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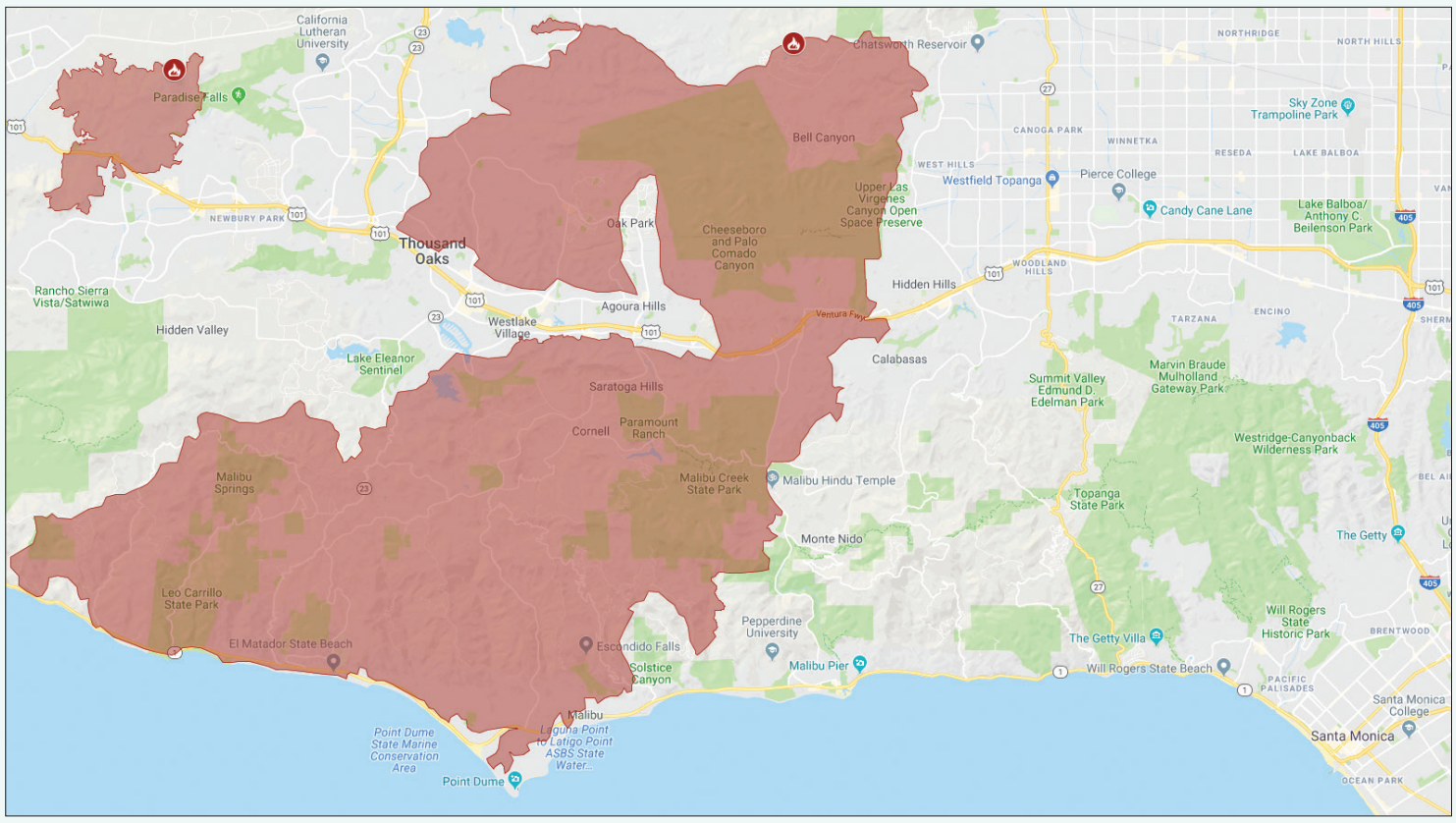
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Fires close Malibu schools through Friday



File Photos

WOOLSEY FIRE: **Cal Fire maps showed the extent of the Woolsey Fire on Monday. While containment has been growing, winds are a concern.**

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Initial reports suggest Malibu schools have survived the Woolsey fire so far but classes will be canceled in the city through Friday.

A video posted late last week showed flames on the Malibu High School campus but the school remained standing this weekend and officials said damage might be confined to a single construction trailer.

Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said the district remained concerned for the children and families displaced by the blaze.

"My heart goes out to our families, community members and staff members currently affected by the fires in and around Malibu. We share your concerns about the crisis unfolding right now as two fires converge on our beloved beach community," he said in a letter. "This is a tragic situation happening in our school district and we are aware that families and staff have lost homes. We are so sorry to hear this sad news."

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Judge issues fine and possible ruling in CVRA case

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The plaintiffs and lawyers suing Santa Monica over its election system have been fined $21,612 for failing to produce emails during the trial. The judgment has no bearing on the outcome of the case but the court order containing the ruling does suggest a decision has been made.

Plaintiffs Maria Loya and the Pico Neighborhood Association sued the City of Santa Monica alleging the at large voting system is racist. If they win the case, the city could move to district based elections or adopt another voting system depending on the Judge's order.

Lawyers for the City claimed the Plaintiffs and their attorneys failed to produce requested documents and did not conduct a good faith search to determine if some emails existed. In their complaint, City Hall had asked for monetary sanctions and a ruling that the court consider the unproduced documents as evidence in support of the City. The judge

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Demolitions, cell towers and park safety on Council's agenda

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

City Council is set to introduce rules governing historic buildings and cell antennas that will affect the appearance of Santa Monica neighborhoods.

The Council will vote at its Nov. 13 meeting on new rules regulating the demolition of historic buildings and a separate discussion on installation of cell antennas. The City has identified preserving the aesthetic character of Santa Monica as a major priority, and is seeking to prevent the demolition of potential landmarks and reduce the impacts of cell antennas on public space.

Due to a recent court case, local government bodies can no longer submit applications to themselves for review and the Landmarks Commission has had to forgo automatic reviews of demolition permits since June of this year.

In the absence of an automatic review by the Landmarks Commission, individual citizens have had to file applications for review and conduct research themselves to determine a property's eligibility for landmark

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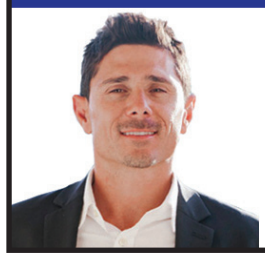
Woolsey Fire evacuees find safety at Pierce College

ZANE MEYER-THORNTON
Special to the Daily Press

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Tuesday, Nov. 13

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Join organizers for a monthly series. Special guest, an SMC lifeguard, will share stories for preschoolers. Ages 3 - 5. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.

Thankful Tuesday Crafternoon
Create and decorate cards and crafts to give to someone you're thankful for. Ages 3-11. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 - 5 p.m.

College Application Drop-In Services
Get free one-on-one assistance with college applications and essays. To submit your application, bring your transcript(unofficial is fine) and Social Security, DACA or Green Card number. Computers provided, or bring your laptop. Presented in collaboration with the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club's College Bound Program, Diana Hanson of Magellan Counseling, and Nick Soper of Creative College Prep and TeenLAUNCH. Grade 12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 - 6 p.m.

Cursive Kids Club
Learn creative ways to form and write cursive letters, even if you never wrote cursive before. Make artsy and unique letters using glue, cake icing tubes, and more neat materials to write and create your own special handwriting style. We'll use cursive to decorate cookies! All materials provided. For grades 3-5. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Soundwaves Concert: Wayne Peet Quartet
Keyboardist Wayne Peet, with Andrew Pask (reeds & electronics), Roberto Miranda (bass), and Ellington Peet (drums), performs a set of original jazz and improvised music. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7:30 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Breaking Point
Joe Pickett investigates the disappearance of a local businessman, who recently had his intended retirement property declared wetlands and is suspected in the murder of two EPA employees. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation
Instructor Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 - 8 p.m.

Documentary & Discussion: Won't You Be My Neighbor? (2018)
The life and story of children's television icon Fred Rogers is examined in this heartfelt and heartwarming documentary. Stick around afterwards to share stories of how Mr. Rogers influenced your or your children's lives. (95 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Mini Makers: Tape Resist Art
Create unique pieces of art with Tape, Oil Pastels, and Watercolors. Materials provided. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 15

The Recreation & Parks Commission Regular Meeting
The Recreation and Parks Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council and the Director of Community and Cultural Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation. Meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street.

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S. California fire burned 100s more homes, official predicts

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS & CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Some residents who fled Southern California's huge wildfire were allowed to return home Monday but hundreds of thousands remained under evacuation orders as authorities said the number of homes that burned was expected to grow significantly.

Officials were still conducting damage assessments and Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby said he expected those inspections would show hundreds more homes incinerated on top of the 370 already counted.

Firefighters managed to prevent about 57,000 homes from destruction by the so-called Woolsey fire as it raged along a path 20 miles long and 14 miles wide from northwestern Los Angeles through suburbs and the Santa Monica Mountains to the Malibu coast, Osby said.

He estimated that about 200,000 people were still under evacuation orders after repopulation of some neighborhoods began late Sunday along with the reopening of the U.S. 101 state highway that runs through the fire zone.

Gusty, dry Santa Ana winds returned Monday and fanned several much smaller new fires and containment of the Woolsey fire was estimated at just 20 percent. Despite the windy conditions, there were no big flare-ups and blue sky replaced the massive smoke plumes of previous days.

Surviving Malibu mansions stood in stark contrast to an utterly blackened landscape.

The death toll remained at two, a pair of adults found last week in a car overtaken by flames who have not been identified.

At least 29 people were confirmed dead in the wildfire that obliterated the Northern California town of Paradise, equaling the deadliest blaze in state history, and the search for bodies continued Monday.

In Southern California, new fires erupted west of Los Angeles in the rugged Rocky Peak area along State Route 118 and in suburban Thousand Oaks.

Firefighters and water-dropping aircraft quickly corralled the flames but Osby said the area's fire risk remained very high because of "extreme conditions."

"If there is a fire in your neighborhood do not wait for an evacuation order — leave," he said.

Roger Kelly, 69, defied evacuation orders Sunday and hiked into Seminole Springs, his lakeside mobile home community in the Santa Monica Mountains north of Malibu.

His found his house intact, but dozens were destroyed just half a block away and virtually everything around the community had turned to ash.

"I just started weeping," Kelly said. "I just broke down. Your first view of it, man it just gets you."

The fire's cause remained under investigation but Southern California Edison reported to the California Public Utilities Commission that there was an outage on an electrical circuit near the location where the fire started as the Santa Ana winds blew through the region.

Osby said Monday that nothing has been ruled out for the fire's cause.

Osby said he did not "want to politicize our efforts right now" when a reporter asked him about a Saturday tweet from President Donald Trump asserting there was no reason for California's massive, deadly and costly fires except for "gross mismanagement" of forests.

"I can tell you we're in extreme climate change right now," Osby said. "We don't control the climate. We're doing all that we can to prevent incidents and mitigate incidents and save lives.

He added: "I personally find that statement unsatisfactory and it's very hurtful for all first-responders that are putting their lives on the line to protect lives and property."

Myers reported from Thousand Oaks. Associated Press writer John Antczak and Andrew Dalton in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

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While Santa Monica schools will reopen Tuesday following the Veterans Day holiday, Malibu schools will be closed through Nov. 16.

"The pictures emerging from this ongoing, tragic situation in our community are heart breaking. As the crisis unfolds, we know that many of our students, families, and staff have been impacted. We are aware that many have lost their homes and many do not know the current status of their homes, as evacuation orders are still in effect," said the district in an message to parents.

SMMUSD is also asking residents impacted by the fire to let them know of any special circumstances relevant to the schools.

"In an effort to better understand the current needs and to provide support, we have created a brief survey," said the announcement. "Please see the links below. One is for families and one is for staff. If your home has sustained damage, if you have lost your home, have sustained injury, or there is any other situation that you think is helpful for us to be aware of, please complete the appropriate survey if you are able/willing to do so. In place of the survey, you may also contact your principal or submit an email through Let's Talk: www.smmusd.org."

District officials said even if the schools are still standing, it will take some time to make them ready for students again.

"We recognize the tight-knit community that Malibu is, and we, along with our Board of Education, district leadership and staff, are here and ready to help and support community efforts to rebuild this very special city so that it thrives once again," said their statement.

"With evacuation orders still in place, we have been unable to visually inspect our schools directly yet. We have seen photos and videos and reports that all four of our schools appear to be in good condition. We will have inspections and cleaning to do before we resume as the safety of our students and staff is paramount to us. For that reason, we have decided to close Malibu schools all week, through Friday, November 16, 2018. We want to ensure that air quality inside and out provides a healthy environment for all. All Malibu school-related activities are also canceled this week, along with the SMMUSD sustainability plan meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening. We will stay in touch with updates."

The Boys and Girls Club of Malibu is accepting donations on behalf of Malibu residents and their equestrian community. They are working with Senator Stern's office to handle donations and donations can be made via their website (bgcmalibu.org, click on "invest in Malibu youth") or through the Malibu Foundation for Youth and Families, DBA the Boys and Girls Club of Malibu 501c3 95-4774844.

Equestrian specific donations can be noted by email kaseyearnest@bgcmalibu.org.

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status. Under the proposed ordinance, anyone applying to demolish a building more than 40 years old would also have to file an application to the Landmarks Commission to determine if their property is of historic value.

In another effort to regulate the aesthetic character of the city, the Council is planning to establish standards for how cell antennas should look and ensure they comply with the Federal Communications Commission's radio frequency emissions benchmarks.

The City has received an increased number for applications for "small cell sites," which can be installed on existing infrastructure such as streetlights and wooden utility poles, as telecommunication companies have upgraded their wireless networks in the past few years. At the same time, the FCC has limited the authority of local jurisdictions to regulate the antennas.

In August, three residents appealed plans to install antennas on street poles near their homes because they believe their appearance will impact property values and the radio frequencies they emit could create health risks. City Council rejected the appeals.

Under the new rules, the city would have stricter objective design standards for wireless facilities, more clearly defined minimum application, stronger site justification requirements, a construction notice requirement, more notice of construction hours and standard conditions of approval.

Part of the new rules would require companies to show their equipment complies with radio frequency rules at the time of construction, 30 days after construction and on an annual basis thereafter.

The Council will also hear recommendations from the Recreation and Parks Commission that address the recent uptick in crime in Santa Monica's parks and beach. The Commission is asking the Council to install cameras and additional lighting, as well as increase daily police patrols in the parks and beach. It is also recommending the Council consider reinstituting park rangers, closing the beach during certain hours and enforcing laws related to food distribution and camping.

Recent murders on the beach and in Tongva Park, as well as the growing problem of lewd acts at Christine Emerson Reed Park, have sparked concerns about safety among residents, who have also complained about a local church hosting a meal on Sundays for homeless individuals in Reed Park.

"The Recreation and Parks Commission finds that the safety situation in the parks and at the beach has reached a crisis point and that further action can not be delayed," Chair John C. Smith wrote in a letter to the Council.

The Council will meet in its chambers at City Hall, 1685 Main St, at 7 p.m. on Nov. 13.

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What's the Point?

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Election Is Over, Let The Campaigning Begin...

Thankfully the results are in, there was a mild blue wave that took over the House, the Senate remains red and the Santa Monica City Council has at least one new face. I suppose that Pam O'Connor, who didn't make the cut this election, could be appointed to fill the seat to be emptied by soon to be State Equalization Board Member Vazquez. I would hope that the council would be more creative than that though. It seems to me that Ms. O'Connor has served her time and should be retired from service since she didn't generate enough interest in the voters to warrant a seat.

I'm sure that's not a popular opinion, especially at the O'Connor home, or among her supporters, but frankly, I voted in favor of Term Limits for a reason – I like the idea of rotation of leadership. I'm glad that we have things like the 22nd Amendment that limits the lifetime service of a President to two terms. The wisdom of that is starkly in evidence today.

As much as I respect the council and those who have served for many years upon it, I think that the nature of leadership and society's needs should be kept fresh and current. I believe it is too easy for a career politician to become immune to the needs of the constituents and tied to a system that demands loyalty to party over the public.

For us to have a robust and vibrant democracy, we need to have an active and engaged voting public. We should have more people willing to step up and take a role in government, to do some public service, but we don't. The battle lines of fighting for a seat are enormously complex, expensive and far too dependent upon satisfying the demands of large voting blocks to raise money and votes.

If we had more of a rotation of leadership, not only would we have fresher ideas, but also a more vibrant political community that could generate more innovative solutions to the problems that we are faced with today. By having a shorter period for people to be effective they would be more likely to work cooperatively, to fashion solutions that actually served the community.

When we look at national politics, and we see how entrenched some politicians are is it really any wonder why there is such a malaise about voting? When there are congressmen like Dana Rohrbacher who was in the same Congressional seat for 30 years, how can that be good for the community?

I'm happy that Term Limits was approved by the Santa Monica electorate. I could do without some of the bond measures but whatever. I hope that the state of California does move forward to put us on Daylight Savings Time year round – this shifting time thing is a giant waste of effort in my opinion. I don't see why we do it other than to maintain some semblance of coordination with the other states. It seems to me that we should as a nation, agree that shifting the time is a waste of effort and improves life for no one. It would make it easier for coordination of planes, trains and bus schedules, and easier to deal with international meetings.

The election is over, but already the drum beats are sounding for the Presidential Election year of 2020. The TV pundits are starting to mobilize on who should run, and why, who will be the best candidate to take on the President, and will there be a primary fight in the Republican party? Will Hillary run for a third time? Should she?

Positioning is already happening for Kamala Harris, Cory Booker and Beto O'Rourke. ON the local level, I'm sure that the campaign staffs are being booked, the ground campaign to get out the votes will be starting soon, and the same old faces will be on the rubber chicken circuit touting how this year they have a "five point plan for innovative new city services."

This is why we can't have nice things. The career politician must make deals with the lobbyist now, to start the funding to lay the basis, of what will be their 2020 campaign. So they never have the chance to actually just 'be' in the office and do the job for which we hired them.

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CVRA

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rejected that notion saying it would have gone too far in giving the defendant an advantage at trial but she did approve a fine.

"The Court does find Plaintiffs and their counsel engaged in a misuse of the discovery process such that monetary sanctions are warranted," she wrote. "Plaintiffs provide no coherent explanation for their decision to not search for emails in response to Defendant's discovery requests that defined the terms 'document' and 'communications' in a broad enough manner to include and expressly cover emails."

Judge Yvette Palazuelos issued the fine on Nov. 8 and in the letter sent to both sides, she lists all actions taken in court that day including a description of a possible decision. The first notation on the order is "The Court issues its Tentative Decision/Order re: the Court Trial."

No-one had an actual copy of the tentative decision last week and when asked for a copy, the Court said the document was unavailable for physical inspection because it had been taken to be scanned for upload into the digital document system. However, the system was unavailable over the weekend and no document was available online by close of business Monday.

A second order suggests a copy has been mailed to both sides but Monday was a Federal holiday with no mail delivery.

Both sides have been ordered to appear on Dec. 7 to possibly discuss the tentative ruling. A judge can alter a tentative ruling based on subsequent arguments and while a wholesale reversal between the tentative and final stage is rare, it is possible.

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Scientists: Wind, drought worsen fires, not bad management

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

Both nature and humans share blame for California's devastating wildfires, but forest management did not play a major role, despite President Donald Trump's claims, fire scientists say.

Nature provides the dangerous winds that have whipped the fires, and human-caused climate change over the long haul is killing and drying the shrubs and trees that provide the fuel, experts say.

"Natural factors and human-caused global warming effects fatally collude" in these fires, said wildfire expert Kristen Thornicke of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany.

Multiple reasons explain the fires' severity, but "forest management wasn't one of them," University of Utah fire scientist Philip Dennison said.

Trump tweeted on Saturday: "There is no reason for these massive, deadly and costly forest fires in California except that forest management is so poor. Billions of dollars are given each year, with so many lives lost, all because of gross mismanagement of the forests."

The death toll from the wildfire that incinerated the town of Northern California town of Paradise and surrounding areas climbed to 29, matching the mark for the deadliest single blaze in California history. Statewide, the number of fire dead stood at 31, including two victims in Southern California.

One reason that scientists know that management isn't to blame is that some areas now burning had fires in 2005 and 2008, so they aren't "fuel-choked closed-canopy forests," Dennison said.

In those earlier fires, Paradise was threatened but escaped major damage, he said. In the current blazes, it was virtually destroyed.

The other major fire, in Southern California, burned through shrub land, not forest, Dennison said.

"It's not about forest management. These aren't forests," he said.

The dean of the University of Michigan's environmental school, Jonathan Overpeck, said Western fires are getting bigger and more severe. He said it "is much less due to bad management and is instead the result of our baking of our forests, woodlands and grasslands with ever-worsening climate change."

Wildfires have become more devastating because of the extreme weather swings from global warming, fire scientists said. The average number of U.S. acres burned by wildfires has doubled over the level from 30 years ago.

As of Monday, more than 13,200 square miles (34,200 square kilometers) have burned. That's more than a third higher than the 10-year average.

From 1983 to 1999, the United States didn't reach 10,000 square miles burned annually. Since then, 11 of 19 years have had more than 10,000 square miles burned, including this year. In 2006, 2015 and 2017, more than 15,000 square miles burned.

The two fires now burning "aren't that far out of line with the fires we've seen in these areas in recent decades," Dennison said.

"The biggest factor was wind," Dennison said in an email. "With wind speeds as high as they were, there was nothing firefighters could do to stop the advance of the fires."

These winds, called Santa Ana winds, and the unique geography of high mountains and deep valleys act like chimneys, fortifying the fires, Thornicke said.

The wind is so strong that fire breaks — areas where trees and brush have been cleared or intentionally burned to deprive the advancing flames of fuel — won't work. One of the fires jumped over eight lanes of freeway, about 140 feet (43 meters), Dennison said.

Southern California had fires similar to the Woolsey fire in 1982, when winds were 60 mph, but "the difference between 1982 and today is a much higher population in these areas. Many more people were threatened and had to evacuated," Dennison said.

California also has been in drought for all but a few years of the 21st century and is now experiencing its longest drought, which began on Dec. 27, 2011, and has lasted 358 weeks, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor . Nearly two-thirds of the state is abnormally dry.

The first nine months of the year have been fourth-warmest on record for California, and this past summer was the second-hottest on record in the state.

Because of that, there are 129 million dead trees, which provide fuel for fires, Thornicke said.

And it's more than trees. Dead shrubs around the bottom of trees provide what is called "ladder fuel," offering a path for fire to climb from the ground to the treetops and intensifying the conflagration by a factor of 10 to 100, said Kevin Ryan, a fire consultant and former fire scientist at the U.S. Forest Service.

While many conservatives advocate cutting down more trees to prevent fires, no one makes money by cutting dead shrubs, and that's a problem, he said.

Local and state officials have cleared some Southern California shrub, enough for normal weather and winds. But that's not enough for this type of extreme drought, said Ryan, also a former firefighter.

University of Alberta fire scientist Mike Flannigan earlier this year told The Associated Press that the hotter and drier the weather, the easier it is for fires to start, spread and burn more intensely.

It's simple, he said: "The warmer it is, the more fire we see."

For every 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit that the air warms, it needs 15 percent more rain to make up for the drying of the fuel, Flannigan said.

Federal fire and weather data show the years with the most acres burned were generally a degree warmer than average.

"Everyone who has gardened knows that you must water more on hotter days," Overpeck said. "But, thanks in part to climate change, California isn't getting enough snow and rain to compensate for the unrelenting warming caused by climate change. The result is a worsening wildfire problem.

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EVACUEES

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while sporadic gusts of wind; a reminder of what caused this ordeal, continued to spread all three of California's wild fires on the morning of November 9. Through it all hope and good spirits remained intact for the people who had taken shelter in the Pierce College North and South Gyms due to the Woolsey Fire.

Pierce College was a primary evacuation center for those with large animals such as dogs, horses, and even tortoises. Upon arrival, people were greeted by numerous volunteers and organizations like the Red Cross, State Farm Insurance, Farmers Insurance, and Operation Blankets of Love, all gathered to help those affected by the devastating fires. Evacuees had access to food as well as for their pets, and a place to rest and shower.

In large, this was made possible by donations from a local Home Depot and Vons grocery store who supplied water, groceries, and supplies to take care of people's animals. On top of the bare necessities, there were leisurely activities set up for everyone, a movie room for families, and a coloring station for children.

Cots provided by the Red Cross lined the walls of both the North and South Gyms to accommodate the large number of evacuees who would be taking shelter there. Although people in the gyms were shaken up, hope glimmered throughout. Smiles were given back and forth in a manner which mirrored a small community. No matter where they came from, they could all understand what each other were going through, in this moment of crisis and were supportive to each other.

Stephanie D'Amore from West Lake Village, who evacuated to Pierce College with her French Bulldog Stella, and her Pug Bogie, explained she felt exhausted and scared, but found reassurance in the people around her, she explained, "Everybody here has been really cool so it's kind of surreal. You come to this and you think it's going to be dreadful and there has been a lot waiting for cots. But they've come through with everything they've promised, and it's actually been enjoyable with the people here. It's just the agony of wonder. Is our house still there? Will it still be there? And how long will we be here?"

As the night began to close a briefing by City Council Member Bob Blumenfield, Pierce College President Lawrence G. Buckley, and Benita Trujillo, a District Director for third district county of Los Angeles informed evacuees of low resource counts, as well as the restocking of them. At the moment there is no set time or date for when they can return home.

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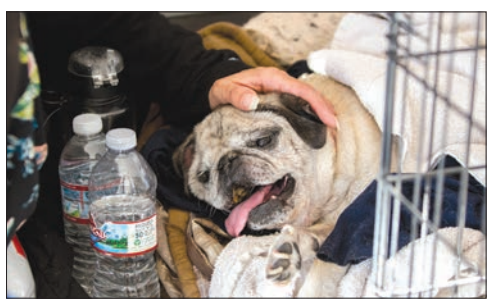
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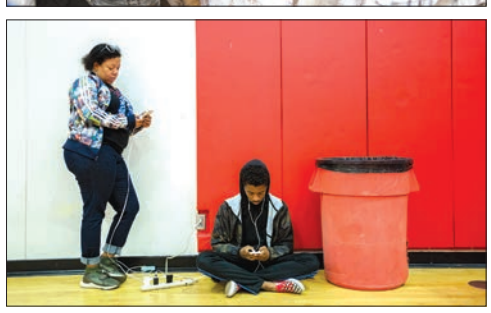
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SHELTER: Some fire evacuees were taken to Pierce College this weekend.









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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.7°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to shoulder high
New S swell fills in further. Offshore flow may continue.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to shoulder high
S swell continues, easing some. Light AM offshore flow may continue.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 265 Calls For Service On Nov. 11.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Grand theft 2000 block Ocean 12:16 a.m.
Grand theft 6th/Santa Monica 12:22 a.m.
Family disturbance 1900 block 18th 12:37 a.m.
Auto burglary 400 block 19th 12:48 a.m.
Suicide 600 block Pier 00:49 a.m.
Public intoxication 1800 block Lincoln 01:37 a.m.
Burglary 1500 block Wilshire 02:49 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1600 block Ocean 04:06 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace 1700 block Expo Line 04:43 a.m.
Fire 900 block 18th 04:58 a.m.
Burglary 100 block Pacific 05:55 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace 1500 block 2nd 06:59 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 2500 block Wilshire 07:41 a.m.
Auto burglary Neilson/Hollister 07:45 a.m.
Auto burglary 400 block 19th 08:12 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace 500 block California 08:21 a.m.
Animal related incident 1100 block 16th 08:47 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1200 block 4th 08:56 a.m.
Grand theft 900 block Pico 09:02 a.m.
Person down Ocean/Colorado 09:30 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injuries Cloverfield/Olympic 10:00 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 4th 10:24 a.m.
Animal related incident 1300 block 14th 11:25 a.m.
Person down 2300 block Main 11:39 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 4th 12:07 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 2600 block Lincoln 12:10 p.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block Cloverfield 12:15 p.m.
Burglary 700 block Hill 12:47 p.m.
Bike theft 800 block Pearl 1:23 p.m.
Bike theft 800 block Pearl 1:27 p.m.
Animal related incident 2000 block Pearl 1:51 p.m.
Person down Ocean/Colorado 2:21 p.m.
Vandalism 1700 block Appian 2:49 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block Santa Monica 2:50 p.m.
Animal related incident 200 block Santa Monica Pier 2:55 p.m.
Drunk driving 16th/Montana 3:40 p.m.
Civil dispute 2400 block Oak 4:39 p.m.
Injured person 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 4:53 p.m.
Battery 900 block Ocean 5:08 p.m.
Public intoxication 1500 block Ocean 5:15 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injuries Appian/Seaside Ter 5:25 p.m.
Armed robbery 700 block Broadway 5:28 p.m.
Public intoxication Ocean/Colorado 5:35 p.m.
Family disturbance 2700 block Main 6:07 p.m.
Vandalism 1300 block 6th 6:14 p.m.
Animal related incident 500 block Bay 6:22 p.m.
Burglary 2100 block Lincoln 6:25 p.m.
Vandalism 700 block Lincoln 7:26 p.m.
Burglary 900 block Euclid 9:19 p.m.
Drunk driving 2600 block Barnard 10:01 p.m.
Burglary 400 block 23rd 10:22 p.m.
Burglary 1900 block Cloverfield 10:23 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1100 block Lincoln 10:53 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1100 block Lincoln 10:58 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 23 Calls For Service On Nov. 11.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Automatic alarm 2800 block Neilson 00:48 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 600 block Pier 00:50 a.m.
EMS 1500 block Wilshire 03:01 a.m.
Vehicle into a structure 1500 block 4th 04:15 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 04:25 a.m.
Structure fire 900 block 18th 04:55 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block 4th 05:11 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 06:02 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Colorado 09:30 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 10:16 a.m.
EMS 4th/Hollister 10:17 a.m.
EMS 3300 block Barnard 10:45 a.m.
EMS 800 block Ocean 11:57 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Ocean 12:35 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 18th 1:07 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 1:29 p.m.
Structure fire 1100 block 20th 2:53 p.m.
EMS 600 block Lincoln 3:56 p.m.
EMS 700 block Broadway 4:05 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 4:47 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Marine 6:14 p.m.
EMS 200 block Arizona 10:58 p.m.

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MEGA MILLIONS
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Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 106M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 11/10
1 3 20 36 37
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 22M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/11
1 4 14 25 27

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 11/12
MIDDAY: 9 7 7
Draw Date: 11/11
EVENING: 2 1 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 11/11
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:48.47

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valorous
1. having valor; courageous; valiant; brave.
2. characterized by valor: valorous deeds.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for flautas is 65 in 10 minutes, held by Ben Monson – possibly an achievement worth flouting.

Observation

■ "I used to think the brain was the most important organ. Then, I thought, look what's telling me that." – Anonymous

Body of Knowledge

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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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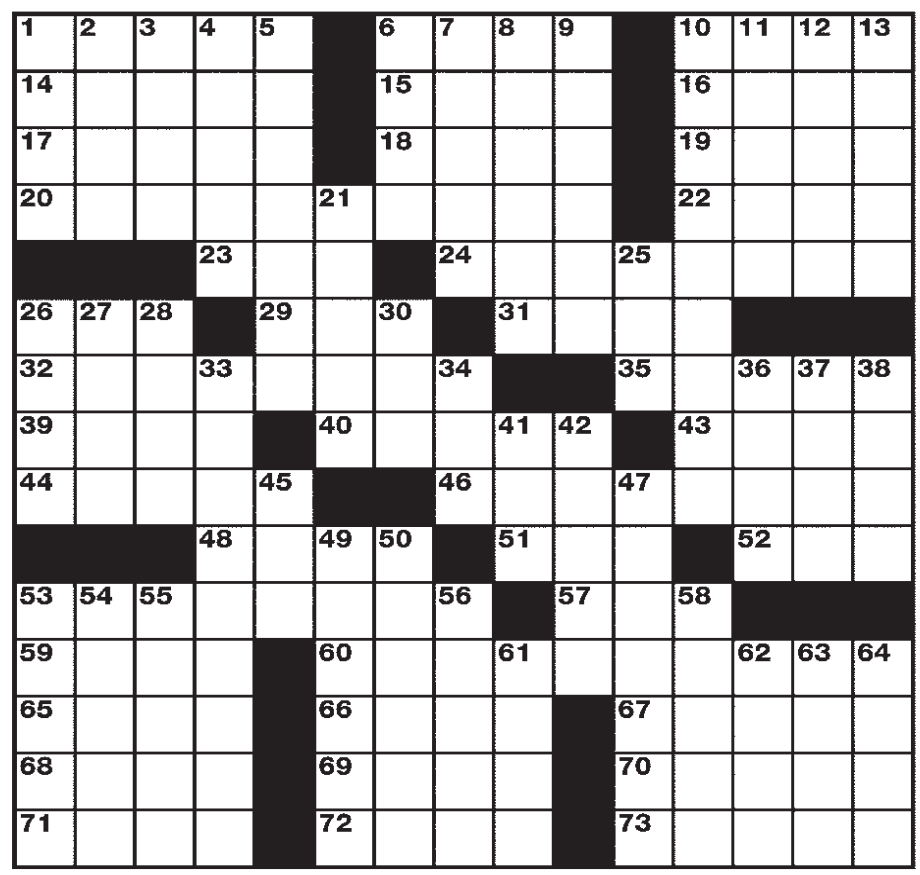
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Newsday Crossword

DEBATE DUOS by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Archer on Valentine's cards
6 Oil cartel
10 "Hey you!"
14 Dwelling place
15 Noon to 1 pm, for example
16 Novelist __ Mae Brown
17 Fit for a monarch
18 Roll call response
19 Big name in elevators
20 Forbidden
22 Camper's shelter
23 Mexican cheer
24 Hotel at a snowy resort
26 Peculiar
29 Upper limb
31 Take a crack __ (try)
32 Freeloaders
35 Folk-rock singer Bob
39 Enthusiastic about
40 Small jeweled crown
43 Fishing rod
44 Itsy-bitsy
46 Dime's value
48 Had a hunch
51 Pigpen
52 Obtained
53 Custodial staff
57 Ft. Wayne's state
59 Secondhand
60 Sense of right and wrong
65 In real time
66 Astonishes
67 __-and-dagger (secretive)
68 Eve's garden
69 Low in fat
70 Make amends
71 Sassy
72 Antlered animals
73 Erie and Huron

DOWN
1 Find fault
2 Lyft's ride-sharing rival
3 __ stick (bouncing toy)
4 "Famous Potatoes" state
5 Samson's barber
6 Casual greeting
7 Verse writers
8 "I've got it!"
9 Cash alternative
10 Experimental working model
11 Positioned
12 Bee's attack
13 Sample of food
21 French cap
25 Coffee cup cover
26 Leave out
27 Over with
28 Shower attention (on)
30 Hosp. test scan
33 Sure of oneself
34 Plopped down
36 "To make a __ story short . . ."
37 Female choir voice
38 Home for hatchlings
41 Second notes of a scale
42 Playful prank
45 As of now
47 Distrustful
49 Scene of a event
50 Gardener's small shovel
53 Mint __ (bourbon drink)
54 "All kidding __ . . ."
55 Not at any time
56 Go on tiptoe
58 River mouth formation
61 Payroll IDs
62 Cozy corner
63 Walking stick
64 Scrapes by, with "out"



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 13)

This big project to which you've devoted yourself will never be finished; it has a life of its own now. But it will pay out big dividends time and again this year, and this allows you to help your loved ones and create a lot of fun, too. Also of note: a certificate you earn, romance in hot summer nights and a family addition. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 34, 7, 18, 3 and 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
If you have the privilege of knowing someone very young, the under 8 set will be especially wise and wonderful teachers today. (Though their methods are unorthodox to say the least.)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Spend more time with people who live the way you want to live. This isn't always possible in your immediate environment, but you can make it happen in your mind through reading and study.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Friction is the enemy of connection. Movement doesn't help either. To glue two pieces together, you have to hold them still in one place long enough for the bond to set. People are like this, too. They bond in the still, silent pauses.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
For one as sensitive as you, it's hard to imagine how some people have zero empathy. Whether you want to or not, you vividly sense the feelings of others. In fact, today you won't know where theirs end and yours begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Your message is genuine. You may decide to use different words to be better understood. The wise use their education of language to communicate well, while the foolish use their literary education to alienate and impress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Read the room. If this isn't a good audience for you, find a different one. It's harder to feel good about what you have to offer when you're around people who don't know enough to give it the value it deserves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
The main difference between the gambling that's called business, and the business that's called gambling is the odds. Today, all the business you do will come with some degree of risk, but not all of it will qualify as a gamble.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
There are questions you thought you answered years ago that have somehow re-seeded themselves and sprouted into a hardier variety. You can't come to terms with this in a day, but start digging and eventually you'll root it out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Whether your opinion happens to be in line with the majority or the minority doesn't really matter. What matters is that it feels right to you and that you're not too worried about who else agrees.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
No one can tell a wildflower where to grow. It can pop right through pavement if it wants. Something in you is similarly unstoppable. It may not be the season yet, but it's curled up, gathering strength, waiting for the right time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You've seen too much of life to have a strictly sunny outlook. You know the shadow is there, and you're not afraid to peer into the dark. But you don't let the darkness seduce you either. You'll train your mind to move toward the light.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
This thing pitting you against you has to last a lifetime. As with any long-term relationship, sometimes it will be a real slog. Drop the adversarial stance and commit to being a better more forgiving and supportive friend to yourself.

MOON OF 'AS-IS'

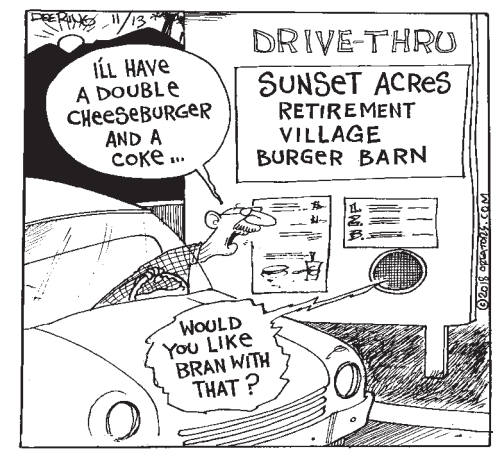
If your tendency is to overextend yourself, you're not alone. And yesterday's Pluto alignment might have further exacerbated the situation. Just know that you're already enough. You don't need to impress anyone or strive for more. Love yourself "as is." With the lunar change, trade unnecessary efforts for self-compassion.

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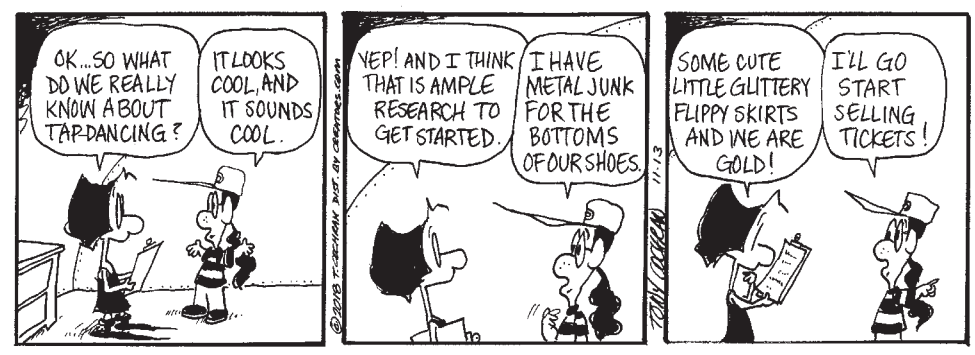
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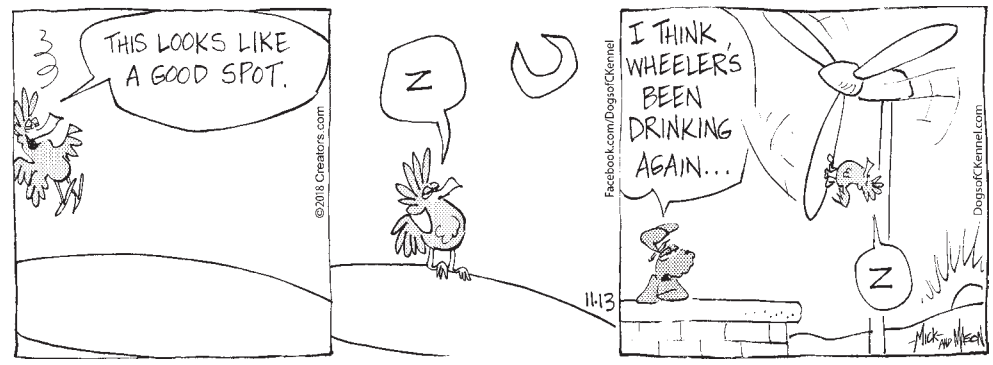
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Dead in cars and homes: Northern California fire toll at 29

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS AND DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

The dead were found in burned-out cars, in the smoldering ruins of their homes, or next to their vehicles, apparently overcome by smoke and flames before they could jump in behind the wheel and escape. In some cases, there were only charred fragments of bone, so small that coroner's investigators used a wire basket to sift and sort them.

At least 29 people were confirmed dead in the wildfire that turned the Northern California town of Paradise and outlying areas into hell on earth, equaling the deadliest blaze in state history, and the search for bodies continued Monday.

Nearly 230 people were unaccounted for by the sheriff's reckoning, four days after the fire swept over the town of 27,000 and practically wiped it off the map with flames so fierce that authorities brought in a mobile DNA lab and forensic anthropologists to help identify the dead.

Meanwhile, a landowner near where the blaze began, Betsy Ann Cowley, said she got an email from Pacific Gas & Electric Co. the day before the fire last week telling her that crews needed to come onto her property because the utility's power lines were causing sparks. PG&E had no comment on the email, and state officials said the cause of the inferno was under investigation.

As the search for victims dragged on, friends and relatives of the missing called hospitals, police, shelters and the coroner's office in hopes of learning what became of their loved ones. Paradise was a popular retirement community, and about a quarter of the population was over 65.

Tad Teays awaited word on his 90-year-old dementia-stricken mother. Darlina Duarte was desperate for information about her half-brother, a diabetic who was largely housebound because he had lost his legs. And Barbara Hall tried in vain to find out whether her aunt and the woman's husband, who are in their 80s and 90s, made it out alive from their retirement community.

"Did they make it in their car? Did they get away? Did their car go over the edge of a mountain somewhere? I just don't know," said Hall, adding that the couple had only a landline and calls were not going through to it.

Megan James, of Newfoundland, Canada, searched via Twitter from the other side of the continent for information about her aunt and uncle, whose house in Paradise burned down and whose vehicles were still there. On Monday, she asked on Twitter for someone to take over the posts, saying she is "so emotionally and mentally exhausted."

"I need to sleep and cry," James added. "Just PRAY. Please."

The blaze was part of an outbreak of wildfires on both ends of the state. Together, they were blamed for 31 deaths, including two in celebrity-studded Malibu in Southern California, where firefighters appeared to be gaining ground against a roughly 143-square-mile (370-square-kilometer) blaze that destroyed at least 370 structures, with hundreds more feared lost.

Some of the thousands of people forced from their homes by the blaze were allowed to return, and authorities reopened U.S. 101, a major freeway through the fire zone in Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

Malibu celebrities and mobile-home dwellers in nearby mountains were slowly learning whether their homes had been spared or reduced to ash.

All told, more 8,000 firefighters statewide were battling wildfires that scorched more than 325 square miles (840 square kilometers), the flames feeding on dry brush and driven by blowtorch winds.

In Northern California, fire crews still fighting the blaze that obliterated Paradise contended with wind gusts up to 40 mph (64 kph) overnight, the flames jumping 300 feet across Lake Oroville. The fire had grown to 177 square miles (303 square kilometers) and was 25 percent contained, authorities said.

There were tiny signs of some sense of order returning to Paradise and also anonymous gestures meant to rally the spirits of firefighters who have worked in a burned-over wasteland for days.

Large American flags stuck into the ground lined both sides of the road at the town limits, and temporary stop signs appeared overnight at major intersections. Downed power lines that had blocked roads were cut away, and crews took down burned trees with chain saws.

The 29 dead in Northern California matched the deadliest single fire on record, a 1933 blaze in Griffith Park in Los Angeles. A series of wildfires in Northern California's wine country last fall killed 44 people and destroyed more than 5,000 homes.

Contributing to this report were Associated Press writers Janie Har and Daisy Nguyen in San Francisco; Paul Elias and Martha Mendoza in Chico, California; and Andrew Selsky in Salem, Oregon.

How to make a creamy cauliflower soup but without any cream

By AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

For a creamy cauliflower soup without cream, we relied on cauliflower's low insoluble fiber content to produce a velvety smooth puree.

To ensure that cauliflower flavor remained at the forefront, we cooked the cauliflower in seasoned water (instead of broth), skipped the spice rack entirely, and bolstered the soup with sauteed onion and leek.

We added the cauliflower to the simmering water in two stages so that we got the grassy flavor of just-cooked cauliflower and the sweeter, nuttier flavor of long-cooked cauliflower. Finally, we fried florets in butter until both browned and used each as a separate, richly flavored garnish.

CREAMY CAULIFLOWER SOUP

Servings: 4-6
Start to finish: 1 hour 30 minutes
1 head cauliflower (2 pounds)
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 8 pieces
1 leek, white and light green parts only, halved lengthwise, sliced thin, and washed thoroughly
1 small onion, halved and sliced thin
Salt and pepper
4 1/2-5 cups water
1/2 teaspoon sherry vinegar
3 tablespoons minced fresh chives

Pull off outer leaves of cauliflower and trim stem. Using paring knife, cut around core to remove; slice core thin and reserve. Cut heaping 1 cup of 1/2-inch florets from head of cauliflower; set aside. Cut remaining cauliflower crosswise into 1/2-inch-thick slices.

Melt 3 tablespoons butter in large saucepan over medium-low heat. Add leek, onion, and 1 1/2 teaspoons salt. Cook, stirring often, until leek and onion are softened but not browned, about 7 minutes.

Add 4 1/2 cups water, sliced core, and half of sliced cauliflower. Increase heat to medium-high and bring to simmer. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer gently for 15 minutes. Add remaining sliced cauliflower and simmer until cauliflower is tender and crumbles easily, 15 to 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt remaining 5 tablespoons butter in 8-inch skillet over medium heat. Add reserved florets and cook, stirring often, until florets are golden brown and butter is browned and has nutty aroma, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove skillet from heat and use slotted spoon to transfer florets to small bowl. Toss florets with vinegar and season with salt to taste. Pour browned butter in skillet into separate bowl and reserve for garnishing.

Process soup in blender until smooth, about 45 seconds. Return pureed soup to clean pot, bring to brief simmer over medium heat, and adjust consistency with remaining water as needed (soup should have thick, velvety texture but should be thin enough to settle with flat surface after being stirred). Season with salt to taste. Serve, garnishing individual bowls with browned florets, drizzle of browned butter, chives, and pepper.

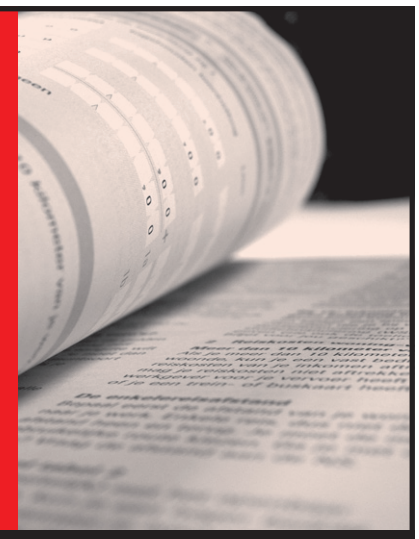
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Nutrition information per serving: 167 calories; 128 calories from fat; 14 g fat (9 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 38 mg cholesterol; 231 mg sodium; 8 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 3 g protein.

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