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WILDFIRE RECOVERY

Old, new ways speed comeback

From relocated rescues to AI, many means bringing homes to burn areas more quickly

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For the past 12 months, fire survivors have been imagining their rebuilt futures. They can't get back their homes lost in the Eaton and Palisades fires, but a growing number of grassroots real estate ventures have emerged

in the aftermath of those January firestorms to help them envision what could lie ahead. A year into the recovery, such ventures provide a glimpse at what neighborhood homes and structures might look like in towns where the architecture and scale of dwellings themselves were very

much part of the local vibe and character. You can see that vision emerging in an array of architectural renderings, floor plans and early building in the fire zones. These options include relocating historical homes saved from demolition, craning in factory-built homes and shopping for preapproved plans from catalogs. And the look of things varies, from designs that hark back to the age of craftsman and Spanish colo-

nial styles, to more minimalist, modern takes on a home's design. Technology is also playing a role. Can't decide on a home to fit your lot? Artificial intelligence can narrow down the choices by address. The common thread here is to cut the red tape, making the process of rebuilding fast

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PASADENA

Rose traditions face shifting landscape



Oregon players take to the Rose Bowl field prior to the 111th Rose Bowl Game/College Football Playoff quarterfinal against Ohio State in Pasadena on Jan. 1. **KEITH BIRMINGHAM — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Change in college football dynamics, end of ESPN deal have parade day's leaders adjusting to loss of revenue, control

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It was 1946 in the Crown City, the proud home of the Rose Bowl and the Rose Parade. The parade's theme rang out that year, "Victory, Unity, Peace," a theme sparking the birth of new aspirations for a war-weary nation. Pasadena's Rose Bowl Game — later known as "The Granddaddy of Them All" — and its giant spectacle of a parade were right at the center of this new era, with all the pomp and tradition it could muster. Something else was born that year: an exclusive agreement between the Tournament of Roses, the Big Ten Conference and the precursor to the Pac-12, already nascent juggernaut leagues in the college sports world. For decades, that pioneering pact fueled Pasadena's prominence as a center of the college football universe on New Year's Day, from USC's multidecade march to Rose Bowl Game royalty to UCLA's stunning dominance on New



A bronze statue dedicated to Terry Donahue, the winningest coach in UCLA football and Pac-12 Conference history, is unveiled in a ceremony at the Rose Bowl Stadium on Oct. 27, 2023. **DAVID CRANE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Inside: Volunteers rush to decorate and beautify floats in time for the New Year's Day Rose Parade. **PAGE A3.**

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AIR QUALITY

Changes ordered for truck routes

Inland cities, counties must direct cargo traffic away from residences, schools by Thursday

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In the Inland Empire, big rigs are as common as the warehouses many of them serve. It's also not unusual to have 18-wheeled traffic congestion near freeways. Often, critics say, cargo vehicles also are seen near homes, schools and other places at risk from toxic truck exhaust. A state law signed in 2024 includes a provision that tries to steer truck traffic away from those areas. Now, Inland Empire cities — along with Riverside and San Bernardino counties — are facing a Thursday deadline to redraw authorized truck routes to comply with the law known as Assembly Bill 98. It's important work for public health, said Ana

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NATION

Storm snarls holiday travel in Northeast, Great Lakes regions

By Leah Willingham and Julie Walker
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — More than a thousand flights were canceled or delayed across the Northeast and Great Lakes regions due to snow as thousands took to roads and airports during the busy travel period between Christmas and New Year's. New York City received about 4 inches of snow Friday night into early Saturday, slightly under what some forecasts had predicted. At least 1,500 flights were canceled from Friday night, according to flight-tracking service FlightAware. But by the morning, both the roads and the skies were clearing.

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