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Toxic ash may escape air quality measurements

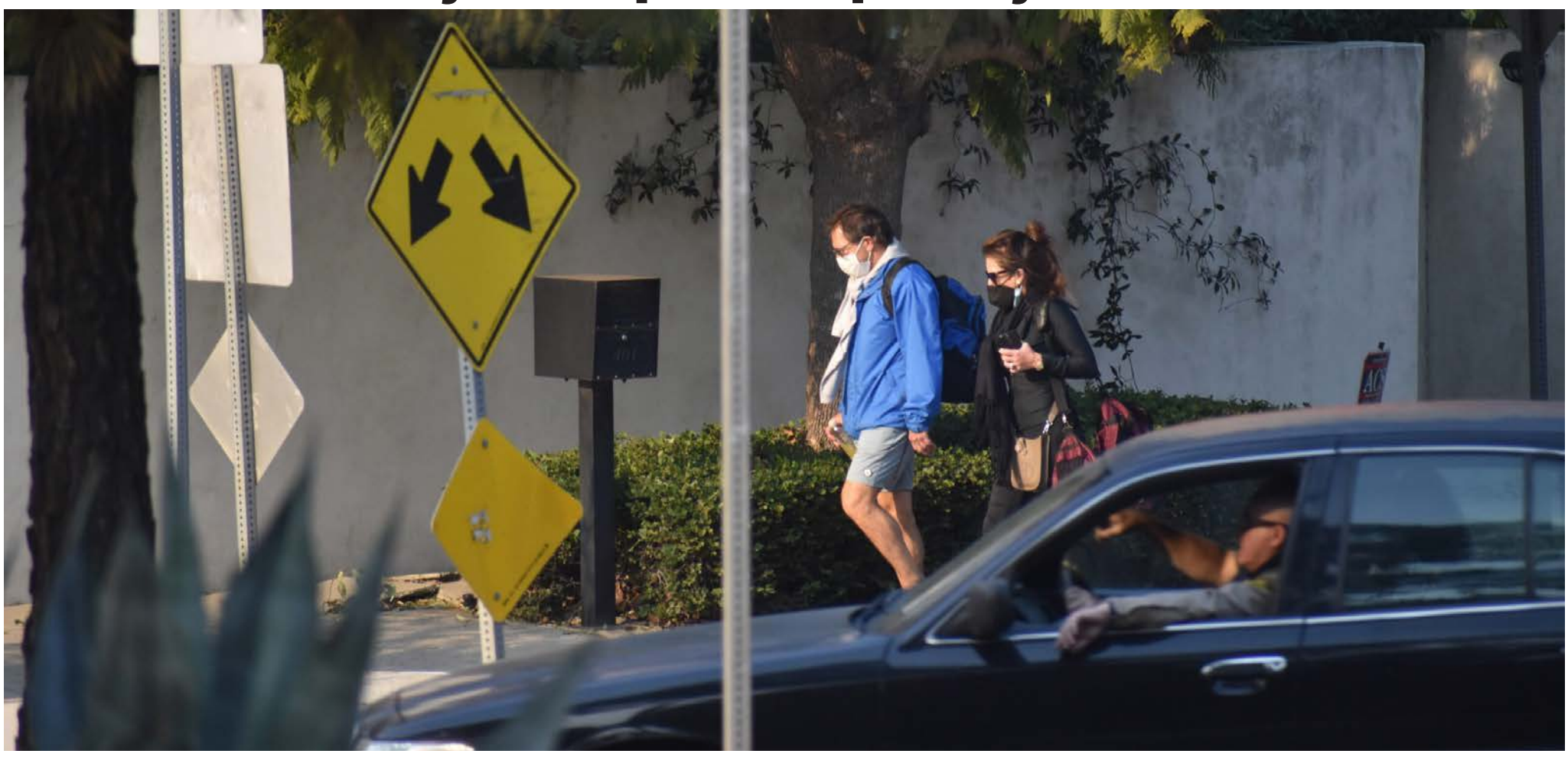


Photo by Matthew Hall

ASH: Health officials said a high quality mask is necessary in areas around ongoing fires due to toxic ash in the air.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The high winds responsible for the firestorm consuming much of Los Angeles County remain dangerous to residents long after the flames have been extinguished as they can spread toxic ash and dust far beyond the fire zone.

Health officials reiterated the threat from airborne pollution this week saying residents who are exposed to ash need to wear high grade masks to avoid potential health problems.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has issued warnings about dust and ash for much of the county.

According to the AQMD high winds may disperse ash from the Palisades and Eaton impact zones. Winds may also disperse ash from the Hurst, Kenneth, Line, Airport, and Bridge fire burn scars. They said ash impacts are possible in all areas to the south and west of these burned areas.

The windblown ash particles may be too large to be detected by air quality

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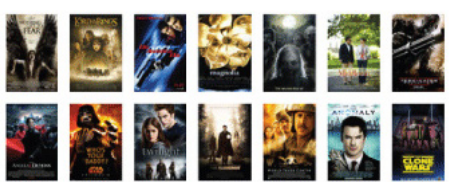


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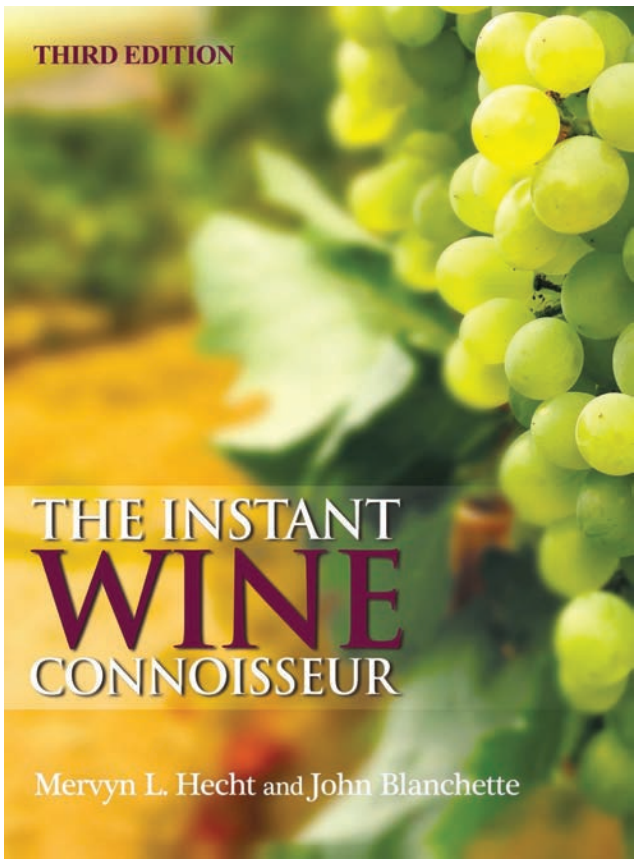
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Pink flame retardants are being used to slow California fires. What do we know about them?



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FLAMES: Firefighters are reliant on the airborne aid to stop fires.

Aircraft battling fires raging through the Los Angeles area are dropping more than water: Hundreds of thousands of gallons of hot-pink fire suppressant ahead of the flames in a desperate effort to stop them before they destroy more neighborhoods.

The fires have killed at least 24 people, displaced thousands and destroyed more than 12,000 structures since they began last Tuesday. Four fires driven by strong Santa Ana winds have charred about 62 square miles (160 square kilometers), according to Cal Fire.

Fire agencies say the suppressants — most often used to fight forest fires — are an invaluable tool. But what is in them and are they safe?

Here's what to know:

WHY ARE THEY BEING USED IN LOS ANGELES?

The fires are burning quickly through canyons and other rugged areas that are difficult for firefighters on the ground to reach, Cal Fire said.

While fire suppressants can be very effective, they do have limitations, the agency said: Strong winds can make it too dangerous to fly at the low altitudes needed for drops and can dissipate the retardant before it hits the ground.

Besides Cal Fire, multiple agencies have dropped fire retardant and water, including the U.S. Forest Service, the Los Angeles and Ventura county fire departments, the city and the National Guard.

HOW DO THEY WORK?

Aerial fire suppressants are generally a mixture of water, ammonium phosphate — essentially fertilizer — and iron oxide, which is added to make the retardant visible, said Daniel McCurry, a civil and environmental engineering professor at the University of Southern California.

The Forest Service, which has used 13 aircraft to dump suppressants on the Los Angeles fires, says they help starve a fire of oxygen and slow the rate of burn by cooling and coating vegetation and other surfaces.

Perimeter, the company that supplies fire retardant to the Forest Service and other agencies, says the phosphate changes the way cellulose in plants decomposes and makes them non-flammable.

POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE

The fire suppressants are generally considered safe for people, but many worry about their potential effects on wildlife.

The Forest Service bans use of aerial suppressants over waterways and endangered species habitats, "except when human life or public safety are threatened," due to potential health effects on fish and other wildlife.

McCurry, from USC, said he and other researchers tested several suppressants and found heavy metals, including chromium and cadmium, in one commonly used by the U.S. Forest Service.

McCurry said the study's findings suggest that it's "plausible" that fire suppressants could contribute to spikes of chromium and other heavy metals in waterways downstream of wildfires.

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Small airborne embers play a big role in the spread of wildfire



Calfire photo

WILDFIRE: Embers have allowed the fire to spread.

While authorities still don't know what sparked the deadly fires in the Los Angeles area, they do know one clear way the flames have spread: embers.

At least 24 people have died in the fires that have destroyed more than 12,000 structures since starting last Tuesday. The flames have been fueled by strong winds, which not only aid combustion by increasing the oxygen supply but carry embers to unburned areas.

Contrary to popular belief, experts say most homes destroyed by wildfires aren't overcome by a racing wall of flames, but rather burn after being ignited by airborne embers.

Here's a look at what embers are and the role they play in wildfires.

WHAT IS AN EMBER?

An ember is a piece of burning debris. Once it becomes airborne, the more technical term is firebrand, said James Urban, an assistant professor in the Department of Fire Protection Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

"If it's a wildland fire, it's typically pieces of wood or other types of vegetation that are burning," he said. "But when you have a fire that's burning through an urban area, it can be vegetation, it can be pieces of the house, it can be almost anything that burns."

They can range in size from tiny specks to larger chunks.

WHAT ARE THEY CAPABLE OF?

While many people might have seen stray embers rise from a campfire and even had one land on them, the embers involved in wildfires are drastically different, said Anne Cope, chief engineer at the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety.

> "A common thought before that was, 'We don't think embers are going to get all the way across that interstate, that's a far distance, they'll never get there
>
> - Anne Cope

"Those embers can travel for miles, and it's often the neighborhoods that are closer

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **56.7**

WEDNESDAY
POOR
SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT
NW swell mix nudges up slightly.

THURSDAY
POOR
SURF: Shin to knee 0-1FT
NW swell mix nudges up slightly from Wednesday.

Weather

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 67. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west southwest in the morning.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. North wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 64. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Extension of Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2796 (CCS) Exempting City Projects During a Declared Local or State Emergency from Temporary Use Permit Requirements.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to extend Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2796 (CCS) exempting City-authorized uses during a declared local or state emergency from temporary use permit requirements. The Council adopted Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2796 (CCS) on December 17, 2024 and will expire unless extended by Council.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Extension of Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Exempting City-authorized Uses from Temporary Use Permits

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
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MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Steve Mizokami by e-mail at steve.mizokami@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211 or (310) 917-6626 TDD at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Governor Newsom mobilizes L.A. debris removal teams to begin work immediately once cleared for safety

Building on Governor Gavin Newsom's executive order to direct fast action to clear debris, federal and state debris removal teams are pre-positioned on standby to immediately move into Los Angeles areas devastated by the hurricane-force firestorm, once deemed safe by emergency officials.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), working with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), has mission-tasked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to safely remove and dispose of hazardous waste from homes and structures impacted by the Los Angeles fires, as soon as it is safe to enter the affected areas.

Debris removal teams will clean up household hazardous waste, including paint, ammunition, pesticides, propane tanks, and batteries in both conventional and electric vehicles. This is the first — and the most complex — phase of debris removal, which clears the way for the next phase focusing on remaining structural debris, clearing trees at risk of falling and testing the soil for contaminants.

While the state has extensive experience with clearing cars with combustion engines, cleanup teams are still adapting to newer technologies like Tesla and other lithium-ion batteries, which can pose distinct risks when exposed to high heat from fires. Based on the federal government's experience during the 2023 Maui Fire, EPA has developed special expertise to ensure proper handling and recycling of these kinds of batteries.

Residents awaiting cleanup of their property should avoid contact with ash and debris, which remains toxic and may contain hidden hazards.

Yesterday, Governor Newsom proposed California provide at least $2.5 billion in additional funding for ongoing emergency response efforts and to jumpstart recovery efforts for Los Angeles. The funding will support recovery and cleanup, additional wildfire preparedness, and reopening schools shuttered by the fires.

Over the weekend, the Governor signed two executive orders to boost recovery efforts – one to help Los Angeles rebuild faster and stronger by cutting red tape, and the other to direct fast action on clearing debris and preparing for mudslides and flooding.

Governor Gavin Newsom also signed an executive order to quickly assist displaced students in the Los Angeles area and bolster schools affected by the firestorms.

The executive order issued by Governor Newsom will:

Suspend a number of state rules to allow displaced students to attend school outside of their district Make it easier for schools damaged or destroyed in the fires to use temporary facilities

Help schools avoid penalties for not meeting minimum school year requirements

Direct state agencies to work with schools with destroyed or damaged schools to develop a plan for serving displaced students and rebuilding

"Our impacted school communities are facing unimaginable and devastating circumstances," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond. "We have their backs. We must provide students with access to the best possible educational experiences, prioritizing providing continuity, community and opportunity for our children at every turn. We will ensure that our school communities get the resources and flexibility needed to recover, rebuild and continue providing quality educational opportunities for every student."

The Governor has already signed multiple executive orders to get rapid help to those affected by the recent fires, including: suspending permitting and supporting ongoing firefighting.

Governor Newsom will continue to work administratively and with the Legislature to assist impacted communities.

State's all-in response

California has mobilized more than 15,000+ personnel including firefighters, guard servicemembers, highway patrol officers and transportation teams to support the ongoing firefight.

In addition, these response efforts include more than 1,900 pieces of firefighting equipment, including 1,390+ engines, 80+ aircraft, 170+ dozers and 160+ water tenders to aid in putting out the fires.

Last week, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency and he subsequently issued multiple executive orders to support communities affected by the ongoing fires. On Wednesday, President Biden quickly approved Governor Newsom's request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to support ongoing response efforts. The state also received continued federal assistance to combat the Hurst, Eaton, and Palisades Fires.

Get help today

Californians can go to CA.gov/LAfires – a hub for information and resources from state, local and federal government.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses from wildfires in Los Angeles County can apply for disaster assistance:

Online at DisasterAssistance.gov

By calling 800-621-3362

By using the FEMA smart phone application

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Countywide

The City and County of Los Angeles Animal Shelters Call for Everyday Heroes Amid Ongoing Wildfires

In response to the devastating wildfires currently sweeping across Southern California, LA Animal Services and Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control are joining forces and urgently appealing to the everyday heroes in the community to help provide temporary homes for pets, adopt animals in need and assist in reuniting lost pets with their families.

As fires ravage local communities, many pets have been displaced from their homes or may have gone missing, leaving them in need of immediate care and shelter. The teams at LA Animal Services and Los Angeles County Animal Care are responsible for addressing the needs of pets in the Los Angeles community and are urging those not impacted by the fires to help, as they continue to support emergency sheltering needs. In an effort to support both the animals and their families during this crisis, the City and County of Los Angeles animal are offering fee-waived adoptions for dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens through the month of January and are urging the public to foster animals in need.

How You Can Be a Hero for Pets:

1. FOSTER A PET

With hundreds of animals impacted by the fires, local shelters are reaching capacity. Residents are encouraged to temporarily open their homes and hearts to a pet in need. Fostering helps relieve overcrowding in shelters and provides a safe, loving environment for pets until they can be safely returned to their owners or adopted into new homes. The fostering process has been streamlined, and starting Wednesday, January 15th, additional volunteers will be on hand from 11am - 2pm at all LA Animal Services shelters to assist with the selection of the perfect pet for your family.

LA Animal Services: Foster a pet from any of the six LA City shelters by going to: LAAanimalServices.com/about-fostering

Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control: To foster a pet from Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control, visit: animalcare.lacounty.gov/become-a-foster-caretaker

> We are committed to protecting animals during emergencies, and with the continuing devastating fire disaster, partnership with other organizations and our community is essential to support people and pets
> - Marcia Mayeda

2. ADOPT A PET - NO FEES

To encourage adoption during this critical time, non-profit organizations Petco Love and Annenberg Pet Space are sponsoring all no-fee adoptions at both the LA City and County Animal Shelters through the month of January. By adopting, you not only provide a forever home for a deserving pet but also help make room for other displaced animals in need of care.

LA Animal Services: View pets available for adoption, by going to: LAAnimalservices.com/pets

Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control: View pets available for adoption, by going to: animalcare.lacounty.gov/view-our-animals/

3. HELP REUNITE LOST AND FOUND PETS

If you have lost or found a pet, the City and County of Los Angeles Animal Shelters are partnering with Petco Love Lost a free national lost-and-found pet database, to help reunite pets with their families. By uploading a photo of your lost or found pet to Petco Love Lost, you can increase the chances of a successful reunion. The platform uses photo- matching technology to help reunite lost pets with their pet parents. The community may also view LA Animal Services' Lost Pet Search page (https://www.laanimalservices.com/search/lost-pets) and Los Angeles Animal Care and Control's Lost Pet page (https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/if-you-lost-your-pet/).

"Together, We Can Make a Difference"

"We are committed to protecting animals during emergencies, and with the continuing devastating fire disaster, partnership with other organizations and our community is essential to support people and pets," said Marcia Mayeda, Director for the Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control.

"By fostering, adopting, or helping to reunite lost pets with their families, we can provide some relief to the many animals who are affected by these fires. We know Los Angeles is a compassionate city, and we are counting on our residents to help us in this critical moment," added Annette Ramirez, Interim General Manager for LA Animal Services.

VISIT SHELTERS AND LEARN MORE

With a total of 13 shelters throughout the City and the County of LA, there are plenty of facilities to visit for those interested in fostering or adopting a pet. For more information about the location of all the shelters and how you can adopt and foster, please visit City of Los Angeles Animal Services and County of Los Angeles Animal Care and Control.

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have risen 2.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.38/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 3.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 21.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 3.7 cents in the last week and stands at $3.525 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.58/g yesterday while the most expensive was $5.37/g, a difference of $1.79/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $3.25/g while the highest was $5.79/g, a difference of $2.54/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $3.02/g today. The national average is up 0.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 3.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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Fire aid at SMC













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SMC: Santa Monica College (SMC) held a two-day Fire Support Resource Drive to aid students, employees, and members of the community affected by the recent catastrophic fires. The SMC Foundation collected donations of food, clothing, hygiene products, baby supplies, blankets (any size), and other necessities to be distributed to people in need.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Countywide

Post offices relocated from fire zones

The wildfires burning in Southern California are a catastrophic disaster that has disrupted services and operations for many organizations – including the Postal Service's ability to deliver mail and packages – across the Los Angeles region. The Postal Service's primary focus is to maintain the safety and security of our employees and to ensure that Americans receive their mail and packages as swiftly as possible.

The Postal Service operations team is working around the clock to restore operations wherever safely possible. USPS is committed to delivering mail wherever it's feasible and safe, constantly adjusting our operations for a swift restoration of services in impacted areas. The full recovery of service to the area may stretch forward for some time.

Postal Service Operations Update:

Operations at the Point Dume Post Office, and La Costa Malibu Station remain closed due to impacts from the wildfires.

Operations at the La Canada Flintridge and Malibu Post Offices have resumed for retail services and mail delivery. Operations at the Woodland Hills Post Office and Encino Station are open..

The following post offices retail and delivery services have been relocated and customers will be able to pick up mail, per effective dates:

Altadena Post Office is now located at Pasadena Post Office, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91109-9998.

Pacific Palisades Post Office is now located at Rancho Park Post Office, 11270 Exposition Blvd Floor 1, Los Angeles, CA 90064-9998.

Topanga Post Office is now located at Santa Monica Post Office, 1653 7th Street.

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Countywide

Map Of Inspected Damaged Or Destroyed Homes Now Available For Palisades And Eaton Fires

The Damage Inspections Dashboard that includes a detailed map of inspected homes is now available for properties within the Palisades and Eaton Fire footprints. These maps show damaged or destroyed homes, as well as homes that are not damaged or destroyed, based on physical verification by on the ground Damage Inspectors.

Field damage inspections are ongoing and will continue until every structure within the footprint of each fire is inspected. Initial aerial assessments estimate 5,316 structures for the Palisades Fire and over 7,000 structures destroyed from the Eaton Fire. These initial numbers make the Eaton and Palisades fires likely the second and fourth most destructive fires in California's history respectively.

Addresses may be entered into the search bar to find a specific location. The icons on the map indicate the current known status of the structure, which includes the percentages of affected damage, minor damage, major damage, and destroyed. Photos are included with each inspection report, allowing property owners to see the status of their home and property.

With tens of thousands of Los Angeles County residents currently evacuated from these fires, completing these inspections so that residents can confirm the status of their homes is one of our top priorities once it is safe for our inspectors to enter the areas. Due to the breadth of this response, coordination continues with federal, state and local agencies to assess damage as expediently as possible.

https://recovery.lacounty.gov/palisades-fire/

https://recovery.lacounty.gov/eaton-fire/

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Citywide

Beloved teacher dies from cancer

Sylvia Kerkotchian, 20-year SMMUSD employee and educator, has passed away following a heroic battle with cancer.

Sylvia lived life to the fullest and very much enjoyed her family, including two children attending Edison, friends and her roles over the years with SMMUSD.

Sylvia was born in Santa Monica and was hired in Sept. 2004 at the age of 18 as an Instructional Assistant, working at Franklin Elementary. She was promoted to the position of Administrative Assistant with the Special Education Department Dec. 2005. In Sept. 2006, she requested a voluntary reduction in hours to complete her teaching credential. With her teaching credential in hand, she first served SMMUSD as a substitute teacher in Aug. 2008, then gained a position as a classroom teacher at Will Rogers Learning Community in 2011 where she spent 10 years teaching, until she accepted a position as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) with the SMMUSD Educational Services Department in July 2021. She continued to work in this capacity through much of the fall semester.

Sylvia's family has shared information about her memorial service and an obituary:

https://obituaries.forestlawn.com/obituaries/sylvia-kerkotchian

In lieu of flowers, her family is asking for donations to the Children's Education Fund in her memory:

https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/R2XNM4QY7DUH2

Cards may be sent to Sylvia's mother, Varso, recently retired Franklin Elementary School Office Manager:

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PINK

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"We don't quite have a smoking gun yet because it's difficult, although not impossible, to prove where a heavy metal came from," McCurry said. "We're working on that."

Perimeter, the manufacturer of the Forest Service's fire retardant, said McCurry's research was on a formulation that wasn't used in California and is no longer used by the Forest Service. The company also says it doesn't add metals, which it says are naturally present in all ammonium phosphate fertilizers, and that its aerial suppressants "are exhaustively tested by the USDA Forest Service and meet or exceed all health and safety standards."

USE OF RETARDANTS SEEN AS IMPERATIVE TO AVOID GREATER RISKS

The use of fire retardants is imperative to putting out wildfires that expose millions of people to health risks, including from a toxic mix of microscopic particles that can cause breathing and heart problems by penetrating deep into the lungs and bloodstream.

Studies have shown that wildfire smoke accounted for up to half of all health-damaging particle air pollution in the western U.S. in recent years as warming temperatures fueled more destructive blazes.

And research released last year by the Alzheimer's Association found that wildfire smoke may be worse for brain health than other types of air pollution, raising the risk of dementia.

"The use of wildland fire retardant is the best way to save lives, protect communities and keep fires small," said Edward Goldberg, vice chairman of solutions at Perimeter.

> We don't quite have a smoking gun yet because it's difficult, although not impossible, to prove where a heavy metal came from
> - Daniel McCurry

McCurry, the USC researcher, said more study is needed on fire suppressants — including in Los Angeles once the fires are out — but he understands their value: "If there was a brush fire coming for my house, I'd still rather than paint a lot of (fire retardant) in front of it."

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EMBER

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to the wildlands that get inundated with just loads and loads — just showered with embers," she said.

Wind allows embers to burn harder and release more energy, becoming a more potent ignition source, Urban said. The firebrands then accumulate and sort of work together, gathering between the slats of wood fences or in shrubbery and igniting new fires.

In 2017, embers blew across a six-lane highway in Northern California, igniting businesses and then jumping from house to house in the Coffey Park neighborhood in Santa Rosa.

"A common thought before that was, 'We don't think embers are going to get all the way across that interstate, that's a far distance, they'll never get there," Cope said. Well, never is a dangerous word."

A single ember that lands on the ground might burn out within minutes but can also smolder, Urban said. "And then a sudden change of conditions like wind gusts ignite flames and cause a lot of destruction," he said.

HOW ARE RESEARCHERS STUDYING EMBERS?

Together with San José State University, Worcester Polytech is part of a Wildfire Interdisciplinary Research Center. With funding from the U.S. Forest Service and National Science Foundation, researchers are examining how firebrands are produced and how that knowledge can be incorporated into models about how wildfires spread and defensive measures that can be applied to homes, Urban said. For example, his students have conducted experiments to see how vegetation management around buildings might affect how quickly a fire spreads between structures.

"I'm optimistic in a way that there's a lot of research coming out of this and we'll be better prepared in other fires," he said. "We're going to see more fires like this, and there's going to need to be changes if we want to change the outcome."

Cope agreed.

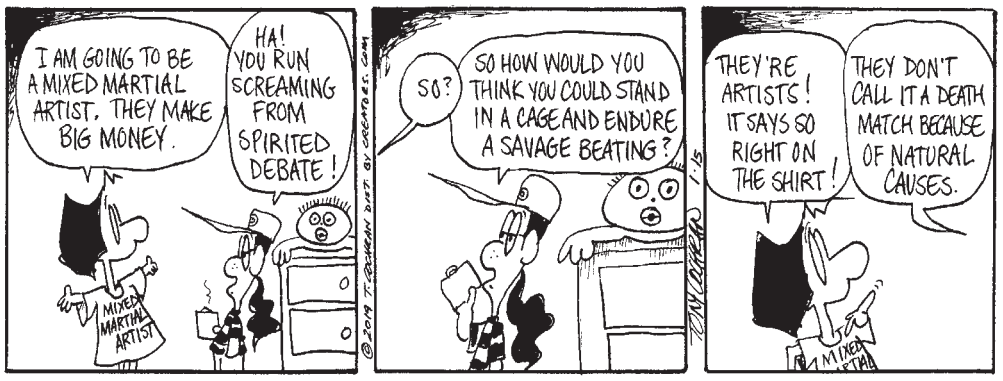
"I would love to see us strategically incorporate preparedness for wildfire embers in far more areas than we currently do," she said.

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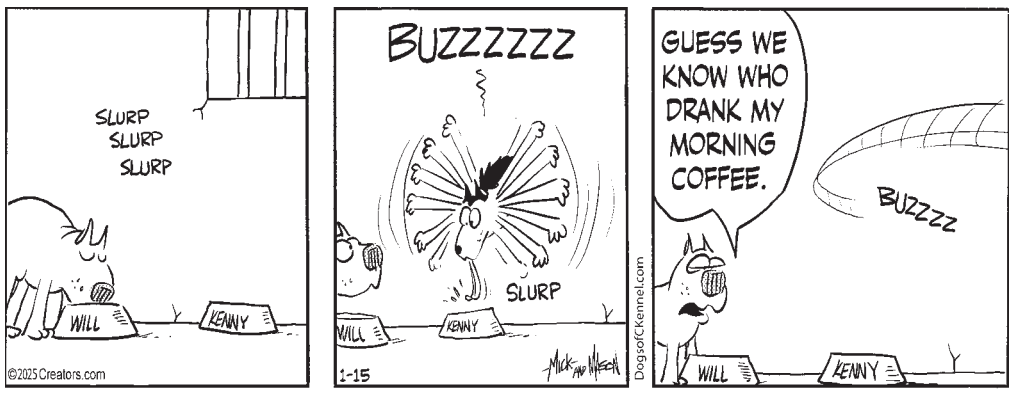
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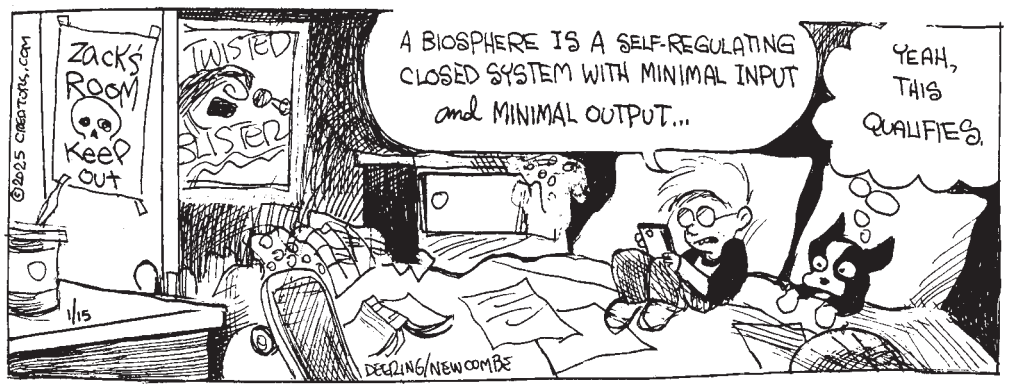
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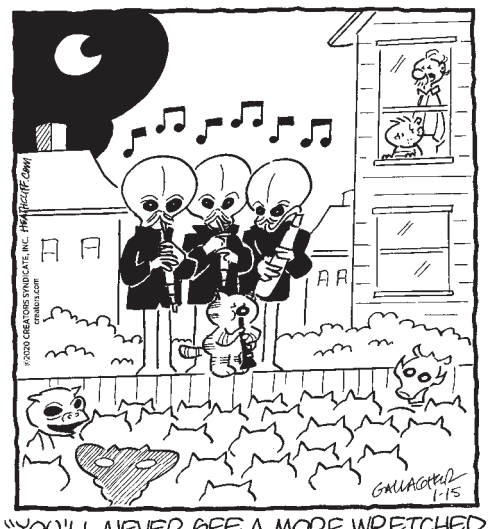
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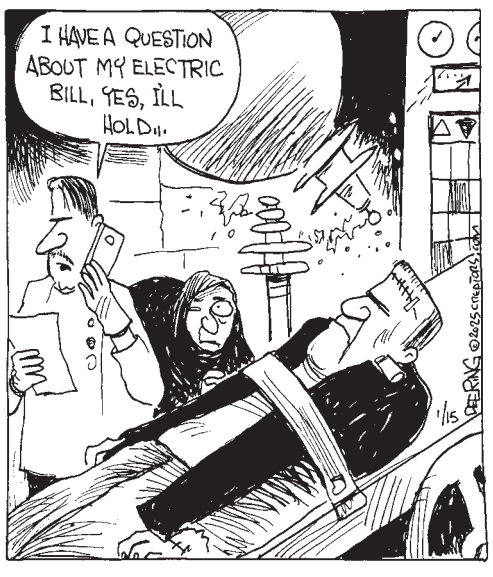
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FIND THE WORDS

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). Invite people into your life and plans. While there's a tipping point where involving too many can become overly complicated or cumbersome, you're still far from that number - so keep the invitations flowing and enjoy the connections you make along the way!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). For a relationship to work well, both parties should agree on the boundaries. This is best done organically because people may agree in theory to things they do not agree with in practice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been influenced by memorable people whose lasting impressions kept you following their advice and examples. You'll now consider how you can create guides for others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The classic question of whether the glass is half-full or half-empty wouldn't arise if the glass simply matched the amount it held. Thinking about efficiency early in any endeavor will prevent problems and keep the focus productive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The task will be challenging, so it will be hard to want to stick with it. Even the smallest thing can become a distraction. Instead of acting on every whim, jot down unhelpful impulses in a note. This simple act will keep you on track throughout this busy day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll find yourself in a position to appoint someone in an important role. To assess their potential, take a close look at their current performance. The evidence will speak for itself, and you can safely assume that what's happening now will happen again later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The ways you protect yourself from the world will be highlighted. While some boundaries are essential, others might be keeping you from experiencing the joy and connection you deserve. Where can you open up more?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a maddening paradox in play: While fairness may be a myth, so is futility. In the absence of justice, we can still act and find meaning in the cracks. If nothing is fair, then we can build something even better: purpose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a critical thinker, but you're careful to communicate in an unfailingly constructive and supportive way, and even then, only when asked. People rarely follow the advice they asked for, and unsolicited advice goes straight to the mental trash bin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's a full day of back-to-back interactions, and your high energy will have you shining. You'll seize the opportunity to uplift and inspire others, making a positive influence on those lucky enough to cross your path.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If a thing can't be proven, why argue the matter? There's a good reason. Because the discussion tells you something about the other person, their character, general communication style and what's important to them. It's not about the topic. It's about the dynamic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no universally correct way to see things. Everyone has a distorted viewpoint when compared to that of another. You'll reflect on what could be considered a distortion and how it impacts your judgment, decisions or understanding of a situation.

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.

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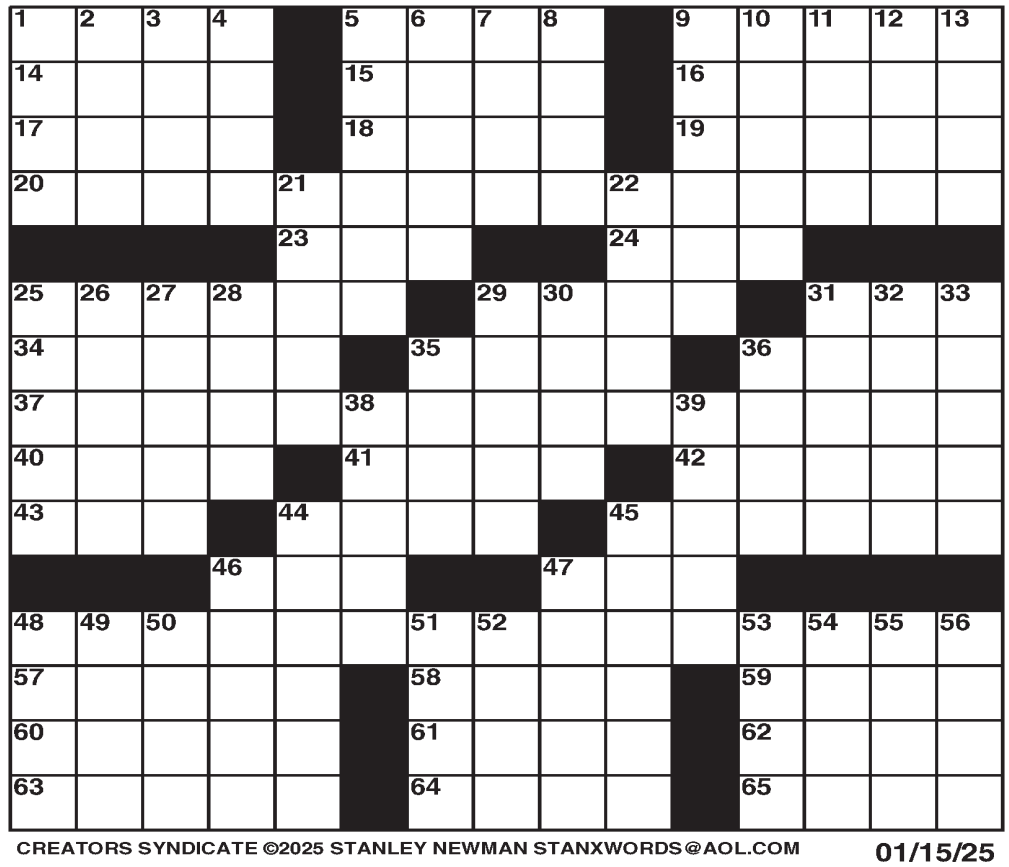
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ACROSS

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5 Fathers, informally
9 Shrimplike creature
14 Iron corrosion
15 Laugh-a-minute person
16 Track race with batons
17 *Venus de* __
18 Notion
19 Rips, as paper
20 Go beyond what's allowed
23 Prescription, for short
24 Batteries for remotes
25 Overindulge
29 School semester
31 Discreet email inclusion
34 Once more
35 Search for bargains
36 Refrigerator access
37 Isn't bothered by adversity
40 Went very fast
41 Women in convents
42 Desert stops with water
43 "That's correct"
44 Perform a melody
45 Mensa membership requirement
46 Tuna container
47 V preceders
48 Task that's difficult to do
57 In separate pieces
58 Needing urgent attention
59 Wind instrument
60 Bring a meal to
61 And others: Abbr.
62 Plod through mud
63 Totaled up
64 *Pirates of the Caribbean* series star
65 Trouser borders

DOWN

1 With open __ (cordially)
2 "Three-piece" business wear
3 Land amidst water
4 Perched upon
5 Person behind the wheel
6 Lent support to
7 Active person
8 RBI or GNP
9 Crew paid to get press coverage
10 Angler's spools
11 Jai __ (court sport)
12 Advise caution to
13 Wall St. trading center
21 Signs of the future
22 Angelic instruments
25 Gullible person
26 With wide-open mouth
27 Produces
28 __ Piper of Hamelin
29 Person, place or __
30 Very long time
31 Capital of Idaho
32 Secret messages
33 Wave's high point
35 Astonish
36 "Darn it!"
38 Written indelibly
39 Chef's hat
44 How many people like their peanuts
45 Support from PC pros
46 Prepare a jack-o'-lantern
47 Seat belt, essentially
48 Outer space agency
49 Newspaper essay page
50 Hospital section
51 Verified the age of in a bar
52 Evening, in ads
53 Very elegant
54 Having the capacity (to)
55 Enough space
56 Beer barrels



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instrumentation and will not influenceAir Quality Index(AQI) levels. Ash particles are typically visible to the naked eye either in the air or on outdoor surfaces. However, there may be dangers that are simply undetectable.

"People may think, 'Well, I don't see or smell smoke anymore, and it looks sunny like it normally does in Southern California,' and be lulled into thinking everything is fine," said pulmonologist Jeremy Falk, MD, associate professor of Medicine at Cedars-Sinai. "But much of what can harm us in situations like this doesn't have an odor. The Air Quality Index system was developed for everyday pollution, and not necessarily to warn us about particles that are not typically in the air because of wildfires."

Falk, along with Irina Dralyuk, MD, a Cedars-Sinai Guerin Children's pulmonologist, and Daryl Banta, MD, pulmonologist and medical director of Pulmonology and Critical Care at Huntington Health, an affiliate of Cedars-Sinai, said it's best to err on the side of caution and stay as safe as possible during periods of bad air quality—which will be around as long as the fires continue to burn.

"Homes and buildings are full of all kinds of materials that are toxic when burned—plastics, oil products, metals—and the Air Quality Index does not pick up on that. Another limitation is in the unpredictable, shifting winds. You don't know if the air quality data that you're viewing is up to date. What may be an 'acceptable' level of air pollution one minute may be a very different level half an hour later. It's the unknown that makes this situation so dangerous."

Dust is a similar concern although it should be reported in air quality levels. Dust may create an unhealthy environment for sensitive groups or worse in portions of Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside Counties in the South Coast Air Basin and the Coachella Valley.

Anish Mahajan with the LA County Department of Public Health said high grade masks are needed to filter out the dangerous toxins.

"You should wear proper respiratory mass, such as an N95 or a P100 mask to help protect you," he said. "These masks are specifically designed to reduce the exposure to harmful fine particles found in the ash and smoke which can penetrate deep into your lungs and cause serious health problems. And remember, ash is not just dirt. It's hazardous fine dust that can irritate or harm your respiratory system and other parts of your body where it lands. Also note that cloth masks, medical masks, and the regular blue ones, bandanas, they do not provide adequate protection against ash and fine particles. They're not designed to filter out. These are hazardous materials you really need to wear, N95 or P100 if you're seeing the ash in your area to protect yourself."

"The longer you're outside breathing air that we know is not safe, the more you're putting yourself at high risk," Dr. Falk said, recommending that exercise be moved indoors and N95 masks be worn when outdoors is necessary.

Inside homes and vehicles, experts advise keeping windows closed and ensuring air conditioning systems are set to recirculate rather than pull in outside air. If smoke or ash penetrates buildings, masks should be worn indoors as well.

Children are particularly vulnerable to smoke exposure, according to Dr. Dralyuk, who recommends N95 masks for children of all ages when outside. Parents should watch for symptoms including coughing, wheezing, chest tightness, shortness of breath, and mental changes.

"If you have severe symptoms, such as severe cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, dizziness or confusion after smoke exposure, seek immediate medical attention," Dr. Banta said.

Health officials warn that prolonged exposure to particulate matter may increase risks for stroke, heart attacks, lung conditions and cancer. The elderly, young children, and those with preexisting lung or heart conditions are especially susceptible.

Milder symptoms can include irritated eyes, runny nose, scratchy throat, and headaches. People with chronic conditions are advised to ensure rescue medications are current and readily available.

"If the air outside is bad to breathe, do what you can to not breathe it," Falk said. "There's nothing high tech about it. Just use common sense—that's going to be our best way out of this."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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THURSDAY | JANUARY 16

OAKWOOD ROOTS FARMERS AND WELLNESS MARKET

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 685 Westminster Ave., Venice. Oakwood Roots Venice Farmers' and Wellness Market is a hub for local foods, wellness classes, and holistic healing. Join in creating a healthier and more connected neighborhood. This is part of a larger effort to revitalize the abandoned parking lots across the street from the park into a community hub, in partnership with Community Corporation of Santa Monica and Hoopbus.

LUNCHTIME LINE DANCE

12:30 p.m. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd., Venice. Get fit and meet new friends learning line dances on your lunch break. Learn new and old dances to various styles, including country, disco, Latin, soul and more. All levels are welcome.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. Join for engaging conversation about whodunnits, thrillers, and cri-fi. Light refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Palms Rancho Park Library. January's selection is "Devil in a Blue Dress" by Walter Mosley.

COVERED CA EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

4 - 5 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. Covered CA program facilitators will go over how the Covered CA insurance marketplace works. Covered CA eligibility, financial support and steps to enroll will also be discussed.

TODDLER PLAY

4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. An hour of free play, exploration and socializing for children and their caregivers, with toys and books. Recommended for ages 0-2.

WILL BRAHM

7 p.m. Sam First, 6171 W. Century Blvd. Jazz guitarist Will Brahm, with a signature band sound rooted in strong melodic songs and decorated in lush sonic landscapes, evokes the compositional depth of Pat Metheny Group and the singing captivating melodic sense of guitarists like Jeff Beck and David Gilmour. For more information, visit: https://www.bandsintown.com/e/105548658.

FRIDAY | JANUARY 17

MLK FREEDOM CELEBRATION & BREAKFAST

8 - 9:30 a.m. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1343 Ocean Park Blvd. This inspiring event brings together community members to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s enduring legacy of love, equity, and social justice. Reverend Carolyn Baskin-Bell, a long-time member of our interfaith council and the first female pastor of the historic First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Santa Monica, will serve as our keynote speaker. For more information, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mlk-freedom-celebration-and-breakfast-tickets-1091789865879.

SHABBAT DINNER AT THE BEACH

5 - 10:30 p.m. Shul on the Beach, 505 Ocean Front, Venice. Watch the sunset over the ocean and embrace the warmth of Shabbat with the Shul on the Beach Community along with fellow Jewish professionals, for a joyous evening filled with delicious food, fine wine, uplifting conversation, heartfelt singing, and inspiring Torah insights. Tickets $39-$44, for more information visit shulonthebeach.com.

SATURDAY | JANUARY 18

INTRODUCTION TO TAROT CARDS

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Ave., Los Angeles. This two-hour lecture introduces the world of Tarot cards and how they are used. Topics also include ethical considerations; a brief description of the Major Arcana (sometimes called the Fools Journey) and the Minor Arcana. Learn what types of Tarot decks are good for a beginner, what to expect from a Tarot reading, and some practical uses for Tarot cards.

CUDDLE SANCTUARY COMMUNITY CARE

2 - 5 p.m. Laughing Frog Yoga, 12217 Santa Monica Blvd. #205., Los Angeles. Begin with a welcome circle, easy relaxation activities, communication exercises and a description of cuddle etiquette. The event culminates in a voluntary "cuddle lab." Touch is always consensual, and never a requirement to participate. At this event, you may experience an increased sense of well-being and belonging, a boost in compassion, a decrease in blood pressure and a better night's sleep. Early bird tickets $55 through Jan. 17, then $80. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cuddle-sanctuary-community-care-tickets-1080564640929.

ART EXHIBITION

5 - 8 p.m. AzziArt Gallery LA, 10511 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles. An art exhibition event with ZeebaMed, featuring international artists Irina and Nicholas Chelyapov. Curated by Aziz Azizova. To RSVP, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/art-exhibition-event-with-zeebamed-artists-irina-and-nickolas-chelyapov-tickets-1131492647969.

Come enjoy our Italian Happy Hour

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Menu

FOOD

Crocchette di pollo 12
Chicken croquettes, mozzarella, San Marzano tomato purée

Arancini di carne e mozzarella 13
Crispy rice balls, mozzarella, beef ragout San Marzano tomato purée

Calamari fritti 9
The classic, Calabrian chili aioli

Truffle fries 8
Truffle fries, grated Parmigiano, truffle zest (vegetarian)

Bruschetta 9
Toasted ciabatta bread cherry tomatoes, basil balsamic glaze (vegan)

COCKTAIL

Spicy Margarita 9
House tequila, agave, organic lime

Old fashioned 10
House bourbon, maraschino cherry, organic sugar

Classic Martini 11
House vodka or gin, twist or olives

WINE

Classic Spritz 9
Aperol, prosecco

Pinot Grigio Valdadige 8
Dry and crisp white wine

Chardonnay Maddalena 10
Oaky and aromatic white wine

Montepulciano d' Abruzzo Marramiero 9
Dry and medium body red wine

Cabernet Sauvignon Scotto 10
Aromatic and full body red wine

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