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## Blue Cut Fire Rages Across San Bernardino



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The Blue Cut Fire raging in the Cajon Pass has grown to 31,600 acres and has forced more than 80,000 residents to flee their homes.

More than 1,500 firefighters have been battling the blaze from both the air and the ground. The San Bernardino County Fire Department believes many families will return to find their homes destroyed.

The fire is 4% contained as of this morning; however, a red flag warning is still in effect. Fire fighters remain concerned about the fire's potential damage since current weather conditions are optimal for a fast-moving, destructive wildfire.

The firefighting effort was further complicated by a network of crucial infrastructure, which includes obstacles such as electrical lines, rail lines, high-pressure gas lines, a fiber-optic network and a pipeline that carries jet fuel.

With the wildfire still displaying erratic behavior, it is unclear how much destruction the blaze has caused.

Firefighters are at work on Lone Pine Canyon Road with hopes of preventing the fire from traveling over the ridge and into the mountain community. Officials say the fire has been exhibiting explosive tendencies since early this morning.

The fire's cause remains under investigation; however, most Southern California wildfires are started by people, whether by accident or intentionally.

Residents of nearby communities are advised to stay cautious and evacuate at the first sign of danger.

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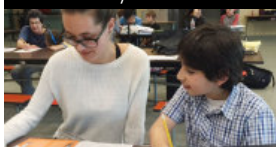
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### Cuisine



Beverly Hills Farmers' Market celebrated the fourth annual Picklefest Sunday where contestants were vying for the title of "Best Pickle in Beverly Hills."

### Education / Enrichment



The Beverly Hills Academic Tutoring Program is set to return again for another year, beginning with orientation on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 4-5:30 p.m. at Roxbury Park Auditorium. The program is seeking volunteers to work with elementary school children having social and/or academic difficulties. High School students will receive community service hours for volunteering in the program. For more info contact Adrienne Weise at adriennetutor@gmail.com or call 310-285-6810. Pictured: a BHHS senior tutors a young student during last year's Academic Tutoring Program.

### Local Happenings



A new piece of artwork appeared on a Los Angeles street corner today, clearly without the blessing of the Republican Party.

### Local



Legendary director Arthur Hills, a 45-year Beverly Hills resident and former president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Directors Guild of America, died Wednesday after a long illness. He was 92.

### Sports



Michael Phelps captured his 20th Olympic gold medal in dramatic fashion Tuesday, sealing victory with a kiss from baby son Boomer, before adding a staggering 21st before the night was over.

### Astrology

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