



Victims of the Eaton fire at a relief site in Arcadia, Calif., on Monday. The region has been flooded with donations after the wildfires.

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CANCER STRIKING
YOUNGER WOMEN

Progress Against Disease
Uneven, Report Says

By RONI CARYN RABIN
More Americans are surviving cancer, but the disease is striking young and middle-aged adults and women more frequently, the American Cancer Society reported on Thursday.
And despite overall improvements in survival, Black and Native Americans are dying of some cancers at rates two to three times higher than those among white Americans.

These trends represent a marked change for an illness that has long been considered a disease of aging and that used to affect far more men than women.
The shifts reflect declines in smoking-related cancers and prostate cancer among older men and a disconcerting rise in cancer in people born since the 1950s.
Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, but the leading cause among Americans under 85. The new report projects that 2,041,910 new cases will occur this year and that 618,120 Americans will die of the disease.
Six of the 10 most common cancers are on the rise, including cancers of the breast and the uterus. Also increasing are colorectal cancers among people under 65, as well as prostate cancer, melanoma and pancreatic cancer.
“These unfavorable trends are tipped toward women,” said Rebecca L. Siegel, an epidemiologist with the American Cancer Society and the report’s first author.
“Of all the cancers that are increasing, some are increasing in men, but it’s lopsided — more of this increase is happening in women.”
Women are also being diagnosed at younger ages. Cancer rates are rising among women under 50 (so-called early-onset cancer), as well as among women 50 to 64.

Despite increases in some early-onset cancers, like colorectal cancer and testicular cancer, “overall rates are flat in men under 50 and decreasing in those 50 to 64,” Ms. Siegel said.
Several other troubling trends are outlined in the report. One is an increase in new cases of cervical cancer — a disease widely viewed as preventable in the

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A Fractious City Mourns, and Hopes, Together

By JENNIFER MEDINA and ALYCE McFADDEN
LOS ANGELES — It took a wind-whipped inferno to shrink the famously sprawling geography of Los Angeles — somehow, when everyone knows someone who has lost everything, the place feels smaller.
Phones suddenly blare with false evacuation alarms — and then quietly ding with texts from long-lost classmates and distant cousins checking in. There are “you loot, we shoot” signs outside some homes, but the donation centers are overflowing. Hundreds of residents who live in

People in Los Angeles
Find a Little Kinship
in Devastation

some of the priciest ZIP codes in the country have been sleeping on cots in Red Cross shelters.
Entire blocks have been reduced to ashy debris while one house stands alone — and it’s hard to know whether it was protected by private firefighters only money can buy, grace or the ruthless whims of the Santa Ana winds. The civic fabric feels both tattered and taut.

Are the fires the great equalizer, the great divider or the great uniter of Los Angeles? Or, like so much else about this catastrophe, are they all of those things at once?
Seated in a wheelchair outside the doors of an evacuation shelter in the West Los Angeles neighborhood of Westwood, Jay Solton, 85, embodied this jumble of personal and communal trauma and resilience.
She was beaming, yet mourning, and her life was on hold at a local recreation center. Her career had touched the twin obsessions of Los Angeles: real estate and Hollywood. She told stories of whiling away afternoons with Frank Sinatra and Doris Day in the 1960s, and of growing close to her newest neighbors but growing estranged from her sons.
When the fire threatened her small apartment building in the neighborhood of Brentwood, Ms. Solton decided to leave with her neighbor and head to the shelter. It was the first time she’d been forced to evacuate in her more than six decades in Los Angeles. With the power out and winds still howling, Ms. Solton felt safer stay-

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Hermelindo Jaimes is among the Latin American boys embracing the centuries-old quinceañera, traditionally reserved for girls.

In Lavish Latin American Rite,
Boys Can Now Don the Crown

By CHRISTINA MORALES
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — On a Saturday last fall, a Mexican American teenager in Corpus Christi, Texas, had everything planned out for a coming-of-age party. It would have custom-made jewelry, a string quartet to play renditions of pop songs and a group of high school freshmen in black tuxedos to perform a dance.
This may sound like a classic quinceañera for a 15-year-old girl

marking her transition to womanhood. But on that day, the spotlight was on Javier Calderon, a 15-year-old boy celebrating becoming a man.
Mr. Calderon is part of a growing number of young Latin American boys embracing the centuries-old tradition that until recently has been reserved for girls — a trend that represents one way

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Trump Weighs
Order to Keep
TikTok Online

Move May Not Survive
a Legal Challenge

This article is by Maggie Haberman, David McCabe and Sapna Maheshwari.
President-elect Donald J. Trump is considering an executive order to allow TikTok to continue operating despite a pending legal ban until new owners are found, according to a person with knowledge of the matter.

The possible executive order, reported earlier by The Washington Post, is under discussion as TikTok faces a deadline on Sunday to be banned in the United States unless it finds a new owner. The popular video-sharing app is owned by ByteDance, a Chinese company. Republicans have said for years that they see the app, which has been downloaded to millions of smartphones, as a national security risk. It has become a rare issue that has united both parties in Congress.

If the Supreme Court upholds the law, which will ban the app unless ByteDance sells it to a non-Chinese company, special treatment from Mr. Trump might be the only way for TikTok to continue operating in the United States in the near term. The law requires app store operators like Apple and Google and cloud computing providers to stop distributing TikTok in the United States.

An executive order could try to direct the government not to enforce the law or to delay enforcement to complete a deal, a move that past presidents have used to challenge laws. It is unclear if an executive order would survive legal challenges or persuade the app stores and cloud computing companies to take steps that could expose them to huge penalties.

Alan Z. Rozenshtein, a former national security adviser to the Justice Department and a professor at the University of Minnesota Law School, said an executive order should be “taken with a medium-sized boulder of salt.” Such an order is not a law, he said, and legally would not change the legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Biden.

While there is some speculation that the app will still work if it has

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DISPUTES DELAY
KEY ISRAELI VOTE
ON A GAZA TRUCE

RACE BY NEGOTIATORS

Rifts Imperil Stability of
Netanyahu’s Fragile
Government

This article is by Adam Rasgon, Aaron Boxerman, Hiba Yazbek and Michael Crowley.

JERUSALEM — Negotiators raced on Thursday to resolve last-minute disputes in a cease-fire agreement between Israel and Hamas that would free hostages and halt the violence that has devastated Gaza over the past 15 months.

The disputes helped delay by at least one day a critical Israeli vote to approve the deal.

Even though negotiators for Israel and Hamas reached a provisional agreement on Wednesday, they continued to discuss outstanding issues through mediators. The Israeli cabinet, whose approval is needed to move the



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In Jerusalem, a protester of the proposed cease-fire deal.

cease-fire ahead, had been expected to vote on it on Thursday, but the vote was postponed.

The deal has reopened deep divides in Israel, where hard-line members of the governing coalition vehemently oppose a cease-fire. Itamar Ben-Gvir, Israel’s far-right minister for national security, announced on Thursday night that his party would resign from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s coalition should the cabinet approve the cease-fire deal.

The move threatens to destabilize the government at a critical time but should not, by itself, prevent the deal from moving ahead.

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DAVID LYNCH 1946-2025

Melded Capra and Kafka in Eerie Film Oeuvre

By J. HOBERMAN

David Lynch, a painter turned avant-garde filmmaker whose fame, influence and distinctively skewed worldview extended far beyond the movie screen to encompass television, records, books, nightclubs, a line of organic coffee and his Foundation for Consciousness-Based Education and World Peace, has died. He was 78.
His family announced the death on social media on Thursday, but provided no details. In 2024, Mr. Lynch announced that he had developed emphysema after years of smoking, and that as a result any subsequent films would have to be directed remotely.
Mr. Lynch was a visionary. His florid style and unnerving perspective emerged full-blown in his first feature, the cult film “Eraserhead,” released at midnight in 1977. His approach remained consistent through the failed blockbuster “Dune” (1984); his small-town erotic thriller “Blue Velvet” (1986) and its spiritual spinoff the network TV series, “Twin Peaks,” broadcast by ABC in 1991 and



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David Lynch, auteur, in 2014.

1992; his widely acknowledged masterpiece “Mulholland Drive” (2001), a poisonous valentine to Hollywood; and his enigmatic last feature, “Inland Empire” (2006), which he shot himself on video.

Like Frank Capra and Franz Kafka, two widely disparate 20th-century artists whose work Mr. Lynch much admired and might be said to have synthesized, his



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