

NEW YEAR'S DAY

IE entries take spots on Rose Parade route



Cal Poly Pomona senior Yosef Abdalla places coffee grounds on a vine for Cal Poly universities' Rose Parade float, "Jungle Jumpstart," in Pasadena on Saturday in preparation for today's parade. PHOTOS BY ANDY HOLZMAN

Student musicians, Cal Poly float, Norco Cowgirls ready to go

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A trumpet player from Fontana's Kaiser High School will make school history by joining an elite group of nine musicians to herald the Rose Queen and her court in the 137th Rose Parade today.

One of many Inland Empire residents to appear in the parade, senior Maximo Franco was chosen for the Rose Parade Pasadena City College Herald Trumpets. The pool of applicants includes Pasadena college students and high school musicians from over 70 Southern California schools.

"I am so honored to be a part of this cherished tradition at the Rose Parade," Franco said in a Monday news release. "Being the first Kaiser band member to play with the Herald Trumpets is something I will never forget. It will be a great moment for me, for Kaiser, the district and the Fontana community."

The unit, which has nine trumpeters and a snare drummer, will

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Claire Thompson lends a hand on Altadena's float, titled "Rising Together," at the Rosemont Pavilion in Pasadena on Saturday.

Tournament of Roses honoring wildfire victims and survivors with floats and vintage fire engines

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New Year's Day 2026 comes after an unprecedented year for greater Los Angeles as well as communities near the home of Rose Parade traditions.

On Jan. 7, two wildfires ravaged neighborhoods in Pacific Palisades and in the Altadena/Pasadena area. Separated by about 30 miles as well as topographical and socioeconomic differences, their recoveries have moved forward on parallel tracks.

The Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game fall nearly a year to the day that both communities were dramatically changed, and the Tournament of Roses has announced a slew of special guests, floats and ticket giveaways to mark the anniversary.

Within days of the Eaton fire, the Rose Bowl stadium parking lot turned into a makeshift campground for the thousands of first responders who continued to fight the giant blaze in nearby

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POLITICS

Trump retreats on Guard posting

Justice Department drops its resistance to returning control of troops to state during appeal

City News Service

The Trump administration has dropped its opposition to a court order returning control of National Guard troops in Los Angeles to Gov. Gavin Newsom, according to court papers.

In a two-sentence filing with the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday, government lawyers said they no longer oppose lifting a partial administrative stay and formally withdrew their request to keep the troops under federal control while the appeal proceeds.

A federal judge last month ordered President Donald Trump to return control of some 300 California National Guard troops to the state, potentially ending their deployment in Los Angeles more than six months after they were sent to the city to protect federal facilities and personnel involved with the administration's crackdown on illegal immigration.

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Firefighter dies while battling a house blaze

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A Cal Fire/Riverside County firefighter died while extinguishing a fire at a home in Nuevo on Wednesday morning, a Cal Fire spokesman said.

Engineer Danny Cook, 45, died from a medical emergency and not an injury, Cal Fire said. Cook worked at Station 90 in Perris.

"His commitment to duty and service will not be forgotten," Joe Tyler, chief of the state firefighting agency, said in a written statement. "Our deepest condolences are extended to Engineer Cook's family, loved ones, and our department family during this incredibly difficult time."

A procession for the firefighter was tenta-

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SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS

Stretch of highway closed

A stretch of Angeles Crest Highway will remain closed for an unknown period after the storm damaged the roadway, officials said on Tuesday. A6

PASSINGS

Prominent 2025 deaths



Pope Francis died April 21 at age 88. ANDREW MEDICHINI — AP

The world lost influential people in 2025, with some of their deaths having significant impact. A5

MOUNT BALDY

1 of 3 hikers who died ID'd

Coroner's investigators on Wednesday identified one of the three hikers found dead on Mount Baldy this week as a 19-year-old from Seal Beach. A4

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

More rain forecast; flood watches issued

Runoff poses new threat to soaked region; Rose Parade is likely to get a drenching

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Southern California is ringing in the new year with rain that could be record-breaking in parts of the region, with wet weather expected to continue into early next week, according to forecasters.

Rain that began New Year's Eve was expected to intensify overnight and into this morning — prompting a flood watch for parts of Orange County, the Inland Empire and nearby mountain areas.

"It looks like a wet morning for the Rose Parade," said Bryan Lewis, a National Weather Service meteorologist. The rain should largely be moving out of the area by the time the Rose Bowl Game begins this afternoon.

The Rose Parade has rarely seen significant rainfall. In 2006, 1.57 inches fell in the area, according to meteorologist Joe Sirard of the Weather Service.



Clouds loom over Dana Point Harbor as rain threatened on New Year's Eve and into today. MINDY SCHAUER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In Los Angeles, more than an inch of rain has not been recorded on New Year's Day since 1934; but this year, that could happen.

But the record set in 1934 seems safe.

That day, more than 3 inches fell. Across much of greater Los Angeles, forecasters expect 1 to 2 inches of rain

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