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Idyllwild Arts Foundation awarded big Wildfire Prevention Grant for crucial fuel break

By DAVID JEROME
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Arts Foundation has been awarded an \$895,055.84 Wildfire Prevention Grant by CAL FIRE. The local nonprofit was among 84 groups on the list of 2026 recipients, collectively awarded a total of \$62 million.

The list notes that the planned Idyllwild Arts Fuel Reduction Project will reduce wildfire risk on 120 acres of IA's 205-acre campus. It calls the school a "critical facility and located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone."

The announcement notes that the project will enhance the efforts of former IA administrations that have been instrumental in enabling firefighters to prevent fire entering the Idyllwild area. "The project builds upon the 2016 IA Forest Management Plan and 2017 treatment that followed: an effort credited with slowing the 2018 Cranston Fire. Outside of defensible space, limited vegetation management has occurred since 2017, resulting in excess hazardous fuels. This project will reduce fuels and further protect the campus and nearby neighborhoods."

Laura Sherman, VP for Campus Planning Facilities and Safety, shared these additional details: "This amount covers the cost of consultants to manage the grant, the Forester to write the scope of work, and the licensed timber operator to carry out the work."

"The grant period of performance will commence in January 2026 and end in February 2029. CEQA compliance will be completed within one year of grant execution. The implementation component for 120 acres is estimated to commence at the beginning of the treatment season in 2027 and be completed by the end of the treatment season in 2028, site conditions permitting. No work is anticipated in 2029. We will continue to apply for future grants to cover the maintenance component every 5 years."



Idyllwild Fire and Corona de Tucson (Arizona) crews managed a flare-up left over from the Cranston Fire along Highway 243 in August 2018. FILE PHOTO

Tina Bourgeois sees progress in Highway 74 safety enforcement, community meeting planned in Anza

CONTRIBUTED BY
TINA BOURGEOIS

(Editor's note: Tina Bourgeois became an advocate for highway safety after the death of her step-son Tristin, who died on October 31, 2024, when a semi pulling two trailers loaded with sand overturned and struck his pickup truck on Highway 74 above Palm Desert. In February of this year, she started a petition on Change.org to limit heavy truck traffic on the highway between 371 and the desert. Tina provided this update on the progress being made towards a safer highway.)

Our mountain community continues to see increased safety enforcement on Highway 74, with CHP citing both passenger vehicles and commercial trucks for safety violations. Recent enforcement efforts have resulted in multiple citations and, in at least one case, a commercial truck and driver being placed out-of-service after inspection. This same truck had been observed pulled over more than once, reinforcing ongoing concerns about unsafe commercial traffic using this steep and winding mountain route.

CHP officers cannot be present at every incident due to limited staffing and the large geographic area they are responsible for covering. In

our mountain communities, a small number of officers patrol many miles of roadway with sharp curves, steep grades, and little margin for error. Despite these challenges, officers continue to prioritize enforcement aimed at preventing serious collisions before they occur.

It is important to recognize that CHP officers serving our mountain communities are doing a demanding and often thankless job. Their work — citing unsafe vehicles, removing dangerous trucks from the roadway, and responding to community calls — plays a critical role in protecting residents, commuters, and visitors alike.

In addition to enforcement, ongoing legislative efforts are underway to pursue long-term safety improvements on Highway 74. I continue to work directly with elected officials and legislative offices to advocate for meaningful policy changes, stronger enforcement tools, and safety measures designed to prevent dangerous commercial traffic and reduce serious crashes on this corridor. These efforts are focused on proactive solutions that protect families, commuters, and first responders who rely on this highway every day.

Looking ahead, our community has an important opportunity to engage directly with deci-

sion-makers.

The office of Assemblyman Jeff Gonzalez is working to coordinate a Mountain Community Town Hall on Highway 74 Safety Enforcement, bringing together: CHP Commander Tony Coronado, Supervisor V Manuel Perez; Assemblymember Greg Wallis; and other local leaders and stakeholders.

This Town Hall will provide a space for residents to: Share concerns and real-world experiences on Highway 74; Express what changes are needed for safer mountain travel; Hear updates on enforcement efforts and legislative progress; and offer constructive ideas and solutions.

The goal is to keep this meeting uplifting, productive, and family- and community-driven, with a focus on collaboration, safety, and shared responsibility.

The meeting will be held in the Anza Community Hall, with date and time to be announced soon. Community members are encouraged to stay tuned for final details and help spread the word so as many voices as possible are represented.

Together, through respectful dialogue, accountability, enforcement, and legislative action, we can help create lasting, meaningful change on Highway 74.

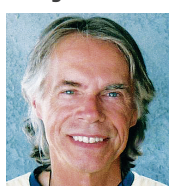


Buzz Holmes acknowledges the audience at the Idyllwild Master Chorale's 50th Anniversary Winter Concert, "A December of Memories."

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Wet, perhaps white, Christmas

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Virtually no precipitation has fallen on the Hill in the past month. However, the National Weather Service is forecasting a wet Christmas Eve and Day, and perhaps, a white Christmas in the mountains.

“An Atmospheric River will bring widespread heavy rain and mountain snow above 8000 ft late Tuesday into Thursday (Christmas Day) . . . There may be additional showers Friday through Sunday with chances lowering from around 70% on Friday to 40% on Saturday, and only around 15-20% Sunday,” according to the NWS on Sunday.

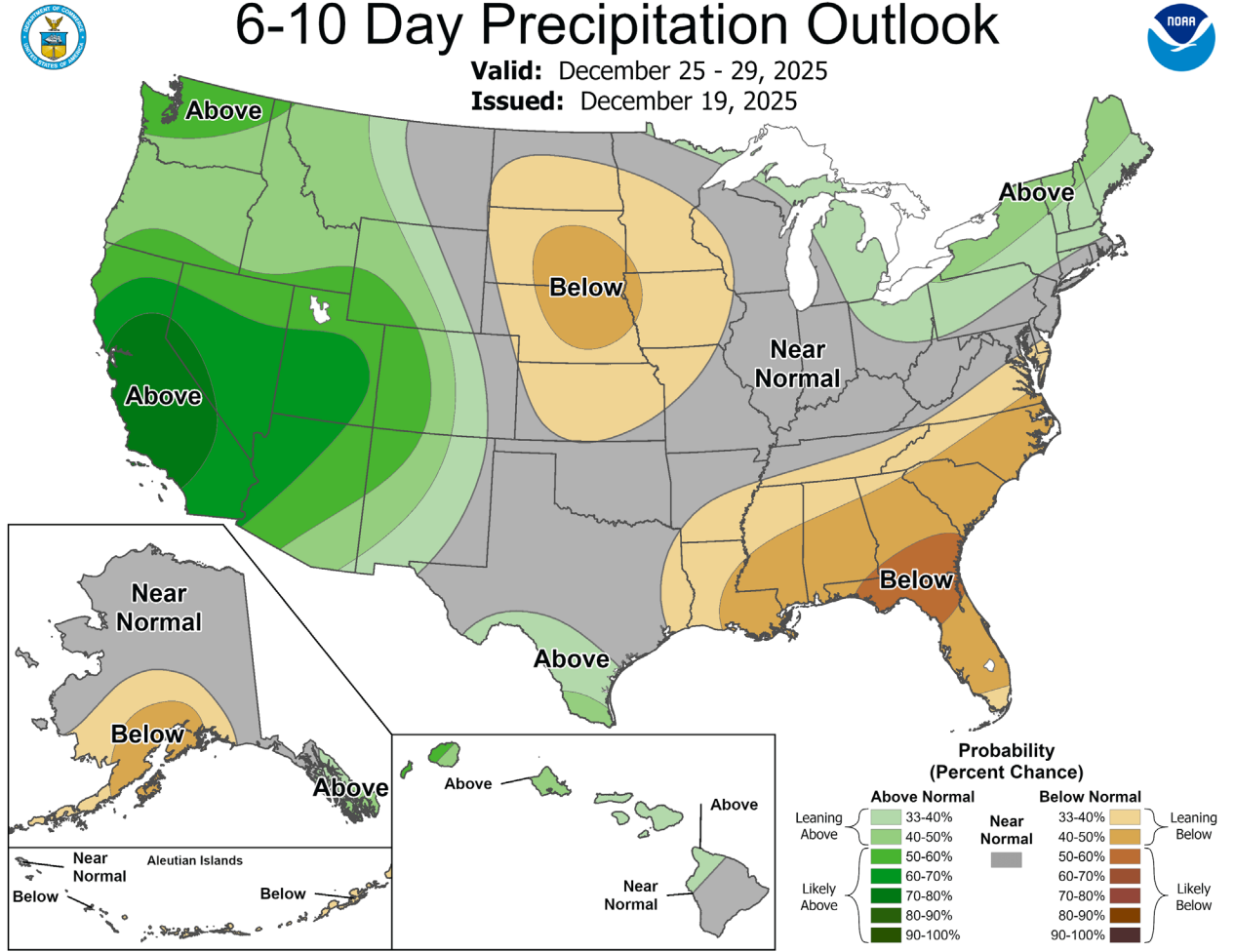
On Christmas Eve and Day, the heaviest rain may fall. The NWS forecast also warns of mudslides and flooding along mountain roads.

Despite the lack of rain throughout the state this fall, the National Drought Mitigation Center reports that no drought conditions are present in California. About 11.7 percent of the State (including western Riverside County and the Hill) is abnormally dry, otherwise no drought threats are present in Southern California.

However, the Cascades in Washington were being drowned in rain. The drought information system at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that precipitation in the current water year (October 1, 2025–September 30, 2026) is near or above median for many parts of the West. But much warmer-than-normal temperatures caused precipitation to fall as rain instead of snow across many basins, leading to snow drought despite wetter-than-normal conditions across most of the West.

Over the past two weeks ago, Idyllwild has set additional temperature records. On Dec. 9, it reached 72 degrees. This was the first time it was this warm on Dec. 9 since 1957, nearly 70 years ago.

Then the night temperature on Dec. 17 was 44 de-



grees, tying the high for 1979. The next two days, Thursday and Friday, were also record setters.

On Dec. 18, it reached 73 degrees on the Hill, the highest temperature for that date since 1958. Then Friday was another balmy daytime temperature of 72 degrees, the highest for Dec. 19 since 1954

Longer term, the National Weather Service has forecast that the weak La Niña conditions will continue into early winter. By late winter or early spring, the NWS expects neutral conditions to appear and continue for several months. They predicted a 68 percent chance of neutral conditions occurring in this period.

However, the transition may take several months according to the NWS, “La Niña may still have some lingering influence through the early Northern Hemisphere spring 2026.”

In the shorter term, the NWS forecast a warm Christmas week in Southern California with above av-

erage chances of precipitation.

Dr. Daniel Swain, a climate scientist with joint appointments as a climate scientist within the California Institute for Water Resources within University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at UCLA, and as a research partner at the National Science Foundation’s National Center for Atmospheric Research, in his “Weather West” posting on Dec. 15 wrote, “I will say that it is still early in the snow accumulation season—comebacks from terrible December snowpacks have certainly occurred in the past, and could well occur this year. (There is even a decent prospect of some colder storms closer to New Year’s— . . . But the general West-wide lack of robust mountain snowpack heading into the second half of December, for the time being, remains somewhere between remarkable and record-breaking (depending on location and definitions).”

FVWD Board approves leak detection rebates

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

In a brief meeting, the Fern Valley Water District Board of Directors approved the policy and the language for announcing its conservation program focused on detecting and eliminating leaks in customers’ pipes.

The vote was unanimous, 4-0, with Director Christine Pyo absent.

Beginning in 2026, FVWD will initiate a new \$150 rebate program for customers who install a smart leak detection device with or without a shut off or smart water shut off device.

To earn and to obtain the rebate, the customer must submit an application with proof of purchase and installation of a device on their FVWD property to the District’s office. The District will then inspect installed the device to assure its compatibility with their equipment.

In addition, the Board urges customers to check with their insurance provider prior to any purchase. Many homeowner insurance companies are now requiring specific units be installed. Consequently, FVWD’s customers should ensure their new device complies with any requirements imposed by their insurance company.

The rebate program will be announced in the January newsletter and include possible detection equipment. The District does not endorse nor recommend any particular device.

During discussion, the Board members stressed

that it is the customer’s responsibility to ensure compliance with their insurance company requirements.

“If the homeowner requires a different unit, they should come to us and we’ll consider approving the rebate for that piece,” said Director Jon Brown.

They also stressed that the purpose of the leak detector was to identify leaks in pipes, not simply to detect moisture or puddles in a room or basement.

FVWD has frequently employed incentives to induce greater customer water conservation. In the past, there were incentives to purchase low-flow toilets and more recently rain barrels for collecting water for outdoor irrigation were promoted.

Introducing his General Manager’s Report, Victor Jimenez said, “Both creeks are producing. We’ve had nice moisture and the wells are up, too . . . Well 11 is up seven and half feet.”

While overall production in November was 6 percent greater than November 2024, nearly two-thirds of the water came from wells as opposed to only 10 percent in 2024.

In other District projects, Jimenez said the office expansion is continuing on track. He expects to have the roof completed before the New Year.

He also reported that after he and Assistant General Manager Jessica Prier interviewed five candidates to replace Jim Nutter who is retiring in February, they made an offer which was accepted. The new employee is expected to start shortly.

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A delicate waxing crescent moon hangs over downtown Idyllwild just after the New Moon on the winter solstice. PHOTO BY MIKE FERRO

Idyllwild Weather

source: www.accuweather.com

Day	High / Low	Conditions
Wednesday 12/24	47 °F / 38 °F	Cloudy and cooler with showers bringing heavy rainfall; watch for flooding
Thursday 12/25	48 °F / 38 °F	Chilly with occasional rain
Friday 12/26	51 °F / 34 °F	Considerable cloudiness and cool with a couple of showers
Saturday 12/27	52 °F / 33 °F	Remaining cloudy and remaining cool; occasional rain in the afternoon
Sunday 12/28	54 °F / 31 °F	Plenty of sunshine
Monday 12/29	58 °F / 33 °F	Sunny
Tuesday 12/30	56 °F / 35 °F	Sun through high clouds

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Community Calendar

Community Events December 24th – December 25th

Wednesday December 24th

ICC events:

- Kids Holiday Camp - 9:00am - 5:00pm pm - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Library events:

- CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Thursday December 25th

ICC events:

- CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Library Event:

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Friday December 26th

ICC events:

- Kids Holiday Camp - 9:00am - 5:00pm pm - Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St

Library Event:

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY.

Saturday December 27th

ICC events:

- CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Sunday December 28th -

ICC events:

- Farmers Market – 9:00am –2:00 pm – Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Monday December 29th

ICC events:

- CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Tuesday Decmeber 30th

ICC events:

- CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Idyllwild Library:

- Mah Jongg – 11:00am – 2:30pm - 54401 Village Center Dr.

By MICHAEL FERRO
PUBLISHER

Beginning in January, the price of a single copy of the Idyllwild Town Crier will increase from \$1 to \$2 per issue. This is the paper's first price increase since 2017.

Over the past several years, the costs of producing a local newspaper, from printing and materials to distribution and operations, have steadily risen. At the same time, we have made a deliberate choice not just to keep the Town Crier going, but to improve it.

This small price adjustment helps us continue investing in local journalism, expand coverage of the issues that matter in our mountain communities, and reinvest in our growing membership program, which plays an increasingly important role in sustaining the paper.

IWD to send third round of surveys to support grant application for sewer project, discusses lawsuit in closed session

By DAVID JEROME
EDITOR

The December meeting of Idyllwild Water District covered the usual operations and business reports before going into closed session to discuss a lawsuit filed against the district in October.

GM Bill Rojas reported November water loss at 7% on production (supplies to system) of 6,225,506 gallons. November revenues were \$93,336 for sewer and \$163,226 for water. The water revenue was 4.74% under budget. Expenses were \$53,521 for sewer, 29% under budget, and \$152,005, for water, 17% under budget.

The Median Household Income survey to support the grant application for the rehabilitation of the district's 55-year-old wastewater treatment plant continues. A second round of surveys brought back 38 responses, bringing the total to 109 by the time the agenda was posted, and the board heard that over a dozen responses had arrived in the last few days. Another round of surveys will be sent out, with a target of 200 responses out of 586 customers.

Board President Charles Schelly expressed the hope that renters in particular will respond to the survey, as they are likely to have lower income. The district will send out email reminders to residential sewer customers asking them to fill the survey out. Businesses are not included in the survey. The target MHI is \$77,250, and if the surveys come in over this amount, grant funding will not be available.

The GM also reported that the last document has been submitted to California Rural Water Association to support the application for funding. The project has been deemed eligible for up to \$10 million in funding, but even low interest loans would be a strain, and the District hopes that grant funding will enable them to go forward with replacing the facility.

Chief Water Operator Brian Wilson has competed a course and is scheduled to take an exam in January that will certify him as a Cross Connection Control Specialist. This will allow the district to perform its own cross connection inspections instead of hiring a contractor.

General Council Ryan Guiboa briefed the board on changes in state laws that will affect them. The District

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will have to ensure public access to certificates attesting that board members have completed ethics training, either by posting them online or posting a form to request them. Posting more information online, Guiboa underlined, will mean less work complying with Public Records Requests.

There are also new requirements for an additional two hours of ethics training for board members. This training will include: laws relating to personal gain; laws relating to office-holder perks; governmental transparency laws, including the Brown Act; and law relating to fair process, including contracts.

After the public session the board went into closed session to confer with legal council over a suit filed by Jonathon Mills naming IWD, CFO Hosny Shouman, and Directors Charles Schelly, Steve Olson and Mitch Davis as defendants.

Mills alleges fraud, conversion (like fraud but focused on unauthorized control or appropriation of assets), embezzlement with intent to defraud, Brown Act violation, and conspiracy, all in connection with the purchase by the district of the house on Pine Crest from in-laws of board member Jessica Priefer.

Priefer, who is not accused of any wrongdoing in the suit, recused herself from the matter when she found out that the search committee, Olson and Davis, had included her late father-in-law's house in their list.

The suit demands \$1,800,000, fees and costs incurred in the suit, accounting for all payments to board members and their families and no-bid contracts for the last seven years, the right to part of the property, a halt to further spending on the house including well installation, and "injunction for anything reversible."

The suit was filed on October 20, and a hearing on a motion to strike the complaint is scheduled for January 20. The suit also calls out the Town Crier for its "failure" to report the purchase of the house as "front page news." For those who wish to follow the case through the County Court, the case number is CVRI 2505551. Our online version of the paper will include a link to the complaint.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN THE IDYLLWILD AREA

October – December 2025	tain
<p>Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA - Discussion, 12:00 PM – Idyllwild Water District • AA - Speaker Meeting (last Sunday of the month), 1:00 PM – St. Hugh's • "Mixed Nuts" (AI-Anon with AA participation), 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Spirit Mountain 	<p>Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idy A's – Members of AA, NA, AI-Anon, CODA, etc., 12:00 PM – St. Hugh's • AA with AI-Anon participation, 5:30 PM – Ark of Light
<p>Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA - Discussion, 12:00 PM – St. Hugh's • CoDA (Co-Dependents Anonymous), 6:00 PM on Zoom – Call Mary at 951-634-4048 for link • AA (Closed – Women Only), 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM – St. Hugh's 	<p>Saturday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA - Big Book Study, 12:00 PM – St. Hugh's • NA – "Recovery on the Hill" meeting, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Inside Idyllwild Water District • AA - Happy Hour & Birthdays (bring a chair), 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM – Behind Idyllwild Water District
<p>Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA - 12x12, 12:00 PM – St. Hugh's 	<p>Every Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA Meetings Online – Any time – https://aa-intergroup.org
<p>Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoDA (Co-Dependents Anonymous), 12:00 PM – St. Hugh's • ACA/ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics), 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM – Spirit Mountain 	<p>Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. • Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
<p>Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA - Discussion & Birthdays, 12:00 PM – St. Hugh's • Emotions Anonymous, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Spirit Mountain • ACA/AI-Anon Step Study, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Spirit Mountain • AI-Anon, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Spirit Mountain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ark of Light, 54445 N. Circle Dr., Suite F • Idyllwild Water District, 25945 State Hwy 243 <p>All meetings are open unless otherwise noted.</p> <p>Meeting secretaries: please call 951-634-4048 to change info.</p>

Temperature Records Tied or Broken

Highest Maximum Temperature Records Broken Or Tied On Dec 19 2025

Location	New Record	Old Record	Period Of Record
San Jacinto	83 Tied	83 In 2024	1948
Idyllwild	72 Tied	72 In 1954	1943

Highest Maximum Temperature Records Broken Or Tied On Dec 18 2025

Location	New Record	Old Record	Period Of Record
Ramona	85 Tied	85 In 2024	1974
Alpine	85	80 In 1958	1951
Big Bear	69	64 In 2003	1960
Idyllwild	73 Tied	73 In 1958	1943

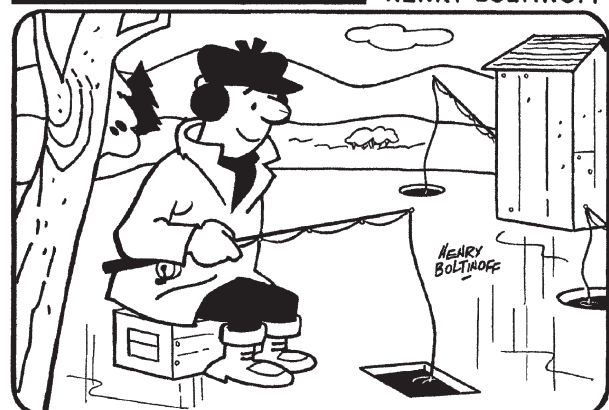
Highest Minimum Temperature Records Broken Or Tied On Dec 17 2025

Location	New Record	Old Record	Period Of Record
Big Bear	37 Tied	37 In 1996	1960
Idyllwild	44 Tied	44 In 1979	1943
Palomar Mountain	53 Tied	53 In 2013	1901

Highest Maximum Temperature Records Broken Or Tied On Dec 09 2025

Location	New Record	Old Record	Period Of Record
San Jacinto	83	81 In 2001	1948
Escondido	86 Tied	86 In 1950	1893
Big Bear	72	65 In 2015	1960
Idyllwild	72 Tied	72 In 1957	1943

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LUNA DEL SOL LLC
253 N 22ND ST
BANNING, CA 92220

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability company.
State of LLC: CA.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrator Signature:
ALONSO MANUEL MENDEZ VARGAS
CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 11/18/2025.
FILE NO.: R-202513780

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CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

CVMU2511391
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET, BLDG. D #201, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Branch name: Moreno Valley Courthouse.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: SANDRA NICOLE VALDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: SANDRA NICOLE VALDEZ changed to Proposed name: NICOLE ARROYO.

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: 01/21/2026 Time: 8:00 am.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above, Dept. M2
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.
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Pub. TC: December 11, 18, 25, 2025, January 1, 2026

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: December 11, 18, 25, 2025, January 1, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as FEEL YOUR BEST CBG PAIN MANAGEMENT, 54360 1/2 NORTH CIRCLE DR, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing address: PO BOX #333, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

MICHAEL ROY ALLEN
PO BOX #333
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrator Signature:
MICHAEL ROY ALLEN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 12/02/2025.
FILE NO.: R-202514256

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: December 11, 18, 25, 2025, January 1, 2026

CVCO2508639 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: ROSHA E MOANA POLAMALU on behalf of KENNEDY IOANE POLAMALU-FREEMAN, a minor, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: KENNEDY IOANE POLAMALU-FREEMAN changed to Proposed name: KENNEDY IOANE POLAMALU.

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: 1/21/2026 Time: 8:00 am.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above, Dept. C2

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: 12/02/2025

RANDALL S. STAMEN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: December 11, 18, 25, 2025, January 1, 2026.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MOUNTAIN MIKE CUSTOM LEATHER, 54360 1/2 NORTH CIRCLE DR, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: PO. BOX #333, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

MICHAEL ROY ALLEN
PO. BOX #333
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 6/27/2022.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrator Signature:
MICHAEL ROY ALLEN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 12/02/2025.
FILE NO.:

R-202514255
NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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CERTIFICATION
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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: December 11, 18, 25, 2025, January 1, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as REBATH, 33528 MONTE VERDE, TEMECULA, CA 92592. Mailing Address: 28822 OLD TOWN FRONT STREET, UNIT 204, TEMECULA, CA 92590, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

NEW CALIFORNIA BATHROOM CORP
28822 OLD TOWN FRONT ST UNIT 204
TEMECULA, CA 92590

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
State of Corporation: CA

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on November 1, 2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrator Signature:
NIKO ZAVALA
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 12/08/2025.
FILE NO.: R-202514447

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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CERTIFICATION
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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: December 11, 18, 25, 2025, January 1, 2026

CVME 2513096 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: THOMAS WILLIAM KETTERLING filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: THOMAS WILLIAM KETTERLING changed to Proposed name: THOMAS WILLIAM LENIHAN.

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: 01/29/2026. Time: 8:00 am, Dept. M205.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: December 02, 2025.

BELINDA A. HANDY
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: December 11, 18, 25, 2025, January 1, 2026

APN: 472-332-009 TS NO: CA05000339-251 TO NO: 250495756-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

(The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 7, 2025. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 21, 2026 at 09:00 AM. In the courtyard, of the Historic Corona Civic Center, 815 W Sixth St, Corona, CA 92882, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee,

under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on January 10, 2025 as Instrument No. 2025-0009277, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Riverside County, California, executed by XIAOQING ZHAO, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for OBSIDIAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: REF NO.: CA05000339-25PAPARCEL NO. 1-LOT 49 OF TRACT MAP NO. 37449-2 AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED IN BOOK 490, AT PAGES 1 TO 6, INCLUSIVE, OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY RECORDER ("MAP"), EXCEPT THEREFROM, FOR THE BENEFIT OF GRANTOR, AND ITS SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND ASSIGNEES, TO THE EXTENT NOT ALREADY EXCEPTED OR RESERVED BY INSTRUMENT OF RECORD. ANY AND ALL REMAINING OIL RIGHTS, MINERAL RIGHTS, NATURAL GAS RIGHTS AND RIGHTS TO ALL OTHER HYDROCARBONS BY WHATSOEVER NAME KNOWN, TO ALL GEOTHERMAL HEAT AND TO ALL PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM ANY OF THE FOREGOING (COLLECTIVELY, "SUBSURFACE RESOURCES"); B. THE PERPETUAL RIGHT TO DRILL, MINE, EXPLORE AND OPERATE FOR AND TO PRODUCE, STORE AND REMOVE ANY OF THE SUBSURFACE RESOURCES ON OR FROM THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO WHIPSTOCK OR DIRECTIONALLY DRILL AND MINE FROM LANDS OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY, WELLS, TUNNELS AND SHAFTS INTO, THROUGH OR ACROSS THE SUBSURFACE OF THE PROPERTY, AND TO BOTTOM SUCH WHIPSTOCKED OR DIRECTIONALLY DRILLED WELLS, TUNNELS AND SHAFTS WITHIN OR BEYOND THE EXTERIOR LIMITS OF THE PROPERTY, AND TO REDRILL, RETUNNEL, EQUIP, MAINTAIN, REPAIR, DEEPEN AND OPERATE ANY SUCH WELLS OR MINES, WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO DRILL, MINE, EXPLORE, OPERATE, PRODUCE, STORE OR REMOVE ANY OF THE SUBSURFACE RESOURCES THROUGH OR IN THE SURFACE OR THE UPPER FIVE HUNDRED FEET (500') OF THE SUBSURFACE OF THE PROPERTY; AND C. ANY AND ALL WATER, WATER RIGHTS, IF ANY, INCLUDING WITHIN AND UNDERLYING THE PROPERTY. PARCEL NO. 2. NONEXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, ACCESS, ENCROACHMENT, SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, DRAINAGE, ENFORCEMENT AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES, ALL AS DESCRIBED AND RESERVED IN THE MASTER DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS FOR SIENA (THE "MASTER DECLARATION"), RECORDED APRIL 13, 2023, AS DOCUMENT NO. 2023-0105668, AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL MASTER DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS AND DESIGNATION OF PHASE FORTSINA (VIOLA AT SIENA, PHASE 10) ("PHASE DESIGNATION") WHICH WAS RECORDED ON AUGUST 1, 2023 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2023-0222771, ALL OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA ("OFFICIAL RECORDS"), AND THE MAP, ALL OF THE FOREGOING TO BE EXERCISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 34039 RED BERRY LN, WINCHESTER, CA 92596 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$793,700.67 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05000339-25-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information on or the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURE AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction

pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA05000339-25-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 10, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000339-25-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 Order Number 119391.

Pub. TC: DECEMBER 18, 25, 2025, JANUARY 1, 2026

CVME 2513138 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: AMBER LEON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: SCARLETT GAIA LEON changed to Proposed name: SCARLETT GRACE LEON.

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: 04/16/2026. Time: 8:00 am, Dept. M205.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: December 4, 2025.

BELINDA A. HANDY
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: December 18, 25, 2025, January 1, 8, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/are doing business as CARRIE PRACTOR, 32605 TEMECULA PKWY #218, TEMECULA, CA 92592, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

MCCARTHY CHIROPRACTIC INC
32605 TEMECULA PKWY #218
TEMECULA, CA 92592

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
State of Corporation: CA

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 11/1/2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrator Signature:
CHEYENNE MCCARTHY
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 12/10/2025.
FILE NO.: R-202514595

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: December 18, 25, 2025, January 1, 8, 2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

Idyllwild Climbers Alliance stewards climbing experience and history

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

This week, the Town Crier spoke with two board members of the Idyllwild Climbers Alliance, a local all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission of preserving, protecting and enhancing the climbing experience in the San Jacinto mountains through conservation, stewardship and education of all who come to experience the unique, historic values of the area. This last year the group has been engaged in a concerted effort to build the organization and reach out to climbers and prospective climbers.

James Verhague, president, and John Jacobs, board member, told of the history and activities of the group, and their own involvement in climbing and the Alliance.

Jacobs joined the ICA two years ago, and has served on the boards of the Idyllwild-based Boojum Institute, Friends of Joshua Tree, and San Diego Mountain Rescue Team. He explained how ICA fits into the larger landscape of rock climbing. "The ICA is a local climbing org, an LCO, within climbing advocacy, one of many across country. The partnering organization is the Access Fund, we are an Access Fund affiliate. They have been around over 40 years."

Verhague told of the beginning of the organization. "ICA was started by Jim Pinter-Lucke, who, unfortunately, just passed way in September. He wanted locals to take over, the torch passed in the last five years." Pinter-Lucke was a Claremont resident who spent a lot of time on local climbs.

Jacobs said of Pinter-Lucke that "he was a long-time climber in the local area, a member of the Tahquitz/Suicide Rock climber community. He started ICA because there were issues around access and climber resources."

The Access Fund had already addressed one issue in Idyllwild. "The Access Fund was originally involved in the 1990s with the Suicide Rock climber trail. The original trail went across a creek and cut through or close to private land. Landowners did not like that. The Access Fund helped negotiate with the Forest Service to create a new trail in its current location."

Idyllwild, the two climbers tell us, is unique both for the physical quality of its rocks, ("fantastic," "Yosemite-quality") and for its role in the development of the sport. Jacobs pointed out that Idyllwild figures prominently in the history of climbing, and sharing this heritage is also part of the group's mission. "Tahquitz and Suicide Rock played a critical historical role in climbing. The rating system was developed here at Tahquitz. People call it the Yosemite system, but it was developed on Tahquitz and was originally known as the Tahquitz decimal system. The first 5.8 and 5.9 climbs were done here on Tahquitz."

Verhague notes those were "cutting edge climbs, the most difficult at that moment," in the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Jacobs adds "because of this history we feel it is important for group like this to exist, grow, and expand."

"As climbing was developing in the US in the 30s and 40s, Tahquitz was central. Techniques now used worldwide were developed here. People think of Yosemite, but those people who made names for themselves in Yosemite, like Royal Robbins, started here."

Verhague also pointed out that several favorite bouldering areas can be found within the San Jacinto Mountains, in particular Black Mountain. Bouldering, for many, is an entry into the sport. Jacobs added that



Rappelling from Tahquitz Rock

PHOTO BY JEFF COOPER COURTESY ICA

in the last 20 years bouldering has been the most significant area of influx for new climbers, being both highly social and requiring minimal equipment.

Jacobs underlines that the main focus is still on the technical climbs. "The primary value of climbing up here is longer traditional routes involving multiple rope pitches, protection and hardware, and a strong mind. In SoCal it well known for that. It's the climbing ethic up here."

The members of the group, the "Allies," are the volunteers that do a lot of the work. "We're just a structure within which they can operate." There is a Board of Directors; a number of supporters that have areas of expertise; partners like land managers—the San Jacinto District of the USFS in particular; and sponsors that provide financial support directly or indirectly. All board members are local residents. "We are 100% volunteer."

The group has invested time during this last year to raise the visibility of the organization, using social media, Instagram FaceBook and most recently a new website. "Our yearly events involve trail clean ups, one scheduled for June 13. Some of the more recent projects completed included the retaining wall along the Suicide Rock climbers trail, and graffiti removal." The website includes a signup form for the upcoming Trail Cleanup, aka "Climbers Festival."

The website includes information on the ICA's history and mission, local resources for visiting climbers, a donation portal, and tells how to become involved. It contains dramatic imagery from photographers like Bob Gaines, Kevin Powell, Greg Epperson, well known within climbing circles.

Verhague notes that ICA helps climbers network but does not directly offer teaching or apprenticeship. They encourage the use of "legitimate commercial guide services in the area." Guides, Jacobs added, "should be properly commercial permitted with the Forest Service, insured, and accredited with the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) or Professional Climbing Guides Institute (PCGI.)"

The group's revenue comes primarily from auctions of gear and equipment donated by sponsors, and private donations. As the end of the year approaches, many think of charitable organizations and how they can make an impact with their contributions. ICA asks those seeking worthy causes to "please" consider them. The group is also seeking people who can help in a variety of different support modes, in the field, and organizationally.

To learn more, visit the website: Idyllwildclimbers.org

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| Earth 'N' Fire | | The Spruce Moose |
| Earths Elements | | Strawberry Creek Inn |
| El Buen Cacao | | The Sunflower Bakery |
| Donna Elliot & Neil Jenkins | | Taryn's Place |
| Emily Bishop | Idyllwild Hair Salon | Tommy's Kitchen |
| Ephemera Bazaar | Idyllwild Ice Cream | Top Hat Chimney Sweep |
| Ferro Restaurant | Idy Massage | Eric Tracy |
| Forest Lumber | Idyllwild Soda Pop & Sweet Shop | Trader Joe's |
| Fratello's | La Casita Mexican Restaurant | Village Hair Creations |
| The Funky Bazaar | La Esquina Argentina | Village Hardware |
| Gastronome | Barbara Larsh | Village Lumber |
| John Graham | Lumber Mill | Waffleton |
| Hallolokx Hat Bar | Mama's Egg House | Wax Apothecary |
| Harold K Smith Excavating & Materials | Manzanita Cantina & Grill | Elizabeth White |
| Haven Decor & Gallery | Merkaba Tea | Woolley's |
| The Hidden Grotto | Middle Ridge Winery | Woodland Park Manor |
| Hidden Treasures | Mile High Cafe | Yardbirds Landscaping |
| Idy Sushi | Mountain Do's | Stephanie Yost & Steve Olson |
| Idy-Do Delivery | Mountain Top Liquor | |
| Idy Realty | | |
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Thank You



CDC will no longer recommend Hepatitis B vaccines, West Coast Health Alliance continues to support vaccination for newborns

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

For decades, physicians and pediatricians have recommended that newborns receive the hepatitis B vaccine shortly after birth. But earlier this month the Centers for Disease Control adopted individual-based decision-making for hepatitis B immunization. Now parents, perhaps after consultation with their health professionals, will decide whether and when their child receives a hepatitis B vaccine, including the birth dose.

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices committee says that for infants born to mothers who test negative for hepatitis B parents should make the decision on their own. If they skip it immediately, they should then wait until at least two months of age to begin vaccination.

"This recommendation reflects ACIP's rigorous review of the available evidence," said Acting Director of the CDC and Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services Jim O'Neill in the press release announcing the decision. "We are restoring the balance of informed consent to parents whose newborns face little risk of contracting hepatitis B."

While the vaccine is no longer recommended for all babies, the ACIP did not recommend a change for babies at highest risk. These are Infants born to mothers known to have hepatitis B. Infections are often asymptomatic, most mothers do not know they have the virus. At least 15 percent of pregnant women in the U.S. are not tested for the disease, experts said.

These infants should be vaccinated because at least half of transmissions occur from mother to child, typically at birth. The vaccine will reduce the risk of perinatal transmission.

The West Coast Health Alliance, which the California Department of Public Health has joined, stressed in a press release, that it "... strongly supports that hepatitis B vaccination continue to be routinely offered to all

newborns, with the first dose of the vaccine given within 24 hours of birth for newborns weighing at least 2,000 grams (4 pounds, 7 ounces), followed by completion of the vaccine series. This recommendation aligns with trusted national medical organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Infectious Diseases Society of America

On December 16, the CDC formally approved its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' December 5 recommendation to drop a decades-old recommendation to vaccinate all newborns against hepatitis B.

"This irresponsible and purposely misleading guidance will lead to more hepatitis B infections in infants and children," said Susan J. Kressly, MD, FAAP, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics in a press release following the ACIP recommendation. "I want to reassure parents and clinicians that there is no new or concerning information about the hepatitis B vaccine that is prompting this change, nor has children's risk of contracting hepatitis B changed. Instead, this is the result of a deliberate strategy to sow fear and distrust among families."

About 90 percent of infants infected at birth develop chronic hepatitis B infection. Among those with chronic infection, 25 percent will die prematurely from the disease, according to the AAP.

The AAP continues to recommend giving newborns a dose of hepatitis B vaccine within 24 hours of birth with additional doses at 1-2 months and 6-18 months.

The change in the current recommendation would not prevent newborns from receiving the vaccine. No evidence suggests that waiting is safer or more effective.

Infants who contract hepatitis B are overwhelmingly likely to develop chronic hepatitis B. This can eventually cause liver failure or develop into liver cancer or cirrhosis in midlife.

"Decades of scientific evidence shows that the birth

dose of the hepatitis B vaccine is essential to protecting all newborns from a serious, chronic infection that can lead to liver disease, cirrhosis, liver cancer, and even death," said Sandra Admson Fryhofer, Md, a trustee of the American Medical Association. "Rolling back this recommendation creates confusion and doubt about vaccines, reverses hard-won progress in preventing hepatitis B, and will undoubtedly result in completely preventable illness and death. Physicians continue to recommend the birth dose of the hepatitis B vaccine for all newborns, and we encourage parents with questions about vaccines to talk to their physician."

Dr Leanna S. Wen wrote in the Washington Post, "To summarize that research: Three doses of the vaccine is highly effective against acute hepatitis B, and protection lasts for a lifetime. It is nothing short of a miracle that the universal birth dose recommendation drove childhood infections in the United States from about 18,000 cases a year down to about 20."

The ACIP vote was 8 to 3 to adopt "individual-based decision making" for the newborn hep B vaccine dose for babies born to women who test negative, as are more than 99% of babies born in the U.S.

The incidence of reported acute HBV infections among children and adolescents has decreased substantially over the past four decades. In 2022, there were no reported cases of acute HBV infections among 1- to 4-year-olds and only two reported cases in 5- to 14-year-olds. Over time, acute HBV has also consistently declined in the 20- to 29-year-old category, historically a group at highest risk. Adults who were born after initiation of the universal birth dose recommendation have substantially lower incidence of acute hepatitis B than those born prior to its implementation, according to a Dec. 2 analysis from the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy.

"Universal hepatitis B vaccinations at birth save lives, and walking away from this science is reckless," said Gov. Gavin Newsom in a Dec. 5 press release.

Substantial increase for Covered Cal health premiums

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

The federal tax credits which lowered premiums for health insurance bought through the Affordable Care Act will expire on December 31, 2025. H.R. 1, the "One Big Beautiful Bill" Act, which President Donald Trump supported and signed last summer, did not extend Enhanced Premium Tax Credits.

Absent an extension of the enhanced tax credits, the Obamacare subsidies revert to pre-pandemic levels.

The Affordable Care Act creates insurance coverage for which households pay a percentage of their income toward the premium. The tax credit covers the remainder, with the payment generally made directly to the insurer.

The enhanced subsidies reduced the amount of household income people had to pay toward their own coverage, with the lowest-income people paying nothing. Also, there was no upper limit on income to qualify — a particular point of criticism from Republicans

The recent seven-week Federal government shutdown has not resolved the question of whether the credits will expire or be extended. Neither the House of Representatives nor the Senate have been able to find a compromise to prevent their expiration. Both have ad-

journalled until 2026 without any action.

Consequently, as Covered California announced in August, its premiums for 2026 will have an average increase of 10.3 percent in January. The first double digit increase since 2018. Approximately 1.93 million Californians (as of January 2025) get health insurance through the Covered California marketplace.

In October, Gov. Gavin Newsom warned, "Californians enrolled in the state's health care marketplace, Covered California, will see their monthly health insurance bills nearly double beginning in January — and in some cases more than triple."

Following the shutdown, the Senate Republicans and Democrats each submitted a bill their party supported. The Democratic version extended the premium subsidies. Another option, favored by the Republicans, proposed funding health savings accounts. But neither could garner 60 votes which would have avoided and chance of a filibuster.

The House has not voted on reconsidering the premium increases. However, with the support of four Republican Representatives, it may have the chance in January to vote on this issue.

In general, the Democrats universally support continuing the premium subsidies. However, Republicans

are split. Many feel the cost is too much. Others believe that the higher subsidies encouraged and created more fraudulent applicants. And a few do support the extension of the credits lowering premiums.

Earlier this month, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services released data from the first month of the current open enrollment indicating that 949,450 enrollees signed up for ACA coverage who did not have it in 2025.

In California, Covered Cal reported that new enrollees fell 33 percent compared to last year; however, renewing participants were up 9 percent in the first month.

Enrollment in Covered California's plans for the year 2026 is still open and will end January 31, 2026. Current enrollees will be automatically re-enrolled in 2026 with the same health plan from 2025, as long as the plan is still available and the enrollee is still eligible, according to Covered California.

To check one's eligibility or look at other plans, Covered Cal recommends their Shop and Compare Tool at apply.coveredca.com/lw-shopandcompare/.

Or one can call Covered Cal at 800-300-1506 to learn whether they are eligible for Medi-Cal, whose enrollment is year-round.

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Members can also look forward to **Town Crier Meetups every other month**, hosted at different local businesses throughout town. These rotating gatherings are designed to bring readers, business owners, and neighbors together in a relaxed, welcoming setting while spotlighting the places that help make Idyllwild special.

Current member perks include **10% off your next tea at Shala Tea Co.**, a **free dessert at Idyllwild Brewpub with a \$40 purchase**, **\$10 off a firing fee at Mountain Pottery**, and **10% off your meal at Red Kettle**, along with **member-only raffle prizes** at upcoming local meetups. When you support the Town Crier, you're also supporting the local businesses that keep this town thriving.

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Wishing our community a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

-The Town Crier Team



On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

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IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., DEC 25TH, 2025

Town Crier Hosts Successful Holiday Social & Member Appreciation Night

By COREY PICKETT
ADVERTISING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Town Crier welcomed community members, local partners, and supporters to a Holiday Social and Member Appreciation Night that exceeded expectations and marked a strong close to a year of transition and renewal for the paper.

The evening brought together over 60 guests for a warm, festive gathering focused on community connection, local partnership, and the future of the Town Crier. Guests enjoyed food catered by Ferro, local wine by Middle Ridge Winery, and a lively atmosphere that reflected the spirit of Idyllwild and the paper's deep roots in the community.

The evening also demonstrated meaningful support for the paper's continued growth and sustainability. Guests actively participated in the silent auction, merchandise sales exceeded expectations, and several attendees chose to join or upgrade their memberships during the event. The strong response reflected genuine enthusiasm for the Town Crier's evolving membership program and long-term vision.

During the evening, the Town Crier team shared updates on the future of the paper, including plans to deepen partnerships with local businesses and expand member benefits. Attendees were receptive and vocal in their support, expressing appreciation for the paper's efforts to create more opportunities for connection through in-person gatherings. Many guests shared that events like this help strengthen the relationship between the newspaper and the community it serves.

The evening also offered a moment of reflection on a challenging year for the paper. Guests gained insight into the dedication required to keep the Town Crier operating through a period of significant transition. Publisher Michael Ferro and Editor David Jerome were both recognized for their leadership during this time, with Michael's commitment to keeping the doors open and David's steady editorial guidance anchoring the paper's day-to-day operations. In recent months, renewed energy and direction have emerged through expanded community outreach led by Corey Pickett, the Town Crier's newly hired Advertising and Community Outreach representative, bringing fresh ideas and a strengthened focus on growth and engagement.

Adding a bit of fun to the evening, the elusive Idyll-Beast made a surprise appearance, delighting guests and drawing plenty of smiles. Long rumored to roam the forests surrounding Idyllwild, the beloved beast was spotted mingling with members, enjoying the local wine, and soaking up the festive energy. Word around town is that the Idyll-Beast may once again be frequenting local businesses marking a lighthearted return of a familiar Idyllwild favorite. Rumor has it the Idyll-Beast may be leaving more than footprints behind, with new merchandise set to appear soon in the Town Crier shop.

The Town Crier extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, contributed, bid, purchased merchandise, and continues to support local journalism. The strong turnout and positive response made it clear that the community is ready to move forward together.

The Town Crier would also like to extend special thanks to Middle Ridge Winery for hosting such a beautiful evening, and to the paper's valued membership partners, including Idyllwild Brewpub, Rustic Theatre, Shala Tea Co., Ferro, Red Kettle, and Mountain Pottery, whose ongoing support helps strengthen local journalism and community connection.

For more information about the Town Crier's membership program or upcoming events, visit TownCrier.com.



Corey Pickett served as the event's host

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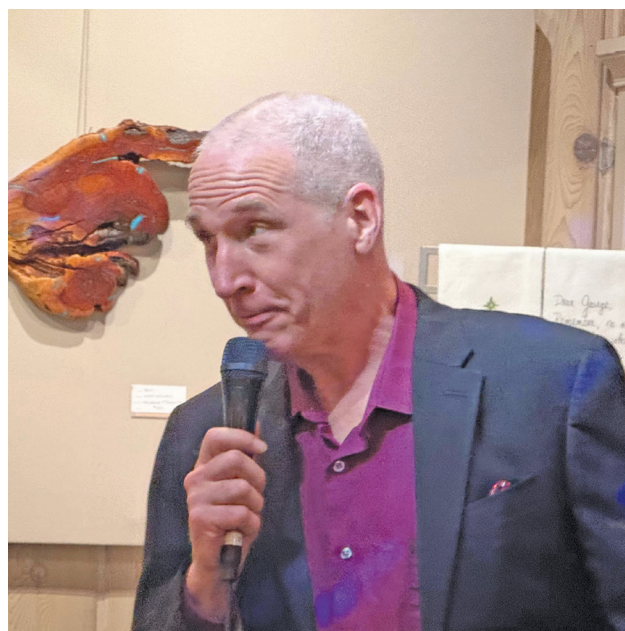
Even the Idyll-Beast crashed the party to toast District 4 Woman on the Year Reba Coulter.

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Town Crier Members and locals filled Middle Ridge Winery for the Town Crier Holiday Social

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Top: The Editor, David Jerome, spoke about his experience at the paper with "guarded optimism."

Bottom: Michael Ferro, Publisher, gave a warm welcome to the crowd and shared his vision for the company.

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Michael Ferro (left) and Corey Pickett (right)

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Kid Scoop Together: Funny Filler

Have a friend give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud!

My family celebrates the holidays in a rather unusual way.

* * * * *

We always decorate a _____ with lots of _____

_____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN
 go from door to door, singing songs about _____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN

Sometimes, the neighbors will _____ along with us. _____ VERB

My mom will wrap several _____ and place them under a _____ PLURAL NOUN NOUN

My sister and I bake some tasty _____ ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN and sprinkle _____ PLURAL NOUN on them.

* * * * *

The day ends with everyone opening their _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN

_____ upstairs to bed, thinking back on what a _____ day we had and _____ ADJECTIVE

looking forward to New Year's Eve, when our celebration gets really _____ ! _____ ADJECTIVE

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

KID SCOOP EXCLUSIVE: ELF ENTERTAINMENT

The elves up at Santa's Workshop work hard all year making toys for children all around the world. When the work is done, they play! We visited the North Pole to get what for years has been a top-secret selection of Elf puzzles and games!

Symbol Search

The grid below is filled with pictures of symbols of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Match each group of symbols on the right with the same four symbols, in the exact same position, on the large grid below.



Find the differences between these ice-skating elves.

Now find the differences between each elf and his own reflection!

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Festive Flower

A flower from Mexico has become a traditional holiday decoration in the United States. In Mexico it is called the "Flower of the Holy Night." Write the letter that comes BEFORE each of the letters below to find out what it is called north of the Mexican border.



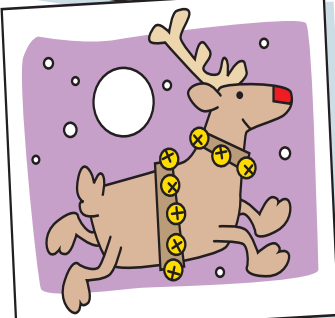
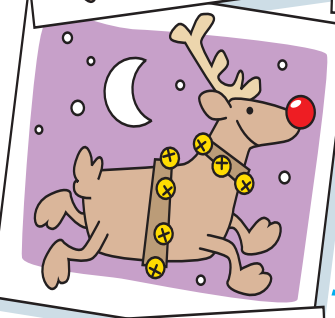
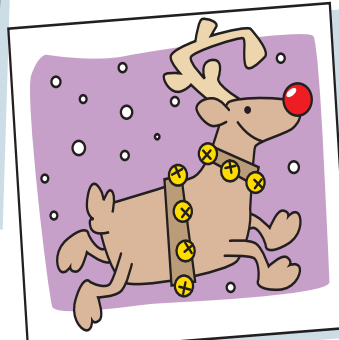
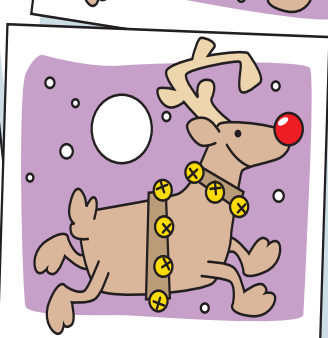
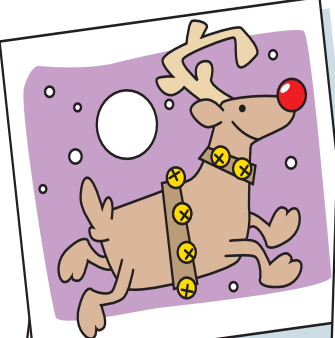
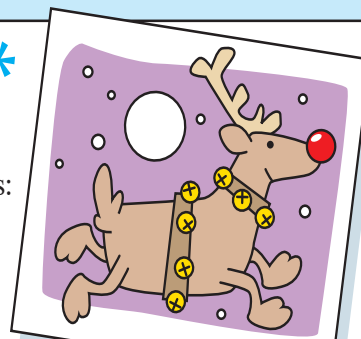
Q P J O T F U U J B

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Oh, Deer!

Can you find the reindeer drawing Ellen Elf created? Her drawing has all of these features:

- round nose
- 7 bells
- full moon
- curvy horns
- big smile
- short tail



ITEM	QTY.
Teddy Bears:	2,329
Candy Canes:	7,498
Toy Trains:	486
Skateboards:	1,325
Fashion Dolls:	6,327

Maximum Baggage

Santa wants the elves to fill his bag as full as possible. But one silly elf has tinkered with the order sheets, scrambling the digits in the numbers. Help the elves by rearranging the digits in each number to make it as large as possible.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Know place value to the 1,000th place.

How many snowflakes can you find on this page in 60 seconds? Have a friend try. Who found the most?

Extra! Extra!

Front Page Dot-to-Dot

Look at the front page of today's newspaper. Find and circle each letter of the alphabet. Can you find all 26? Connect the letters with lines and color your design.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Which ornament would you get by putting the broken pieces together?



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Use a variety of strategies to solve problems.

Double Word Search

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

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ELF	
MEXICO	
DIGITS	
NOSE	
SANTA	
NIGHT	
SYMBOL	
CURVY	
KWANZAA	
GRID	
MOON	
MANY	

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Naughty and Nice

Look through the newspaper to find a news story about someone being naughty and another news story about someone being nice. Write a letter to each of them.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write informal letters using correct format.



What do you call an old snowman?

ANSWER: Water!

Write On!

Holiday Laughs

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"If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments." — Earl Wilson

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pundit's piece
 - 5 "Kapow!"
 - 8 Ancient mariner
 - 12 Carousel, for one
 - 13 Half of dos
 - 14 German car name
 - 15 Hgt.
 - 16 Baseball's Hodges
 - 17 \$ dispensers
 - 18 Humble
 - 20 Tolkien villains
 - 22 Eye furtively
 - 26 Plant firmly
 - 29 Droop
 - 30 Shelter
 - 31 Librarian's advice
 - 32 Enjoy Vail
 - 33 Ink smudge
 - 34 Fine, at NASA
 - 35 Middling grade
 - 36 '70s club
 - 37 TV ratings period
 - 40 Relaxing refuges
 - 41 Fruity desserts
 - 45 Spiced tea
 - 47 Wedding words
 - 49 Yuletide tune
 - 50 Body powder
 - 51 Popeye's Olive
 - 52 Concept
 - 53 Canonized Fr. women
 - 54 Born
 - 55 Pretzel seasoning
 - 9 Moves more goods than
 - 10 USN bigwig
 - 11 That chap's
 - 19 Moreover
 - 21 Cleaning cloth
 - 23 Cockeyed
 - 24 Fair-hiring org.
 - 25 Low-carb diet
 - 26 Eventful periods
 - 27 Calico's call
 - 28 School fundraiser
 - 32 Time with a therapist
 - 33 Skimpy suits
 - 35 IRS employee
 - 36 Aachen article
 - 38 Grand stories
 - 39 Paris school
 - 42 Pop
 - 43 Rind
 - 44 Blind part
 - 45 Dol. fractions
 - 46 Fez, e.g.
 - 48 Coloring agent
- DOWN**
- 1 Utah city
 - 2 Heap
 - 3 Idyllic place
 - 4 Concocted
 - 5 "Taps" instrument
 - 6 Singer DiFranco
 - 7 Hawaiian island
 - 8 Civil rights org.

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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 ● WAYS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **A Road for High-Speed Traffic**

- Airway
- Any way
- Away
- Beltway
- Byway
- Flyway
- Galway
- Jetway
- Leeway
- Midway
- Norway
- Segway
- Skyway
- Subway
- Sway

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Answers to puzzles found on B3

HOROSCOPES

December 2025 — Week 4



March 21 – April 19

With the new year's opportunities almost within reach, the Arian's courageous aspects are raring to go. And don't be surprised if a lot of people follow the zodiac's most trusted leader.



April 20 – May 20

Change lies ahead for the brave Bovine who is ready to shuck off the tried-and-true to try something new. But appearances can be deceptive. Check it all out before you charge into anything.



May 21 – June 21

This week promises a peek into what the new year holds for the GEMINI Twins, both in love and careers. Family matters continue to be a factor in decisions you're going to be facing.



June 22 – July 22

As you move into the new year, travel aspects grow stronger, and you might find yourself making decisions about a destination and a traveling companion sooner than you'd expected.



July 23 – August 22

The new year holds both glitter and gold. This means LEOs and LEONas should begin getting the facts they'll need to separate the real thing from the sham in order to make important decisions next year.



August 23 – September 22

A good way to start the new year might be to arrange for a visit to someone you haven't seen in a long time. You might also want to pick up that project you put off a while back.



September 23 – October 22

As you contemplate the new year's potential, you might want to talk things over with people who are or have been where you want to go. Their experience and advice can be helpful.



October 23 – November 21

Someone close to you might feel you have no more room for him or her in your life. This calls for immediate reassurance of your love so you can start the new year on a high note.



November 22 – December 21

The coming year will bring more people into your life. Some situations might not work out as well as others. But overall, everyone earns something, and that's always a good thing.



December 22 – January 19

The new year could find you indulging in one or more of the hobbies you've always wanted to take up. And don't be surprised if they ultimately direct you toward a new career.



January 20 – February 18

The artistic Aquarian should find more opportunities in the new year. You might even make some potentially helpful contacts as you gather to ring in the year 2009.



February 19 – March 20

The new year offers challenges for Pisceans who want to make better use of the skills they now have and learn new ones. Personal relationships show stronger positive aspects.

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CAFE AROMA 54750 N Circle Dr			In the Pocket 5:30pm-8:30pm		Seahawk 5:30pm-8:30pm		
FERRO 25840 Cedar St							Jazz Night 6-9pm
LEANNA'S IDYLL-AWHILE 54245 N Circle			Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm	Cole Withers 11-3pm		Kevin Kertin 11-3 pm	
MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY 54301 N Circle Dr			James Taylor Tribute Bryan Goodhead 4-7 pm	Spare Change Rock & Pop 3-6pm		Pop & Rock Vin- cent's Choice 2-5pm	
TARYN'S PLACE 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3			TBA 7-10pm	TBA 7-10pm		TBA 7-10pm	
THE PEAK RESTAURANT 54200 N Circle Dr Unit A3							Taco Tuesday presents: Wayward Hope 5:30-7:30pm

NEWS OF RECORD

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• Dec. 21, 2025, 11:01 AM — Suspicious Vehicle, 2500 *** Block St Hwy 243
 • Dec. 20, 2025, 11:22 PM — Battery, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av
 • Dec. 20, 2025, 11:21 PM — Suspicious Circumstance, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av
 • Dec. 19, 2025, 4:30 PM — Public Disturbance, 5300 *** Block Pine Crest Av
 • Dec. 19, 2025, 4:21 PM — Public Disturbance, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
 • Dec. 19, 2025, 2:43 PM — Alarm Call, 2500 *** Block Scenic Dr
 • Dec. 19, 2025, 9:01 AM — Civil Dispute, 2500 *** Block St Hwy 243
 • Dec. 18, 2025, 6:56 PM — Assist Other Department, 2500 *** Block Lodge Rd
 • Dec. 18, 2025, 11:53 AM — Public Disturbance, Address Undefined
 • Dec. 17, 2025, 1:40 PM — Fraud, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av
 • Dec. 16, 2025, 2:57 PM — Civil Dispute, 5300 *** Block Pine Crest Av
 • Dec. 16, 2025, 10:25 AM — Civil Dispute, 2500 *** Block Indian Rock Rd
 • Dec. 14, 2025, 10:06 PM — Noise Complaint, 5400 *** Block Pine Crest Av
 • Dec. 14, 2025, 4:06 PM — Noise Complaint, Address Undefined
 • Dec. 14, 2025, 1:21 PM — Unknown Trouble, 5400 *** Block Village Center Dr
 • Dec. 14, 2025, 1:18 PM — Public Disturbance, 5300 *** Block Pine Crest Av
 • Dec. 13, 2025, 12:54 PM — Unknown Trouble, 5300 *** Block Pine Crest Av
 • Dec. 13, 2025, 10:56 AM — Public Assist, 5300 *** Block Pine Crest Av
 • Dec. 13, 2025, 7:48 AM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined

• Dec. 12, 2025, 9:22 PM — Check The Welfare, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
 • Dec. 12, 2025, 1:07 PM — Vehicle Theft, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
 • Dec. 11, 2025, 10:32 PM — Noise Complaint, 5500 *** Block Circle Wy
 • Dec. 11, 2025, 4:24 PM — Civil Dispute, 5300 *** Block Deer Foot Ln
 • Dec. 11, 2025, 7:15 AM — Public Disturbance, 5300 *** Block Pine Crest Av
 • Dec. 10, 2025, 9:10 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld
 • Dec. 10, 2025, 8:30 AM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block River Dr
 • Dec. 10, 2025, 5:42 AM — Public Disturbance, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr
 • Dec. 10, 2025, 5:14 AM — Open Door, 5400 *** Block Strawberry Valley Dr
 • Dec. 09, 2025, 10:00 PM — Unknown Trouble, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
 • Dec. 09, 2025, 9:29 AM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block River Dr
 • Dec. 08, 2025, 11:51 AM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld
 • Dec. 08, 2025, 11:31 AM — Trespassing, 5400 *** Block Marian View Dr
 • Dec. 08, 2025, 1:29 AM — Burglary, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
 • Dec. 07, 2025, 4:44 PM — Public Disturbance, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
 • Dec. 07, 2025, 12:42 PM — Public Assist, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr
 • Dec. 07, 2025, 12:24 PM — Civil Dispute, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr
 • Dec. 07, 2025, 6:38 AM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block Village Center Dr
 • Dec. 06, 2025, 9:50 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld
 • Dec. 06, 2025, 8:53 PM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined
 • Dec. 06, 2025, 6:14 PM — Animal Abuse, 5400 *** Block North Circle Dr
 • Dec. 06, 2025, 12:59 PM — Public Distur-

bance, 5400 *** Block Village Center Dr
 • Dec. 05, 2025, 11:30 PM — 911 Hangup From Cellphone, 2600 *** Block Hemstreet Pl
 • Dec. 05, 2025, 7:20 PM — Alarm Call, 2600 *** Block St Hwy 243
 • Dec. 04, 2025, 2:51 PM — Danger To Self/Other, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr
 • Dec. 04, 2025, 1:12 PM — Public Disturbance, 2600 *** Block Delano Dr
 • Dec. 04, 2025, 12:08 PM — Emergency Notification, Address Withheld
 • Dec. 04, 2025, 10:12 AM — Alarm Call, 2500 *** Block Fernleaf Dr
 • Dec. 04, 2025, 1:12 AM — Alarm Call, 5400 *** Block Marian View Dr

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• Dec. 12, 2025, 2:18 PM — Miscellaneous Criminal, 4500 *** Block Mt Edna Rd/Old Banning Idyllwild Rd

PINE COVE

• Dec. 21, 2025, 3:42 AM — Assist Other Department, 2500 *** Block St Hwy 243
 • Dec. 20, 2025, 10:00 PM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined
 • Dec. 19, 2025, 12:11 PM — Lost Property, 2400 *** Block Walters Dr
 • Dec. 19, 2025, 12:11 PM — Lost Property, 2400 *** Block Walters Dr
 • Dec. 16, 2025, 10:00 AM — Trespassing, 5200 *** Block Pine Cove Rd
 • Dec. 14, 2025, 6:41 PM — Check The Welfare, 2500 *** Block Gail Dr
 • Dec. 10, 2025, 9:01 AM — Vehicle Burglary, 5200 *** Block Pine Ridge Rd
 • Dec. 05, 2025, 10:40 PM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined

POPPET FLATS

• Dec. 20, 2025, 9:07 AM — Public Disturbance, 4600 *** Block Poppet Flats Rd
 • Dec. 17, 2025, 2:03 AM — Follow-Up, Address

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 • Dec. 15, 2025, 12:13 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld
 • Dec. 12, 2025, 12:36 PM — Recovery Of Stolen Vehicle, Address Undefined
 • Dec. 11, 2025, 5:33 AM — Suspicious Circumstance, 2200 *** Block Lake Park Dr
 • Dec. 10, 2025, 3:24 PM — Follow-Up, Address Withheld
 • Dec. 10, 2025, 10:26 AM — Public Disturbance, 1800 *** Block Cryer Dr
 • Dec. 08, 2025, 3:37 PM — Assist Other Department, 1800 *** Block Cryer Dr
 • Dec. 04, 2025, 9:10 AM — Grand Theft, 1800 *** Block Keyes Rd

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• Dec. 21, 2025, 1:53 PM — Civil Dispute, 4700 *** Block E St Hwy 74
 • Dec. 21, 2025, 11:24 AM — Civil Dispute, 4700 *** Block E St Hwy 74
 • Dec. 15, 2025, 6:59 AM — Civil Dispute, 4700 *** Block E St Hwy 74
 • Dec. 11, 2025, 3:17 PM — Assist Other Department, 5600 *** Block E St Hwy 74
 • Dec. 10, 2025, 10:32 AM — Suspicious Vehicle, 4700 *** Block E St Hwy 74
 • Dec. 09, 2025, 5:05 PM — Civil Dispute, 4700 *** Block E St Hwy 74
 • Dec. 07, 2025, 9:02 AM — Suspicious Person, 2400 *** Block St Hwy 243
 • Dec. 06, 2025, 9:51 PM — Suspect Info, Address Withheld
 • Dec. 06, 2025, 3:44 PM — Found Property, Address Undefined
 • Dec. 05, 2025, 6:11 AM — Assist Other Department, Address Undefined
TWIN PINES
 • Dec. 12, 2025, 2:36 PM — Public Assist, 4700 *** Block Twin Pines Rd

Caltrans work in 243 to pause during holidays

Caltrans will pause work on the Highway 243 Mill and Overlay project during the holidays. Motorists will find all lanes open. Work is expected to resume on Monday, January 5.

The work on 243 has started with improved drainage and guardrails but will include widened shoulders and a complete resurfacing.

The \$16.9 million project is funded by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. The work is expected to be completed by winter of 2026.

Injured hiker rescued

An injured hiker was rescued last week in an operation involving IFPD, RSO and Cal Fire. Sgt Robert Martinez, a PIO with RSO provided this information: On December 16, 2025, at 1:24 p.m., deputies from the Cabazon Sheriff's Station and Hemet Sheriff's Station responded to a hiking trail near Marion Mountain Trail and Deer Springs Trail, regarding a report of an injured hiker. Due to the remote location of the injured hiker, the Riverside County Sheriff's Aviation Unit was requested and responded to assist. The injured hiker was located by the Aviation Unit and was hoisted off the trail. The hiker suffered minor injuries and was treated by medical personnel at the scene. The hiker was in stable condition and chose to have a family member transport them to a local hospital.

Cal Fire PIO Maggie Cline De La Rosa added that the extraction of the injured hiker was done by RSO's Rescue9 helicopter.

Holiday Post Office Hours

The Idyllwild Post Office has released its adjusted hours for the upcoming holidays. On December 24, the service window will close at noon, with the Dutch door open from 1 to 4 p.m. for parcel pickup only. The Post Office will be closed on December 25 for Christmas Day and closed again on January 1 for New Year's Day.

Residents are encouraged to plan accordingly for mailing and package pickup needs during the holiday week.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Kellen Walke



Ryker Brown

Mrs. Leslie Schelly, our School Secretary, has chosen the following students.

Ryker Brown and Kellen Walke, for being our School Champion Spelling Bee students. They studied very hard and applied themselves and I applaud them for their efforts. Great job! We are so proud of both of you!

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Idyllwild School announces winners of Charles Dickens Essay and Poster Contest

CONTRIBUTED

Mary-Alice White, who teaches 8th Grade English Language Arts at Idyllwild Middle School, shared with us the results of this year's Charles Dickens Essay and Poster Contest.

"Every December, our 8th graders read Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol" and participate in the Charles Dickens Essay and Poster Contest started by the Austin family. In the past few years, the Art Alliance of Idyllwild and the smARTS program have funded the cash prizes. For both the essay and the poster contest, there's one 1st place winner that receives \$100, two 2nd place winners that receive \$50, and three 3rd place winners that win \$25 each.

- This year's essay winners are:
 1st Place- Jameson Gillott
 2nd Place- Manassah Zimmerman
 2nd Place- Maisy Taylor
 3rd Place- Rory Stoye
 3rd Place- Alyssa Lugo
 3rd Place- Mateo Whitmer

- This year's poster winners are:
 1st Place- Maisy Taylor
 2nd Place- Maria Hernandez Maldonado
 2nd Place- Alyssa Lugo
 3rd Place- Johnny Aronson
 3rd Place- Manassah Zimmerman
 3rd Place- Jimena Campos

Here is Jameson Gillott's winning essay.

Dear old friend Jacob Marley,
 I find it quite difficult to express the amount of gratitude I hold in my heart for the decision you made in sending me those three spirits. These spirits, The Ghost of Christmas Past, The Ghost of Christmas Present, and The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, have taught me lessons that have truly made me change for the greater good. The common perception of kindness that most individuals hold is something that I lost, but these spirits you sent me have opened my soul to the well being of others. My shrewd actions have always ran by myself as just another blade of grass in a field that happy children and animals alike would play in. Now, I see the error in my ways of being.

Upon the night you visited me, you told me the first spirit of three spirits would visit me at 1:00. I had rest under the comfort of my own bed sheets and blankets, waiting for the clock to strike the number of one with such immense zeal.

The spirit, The Ghost of Christmas Past, held the appearance of smooth skin, pale white hair, delicately formed legs and feet, and very muscular arms that looked to hold unseen strength. It took me into a field, one which I remembered, it was one where I had been when I was just a boy. It grasped tightly the mission of reminding me of my isolated childhood, one where my own father would send me away to a boarding school and only let me receive the pleasure of being with my family on Christmas.

The spirit showed me the day my sister came to bring me back with her to celebrate the merry holiday with my family. The joy that radiated from her heart, her smile, that day were of like no other.

The spirit also brought me through the memories later on in my life that I had with my old boss, Mr. Fezziwig. Mr. Fezziwig treated me oh so well. The spirit had set us in front of the warehouse on a past Christmas Eve where Old Fezziwig had greeted my young self as though I was more than just his worker. He spoke to me with such a boom of cheerfulness that even the darkest of souls would let out a smile. This boom of merry would come none other from the fact that we wouldn't be working on that night, we'd be having a sort of dance. That night, the warehouse became a snug ballroom. Looking back, I was the type of man one might call "out of his wits."

After getting to relive that wonderful night through memories, the spirit quickly took me somewhere else. Somewhere that did not sit well in my heart. The spirit had taken me to the day that I parted ways with my former fiance, Belle. Of course I remembered the argument that resulted in the break of a relationship but I had rather not admit to myself that every detail was etched into my brain. She left me because I had a tighter relationship with money than I had for her. I could not stand reliving that horrible moment of my life. I begged the spirit to take me back, begged it to haunt me no longer. Soon after, we entered a struggle where I used the extinguisher-cap to trap the spirit. I felt heavy exhaustion and entered a deep sleep.

When I awoke, I was back in my bed. This spirit reminded me of how well I was treated when I had a boss and that maybe I should up both the pay and respect for my clerk. The spirit also reminded me of the love that I had missed out on when parting ways with Belle.

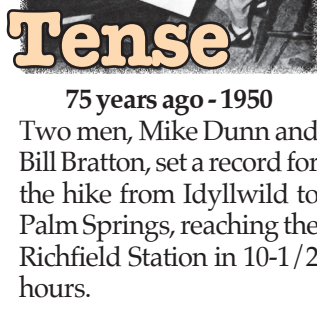
After rising from my slumber, I soon came to realize it was still the same night. The second of the three spirits announced himself as The Ghost of Christmas Present, he had the appearance of a jolly giant. The spirit had

See Essay Winner, page B6



35 years ago - 1990
 A Russian violinist from Idyllwild Arts Academy starred in the ninth-annual "Christmas in Washington," a celebration hosted by President Bush and his wife, Laura.

30 years ago - 1995
 As county park cuts hit the Hill, naturalist Michele Cardineaux received word that her position at the Idyllwild Nature Center was terminated, part of \$368,000 in budget cuts the county park division needed to make.



75 years ago - 1950
 Two men, Mike Dunn and Bill Bratton, set a record for the hike from Idyllwild to Palm Springs, reaching the Richfield Station in 10-1/2 hours.

70 years ago - 1955
 Ted Belden, a local furniture manufacturer, led property owners in the mountain resort communities to decide that zoning was not desired. A hand vote was used to record the decision.

25 years ago - 2000
 The U.S. Forest Service received the good news that its funding was being increased to a level it hadn't seen in over 20 years.

20 years ago - 2005
 The Idyllwild Community Recreation Council rejected the Chamber of Commerce's last offer to join forces, reasoning that ICRC could better serve the community by remaining independent.

15 years ago - 2010
 In an all-important pre-Christmas sales week for local merchants, five days of continuous rain began to dampen local sales.

10 years ago - 2015
 The Idyllwild Master Chorale received a surprise proclamation honoring its long history of work during its annual holiday concert Sunday afternoon at the IAF Theatre at Idyllwild Arts.

5 years ago - 2020
 The Idyllwild Post Office experienced severe holiday-season strain after the abrupt resignation of Postmaster Mark Smith, prompting long lines and officials to encourage residents to use alternative mailing locations to ease pressure on remaining staff.

1 years ago - 2024
 A fire broke out at the Creekstone Inn on December 20 and was quickly contained by firefighters, safely evacuating guests and prompting temporary closure as officials worked toward reopening.

65 years ago - 1960
 Crowding at the elementary school resulted in moving the kindergarten class across the street to Idyllwild Pines Camp.

60 years ago - 1965
 More snow fell on the Hill, giving the San Jacinto Mountains a white Christmas.

55 years ago - 1970
 The integration of the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts into the School of Performing Arts, University of Southern California, was announced.

50 years ago - 1975
 A parade and a celebration in Anza recreated the historic march of Col. Juan Bautista de Anza from Mexico to San Francisco 200 years previously.

45 years ago - 1980
 A working committee of community members formed to continue a fundraising drive for the Robert E. Holmes Bowl on the USC-Idyllwild campus. Because of the stirring performances of Handel's "Messiah," there was renewed interest in completing the amphitheater.

40 years ago - 1985
 Bird counting as part of the 19th-annual Audubon Society Bird Count was "the best it had been in 19 years," said one couple.

CREATURE CORNER



MAPLE



WILLOW

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats celebrated recent adoptions.

Pepper: It's time to get serious

Whiskers: Let me guess; it's time to get ready for the new year, right?

Pepper: Well, yes. We have two amazing young cats here, Maple and Willow.

Lilac: They are. Why are they still here?

Pepper: Good question. And why are you still here, Lilac? You are over-the-top friendly!

Lilac: I guess the right human hasn't met me, yet. But what about Maple and Willow?

Sequoia: These two girls are friendly, but they don't beg for lap time, you know?

Jelly Bean: Right! Willow and Maple are the perfect cats for a person or family that wants companionship, but not a cat that will be trying to get onto a lap.

Sequoia: Or a keyboard! I know people get frustrated when cats insist on being part of the "I need to work at my desk now" regime. These two won't bother anyone who needs to work.

Jelly Bean: And you know what else? They will probably let all mice know that they are not welcome in their home. Ha!

Lilac: I think a cat, or cats, in a home is a good notice for them to stay away.

Whiskers: And now that 2026 is almost here, good new year resolution for humans might concern homeless animals.

Pepper: Yes! There are so many ways to help a rescue or shelter. For those who cannot adopt or foster, supplies are always welcome, as is monetary donations.

Sequoia: Heck yea. Pet food and cat litter are used up quickly, so they are always in demand.

Jelly Bean: And you know what else is in demand? A big cheer from all of us for a merry, peaceful, and loving holiday season.

All: Happy, happy holidays from ARF!

This week's Creature Corner is sponsored by Santa Claus. 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.

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Essay Winner

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kind eyes, he wore a loose green robe, and he had long curly brown hair. The spirit came with the welcoming surrounding of all sorts of delicious food, it seemed like a feast.

The sad truth would be that all of this delicious food would disappear when the spirit took me in spiritual form to Bob Cratchit's home. Bob I know well, he is my clerk. They were celebrating Christmas, they were all united as one family. I saw Bob Cratchit's son, who I had never previously seen before. The boy's name was Tiny Tim, Tiny Tim had a disease that the family could not afford to pay for. I asked the spirit what would happen if they don't pay for a solution, the spirit said the boy would die.

This shattered my soul. The fact that they could not pay for medical service went along with the fact that Bob's big family feast wasn't too big after all. Bob's family was extremely poor, but one very important thing I noticed that wasn't the fact that they weren't of wealth was that they were, in fact, happy. This poor family was so happy, it made me realize that money truly cannot buy happiness. It made me feel so horrible and I decided to make it fair for my clerk and up his pay the second I returned to my normal life.

The spirit then took me to my nephew Fred's party. As per usual my invite to this party had gone ignored by the receiver, myself, and was once more unattended by Uncle Scrooge. The family had nothing short of plenty of things to say about me. They said nothing but the truth of course, I'm greedy, I don't use my wealth to benefit anyone but myself, among other things along those lines. The words they had to say made me realize that maybe my way of living isn't what I think it is, it opened the gate of me admitting to myself that I am none other than stingy and covetous.

Shortly after, the spirit revealed to me two children under his robe. The spirit stated "This boy is Ignorance, this girl is Want." They represented society's problems. The spirit was showing them to me with a purpose, that purpose seemed to be that I served no help in solving such problems. When I knew myself to be with vast wealth, I knew I ought to be at least trying to help with these problems. I cried to the spirit, "Have they no ref-

uge or resource?" The spirit struck me once back with my own preposterous words, "Are there no prisons?" Before I could obtain more information on this matter, the spirit, along with the children, disappeared.

The spirit taught me that money doesn't mean happiness but family and kindness do.

When I looked up after the disappearance of the Ghost of Christmas Present, I saw a dark, cloaked, phantom. It slowly approached me, this time the spirit did not announce itself, I asked, "Am I in the presence of the Ghost of Christmas Yet to come?" The spirit inclined its head, that was the only answer I received. I stated my fear for the spirit, then told it to lead the way.

The spirit led me to the city, where there were people in conversations all around. One group's conversation which the spirit intended for me to hear was talking about a man's death. They were speaking quite horribly of this man that had died, one of the fellows even said they wouldn't attend the funeral unless there was food. It seemed most people the spirit guided me to were speaking of this subject, and not one was speaking with sorrow or any form of remorse.

Nobody cared for this man and nobody had anything positive to say about him just the same. There were even thieves that had stolen from the rich man while he was lying dead in his bed.

I asked the spirit to show me any form of affability towards the recent death and he guided me to groups speaking of Tiny Tim's death. Each citizen felt sorry for the death, Tiny Tim died because his family wouldn't be able to pay for his medicine.

The spirit then guided me to the graveyard where The Cratchit family had all surrounded together to pay respects to their sweet boy. The idea of me being able to save this young child's life just simply by paying my clerk more was a harsh one.

The spirit then guided me to a different gravestone which held the name I assumed it would: Ebenezer Scrooge. All of the disrespect, all of the manner of speaking that suggested one couldn't care less, it was all directed towards me. I pleaded to the spirit, saying I wasn't the man I was before, I would change for the better. This horrified me and I decided I would change my fate, with good deeds and a general good way of being. I wouldn't die alone, surely not.

Now I am confident to say that I am indeed a

changed man who is benevolent and generous. The hatred and avarice in my heart have faded. Once I had returned to the non spiritual realm, I went through with my words and did great things. I bought the Cratchit family a turkey, giving them the wonderful food I thought they deserved.

I also gave Bob a raise which came as a surprise to him but most certainly a welcomed one, and I joined my nephew Fred's Christmas party with great merrry.

All of this was possible because of you and none of it went looked past by my eye. I have found the good in my soul and I send out my appreciation to you, Jacob Marley, my friend, acquaintance, and sole executor. Thank you.

Wholeheartedly,
 Ebenezer Scrooge



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