

EATON CANYON

# Mother Nature, humans healing fire damage



Plants are returning to the Eaton Canyon Natural Area Park, seen June 25 south of the first creek crossing. Scrub grows in the upper terrace and wash. Recovering oak woodland and dry annual non-native grasses cover the slopes in the background. Volunteers are being sought to remove the non-native plants. COURTESY OF L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

Flora, wildlife returning to county park, thanks to environment, volunteers

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Nature and humans have been working hand-in-hand seven months after the Eaton Canyon Natural Area Park in Pasadena was badly damaged by the Eaton fire. While human influence is happening at a deliberate pace, nature's rehabilitation team is moving at lightning speed. The goal is to make the two forces — human power and Mother Nature — work in unison, bringing trails back to hike-able condition, rehabilitating the flora and welcoming both wildlife and people back to this 198-acre county park, a popular respite for nature-starved humans. Wildlife, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recre-

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A house behind the chimney of a destroyed Pacific Palisades home had a metal roof without eaves, helping it to withstand January's fire. Drew A. KELLEY STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## State rules to reduce combustibles had languished

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As wildfires raged across Los Angeles County in January, a state official parried an email from a resident living on the edge of the conflagration: When would long-de-

layed regulations designed to protect high-risk homes like hers be implemented? "I do not have a timeline for you," replied Edith Hannigan, then the executive officer of the California Board of

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WASHINGTON SUMMIT

# Europe, Ukraine to meet Trump

Leaders say they want to show support and united front in Oval Office conference today

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KYIV, Ukraine — European and NATO leaders announced Sunday they will join President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Washington to present a united front in talks with President Donald Trump on ending Russia's war in Ukraine and firming up U.S. security guarantees now on the negotiating table. Leaders from Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Finland are rallying around the Ukrainian president after his exclusion from Trump's summit on Friday with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Their pledge to be at Zelenskyy's side at the White House today is an apparent effort to ensure the meeting goes better than the last one in February, when Trump berated

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CALIFORNIA

# Kaiser, hospitals battle over ER reimbursements

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Providence hospitals in California have joined other hospital chains challenging Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc. in court over millions of dollars allegedly owed them for emergency treatment of Kaiser members. Depending on how the legal fight ends, coupled with expected Medicaid losses from the "Big Beautiful Bill" recently passed by Congress, Providence could be forced to shutter or reduce its emergency departments, company officials say.

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MLB



Dodgers outfielder Andy Pages celebrates after hitting a one-run home run against Padres pitcher Yu Darvish during the first inning Sunday in Los Angeles. KEVORK DJANSEZIAN — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Dodgers extend NL West lead with win over Padres

The Dodgers defeated the Padres 5-4 Sunday after a go-ahead home run from shortstop Mookie Betts. The Dodgers now have a two-game lead over the Padres in the National League West standings. B1

ENERGY

# California offering \$55M in incentives to build EV fast chargers for public use

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The California Energy Commission recently launched a \$55 million incentive program to expand the construction of fast chargers for electric vehicles in public and business sites across the state. "One of the common concerns from surveys we've done is motorists say, 'Hey, there's not enough chargers close to me for me to consider buying an EV,'" said John Gartner, senior director of transportation programs at the Center for Sustainable Energy, the San Diego-based nonprofit that administers the initiative. "So this is an important program to help fill the gaps in charging infrastructure and give people who may be new to EVs more confidence that they will be able to find a convenient place to charge nearby." Called the Fast Charge California Project, the program is part of the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project, the largest EV charging incentive initiative in the country. The \$55 million project aims to attract proprietors of places such as convenience stores, gas stations, shopping areas, parking lots and other high-traffic destinations to build fast-charging infrastructure. Up to \$100,000 in incentives are offered, depending on the output of



This electric vehicle charging station was funded by the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project. The state has recently added \$55 million to the incentives. ROCKY FERNANDEZ — CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

each charging port. To qualify, sites must be accessible to the public. Priority will be given to locations in tribal areas and disadvantaged and low-income communities. Fast chargers are typically defined as infrastructure that can deliver an 80% charge to an electric vehicle within 45 minutes.

The projects must be ready to build and have final utility service design and all required permits in hand. Details on the eligibility requirements and instructions on how to apply can be found at the calevip.org/fast-charge-california-project webpage.

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