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As the Palisades Fire continues to burn, officials issue a warning to thieves

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor



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ROAD CLOSURES: SMPD has been closing roads and establishing extra patrols to prevent criminals from roaming evacuated neighborhoods.

With thousands of residents displaced from their homes due to the Palisades Fire and other emergencies, a sadly predictable but no less craven concern has emerged with looters and thieves targeting now empty homes.

On Thursday, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said his officers have arrested 20 people for looting in evacuation zones as wildfires continue to ravage the region, with authorities promising strict enforcement against criminal activity.

"I'm going to make this crystal clear to everybody out there," Luna said. "If you are in one of these areas and you do not belong there, you are going to be subject to arrest."

Nearly 180,000 residents are under mandatory evacuation orders across Los Angeles County, with an additional 200,000 under evacuation warnings due to the Palisades, Eaton, Hearst, and Lydia fires.

Luna reported that over 400 sheriff's personnel are deployed to assist with evacuations and security operations, while maintaining normal patrol duties. Deputies are conducting humanitarian missions, including providing food and blankets to residents, and performing rescues of people who failed to evacuate.

"Every example I'm given is as a result of somebody who chose not to evacuate," Luna said, describing incidents where first responders have been put at risk. "I don't want to tell those stories anymore."

The sheriff's department has substantially increased deputy presence at traffic checkpoints to prevent unauthorized access to evacuation zones. Luna said the California National Guard has been activated and while curfews are in place for some areas, Luna said his department has the authority to enforce the evacuations regardless of time of day.

"I'm going to give direction to our department members, as you know, when we have an evacuation order by law, if you remain in that area, you are guilty of a misdemeanor. If you commit certain crimes, it could jump up to a felony," he said. "I'm going to be asking our employees to start enforcing that."

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Monstrous wildfires blanket Southern California with smoky air, threatening the health of millions



Matthew Hall

AIR QUALITY: The smoke is dangerous to your health.

Massive wildfires burning in the Los Angeles area have filled the air with a thick cloud of smoke and ash, prompting air quality advisories across a vast stretch of Southern California.

Three major fires broke out Tuesday amid dangerously high winds, killing at least seven people and destroying thousands of structures. Tens of thousands of people have been told to evacuate, many in harrowing conditions.

In Altadena where one of the major fires raged, the smoke was so thick a person used a flashlight to see down the street. A dark cloud hovered over downtown Los Angeles and smoky air and ash drifted well beyond the city to communities to the east and south.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Wildfire smoke increases tiny particles in the air known as particulate matter that can be harmful to people's health. Children, the elderly and people with conditions such as heart and lung disease are more sensitive to the effects.

Dr. Puneet Gupta, the assistant medical director for the Los Angeles County Fire Department, said wildfire smoke is known to cause heart attacks and worsen asthma, and that burning homes can also release cyanide and carbon dioxide. He said sickened patients are showing up in emergency rooms when hospitals already are full because of flu season, and some hospitals could also face evacuations due to the fires.

"We have a number of hospitals that are threatened, and if they have to be evacuated, it could become a crisis," said Gupta, also a spokesperson for the American College of Emergency Physicians. "So that is one of the things that we have to consider."

> That air that's being spewed is no longer just the kind of smoke that we used to see from wildfires, where it was natural vegetation that was burning
>
> - Xavier Becerra, U.S. Health Secretary

U.S. Health Secretary Xavier Becerra has raised concerns about the smoke's impact on people's health in the aftermath of fires that have charred massive amounts of vegetation and buildings.

"That air that's being spewed is no longer

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Fires scorch historic landmarks and threaten Hollywood



Courtesy photo

WILL ROGERS: The historic home is among the losses in the Palisades Fire.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The explosive wildfire event scorching Los Angeles has reduced several historic structures to embers and with the new Sunset Fire expanding the danger to the Hollywood Hills, the famed entertainment industry is itself under threat.

The Palisades Fire has destroyed multiple historic structures at two California state parks, including Will Rogers' ranch house and the historic Topanga Ranch Motel formerly owned by William Randolph Hearst.

Wind gusts up to 80 mph fueled the fire as it tore through Will Rogers State Historic Park and Topanga State Park, causing more than 30 structural losses across both properties.

"California State Parks mourns the loss of these treasured natural and cultural resources," said State Parks Director Armando Quintero. "Our top priority remains the safety of the public, our employees and the responders bravely battling the fires."

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> - Armando Quintero, State Parks Director

Staff evacuated horses and some cultural artifacts, including artwork, from Will Rogers State Historic Park before the fire reached the property. Several state park employee residences were also destroyed in the blaze.

The Will Rogers ranch house, built in the 1920s, was a 31-room residence overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Rogers, known as "America's most beloved citizen," was one of Hollywood's highest-paid actors in the 1930s. His widow donated the 359-acre property to the state park system in 1944.

The Topanga Ranch Motel, built in 1929 by newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst, originally housed Pacific Coast Highway construction workers. The 30-room bungalow-style motel later became a popular vacation spot and filming location. The state acquired the property in 2001 and had been planning to restore about 20 cabins for public use.

Both parks had been closed as a precautionary measure shortly after the Palisades Fire began Thursday

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **53.1**

FRIDAY
POOR

SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT

Slower start off leftover WNW swell. Light AM winds due but mind the dawn patrol deep high tide. Possible new WNW swell starting to creep in during the afternoon, stay tuned.

SATURDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Moderate scale WNW swell due to top out for fun surf. Light winds due through the morning, but dawn patrol is bogged down by a 6'+ high tide.

Weather

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 67. North northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 63.
Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 47.

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2025/01/11	Sat	12:15 AM	2.35	L
2025/01/11	Sat	06:41 AM	6.47	H
2025/01/11	Sat	2:13 PM	-1.40	L
2025/01/11	Sat	8:51 PM	3.66	H
2025/01/12	Sun	01:09 AM	2.27	L
2025/01/12	Sun	07:28 AM	6.62	H
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2025/01/12	Sun	9:28 PM	3.80	H
2025/01/13	Mon	01:57 AM	2.15	L
2025/01/13	Mon	08:11 AM	6.62	H
2025/01/13	Mon	3:32 PM	-1.50	L
2025/01/13	Mon	10:04 PM	3.88	H
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LA fires could drastically drive up insurance premiums — and test California's new market rules

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The deadly and destructive fires in Los Angeles — which some say could be the costliest in the state's history — will further strain the insurance market and worsen the financial position of California's insurer of last resort.

Data about Pacific Palisades, the devastated LA neighborhood whose residents include movie stars and directors, help illustrate the insurance problems plaguing the state. An estimated 1 in 5 homes in the upscale neighborhood were covered by the insurer, known as the FAIR Plan.

Property owners in California have increasingly been turning to the plan, a pool of insurers required by state law to sell fire policies to consumers who can't find regular insurance elsewhere. That's because, for the past few years, insurance companies have been canceling policies or refusing to write new ones in California, citing rising risk of wildfires. As a result, the FAIR Plan's number of homeowner policies grew to more than 451,000 as of September 2024, an increase of 123% over the past three years.

Last year, State Farm decided not to renew tens of thousands of policies in the state, including about 1,600 in Pacific Palisades. As of September, there were 1,430 residential FAIR Plan policies in the enclave's 90272 ZIP code, an 85% increase from the previous year, according to the plan's latest data.

Elsewhere in Los Angeles, some cities and neighborhoods with spiking FAIR Plan use have either been evacuated or are near the fires. They include the 90402 ZIP code in Santa Monica, where FAIR Plan policies have increased 128% year over year.

Now, after at least five people have died and more than 2,000 structures have been destroyed in the LA area, and as those who have lost their homes begin to submit claims with their insurance companies, there's a big question mark around the state's plan to try to ensure insurance availability. A plan touted by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara as a way to get insurance companies to write policies in the state again just became effective at the beginning of the year.

The so-called sustainable insurance strategy includes having the state speed reviews of rate hike requests from insurance companies and allow insurers to use catastrophe models when setting their premiums. Insurers would also be able to adjust for the cost of their own financial backstop, known as reinsurance. The concessions mean insurers will raise premiums for the state's property owners but in exchange must write or maintain a certain number of policies in high-risk areas.

"There's no doubt that this massively complicates things," said Stephen Collier, professor of city and regional planning at UC Berkeley whose research focuses on insurance, climate change and urban planning. "It couldn't be at a worse possible time."

Lara also told CalMatters today that "of course this is going to complicate an already complicated market."

But the commissioner said he has been in touch with insurance companies in the past couple of days: "The reforms are in place now, the (insurers') commitments are in place now. As far as my conversations as recently as last night, those still stand and move forward."



Photo by Ethan Swope, AP Photo

HOMES: Trees sway in high winds as the Eaton Fire burns structures in Altadena, on Jan. 8, 2025.

In addition, the FAIR Plan, the insurer for many of those affected by the current blazes, will likely have to pay claims for tens of billions of dollars in damages.

Collier said that massive potential liability could make insurers "think twice" about whether they want to keep writing policies in the state. "Having all this risk transferred to the FAIR Plan doesn't get insurers off the hook if they're still writing in the California market," he said. That's because insurers in the state are on the hook to pay into the plan when it can't cover all its claims.

Pacific Palisades is on the FAIR Plan's list of top five areas in Southern California with the highest wildfire exposure, or potential insurance payout — at nearly $6 billion. Other neighborhoods in the top five, in order, are all in San Bernardino County east of Los Angeles: Lake Arrowhead ($9.14 billion), Crestline ($7.81 billion), Big Bear City ($7.1 billion) and Big Bear Lake ($6.73 billion).

The FAIR Plan's total exposure statewide as of September, the end of its fiscal year, is $458 billion.

Victoria Roach, president of the FAIR Plan, has over the past couple of years raised concerns about the plan's finances as its number of policies grows. For example, in testimony before the California Assembly Insurance Oversight Committee last year, she said "as those numbers climb, our financial stability comes more in question."

Roach also said at that same hearing that the FAIR Plan was "one event away from a large assessment." An assessment is when the plan does not have enough reserves to pay claims and must turn to its member insurers to ask them to contribute to doing so. The FAIR Plan will impose a surcharge on insurance companies based on their market share in the state.

Roach was unavailable for an interview on Wednesday, but Hilary McLean, a spokesperson for the FAIR Plan, said: "We are aware of misinformation being posted online regarding the FAIR Plan's ability to pay claims. It is too early to provide loss estimates as claims are just beginning to be submitted and processed."

McLean added that the plan has "payment mechanisms in place, including reinsurance, to ensure all covered claims are paid."

Meanwhile, the commissioner's plan to right-size the insurance market had barely gotten off the ground when the LA fires started on Tuesday, having launched less than a week before.

Denni Ritter, vice president at American Property Casualty Insurance Association, said the state's "horrific fires underscore the importance of this work" to reform California insurance rules. "We remain committed to working with California's leaders to restore the health of our insurance market so that Californians can access the coverage they need," she added.

Lara pointed out that his reforms include an agreement with the FAIR Plan. This provides the Insurance Department with "data to track any solvency issues" with the plan and allows insurers to proactively ask for premium increases for future catastrophic claims, which Lara said "creates another set of

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As wildfires rage in Los Angeles, Trump doesn't offer much sympathy. He's casting blame.

As cataclysmic wildfires rage across Los Angeles, President-elect Donald Trump hasn't been offering much sympathy. Instead, he's claiming he could do a better job managing the crisis, spewing falsehoods and casting blame on the state's Democratic governor.

Trump has lashed out at his longtime political foe Gov. Gavin Newsom's forest management policies and falsely claimed the state's fish conservation efforts are responsible for fire hydrants running dry in urban areas. Referring to the governor by a derisive nickname, Trump said he should resign.

Meanwhile, more than 180,000 people have been under evacuation orders and the fires have consumed more than 45 square miles (116 square kilometers). One that destroyed the neighborhood of Pacific Palisades became the most destructive blaze in Los Angeles history.

Trump v. Newsom: Round 2 was to be expected — the liberal Democrat has long been one of Trump's biggest foils. But the Western fires are also a sign of something far more grave than a political spat or a fight over fish. Wildfire season is growing ever longer thanks to increasing drought and heat brought on by climate change.

Trump refuses to recognize the environmental dangers, instead blaming increasing natural disasters on his political opponents or on acts of God. He has promised to drill for more oil and cut back on renewable energy.

> People are literally fleeing. People have lost their lives. Kids lost their schools. Families completely torn asunder. Churches burned down, and this guy wants to politicize it
>
> - Gov. Gavin Newsom

On Thursday, Trump said on social media that Newsom should "open up the water main" — an overly simplistic solution to a complex problem. "NO MORE EXCUSES FROM THIS INCOMPETENT GOVERNOR," Trump said, adding, "IT'S ALREADY FAR TOO LATE!"

Standing on the street in a scorched subdivision as a home behind him was engulfed in flames, Newsom responded to the criticism when asked about it by CNN.

"People are literally fleeing. People have lost their lives. Kids lost their schools. Families completely torn asunder. Churches burned down, and this guy wants to politicize it," Newsom said. "I have a lot of thoughts and I know what I want to say, but I won't."

In a post on his Truth Social media network, Trump tried to connect dry hydrants to criticism of the state's approach to balancing the distribution of water to farms and cities with the need to protect endangered species including the Delta smelt. Trump has sided with farmers over environmentalists in a long-running dispute over California's scarce water resources. But that debate has nothing to do with the hydrant issue in Los Angeles, driven by an intense demand on a municipal system not designed to battle such blazes.

About 40% of Los Angeles city water comes from state-controlled projects connected to northern California and the state has limited the water it delivers this year. But the southern California reservoirs these canals help feed are at above-average levels for this time of year.

Roughly 20% of hydrants across the city went dry as crews battled blazes, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass said. Firefighters in Southern California are accustomed to dealing with the strong Santa Ana winds that blow in the fall and winter, but the hurricane-force gusts earlier in the week took them by surprise. The winds grounded firefighting aircraft that should have been making critical water drops, straining the hydrant system.

"This is unlike anything I've seen in my 25 years on the fire department," Los Angeles Fire Capt. Adam VanGerpen told CBS This Morning.

Janisse Quiñones, head of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, said the ferocity of the fire made the demand for water four times greater than "we've ever seen in the system."

Hydrants are designed for fighting fires at one or two houses at a time, not hundreds, Quiñones said, and refilling the tanks also requires asking fire departments to pause firefighting efforts.

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TRUMP

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President Joe Biden, who was in California for an environmental event that ended up being canceled as the fires raged, appeared with Newsom at a Santa Monica firehouse on Wednesday and quickly issued a major disaster declaration for California, releasing some immediate federal funds.

But any additional federal response will be overseen by Trump, who has a history of withholding or delaying federal aid to punish his political enemies.

In September, during a press conference at his Los Angeles golf course, Trump threatened: "We won't give him money to put out all his fires. And if we don't give him the money to put out his fires, he's got problems."

Trump's support in California has increased in recent years, which could further embolden him in his tussles with Democratic leaders there. In 2024, he improved on his vote share in Los Angeles and surrounding areas hit by the fires by 4.68 percentage points. And while he still lost the state overall, he grew his overall margin by 4 points compared to the 2020 election.

As for the impact of the fires on Californians, Trump said areas in Beverly Hills and around it were "being decimated" and that he had "many friends living in those houses." He framed the losses as a potential hit to the state's finances.

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Stars lose homes in Los Angeles area fires and Jamie Lee Curtis pledges $1M to relief effort

Fires burning in and around Los Angeles have claimed the homes of numerous celebrities, including Billy Crystal, Jeff Bridges, Paris Hilton and R&B star Jhené Aiko, and led to sweeping disruptions of entertainment events.

Three awards ceremonies planned for this weekend have been postponed. Next week's Oscar nominations have been delayed. And tens of thousands of Angelenos are displaced and awaiting word Thursday on whether their homes survived the flames — some of them the city's most famous denizens.

More than 1,900 structures have been destroyed and the number is expected to increase. More than 180,000 people are also under evacuation orders in the metropolitan area, from the Pacific Coast inland to Pasadena, a number that continues to shift as new fires erupt.

Late Wednesday, a fire in the Hollywood Hills was scorching the hills near the famed Hollywood Bowl and Dolby Theatre, which is the home of the Academy Awards. That fire had been largely contained without damage to Hollywood landmarks.

Here are how the fires are impacting celebrities and the Los Angeles entertainment industry:

STARS WHOSE HOMES HAVE BURNED IN THE FIRES

Celebrities like Crystal and his wife, Janice, were sharing memories of the homes they lost.

The Crystals lost the home in the Pacific Palisades neighborhood that they lived in for 45 years.

"Janice and I lived in our home since 1979. We raised our children and grandchildren here. Every inch of our house was filled with love. Beautiful memories that can't be taken away. We are heartbroken of course but with the love of our children and friends we will get through this," the Crystals wrote in the statement.

Mandy Moore's home in the Altadena neighborhood roughly 30 miles east of the Palisades is severely damaged and unlivable, but she said Thursday after touring her property that "the main part of our house is still standing." A studio used by her husband and his brother, two members of the group Dawes, was destroyed and they lost "every instrument and piece of equipment they've ever owned. ... Everyone we know lost everything."

Moore said she's "feeling weird survivors guilt."

Grammy-nominated R&B singer Jhené Aiko shared that she lost her home in the Los Angeles-area wildfires. "Me and my children's home is gone," she wrote on Instagram Thursday. "Burned to the ground with all of our things inside. Lord have mercy. Thankful we still have each other."

Hilton posted a news video clip on Instagram and said it included footage of her destroyed home in Malibu. "This home was where we built so many precious memories. It's where Phoenix took his first steps and where we dreamed of building a lifetime of memories with London," she said, referencing her young children.

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> - Paris Hilton

Cary Elwes, the star of "The Princess Bride" and numerous other films, wrote on Instagram Wednesday that his family was safe but their home had burned in the coastal Palisades fire. "Sadly we did lose our home but we are grateful to have survived this truly devastating fire," Elwes wrote.

Jeff Bridges and his siblings lost a family Malibu home to the wildfires, according to his publicist. The house, on the Pacific Coast Highway, had belonged to their parents and was not a primary residence for the siblings.

JAMIE LEE CURTIS PLEDGES $1 MILLION FOR FIRE RELIEF EFFORTS

Jamie Lee Curtis, who was among the stars who evacuated due to the Palisades fire, says she and her family are pledging $1 million to start a "fund of support" for those affected by the blazes burning in and around Los Angeles.

The actor announced the pledge on Instagram Thursday. The previous night, she tearfully appeared on "The Tonight Show" and urged people to help communities affected by the fires.

"As you know, where I live is on fire right now," Curtis said. "This is literally where I live, everything – the market I shop in, the schools my kids go to, friends, many, many, many, many, many friends have lost their homes now."

The Oscar winner wrote that she had been in touch with state and city leaders about how the money might be distributed "for the most impact."

New LA-area fire prompts more evacuations as officials say thousands of homes, buildings have burned

A new fire prompted evacuations Thursday in and around Los Angeles even as firefighters aided by calmer winds saw the first signs of successfully beating back the region's deadly and devastating wildfires, while the enormity of the devastation started to emerge.

The Kenneth Fire started in the late afternoon in the San Fernando Valley near the West Hills neighborhood and close to Ventura County. The evacuation order covered parts of Ventura and Los Angeles counties.

The orders came as Los Angeles County officials announced the Eaton Fire near Pasadena that started Tuesday night burned more than 4,000 to 5,000 structures including vehicles.

Thousands of other structures in Pacific Palisades on the coast also burned.

The Kenneth blaze ignited less than 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) away from the El Camino Real Charter High School, where people are sheltering from the fire in Palisades. The two fires are about 10 miles (18 kilometers) apart.

Dozens of blocks were flattened to smoldering rubble in scenic Pacific Palisades. Only the outlines of homes and their chimneys remained. In Malibu, blackened palm strands were all that was left above debris where oceanfront homes once stood.

At least five churches, a synagogue, seven schools, two libraries, boutiques, bars, restaurants, banks and groceries were lost. So too were the Will Rogers' Western Ranch House and Topanga Ranch Motel, local landmarks dating to the 1920s. The government has not yet released figures on the cost of the damage or specifics about how many structures burned.

> While we are still facing significant threats, I am hopeful that the tide is turning
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> - Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County Supervisor

AccuWeather, a private company that provides data on weather and its impact, estimated the overall damage could reach $57 billion.

City leaders were encouraged Thursday after firefighters made significant gains at slowing the spread of the two biggest fires that had ignited block after block from Pacific Palisades to inland Altadena, a community near Pasadena.

Crews also knocked down a blaze in the Hollywood Hills, allowing an evacuation to be lifted Thursday. The fire that sparked up late Wednesday near the heart of the entertainment industry came perilously close to igniting the famed Hollywood Bowl outdoor concert venue.

"While we are still facing significant threats, I am hopeful that the tide is turning," Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger said Thursday.

Water dropped from aircraft helped fire crews quickly seize control of the fires in the Hollywood Hills and Studio City, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass said. Much of the widespread destruction occurred Tuesday after those aircraft were grounded due to high winds.

Wind gusts were expected to strengthen Thursday evening through Friday morning, with another round of strong winds expected early next week, raising concerns that the conditions could worsen, the National Weather Service said.

But Thursday's daytime forecast provided a window for firefighters — including crews pouring in from neighboring states and Canada — to make progress in reining in blazes that have killed at least five people and caused thousands of people to flee their homes.

Los Angeles Fire Department Capt. Erik Scott said firefighters were able to keep the Hollywood Hills blaze in check because "we hit it hard and fast and Mother Nature was a little nicer to us."

Fire officials said Thursday that they don't yet know the cause of the fires but are actively investigating.

WIND FUELS THE FIRES

Earlier in the week, hurricane-force winds with gusts up to 80 mph (129 kph) blew embers, igniting the Southern California hillsides.

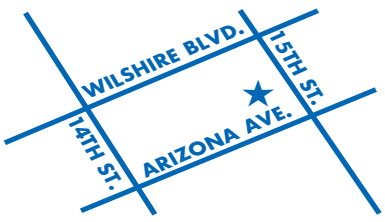
Right now, it's impossible to quantify the extent of the destruction other than "total devastation and loss," said Barbara Bruderlin, head of the Malibu Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce.

"There are areas where everything is gone, there isn't even a stick of wood left, it's just dirt," Bruderlin said.

The five deaths recorded so far were from those two fires. Cadaver dogs and search crews are searching through rubble and the death toll is expected to rise, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said.

Anthony Mitchell, a 67-year-old amputee,

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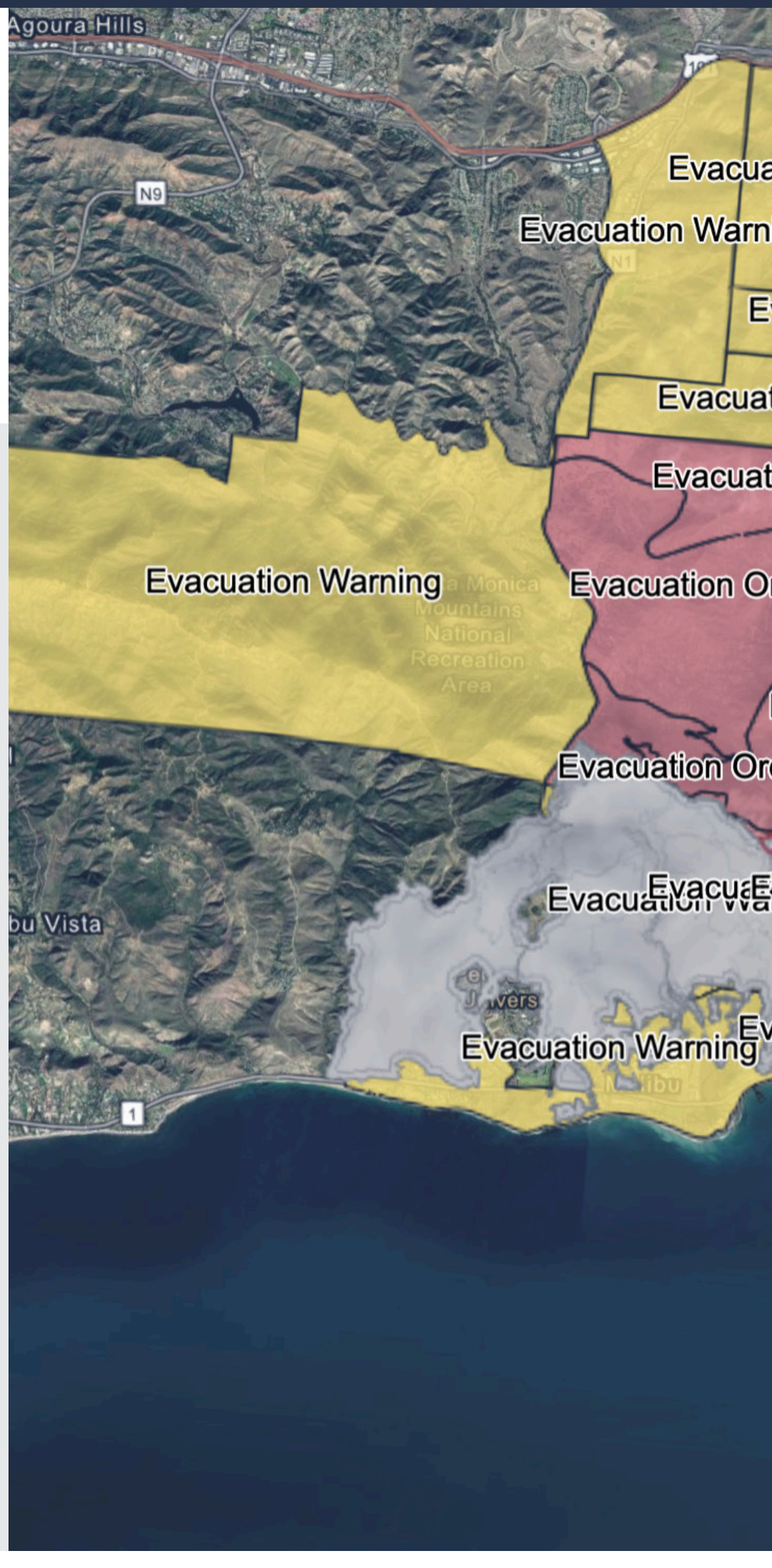
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Westwood Recreation Center (1350 S Sepulveda Blvd 90025) is open for evacuees and accepts small animals. It is now also serving as shelter, allowing residents to remain overnight.

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5440 Valley Circle Boulevard
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Pasadena Convention Center
300 E Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101, USA



Animal Evacuation Shelters

Small Animals:
- El Camino High School, 5440 Valley Circle Blvd, Woodland Hills
- American Red Cross Sheltering Site with mobile animal shelter for small animals only
- Agoura Animal Care Center, 29525 Agoura Rd, Agoura Hills
- Baldwin Park Animal Care Center, 4275 Elton St, Baldwin Park
- Carson Animal Care Center, 216 W Victoria St, Gardena
- Castaic Animal Care Center, 31044 Charlie Canyon, Castaic
- Downey Animal Care Center, 11258 Garfield Ave, Downey
- Lancaster Animal Care Center, 5210 W Ave I, Lancaster
- Palmdale Animal Care Center, 38550 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale

Large Animals:
- Pomona Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona
- Industry Hills Expo, 16200 Temple Ave, City of Industry
- LA Equestrian, 480 Riverside Dr, Burbank
- Castaic Animal Care Center, 31044 Charlie Canyon, Castaic

ROAD CLOSURES:

- Pacific Coast Highway is closed from McClure Tunnel in Santa Monica to Topanga Canyon with LAPD managing traffic for evacuations

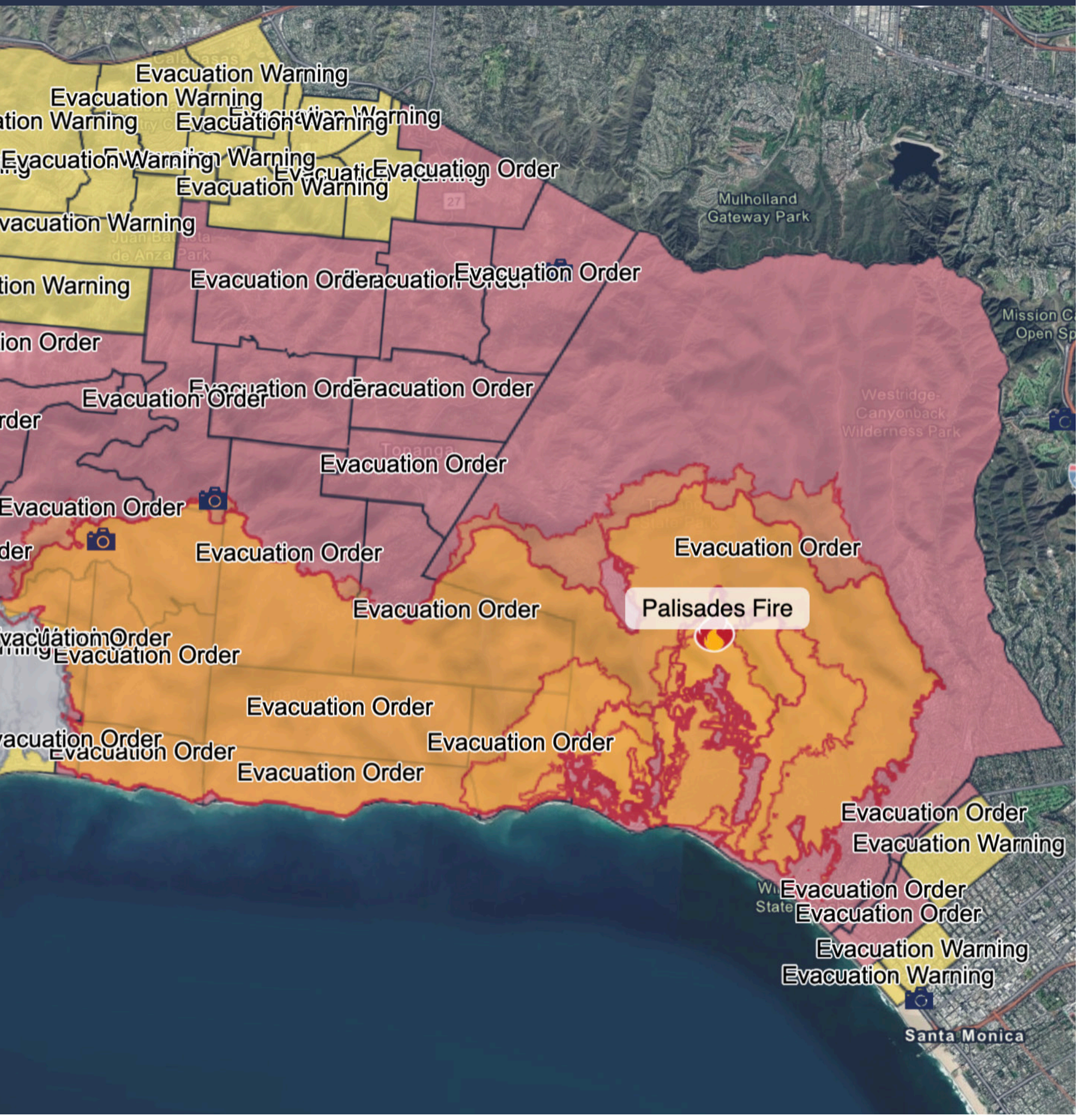
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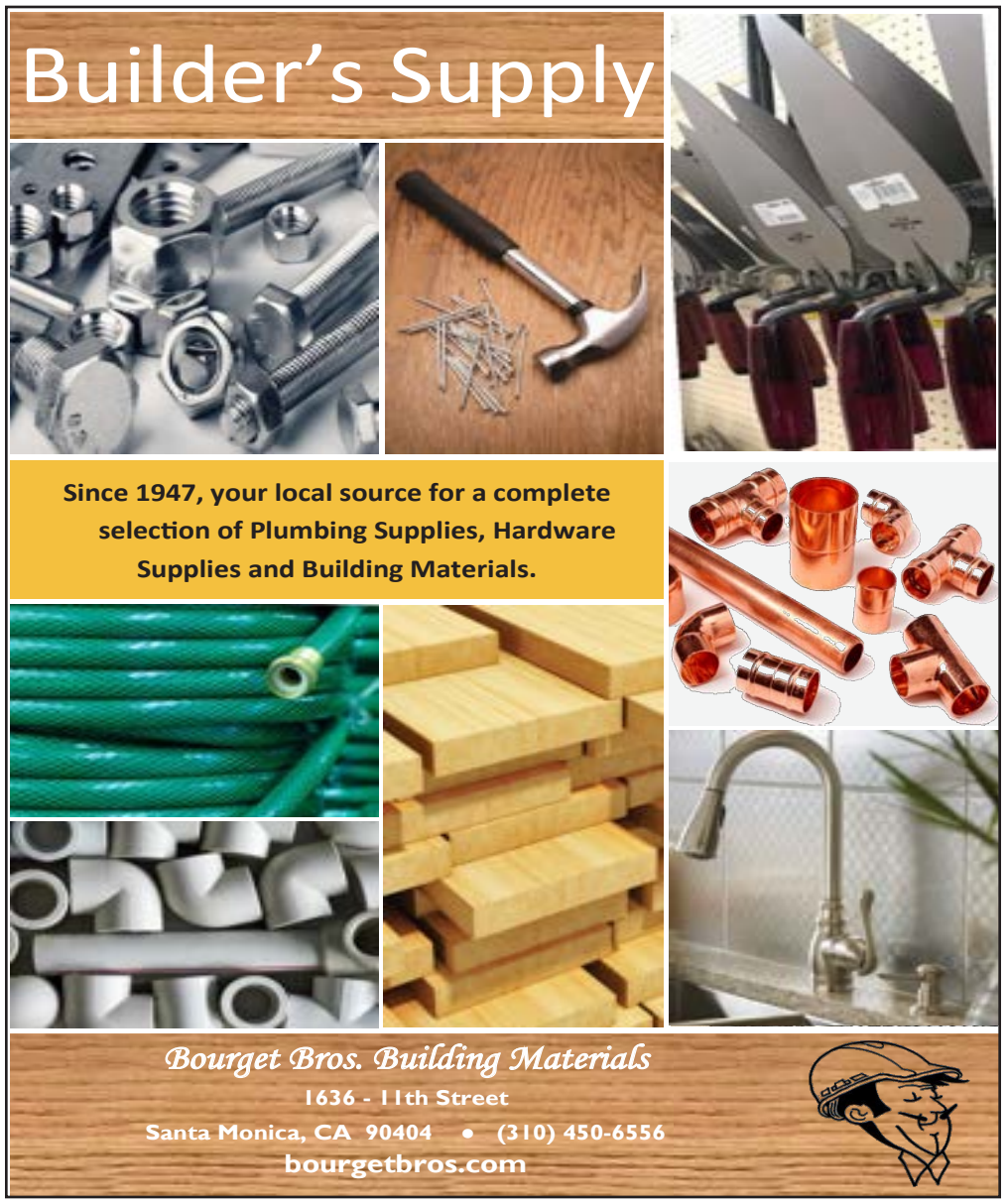
- If you are not in the evacuation area but are near to it, please be prepared.
- Have a go bag and plan.
- Stay informed via LAFD Alerts and local news
- For more tips and resources: Ready, Set, Go!

FIRE AGENCIES ON SCENE INCLUDE:

- LA County Fire
- Angeles National Fire
- Orange County Fire Authority
- San Benito Fire
- San Bernardino County Fire
- San Luis Obispo Fire
- San Marcos Fire
- Monterey Fire
- Santa Barbara Fire
- San Joaquin Fire
- CalOes Region 4
- Santa Clara County Fire
- Fresno County Fire
- Kern County Fire
- King County Fire
- San Diego County Fire
- Placer County Fire
- Grass County Fire

HELTER CENTER





LANDMARKS

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morning. State officials are still working to assess the full extent of the damage.

ICONIC REEL INN FISH MARKET OFF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY BURNS

The Reel Inn, an iconic Malibu seafood shack and fish market known for its Pacific Coast Highway location and kitschy vibe, has burned.

Owner Teddy Leonard says she and her husband Andy watched it burn on TV Tuesday evening from their home a few miles away. A short time later they began packing up their belongings, evacuating and heading to a short-term rental home in Santa Monica.

On Wednesday, Leonard was hopeful her home may have survived the flames. She said restaurant employees have been texting, hoping to rebuild, but it may be a challenge.

"Part of the charm for our little fish shack was my husband's, you know, collecting of old surfboards, going back to the 1930s that were hanging in the rafters," Leonard said.

The Reel Inn opened in 1986, but several other restaurants have operated in the same location since the 1940s.

"My husband and I, we keep looking at each other and going, 'We have each other. We have these beautiful grandchildren and children and life,'" Leonard said.

GETTY VILLA SPARED SO FAR

The Getty Villa, a campus devoted to the art and culture of ancient Greece and Rome, says its structures and collection remain safe from the Palisades fire.

The institution, which is located in the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Los Angeles, provided an update on Wednesday morning. J. Paul Getty Trust President and CEO Katherine E. Fleming says the center will remain closed.

The Getty Center, a hilltop museum about 10 miles (16 kilometers) east, is out of the fire zone but will be closed until at least Sunday to help alleviate traffic in the area.

The Palisades fire is one of several burning in the Los Angeles area, with officials saying more than 1,000 structures have burned and two people have been killed.

Universal Studios Hollywood, an amusement park near the Hollywood Hills, said it would be closed Wednesday.

The Getty Center is not in the current fire zone but will remain closed for the foreseeable future alongside the Villa.

THE DANGER HAS SPREAD TO HOLLYWOOD'S HISTORY AND PRESENT.

Flames burned parts of the Palisades Charter High School, which has been featured in many Hollywood productions including the 1976 horror movie "Carrie," the 2003 remake of "Freaky Friday" and the TV series "Teen Wolf."

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> - Teddy Leonard

The Sunset fire is burning close to several Hollywood landmarks, including the Walk of Fame, TCL Chinese Theatre and the Hollywood Bowl.

AWARDS SEASON IS DELAYED

The blazes have thrown Hollywood's carefully orchestrated awards season into disarray.

Awards ceremonies planned for this weekend have been postponed due to the fires. The AFI Awards, which were set to honor "Wicked," "Anora" and other awards season contenders, had been scheduled for Friday.

The AARP Movies for Grownups Awards, which honor movies and television shows that resonate with older audiences, were set for Friday but have been postponed.

The Critics Choice Awards, originally scheduled for Sunday, have been postponed until Feb. 26.

Each of the shows feature projects that are looking for any advantage they can get in the Oscar race and were scheduled during the Academy Awards voting window.

The Oscar nominations are also being delayed two days to Jan. 19 and the film academy has extended the voting window to accommodate members affected by the fires.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.







FRIDAY | JANUARY 10

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY PILATES
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Venice Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd. Develop strength, flexibility and balance through the fusion of Pilates mart movement. All levels welcome. Please be early, class starts on-time at 11 a.m., no entry after the first 10 minutes.

UNRELEASED EPISODE 23
8 - 11:30 p.m. 3764 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles. Join a vibrant community of music artists, engineers, videographers and all other types of music creatives. Perform to receive 4K footage from two different angles, live audio mixed and mastered from your full performance, a mini-interview conducted after and a snippet from your full performance for social media. Artist admission $10, guaranteed performance slot $50. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unreleased-episode-23-first-of-the-year-tickets-1007039150207.

AMBROSIA
8 p.m. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. The American Rock band formed in 1970 has garnered 5 Grammy nominations, Gold Albums and singles. This event is 21 and over. Tickets $51.46, to purchase visit: https://www.ticketweb.com/event/ambrosia-the-venice-west-tickets/13919613.

SATURDAY | JANUARY 11

LADC SATURDAY DANCE
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Culver City Foshay Lodge #467, 9635 Venice Blvd., Culver City. Saturday Dance is an inclusive multi-generational movement community that offers a weekly Saturday morning dance for absolute beginners and long-time free form dancers. An inspired team of DJ/facilitators are dedicated to offering an eclectic and fresh musical experience for discovering music from the inside out. $25-$35 tax deductible donation suggested, no one turned away for lack of funds. To RSVP, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ladc-saturday-dance-free-form-dance-live-zoom-tickets-1089590527599.

MUSIC WITH KIRA
10:30 a.m. Children's Book World, 10580 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. Kira Rappaport, a well loved and experienced early childhood specialist in Los Angeles, brings along her magic flute and guitar for a fun filled morning of music. Learn more at https://www.facebook.com/events/2002714906864546/.

KIDS READ TO A DOG
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Playa Vista Branch Library, 6400 Playa Vista Dr. Fun reading practice for children. Early through advanced readers can build confidence and practice reading skills in this program with the BARK certified therapy dogs. Suggested for grades 1-5.

MUSIC OF THE STROKES
11 p.m. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. The music of The Strokes will be played in a tribute by Juicebox. This event is 21 and over. Tickets $10, to purchase visit: https://www.ticketweb.com/event/music-of-the-strokes-a-the-venice-west-tickets/13619074.

SUNDAY | JANUARY 12

BOOZY BINGO BRUNCH
11 a.m. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. Boozy Bingo Brunch with The Lonesome Captain is a spirited variety show that brings together the fun of bingo with a lively brunch experience. Free to RSVP, $10 to play, to RSVP visit: https://www.ticketweb.com/event/boozy-bingo-brunch-w-the-the-venice-west-tickets/14105303.

LOS ANGELES CINEFEST FILM FESTIVAL
12 - 7 p.m. Promenade Playhouse, 10931 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. The 11th Annual Los Angeles CineFest Film Festival is a celebration of independent cinema filled with incredible films, talented filmmakers and passionate movie buffs. Film screenings $7, all film pass $20, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-annual-los-angeles-cinefest-film-festival-tickets-1057479271969.

PSYCHIC MESSAGES AND READINGS
4 - 6 p.m. Thrive Health & Wellness Collective, 2905 Stanford Ave., Marina Del Rey. In this workshop, you will receive a psychic reading, followed by a Reiki infused sound bath. The sound bath will be a deeply relaxing experience that will help to clear your mind and open your heart. Tickets $49, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/full-moon-in-cancer-psychic-messages-r-tickets-1125748647509.

MONDAY | JANUARY 13

GOAL SETTING AND HABIT BUILDING WORKSHOP
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. Do you have some big goals for 2025 but don't know where to start? Looking to develop in your career, start something new or even make more money? It's not too late! The New Year is the perfect time to plant the seeds of investing in yourself. Join this interactive workshop where you can learn how to set clear goals for yourself and hold yourself accountable by learning to build strong habits that set you up for success.

STUDENT ZONE WITH HOMEWORK HELPER
4 - 8 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. Student Zones are afterschool homework centers in the library for grades K-12 that provide a quiet place to study, reserved computers and laptops, free basic school supplies and free printing, and guidance from trained Student Zone helpers who assist students with homework and technology.

TUESDAY | JANUARY 14

BIG READ BOOK DISCUSSION
6:30 p.m. Westchester - Loyola Village Branch Library, 7114 W. Manchester Ave., Los Angeles. Join to discuss the Big Read Book of 2025, "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros.

BINGO TUESDAY
8 - 9:30 p.m. Tiny's Hi-Dive, 12012 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. Drag Queen Bingo is live and free at Tiny's. Ten games with prizes, fun chill environment, delicious drinks and food. No tickets required, arrive early as seating is limited.

MUSICAL ACTS
8 p.m. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd., Venice. Alternative artist Orion Shoals, alternative rock artist Casino Breakfast and Americana artist Nick James take the stage at The Venice West. This event is 21 and over. Tickets $18.76, to purchase visit: https://www.ticketweb.com/event/orion-shoals-casino-breakfast-the-venice-west-tickets/14090903.



HILLS FIRE

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and his son, Justin, who had cerebral palsy, were waiting for an ambulance to come, but they did not make it out, Mitchell's daughter, Hajime White, told The Washington Post.

Shari Shaw told KTLA that she tried to get her 66-year-old brother, Victor Shaw, to evacuate Tuesday night but he wanted to stay and fight the fire. Crews found his body with a garden hose in his hand.

On Thursday, recovery crews pulled a body from rubble of what was a beachfront residence in Malibu on the scenic Pacific Coast Highway. A charred washer and dryer were among the few things that remained.

While the two main fires were no longer spreading significantly, both remained at 0% containment, officials said.

180,000 PEOPLE ARE ORDERED TO EVACUATE

At least 180,000 people were under evacuation orders, and the fires have consumed about 45 square miles (117 square kilometers) — roughly the size of San Francisco. The Palisades Fire is already the most destructive in Los Angeles' history.

At least 20 arrests have been made for looting, and the city of Santa Monica declared a curfew Wednesday night because of the lawlessness, officials said. Luna said to protect properties national guard troops would be stationed near the areas ravaged by fire and a curfew was expected to go into effect from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m., starting as soon as Thursday.

ACTORS LOST HOMES

Flames destroyed the homes of several celebrities, including Billy Crystal, Mandy Moore and Paris Hilton.

Jamie Lee Curtis pledged $1 million to start a "fund of support" for those affected by the fires that touched all economic levels from the city's wealthy to its working class.

A LONGER FIRE SEASON

California's wildfire season is beginning earlier and ending later due to rising temperatures and decreased rainfall tied to climate change, according to recent data.

Dry winds, including the notorious Santa Anas, have contributed to warmer-than-average temperatures in Southern California, which has not seen more than 0.1 inches (2.5 millimeters) of rain since early May.

PICKING UP THE PIECES WITH NOWHERE TO GO

Robert Lara sifted through the remains of his home in Altadena on Thursday with tears in his eyes, hoping to find a safe containing a set of earrings that once belonged to his great-great-grandmother.

"All our memories, all our sentimental attachments, things that were gifted from generation to generation to generation are now gone," he said.

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER, JULIE WATSON and JOHN SEEWER Associated Press. Seewer reported from Toledo, Ohio and Watson from San Diego. Associated Press journalists Manuel Valdes, Eugene Garcia and Krysta Fauria, Jaimie Ding in Los Angeles; Ethan Swope in Pasadena, California; Hallie Golden in Seattle; Mark Thiessen in Anchorage, Alaska; Heather Hollingsworth in Mission, Kansas; Jeff Martin in Atlanta; Janie Har in San Francisco; Brian Melley in London; Kathy McCormack in Concord, New Hampshire; Sarah Brumfield in Cockeysville, Maryland; and Tammy Webber in Detroit contributed.

SMOKE

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just the kind of smoke that we used to see from wildfires, where it was natural vegetation that was burning," said Becerra, a former California Attorney General. "Now you got a whole bunch of toxic materials that are getting burned and put into the air."

WHAT AREAS ARE AFFECTED?

About 17 million people living across Southern California are covered by smoke and dust advisories issued for the three wildfires, according to the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

The smoke advisory was expected to last until late Thursday. A dust advisory was also in effect until late Wednesday as gusty winds could kick up ash and dust from prior fires and further worsen air conditions, the district said.

The worst conditions were in the vicinity of the fires with some areas covered in thick, gray smoke. In East Los Angeles, the air quality index hit an unhealthy 173. Good air quality is considered to be 50 or less.

But dozens of miles away, air quality also was deemed unhealthy for sensitive groups including the elderly and young children. Officials in the city of Long Beach about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of Los Angeles warned residents to take precautions due to the smoky air, and in coastal Rancho Palos Verdes the air quality index measured 108, which is considered unhealthy for those sensitive to pollution.

Winds from the northwest were expected late Wednesday and Thursday to push air from the regions where fires were still burning toward the south across Los Angeles and Orange counties and east toward San Bernardino County.

WHAT CAN PEOPLE DO TO PROTECT THEMSELVES?

People living in areas affected by wildfire smoke should try to stay indoors and keep windows and doors shut to limit their exposure.

They should avoid vigorous physical activity and run air conditioning or an air purifier, and should not use house fans that draw in outside air.

For those who must be outside, a respirator mask can offer some protection, according to air quality regulators.

INSURANCE

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certainty" for insurers that should keep them in the state's market.

The message from Lara and some other experts is clear: Insurance customers are facing possibly drastically higher premiums in the short run, with the hopes that it will all lead to stabilization of the market in the long run.

Lara's predecessor as state insurance commissioner, Dave Jones, said "with the LA fires, once they have a handle on their losses, insurers will seek even higher rate increases."

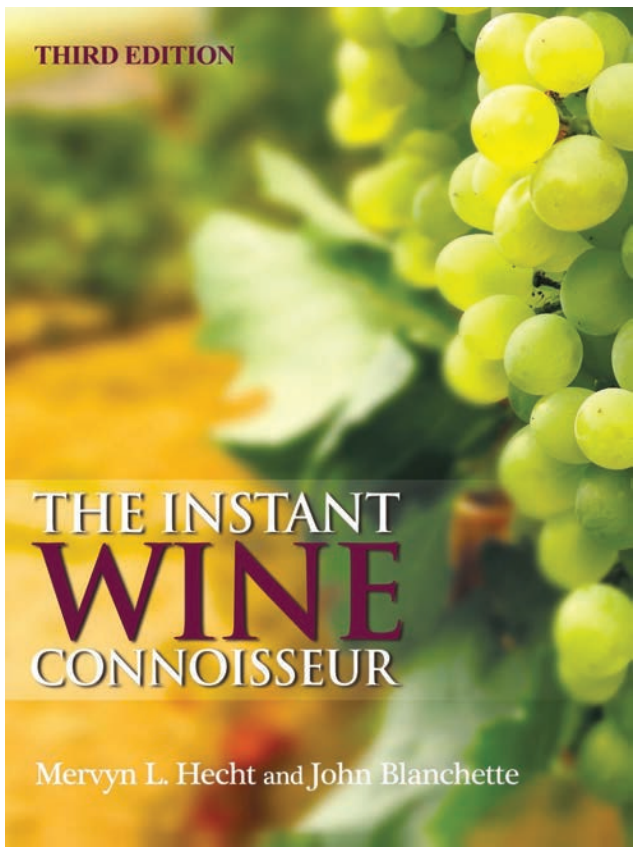
Said David Russell, professor of insurance at Cal State University Northridge: "These fires are validating the rate increases and (insurance) industry pressure over the last 18 to 24 months." He added that "ultimately we need those rate requests to be granted," and quickly.

Forecasting company AccuWeather's preliminary estimate of the economic toll from this set of fires is $52 billion to $57 billion — and they are continuing to burn. Dan DePodwin, senior director of forecasting operations at AccuWeather, said that includes an estimate of the insured losses, which may account for 25% to 50% of the total, though it is too early to know for sure. The estimate also takes into account possible future economic losses, including to people's health, businesses and the infrastructure around the major urban area.

"It could be the costliest set of fires in modern California, if not U.S., history," he said.

Data reporter Jeremia Kimelman contributed to this story. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

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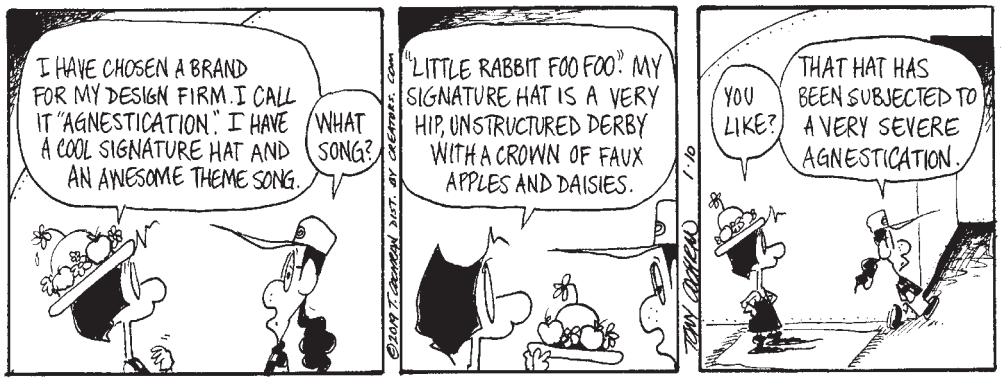
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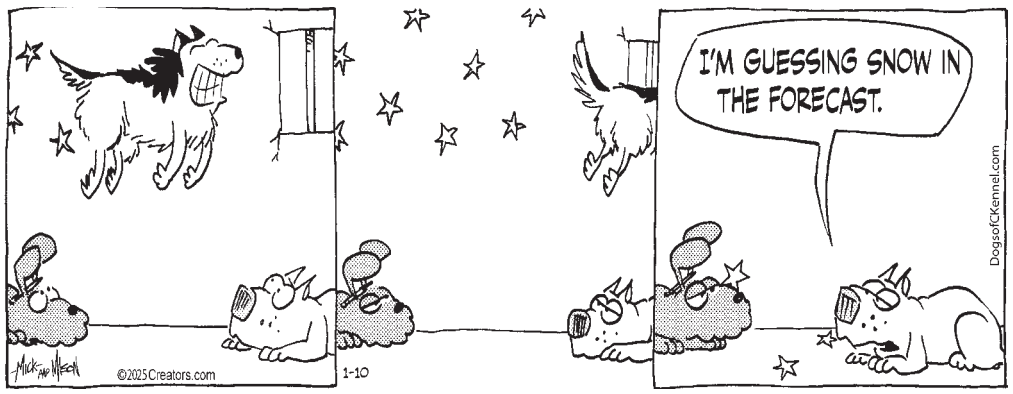
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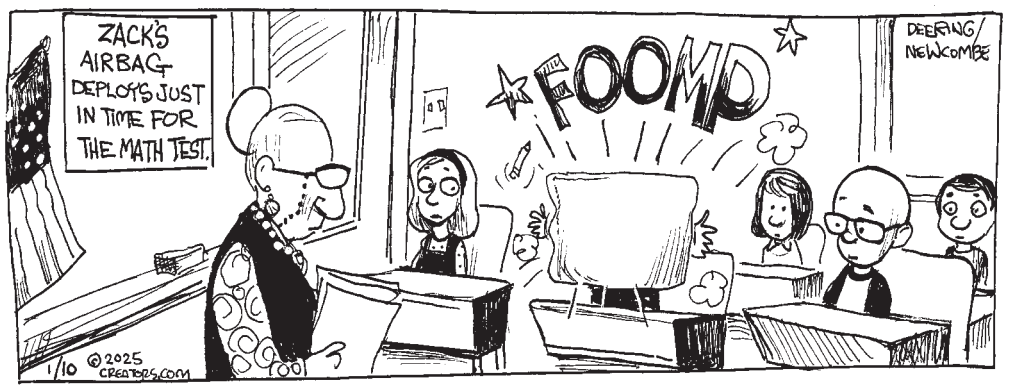
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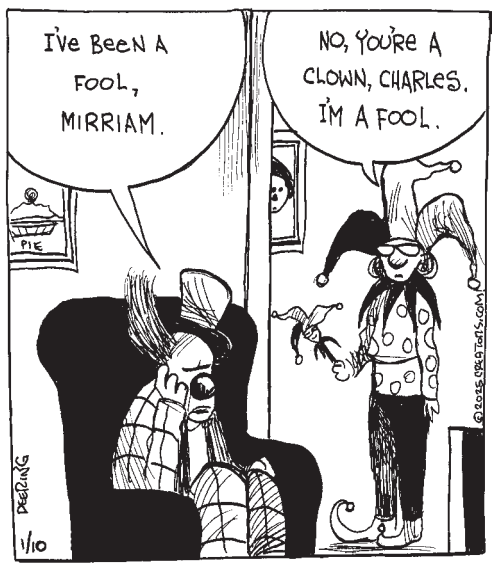
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be around talented people. This variety pack of skill sets could create something truly remarkable together with the right leadership. You're a visionary. That leader could be you, if you dare take on the challenge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's natural to be bothered by what you don't understand, but you don't stop at that. You let discomfort compel you to learn more. You'll have your bafflement to thank for the interesting people and knowledge you gain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The pace will pick up and you'll match it without missing a beat. You would think that with this much going on, life would turn into a blur. The opposite happens. Experience becomes more vivid and memorable at this exhilarated pace.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A stressy situation has your attention. All it takes to relieve the pressure is one adjustment. You can either adjust the circumstances to better fit your preferences, or you can adjust your expectations to better fit the circumstances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you dream of the day you're living the dream, you're well aware that these are the moments you'll cherish - the climb. You're feeling your moments to their fullness, taking notes and packing in the experiences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your genuine curiosity makes learning feel effortless. You'll dive into a subject or get to know someone intriguing. With curiosity as your guide, conversations naturally flow to places that spark connection and inspiration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll extract the part of the plan that is not working. Don't replace it right away. It's better to have nothing in the space than a sub-par alternative. Your willingness to wait will give you power and choice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are choices and patterns that once worked for you but no longer fit the person you're becoming. Leave judgment behind. Embrace the change and savor the excitement of moving forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll get the most out of a situation with some higher-level thinking. Welcome a perspective that lets you see the deep history and the future as well as the adjacent situations affected by your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Socializing outside your usual circle opens your life most auspiciously. Conversations with new people will spark ideas, perspectives and opportunities you hadn't considered. The connections you form now will prove pivotal down the line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People who are a good fit for you may not have the same opinion as you, and they may have very different beliefs, too, but they'll share your values such as integrity, cheerfulness and gentleness, and that's what matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Each person creates their own logical world. Much of it will come together on a subconscious level. You will become more effective as you better understand your own logic and how it has been constructed.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

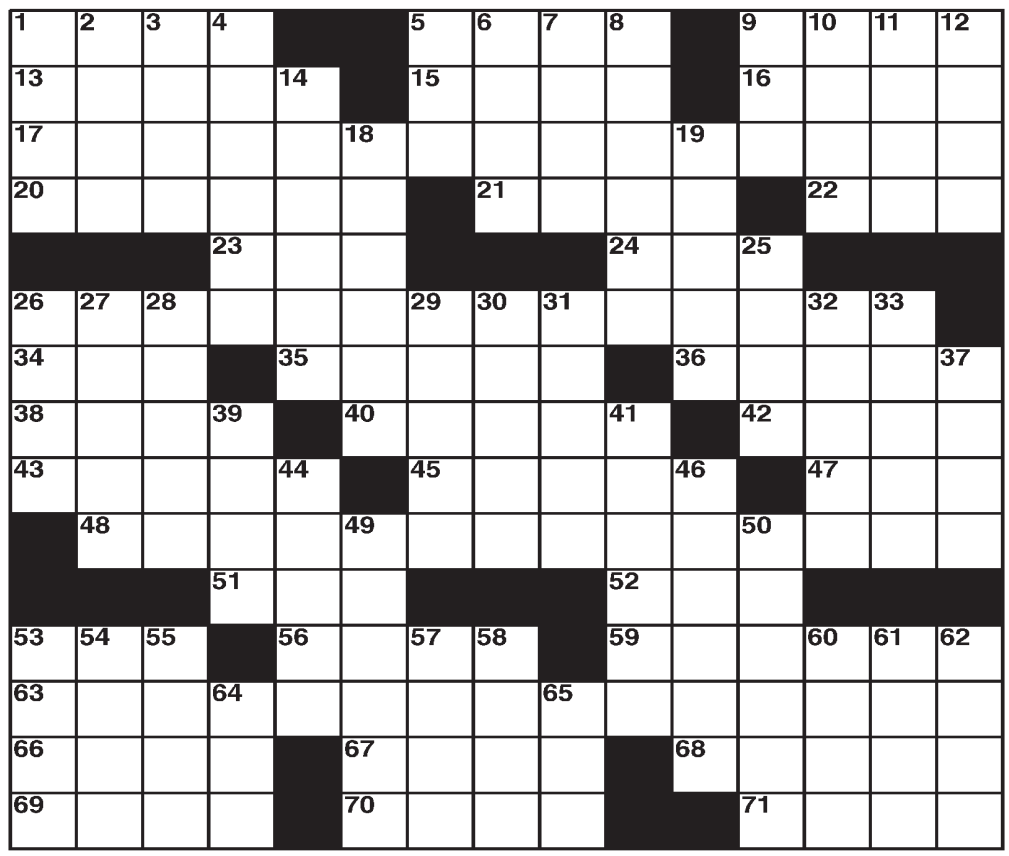
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ACROSS

1 Minimal progress
5 Metaphor for roles
9 Move like a hummingbird
13 Not at all engaged
15 Bosun of English lit
16 Andean capital
17 Eastern faith
20 Nearby
21 Have status
22 Runner on a roof rack
23 Obviously angry
24 Deer relative
26 Say something
34 Happen to be
35 Medieval lighting
36 Noisy drinking
38 Creative expressions
40 Gandhi associate
42 Ring forth
43 Chocolate color
45 Zero folks
47 Struggle
48 "What's our situation?"
51 Go wrong
52 High school dept.
53 Minor functionary
56 Move sideways
59 Nation with the most lakes
63 Hasn't given up on
66 Sportswear brand
67 Dwindle
68 Country singer Steve
69 First letters of the words hidden in the four longest answers
70 Fake deal
71 Goes bad

DOWN

1 Incantation opener
2 Travel plan
3 Roughly
4 Don't forget
5 Cable TV retailer
6 Cupid counterpart
7 Byte prefix
8 Parlor seating
9 Streaming, in product names
10 Canner's purchase
11 "No problem here!"
12 Head to the runway
14 Patronize for supping
18 Builds a wing
19 Directs, in show biz slang
25 Sushi seaweed
26 Respectful address
27 Road sign symbol
28 Two-masted vessel
29 How things are going
30 Sound of a small explosion
31 Light blanket
32 __ *York* (America's largest *ciudad*)
33 Get into condition
37 Argued a case
39 Sows and does
41 World Teachers' Day sponsor
44 Source of the Golden Fleece
46 Vacation, for many
49 Is a benefactor of
50 Musical impediment
53 Violin support
54 Percolate
55 Be obviously elated
57 Triangular chip topper
58 Frequent European erupter
60 Oversize hair
61 Oaf
62 Father of Rome's founder
64 Driller's designation
65 Confine, with "in"



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LOOTING

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Department has mobilized all available resources and called in mutual aid to prevent looting in areas evacuated due to wildfires.

The department has gone on tactical alert, canceling days off and implementing 12-hour shifts to maximize coverage in evacuation zones. An additional 20 officers from neighboring jurisdictions have joined patrols in the affected areas over the past 36 hours.

The department said its primary focus has been making sure that they have every single possible resource in the area to make sure that they're not seeing the kind of burglaries or looting that is feared.

SMPD Chief Ramon Batista said the department contacted over 100 people during the first night of the City's curfew. They made seven felony arrests and six misdemeanor arrests.

"Day and night, we are dedicated to ensuring the security of your homes and loved ones. Our team is proactively monitoring the evacuation zone, deploying extra officers, and collaborating closely with mutual aid partners to provide comprehensive support. We remain steadfast in our commitment to respond swiftly to any needs that arise," he said.

He said the vast majority of subjects stopped were not from Santa Monica or local areas.

According to the Chief, two felony arrests were made for outstanding warrants for firearms violations. Officers made five additional felony arrests of subjects on probation or parole for burglary.

Officers completed a traffic enforcement stop for a registration violation in the 2500 Block of Georgina. During their contact with the three occupants of the vehicle, officers discovered one subject had a No Bail Warrant for a Firearms violation, and another was on probation for Burglary.

Later in the day, officers contacted a subject after he failed to stop for and rode through the traffic control point at 26th St and San Vicente Blvd. During their contact with the individual, officers found a loaded firearm.

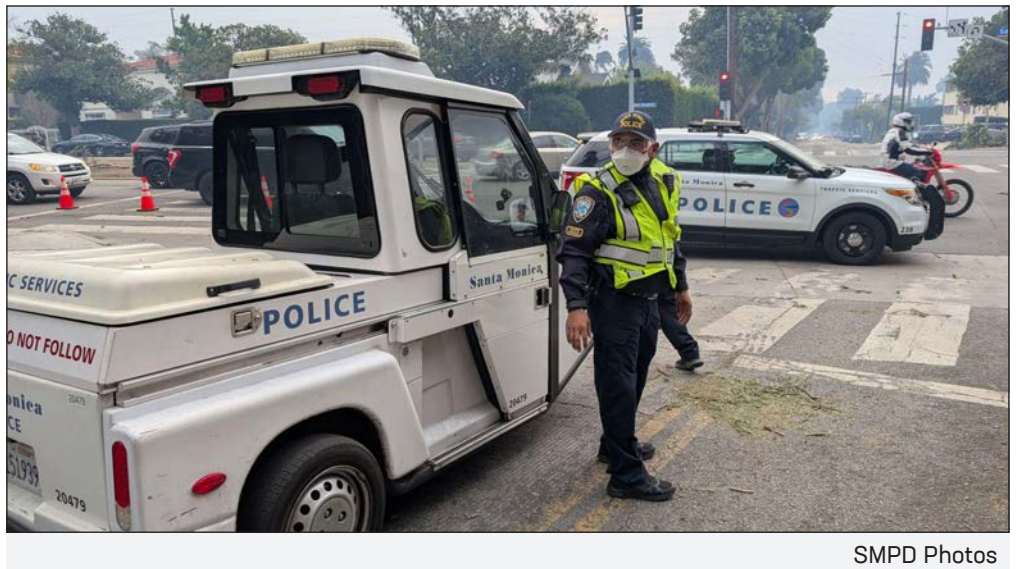
"To those considering coming to our city to commit crimes or victimize our residents: Your actions will not be tolerated," he said. "Our officers are vigilant, and we are fully prepared to arrest and hold offenders accountable. Choose wisely—crime has no place here."

At the morning event, newly elected District Attorney Nathan Hochman said his office will take an active role in prosecuting thieves.

"If you want to go ahead and loot, if you want to commit burglary, if you want to engage in Grand Theft, if you want to engage in these internet scams where you're going to take advantage of people who are going to be seeking insurance and government benefits, you will be arrested, you will be prosecuted, and you will be punished to the full extent of the law," he said. "And the reason I want to send this warning now is so that there won't be any mistake later that somehow they thought, oh, 'it's not a big deal.' It's a huge deal. These acts are despicable. We will prosecute them with maximal punishment."

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239 Georgina Ave	$6,650,000 - *Rep. Seller*
633 12th St	*Coming Soon...*
604 15th St	*Coming Soon...*
322 23rd St	$6,500,000 - *Rep. Seller*
720 San Vicente Blvd	*Coming Soon...*
640 Hightree Rd	$5,925,000 - *Rep. Seller*
246 15th St	$5,908,000 - *Rep. Seller*
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