around 11 weeks old, born on November 2, 2024.
Rowan: And I heard that mom, maybe 30-35 lbs, has some Border Collie in her.
Eeyore: That's a good guess. Maybe dad was larger. Sadly, no one has any idea who he is.
Rowan: How may the public meet these precious pups?
Harley: Assuming the weather cooperates, there will be an adoption event this Saturday, February 1, at Mt. Paws on North Circle, 11 til 2.
Marlowe: I certainly hope lots of people stop by to meet these very sweet, very well-socialized pups. And they're even house trained!

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
County road crews were widening Circle Drive so snow could be pushed back further.

70 years ago - 1955
Locals were told to "stop shoveling and enjoy it" on Idyllwild sledding day at the Halona Lodge hill.

65 years ago - 1960
The Lionss Club unfurled its new American flag, believed to be the first flag on the Hill to show all 50 stars.

60 years ago - 1965
Work started on a new tract, divided into 24 lots, located at Tollgate and Canyon Drive. The parcel of land had been owned by former residents Admiral and Mrs. John McKinney and at one time was part of the old Idyllwild golf course.

55 years ago - 1970
Locals were invited to watch the color TV at Welch's Carriage Inn to see Jon Gnagy, known as America's television art teacher, give painting lessons. Gnagy was an Idyllwild resident.

50 years ago - 1975
A children's playground was installed in a corner of Eleanor Park by a crew of volunteers.

45 years ago - 1980
The Goldfarbs were getting ready for a slew of family celebrations with three members having birthdays, including Mel on Jan. 31. Also, Mel and Dottie would celebrate their wedding anniversary on Feb. 8.

40 years ago - 1985
For a dollar at Fairway Supermarket shoppers could choose 5 pounds of bananas, 4 pounds of carrots, or 6 pounds of onions.

35 years ago - 1990
On the way back to Idyllwild after rescuing

Idyllwild (far left) Mike Taggart (far right) for \$1,500 from Bank of America for the 4th annual "Fish Fest." Mr. Taggart, vice president of the Forest Service Volunteer Association, accompanied by Ranger Doug Threy and Scott Threy, a member of the Service Volunteer Association and coordinator of the Fish Fest. The check will be used for materials for the fishing event. (by Ben Ruffner)

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two men stranded overnight on Santa Rosa Peak after their car slid off Highway 74 near Pinyon, Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit team members came across a snow-covered, seemingly abandoned car with emergency lights flashing. Upon investigation, the RMRU team found two men who had run out of gas eight hours earlier in the first stages of hypothermia.

30 years ago - 1995
Idyllwild Water District was trying to locate the source of an enormous water loss of about 50 gallons per minute. Residents were helping out by calling in found leaks, but the big one was still to be discovered.

25 years ago - 2000
Idyllwild's history came alive at Idyllwild Arts Academy when a panel of long-time Hill residents shared their memories of the early days of Idyllwild. Some of the long-timers who spoke at the Idyllwild History Alive II event were Pat Boss, Bud Hunt, Mary Sigworth, Mary Arnaiz, Keith Froehlich, Sparky Alpert and George Kretsinger.

20 years ago - 2005
Idyllwild Community Recreation Council director Pete Capparelli and county officials discussed ICRC taking over management of Idyllwild recreation activities from the Chamber of Commerce.

15 years ago - 2010
Rain, snow and wind all visited the Hill the prior week. A power outage occurred, but residents incurred minimal suffering compared to the December 2008 storm. By the weekend, visitors from the desert, Hemet and Temecula were winding their way here to play in the local winter wonderland.

11 year ago - 2014
The number of confirmed influenza-related deaths in California doubled the prior week. During the week ending Jan. 18, 50 more people under age 65 died from influenza, for a total of 95 confirmed flu deaths that flu season, including three children.

Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

Calvary Chapel
Mountain Center
29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561
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Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries
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Father Charles E. Miller
Mass Schedule: Sun. 10 a.m.
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Tuesday: Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. - Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.



Winter morning in Idyllwild

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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MAGIC MAZE ● — BRUSH

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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 — OF SODA POP

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Clothes Nail Scrubbing Wire
Floor Paint Shaving

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- ACROSS
1 Dime portrait
4 "Phooey!"
8 Chow
12 Singer Reed
13 Aachen article
14 Russo of "The Intern"
15 Top floor cooler
17 Roman poet
18 Farm fraction
19 Corrodes
20 Monk's home
22 Raw minerals
24 Paint layer
25 Skillet with low sides
29 Gearwheel
30 Prefix with "logical"
31 Bathroom, to a Londoner
32 Refuse holder
34 Lacking slack
35 New Mexico resort
36 Desert flora
- 1 Passe
40 Achy
41 Breakfast chain
42 Village People classic
46 Air-show stunt
47 Sneeze syllable
48 Latin 101 word
49 Singer Lovett
50 Tools with teeth
51 Label
- DOWN
1 Ga. neighbor
2 Speck
3 Yellow turnip
4 Belittle
5 Teeming
6 Political strategist Navarro
7 Hamilton bill
8 Complain
9 Guns the engine
10 One
11 Hotel furniture
- 16 "Cold As Ever" rapper
19 Seized vehicle
20 Bank statement no.
21 Rude dude
22 Killer whales
23 Check
25 Designer Chanel
26 Table protector
27 Summer month in Paris
28 Terse denial
30 Roe provider
33 Treeless tract
34 Poi base
36 Some Pacific salmon
37 Pickling herb
38 "Hi, sailor!"
39 Implement
40 Garbage barge
42 Roast VIPs
43 "Caught ya!"
44 "I — Rock"
45 Eggy quaff

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Answers to puzzles found on B4

HOROSCOPES

January 2025 — Week 5



March 21 – April 19
All that flattery and fawning shouldn't affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.



April 20 – May 20
Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about a "favor" that you're being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation, which you would check out first, of course.



May 21 – June 21
A somewhat-unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters that you might have had to let slide.



June 22 – July 22
Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.



July 23 – August 22
Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.



August 23 – September 22
Travel is favored this week, whether you'll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by the person who wants to be your traveling companion.



September 23 – October 22
Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references you can check out before you make any decisions.



October 23 – November 21
Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well-done. There are other plusses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck!



November 22 – December 21
Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.



December 22 – January 19
Getting a project started can often be difficult, but the good news is that you won't want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!



January 20 – February 18
A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.



February 19 – March 20
What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

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