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Newly earmarked federal money will help fund behavioral health efforts and employment services for foster youth thanks to efforts by Representative Ted Lieu.

The Santa Monica money is part of $22.6 million in Community Project Funding that Congressman Ted Lieu successfully secured for 15 projects in his district. Those projects were all included in the recently approved $1.7 trillion omnibus spending package

"I am pleased to have secured $22,601,025 in Community Project Funding for our community," Rep.

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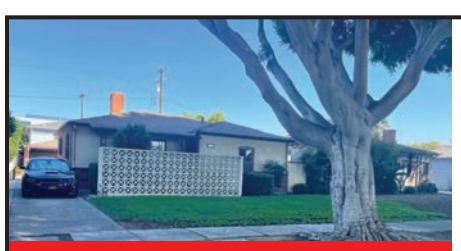
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A santa Monica police officer is suing the city and a fellow officer over a 2020 car crash.

The case stems from a 2020 accident at the intersection of Pico and 11th Street.

According to the lawsuit, both officers were driving their department issued SUV's toward an emergency call with lights and sirens activated. Officer Cain Mora had the green light at the time of the crash and had entered the intersection at about 35 mph. The

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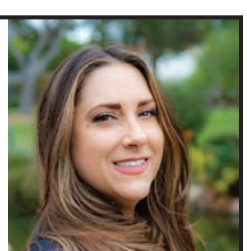


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FTC proposes rule that would ban employee noncompete clauses

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The Federal Trade Commission proposed a rule Thursday that would ban U.S. employers from imposing noncompete clauses on workers, a sweeping measure that could make it easier for people to switch jobs and deepen competition for labor across a wide range of industries.

The proposed rule would prevent employers from imposing contract clauses that prohibit their employees from joining a competitor, typically for a period of time, after they leave the company.

Advocates of the new rule argue that noncompete agreements contribute to wage stagnation because one of the most effective ways to secure higher pay is switching companies. They argue that the clauses have become so commonplace that they have swept up even low-wage workers.

Opponents argue that by facilitating retention, noncompete clauses have encouraged companies to promote workers and invest in training, especially in a tight labor market. The public has 60 days to submit commentary on the rule before it takes effect.

During a Cabinet meeting, President Joe Biden called the FTC action "a huge step forward in banning non-compete agreements that are designed simply to lower people's wages."

"These agreements block millions of retail workers, construction workers and other working folks from taking better jobs and getting better pay and benefits in the same field," Biden said.

> Noncompetes block workers from freely switching jobs, depriving them of higher wages and better working conditions, and depriving businesses of a talent pool that they need to build and expand - Lina Khan

The FTC has moved aggressively to curb the power of major corporations under Chair Lina Khan, a legal scholar and Washington outsider whose appointment by Biden signaled a tough antitrust stance.

The agency estimates that the new rule could boost wages by nearly $300 billion a year and expand career opportunities for about 30 million Americans.

"Noncompetes block workers from freely switching jobs, depriving them of higher wages and better working conditions, and depriving businesses of a talent pool that they need to build and expand," Khan said in a prepared statement.

The FTC's proposal comes amid an already competitive job market, particularly in industries that suffered mass layoffs during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic and have since struggled to recall their workers. Many workers remain on the sidelines, holding out for better pay, coping with lingering childcare or health issues, or opting for early retirement.

"There is a potential that it will contribute to the 'great resignation' that everyone is talking about to some degree, but employers are simply losing one of the tools in their toolbox and there are other ways to retain top talent," said Vanessa Matsis-McCready, associate general counsel and director of human resources for Engage PEO, which provides HR services for small- and medium-sized companies. "You will see a lot of business trying to retain top talent via raises or other fringe benefits."

Employers nationwide are still hiring and layoffs are historically low, despite high-profile job cut announcements from companies such as software provider Salesforce, Facebook's parent company Meta, and Amazon. The government is expected to announce Friday that employers added a solid 200,000 jobs last month, and that unemployment remained 3.7%, near a half-century low.

A 2019 analysis by the liberal Economic Policy Institute estimated that 36 million to 60 million workers could be subject to noncompete agreements, which the group said companies have increasingly adopted in recent years.

While such agreements are most common among higher-paid workers, the study found that a significant number of low-wage workers were subjected to them. The study found that more than a quarter of responding establishments where the average wage is less than $13 an hour use noncompetes for all their workers.

On Wednesday, for example, the FTC took action against three companies for unlawfully imposing noncompete clauses against workers, including low-wage security guards who were threatened with a $100,000 fine if they violated the agreement.

The EPI study found that many companies still impose noncompete clauses in several states that already ban or restrict them, including in California, where the practice

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California gets brief lull after damaging 'bomb cyclone'

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Associated Press

California weather calmed Friday but the lull was expected to be brief as more Pacific storms lined up to blast into the state, where successive powerful weather systems have knocked out power to thousands, battered the coastline, flooded streets, toppled trees and caused at least six deaths.

Remnant showers from the latest storm, a "bomb cyclone," fell around the state and dangerous surf pounded the coast despite declining wave heights, while some areas enjoyed sunshine.

The next round of severe weather was predicted to arrive in Northern California on Friday night and spread south into the central region during the weekend, increasing flooding concerns due to already saturated soil. Heavy snow was forecast for the Sierra Nevada.

> "A very active weather pattern across the Pacific Ocean will continue to push energetic and fast-moving low pressure systems toward the West Coast - National Weather Service

"A very active weather pattern across the Pacific Ocean will continue to push energetic and fast-moving low pressure systems toward the West Coast," the National Weather Service said. "California continues to take the brunt of the heavy precipitation and strong winds associated with these systems as we head into the first full weekend of 2023."

During the weekend, "the next moisture-laden Pacific cyclone is forecast to approach California with the next onslaught of heavy rain," the service said.

The storms are atmospheric rivers, long plumes of moisture stretching far out into the Pacific, and capable of dropping staggering amounts of rain and snow.

Downtown San Francisco had its wettest 10-day period since 1871 between Dec. 26 and Jan. 4 when 10.33 inches of rain fell. The all-time 10-day record was 14.37 inches in January 1862.

The storms have also been piling up much-needed snow in the drought-stricken state's mountains, where the snowpack supplies about a third of California's water supply.

"It has been a deep week with almost 5 FEET of snow falling in the last 7 days!" the UC Berkeley Central Sierra Snow Lab tweeted Friday.

The statewide snowpack was 191% of normal to date and 76% of the April 1 average, which is usually the peak, according to the California Department of Water Resources.

Storms have been arriving in California since early November. A powerful New Year's weekend storm that caused extensive flooding in Northern California's Sacramento County and four deaths was followed on Wednesday and Thursday by a "bomb cyclone," a shorthand reference to a storm intensified by a rapid plunge in air pressure through a process called bombogenesis.

Two deaths were reported, including a 2-year-old boy killed when a redwood fell on a mobile home.

The seaside village of Capitola in Santa Cruz County about 60 miles south of San Francisco suffered possibly the worst damage as waves that were forecast to top 25 feet crashed into homes and restaurants at the mouth of Soquel Creek and knocked out a section of its historic wooden pier.

Hurricane-strength gusts as high as 101 mph toppled trees onto buildings and roads, knocked out power lines and blew down the roof on a gas station in South San Francisco.

National Weather Service meteorologist Warren Blier said the wind speed recorded on a Marin County hilltop was among the highest he could recall in a 25-year career.

The storms won't be enough to officially end the state's ongoing drought, now entering its fourth year, but they have helped. Not including the latest deluge, recent storms moved parts of the state out of the "exceptional drought" category in the U.S. Drought Monitor. Most of the state, though, remains in the extreme or severe drought categories.

Melley and Antczak reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press writers Olga Rodriguez and Janie Har in San Francisco, Sophie Austin in Sacramento, Terence Chea in Oakland, and Stefanie Dazio in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica's Black Apology: What does it mean for 2023?

Kicking off the New Year on a positive note, the Jan. 8 workshop of the Committee for Racial Justice will return to in person meetings at Virginia Ave. Park and will have the Black Apology by the City of Santa Monica as its topic. If you haven't seen it, it can be viewed on the Santa Monica City Council website under their meeting agendas – Nov. 29, item 4A. Refreshments provided (potlucks will be postponed until the covid/flu season is over) at 6 p.m. and program start at 6:30 p.m. Listen to a reading of this city council resolution, hear brief comments on the concept of apology and then, after Q & A, have time in small groups to brainstorm and prioritize ideas for how Santa Monica city council can (in the words of the resolution) "rectify the lingering consequences of discriminatory city policies". These small group discussions will focus on three arenas: Housing, Economic opportunities, and Education.

The speaker that evening, the Rev. Rebecca Benefiel Bijur, will share her perspectives on the concept of apology, followed by a participatory group discussion on how we feel the apology can be transformed into actions that would be meaningful and helpful to people.

Rev. Bijur serves as the Affiliated Community Minister of Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church in Canoga Park and is a frequent guest preacher at UU congregations across Southern California. She served as Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica from 2010-2017. Rev. Bijur is raising three children with her husband in Santa Monica and works with St. Joseph Center in Venice to advance social and economic equity for people experiencing homelessness.

Everyone is welcome to the Jan. 8 workshop that will kick off CRJ's 2023 programming. It will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the community meeting room of the Thelma Terry Building at Virginia Avenue Park. For those unable to join in person, register with the following link in order to be sent the link to share virtually: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pd—ppjkrGNAhO5ryCvXHiSC5Twqk4GOB

This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice.

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The Pier

College Championship pep rally at the Pier

The Santa Monica Pier will host over 3,000 TCU fans for a pep rally on Jan. 8 from 4 - 5 p.m.

After the best semifinal day in the nine-year history of the College Football Playoff, the title game will match the defending national champion against the closest thing the sport has had in years to a Cinderella team. It will be No. 1 Georgia, looking for its second straight championship, against upstart and No. 3 TCU on Jan. 9 at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood.

The four-team playoff was littered with lopsided semifinal games, but these were both thrillers. The Bulldogs came from 14 points down to beat No. 4 Ohio State 42-41 in the Peach Bowl. TCU upset No. 2 Michigan 51-45 in the Fiesta Bowl.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

County residents returning to school, work after winter break urged to test for COVID-19, mask for at least 10 Days

Public Health officials are asking for the community's help in reducing the chances of another post-holiday surge and limiting the spread of new COVID-19 strains that could gain dominance in Los Angeles County. An increase in infection rates would disproportionately affect people over 50 and people with preexisting medical conditions or who are immunocompromised. All three groups are at higher risk for serious illness and death from COVID-19.

Los Angeles County currently remains in the Medium Community Level, based on its case and hospitalization rates. As people return to school and work after the winter holiday, they may unintentionally expose others to the disease, increasing outbreaks. It can take up to 10 days for a person who has COVID-19 to test positive or display symptoms of infection.

To limit the post-holiday spread of infection, county residents should test before going back to school or work and upon returning, wear a well-fitting, high-filtration mask indoors for at least 10 days, in addition to continuing to mask in indoor public spaces.

Wearing a mask during the 10-day incubation period for COVID-19 can slow transmission of the virus, minimize disruptions to work and learning, protect the people who are most vulnerable, and help make sure hospitals do not become overwhelmed.

In the past, as new COVID-19 strains have gained dominance, as XBB.1.5 is doing in many parts of the United States, there has been a spike in transmission, resulting in increased hospitalizations and deaths, especially among older people.

Older Los Angeles County residents remain the most vulnerable for hospitalization and deaths compared to other age groups. People age 50 and older accounted for the highest rates of cases, hospitalizations and deaths in Los Angeles County for the 30-day period that ended Dec. 28. The rates increase with age. Residents who are 80-years-old and older, for example, are three times more likely to be hospitalized and five times more likely to die from COVID-19. Residents ages 65-79 were three times more likely to be hospitalized and six times likely to die than residents ages 50-64. Further, people ages 50-64 were more than five times likely to die than people ages 30-49

A wide range of data and dashboards on COVID-19 from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health are available on the Public Health website at http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

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Los Angeles

West Los Angeles man pleads guilty to Federal charges for using Snapchat to entice child into producing sexually explicit videos

A resident of the Westside of Los Angeles pleaded guilty Friday to federal criminal charges for using websites and apps such as Snapchat to meet and entice children to engage in sexually explicit conduct via video-chat then take "screen shot" images and videos of them.

Mark David Wallin, 42, of the Del Rey neighborhood of Los Angeles, pleaded guilty to one of production of child pornography and one count of enticement of a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity. Wallin has been in federal custody since his arrest in this case in July 2022.

According to his plea agreement, from 2019 to August 2021, Wallin used the internet to "meet" pre-teen boys and girls – both abroad and in the United States – then develop romantic relationships with them online, with the intent to obtain sexually explicit images and videos from the children. Wallin also persuaded the victims to engage in sexually explicit conduct via video-chat, which allowed him to take "screen shot" images and videos, according to court documents.

After his victims sent him sexually explicit content, Wallin would demand additional sexually explicit images and videos from them.

For example, in February and March of 2020, Wallin enticed a victim, who was approximately 9-10 years old at the time, to engage in sexually explicit conduct to be displayed to him via Snapchat, a multimedia instant messaging application.

Wallin admitted to knowingly causing at least four additional victims – ranging in age from 12 to 16 years old – to create or participate in the creation of multiple files of sexually explicit material featuring themselves.

Wallin further admitted to possessing on a smartphone approximately 200 sexually explicit videos featuring children in August 2021.

United States District Judge Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong scheduled an April 21 sentencing hearing, at which time Wallin will face a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in federal prison and a statutory maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Homeland Security Investigations investigated this matter, with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department providing assistance.

Assistant United States Attorney Damaris Diaz of the Violent and Organized Crime Section is prosecuting this case.

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POLICE CRASH

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suit alleges Officer Jason Ziegler improperly ran the red light at about 56 mph and hit Mora's vehicle.

Both men were transported to the hospital and at the time, neither could recall what had happened.

However, SMPD requested a CHP investigation into the crash and CHP determined Ziegler did not properly clear the intersection and failed to drive with due regard for the safety of cross traffic causing the crash.

Mora is alleging that the city failed to train its officers sufficiently on how to properly clear an intersection and that officers were allowed to operate vehicles carelessly.

Mora is asking for general damages in excess of $50,000 and economic damages of the same amount.

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California's Newsom launches 2nd term with contrast to GOP

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Gov. Gavin Newsom kicked off his second and final term on Friday by contrasting his leadership of the nation's largest Democratic stronghold with that of Republican leaders he branded as "small men in big offices."

"California has been freedom's force multiplier, protecting liberty from a rising tide of oppression taking root in statehouses — weakness, masquerading as strength," Newsom said as he stood in front of the state Capitol.

> "The ugliness that overflowed on January 6th, 2021, we know this, was in fact decades in the making — fomented by people who have a very different vision of America's future - Gov. Gavin Newsom

Though he didn't name names, his targets were obvious. Newsom chose Jan. 6 for his inaugural ceremonies to mark the second anniversary of the violent attack by Trump supporters on the U.S. Capitol, and he's spent the past year decrying Republican Govs. Ron DeSantis of Florida and Greg Abbott of Texas.

"The ugliness that overflowed on January 6th, 2021, we know this, was in fact decades in the making — fomented by people who have a very different vision of America's future," Newsom said.

He delivered his remarks after leading a march with his wife and four children through downtown Sacramento. The sun was finally out after days of relentless winds and rain pounding much of the state.

His second term officially began Monday. The outdoor ceremony followed a series of massive storms that brought heavy rain, snow and intense winds across the state. The deluge prompted Newsom to declare a state of emergency and offered a reminder of the bread-and-butter work of governing the nation's most populous state.

Newsom began his first term in 2019 with Trump as a clear foil in Washington. With Biden now in the White House, Newsom has pivoted his fire toward fellow governors like DeSantis and Abbott.

He continued to draw that contrast Friday, decrying states that "make it harder to vote and easier to buy illegal guns," and that "silence speech, fire teachers, kidnap migrants, subjugate women ... and even demonize Mickey Mouse."

Both Newsom and DeSantis are widely seen as future presidential contenders, though perhaps not against each other. Newsom has committed to supporting Biden if the president seeks a second term, as he currently plans to do. DeSantis, meanwhile, has not ruled out a 2024 run — even as Trump seeks a return to the White House.

Their competing visions of governance — including how best to promote "freedom" — showcase the political polarization that's taken hold across the nation. In his own inaugural address Tuesday, DeSantis touched on national issues like immigration and inflation, and decried "wokeness."

"They have two starkly different philosophies on how to run a state and that choice will be on the ballot at some point, whether its either one of those two or other folks in their parties," said Bill Burton, a California political consultant who was a spokesman for former President Barack Obama.

The ongoing drama in Washington that has kept GOP Rep. Kevin McCarthy, a fellow Californian, from securing the speakership in the U.S. House also boosts Newsom's argument that Democrats are better at governing, said Kim Nalder, a professor of political science at the California State University, Sacramento.

"His narrative that he's trying to create is: Look how much better things could be if Democrats ran the political world," she said.

The California Republican Party had a different interpretation, noting that more people are leaving California than moving to the state.

"While we can only hope that Newsom spends a little more time in his second term dealing with the problems he created in the Golden State, we expect he'll be far too busy chasing laughable White House fantasies and lashing out at red states that countless former Californians are now calling home," Jessica Millan Patterson, chairwoman of the party, said in a statement ahead of the speech.

As Newsom sought to craft California as a beacon for freedom, he also reflected on painful parts of the state's history, when voters backed measures to limit rights for immigrants and deny gay people the right to marry.

In the end, though, California reversed course with the understanding that "expanding rights is always the right thing to do," he said.

Newsom begin his second term facing headwinds in the form of a budget deficit, an unmitigated homeless crisis and drought that may persist despite the storms. And he'll go to battle with the oil industry as he pushes lawmakers to impose fines on company profits.

But Californians have twice reinforced

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FTC

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has been prohibited for a century.

The proposed FTC rule would require companies to scrap existing noncompete causes and actively inform workers that they are no longer in effect, as well as prohibiting the imposition of new ones.

The proposal is based on a preliminary finding that noncompete clauses quash competition in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act. It would not generally apply to other types of employment restrictions, like non-disclosure agreements.

But Emily Dickens, chief of staff and head of public affairs for the Society for Human Resource Management, said the proposed FTC rule is overly broad and could potentially harm businesses that depend on them to thrive. She cited very small, emerging industries where crucial know-how cannot be safeguarded through non-disclosure agreements alone.

Dickens said SHRM, a group of more than 300,000 human resources professionals and executives around the world, will encourage its members to present specific situations that could justify noncompete clauses during the FTC's commentary period.

Although "there are jobs where it makes no sense to have noncompete," Dickens said, "this kind of blanket ban is going to stifle innovation."

While defenders of non-compete clauses argue they help start-ups and small business retain talent, opponents say they hinder recruitment at those same entities.

The Economic Innovation Group, a Washington-based public policy research group, applauded the rule and called on Congress to pass proposed legislation that would impose a similar ban with more permanency.

"Restricting the use of non-compete agreements is fundamentally good policy that will boost wages, improve workforce mobility, and encourage entrepreneurship and innovation throughout the economy," said John Lettieri, EIG's president and CEO.

Associated Press writers Chris Rugaber and Nancy Benac in Washington contributed to this report.

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Santa Monica hopes to divert 40 million gallons of runoff away from the ocean per year

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SMDP Staff Writer

As rain continues to hound Santa Monica for a second consecutive week, gallons of pollution-laden storm water runoff that once would have flown into the Santa Monica Bay are being diverted and captured for reuse by the City's increasingly robust water infrastructure system.

Coming just several months after the opening of a state of the art Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP), Water Resources Manager Sunny Wang said that storms like this highlight the ways in which the City's investment in such projects pays off.

> "Together with the beach tank and the SWIP project harvesting tank, we estimate on average we'll divert over 40 million gallons of storm water away from the Santa Monica Bay each year - Sunny Wang

"The investment that we've made is great," he said. "We're ahead of a lot of other utilities to be able to capture the stormwater and utilize it, so it's not only improving the water quality in Santa Monica Bay, we're also increasing mobile supplies to be able to preserve that precious resource that was previously just sent to the Santa Monica Bay."

While SWIP is still undergoing regulatory processes and is not yet fully operational, Wang said when it comes online it will significantly increase the City's capacity to capture and reuse water in conjunction with existing projects including the Clean Beaches Project tank next to the pier.

"Together with the beach tank and the SWIP project harvesting tank, we estimate on average we'll divert over 40 million gallons of storm water away from the Santa Monica Bay each year," he said. "So that's the amount of pollution that we'll reduce that has flown into the bay and treat that and re-use that locally."

The water collected in the beach tank and soon SWIP during storms and from dry-weather runoff, is sent to the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility where it is treated to be used for purposes including irrigation and plumbing.

For the month of December, Wang estimates that the pier beach tank has captured and diverted over a million gallons of stormwater. Data from the past week and this most recent series of storms is not yet available.

Even with the intervention of systems like SWIP, experts still warn of unsafe water quality conditions in the Santa Monica Bay following rain.

"Rain and storm water runoff play an important role in the water quality in the Santa Monica Bay," Heal the Bay Associate Data Specialist Alison Xunyi Wu said. "During a rain event, rain water picks up bacterial contaminants on land, such as animal feces among other contaminants, that flush into the ocean via storm drains and rivers. This usually leads to a significant elevation of bacteria and other harmful germ levels in ocean waters during and after rainstorms."

She added that due to the relative infrequency of rain in California, pollutants have more time to build up during dry periods resulting in higher concentrations of bacteria in runoff when storms such as this one do occur and reminded people to stay out of the water for at least 72 hours after rainfall.

Annelisa Moe, a water quality scientist with Heal the Bay acknowledged that many people in the drought-stricken California region see the recent rain as cause for celebration, but said more needs to be done to prevent pollutants from entering the ocean via storm drains and ensure that municipalities can capture, treat and reuse stormwater.

"While the storms of this past month have been duly celebrated at the end of a particularly dry year, it does also mean an inundation of pollution that threatens water quality and ecosystem health, as well as the loss of a potential local water resource," she said.

With the rain expected to continue into the coming week, Wang encourages residents to take steps such as making sure their sprinklers are turned off and being cautious when driving, especially in flood-prone areas. Prior to the storm, he said they took steps to mitigate potential effects of heavy rainfall.

"What we do is all of our crews go out and clear all the debris that may be blocking the way into storm drains, so make sure all the major debris are cleared and out of the way to minimize flooding events, so we do that before the storm comes."

He said the City has crews on standby in case of flooding as well as staff working to clear debris on roads.

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TED LIEU

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Lieu said. "These projects will help tackle some of the most pressing needs in our district including providing mental health and housing care for vulnerable people, endangered wildlife protection and supportive programming for young students.

The City of Santa Monica has received $1.5 million in federal funds to support behavioral health initiatives and the city is beginning a public outreach campaign to determine how to spend the money.

> We are fortunate to have the continued support of Rep. Lieu in securing federal funding to address the behavioral health needs of our community - Mayor Gleam Davis

City Hall said it will hire Initium Health to lead public engagement and analyze different models for Santa Monica. Initium will begin by interviewing community leaders and subject matter experts, followed by public listening sessions. Recommendations to Council will be made in the fall of this year.

"We are fortunate to have the continued support of Rep. Lieu in securing federal funding to address the behavioral health needs of our community," said Mayor Gleam Davis. "This funding is critical given the national fentanyl crisis and our ongoing challenges with isolation coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic and homelessness. We look forward to beginning the community engagement process."

Lieu's efforts also secured $1M for Ready to Succeed, a local nonprofit that helps foster youth transition into the workforce.

The funding came as Lieu celebrated passage of two environmental bills.

"Additionally, I am pleased that my driftnet modernization bill, as well as my Santa Monica Mountains survey bill were included in this year's Omnibus," he said. "Drift gillnet fishing is not a sustainable way to fish and phasing out the practice will aid the health of our oceans for generations. My bill on Santa Monica Mountains will help us determine whether we should expand the boundary of the Santa Monica recreation area and potentially allow for more federal scientific and conservation resources in the area. Both bills, in addition to the millions of project funding going to our district, are significant wins for our community. I am pleased to end this year on such a high note. I cannot wait to continue fighting for my constituents next Congress."

Lieu secured funding for a total of 15 projects including:

$1,000,000 for the Boys Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor, San Pedro, for developing a digital program for student support.

$1,000,000 for the City of Hermosa Beach, for mobile mental health crisis response teams.

$3,452,972 for the City of Los Angeles for a Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant Modernization project.

$1,500,000 for the City of Santa Monica, for behavioral health and other supportive services.

$2,000,000 for the County of Los Angeles Alternatives to Incarceration Office (CEO), Los Angeles, for a youth job training program and supportive services.

$1,000,000 for the Friendship Foundation, Redondo Beach, for inclusive programs for students with disabilities.

$1,000,000 for the Manhattan Beach Safe Cycling Project.

$1,150,000 for the Pacific Palisades Pedestrian Trail.

$3,000,000 for the PATH Permanent Supportive Housing Marina Del Rey.

$1,000,000 for the Ready to Succeed, Santa Monica, for support for college-going foster youth, including scholarships.

$898,053 for the St. Joseph Center, Venice, CA for job skills training and supportive services to those experiencing homelessness.

$1,000,000 for the Torrance Temporary Housing Program.

$1,600,000 for the UCLA SeaChange: Carbon Sequestration Pilot.

$500,000 for the Venice Family Clinic, Venice, CA for facilities and equipment.

$2,500,000 for the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing.

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NEWSOM

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their support for Newsom in the past 15 months: first in a 2021 recall attempt that failed and again last November, when he handily won his second term.

Newsom's first term was dominated by wildfires, a major utility bankruptcy and the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed more than 100,000 Californians, and prompted monthslong shut downs of businesses and schools. But he was also handed a massive budget surplus that allowed him to invest tens of billions in the environment, education, child care and health care.

But he enters his second term with a projected $25 billion budget deficit, which limits what Newsom can spend on and may force budget cuts. He'll offer his first glimpse at spending priorities next week.

He's also geared up for a major fight with the oil industry, convincing the Legislature to launch a special session to consider a new fine on oil company profits. Gas prices climbed above $6 per gallon in California, which is well above the national average.

The potential budget deficit in particular may force Newsom to turn more of his attention back home if he hopes to maintain the strong support he's so far enjoyed, said Sarah Hill, a professor of political science at the California State University, Fullerton, who focuses on state politics.

"If he still is sort of playing this national stage while the state is hurting fiscally and they're having to make cuts, I don't think that will play well," she said.





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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 7)

What makes this year so exciting is a crystallized desire that burns in you and infuses your life with intense emotion. Ultimately, it's a gift. Mild ambitions don't have the juice to get off the ground, while mad passions take wing in one jump. More highlights: 50 comfortable evenings, entertaining friends and love from afar. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 4, 44 and 18.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are many reasons to impress the powers that be. People work for gold stars today and need little incentive beyond the approval of an authority figure. If you're the authority, your attention will be a coveted resource now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Despite appearing intelligent, overthinking is a form of procrastination. Instead, move things along thoughtfully without ruminating. Make quick but not hurried progress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're likely to make excellent decisions using modalities like scientific deduction, social investigation and good ol' common sense. But if you only have time to do it on a wing and a prayer today, that will work just as well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To fix what's irritating you will require sanding, smoothing, disassembly, new agreements, training and the like. The other way is to tolerate irritations until you become immune, and they'll never bother you again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You prefer to play well-matched games if you can and will seek situations that give you a more or less equal footing with the other players. When you find a good fit, it's a gift to everyone's life and game.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're brave, but not foolishly so. You don't shy away from danger, only unnecessary danger. The wise ones will also see wisdom in you, and you'll be trusted with a special responsibility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is something wonderfully adventurous about going off track. You're intrigued by the idea that you might luck into finding treasure or its equivalent in your inspired wandering.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To move forward, the task must be completed. This is your moment. Take the pressure to be perfect out of the equation and then go further; no need for grace, art or precision either — exchange those for timeliness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You do so many things right. It's only human to keep looking at the things you do wrong, but you can also press pause on that to celebrate yourself for a moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Travel in an entourage or with a wingman. You're a different person when you feel supported. It gives you the safety to take risks. You'll be more charming, daring and curious than you'd be on your own, not to mention funnier.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Depending on the company, companionship can be a divine comfort, or it can be a pain. The person who is best for the journey will be low-maintenance, respectful and self-entertaining.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A cellphone is an alarm clock, map, flashlight, DJ, camera and a thousand other things. Oh, and it can call people. There's someone who can and will serve multiple purposes in your life and you'll do the same for them.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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.

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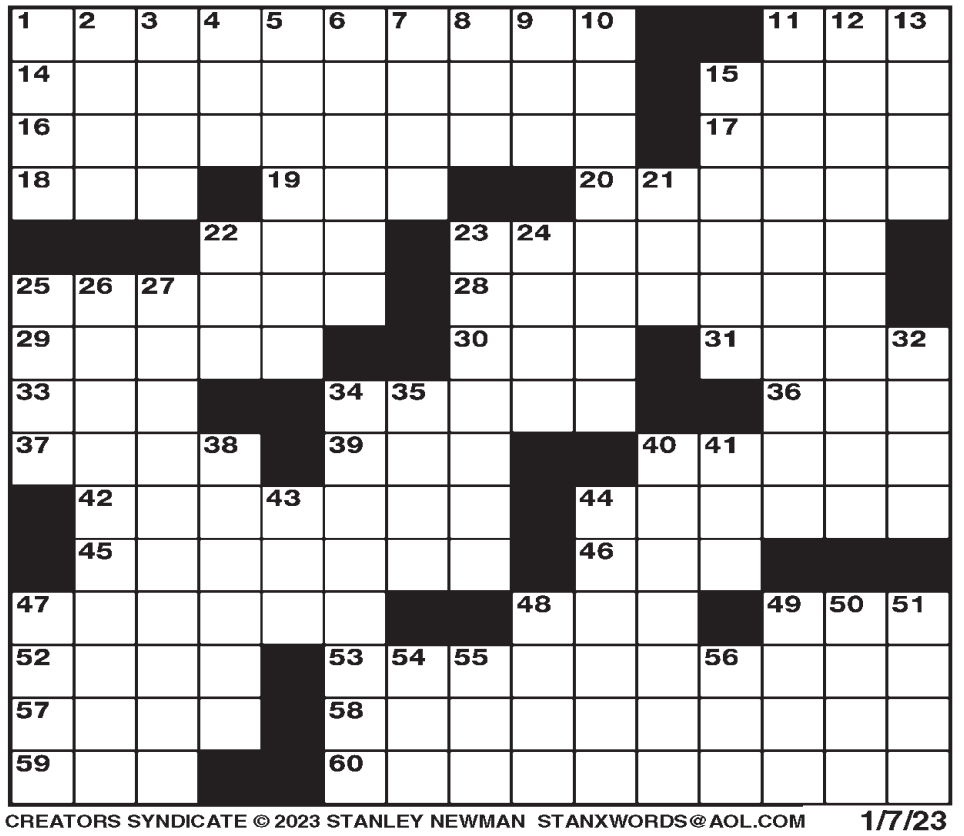
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ACROSS

1 Trattoria dessert
11 Muscle car designation
14 Head scratcher's comment
15 Antlered animal
16 "Bohemian Rhapsody" feature
17 Sinbad, e.g.
18 EuroBonus points provider
19 Jedi pilot
20 Some wedding officials
22 Keys' place, for short
23 *Quantum of Solace* introducer
25 Trailing closely
28 Short solo
29 Get close to
30 Avoid, with "out"
31 Four-Grammy Nigerian
33 End of a Tolstoy title
34 Fictional fantasizer
36 Had no need to rally
37 Near __
39 Stock tip
40 Polyester in paints
42 Baseball cover
44 Dramatist whom a Dublin bridge is named for
45 Second governor of New York
46 Topiary tree
47 She was billed above Bogart in *High Sierra*
48 Banff Nat'l Park setting, sometimes
49 __ dash
52 Hebrew word for "delight"
53 One of AFI's 100 Funniest Movies (1980)
57 Cultural leader
58 Phrase on a Cheerios box
59 Organic orb
60 Show off a certain paint job

DOWN

1 Navigates an obstacle course, maybe
2 *Café* ingredient
3 French "wood" in oboe's etymology
4 Its website offers DIRECTV
5 What many old oaks are
6 Maybelline's parent
7 Minute
8 "The jig is up!"
9 Nonexistent
10 Egregiousness
11 Tagline for a '30s star's first sound film
12 Asset in an appraisal
13 NYC storefront closures of 2010
15 They're broken when kicked
21 Miller's Tale refreshment
22 Small number
23 Strong grasp
24 Pluck
25 "I am an __ of things accomplished": Whitman
26 Hearing necessity
27 Where to see shooting stars
32 Sign of drainage
34 '20s fad just before the crossword craze
35 Sudden flash
38 Paste with pitas
40 Organic chemistry building block
41 Code component
43 Erstwhile NASCAR broadcaster
44 Meat rich in zinc
47 Spring
48 It means "transcending"
49 Focus of a Barcelona museum
50 GM's former Fiesta competitor
51 Citronella oil alternative
54 Job-promoting UN arm
55 Gist
56 Beethoven symphonic notation



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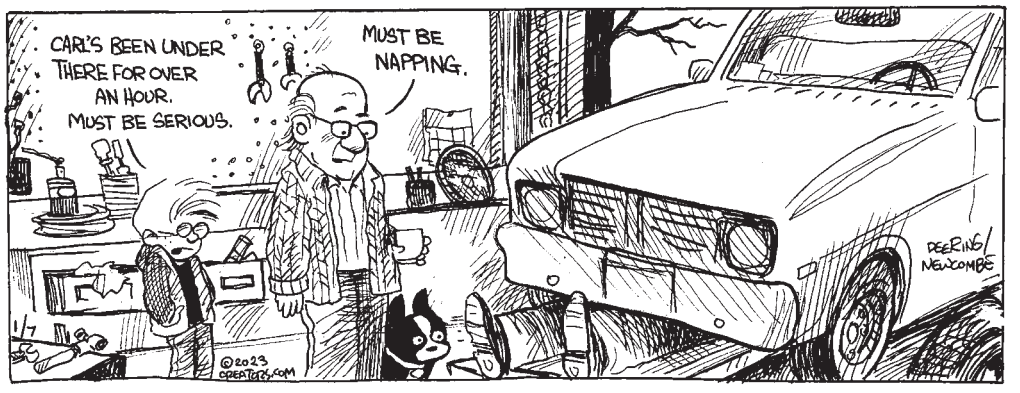
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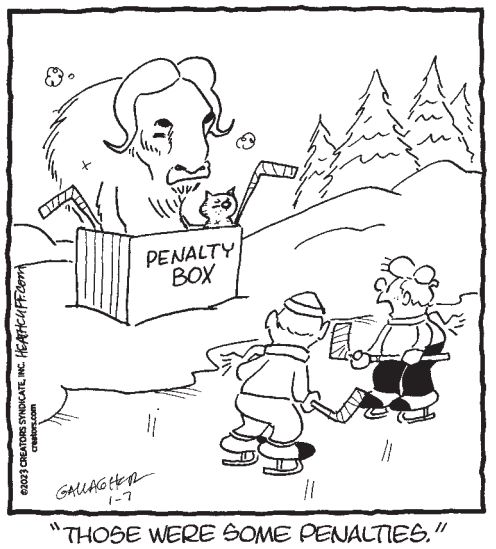
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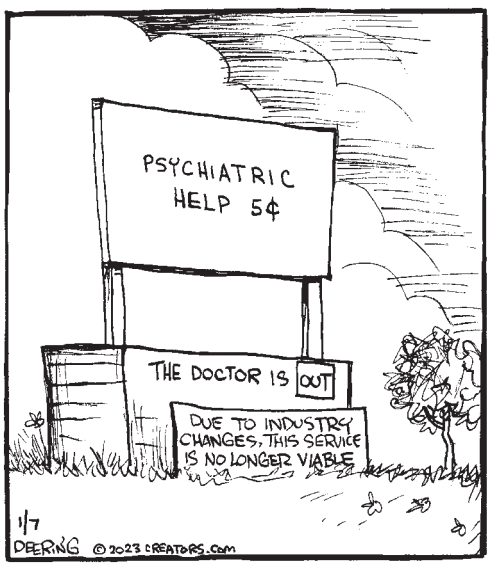
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"THOSE WERE SOME PENALTIES."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5717

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Boom	Jazz	Rock	Viola
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SATURDAY | JANUARY 7

OCEAN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books chosen by the group. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. Main Library, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll. 12 - 3 p.m.

BYOB (BRING YOUR BABY/BOOB/BOTTLE/BUGGY): A COMEDY SHOW
Have a baby? Date nights non-existent? We have a mid-day, raunchy comedy show for parents – by parents – that you can bring your baby to! The BYOB Comedy Show: bring your baby, boob, bottle, buggy! (Stroller parking included.) Enjoy a comedy show in the middle of the day instead of crying in the corner while your baby doesn't nap. Bring the baby to the show because they don't understand it yet! The Crow, 2525 Michigan Avenue, Unit F4, 1 - 2:30 p.m. https://www.crowcomedy.com/family-shows

DRAG BRUNCH AT LANEA
Join Lanea for margaritas, savory street tacos and an amazing drag show the first Saturday of every month! No RSVP required and enjoy live music by DJ Daunkos. 2 - 5 p.m. Lanea, 217 Broadway. https://www.gotolanea.com/events

SUNDAY | JANUARY 8

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers – you can't get more local than that! 2640 Main Street. https://www.santamonica.gov/places/farmers-markets/main-street-farmers-market

MONDAY | JANUARY 9

KARAOKE NIGHT PARTY AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Sing a song, sing it loud and sing it strong at Tavern on Main's Karaoke Night Party, every Monday and Wednesday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St.

TUESDAY | JANUARY 10

FRIDAY NIGHT JAMS AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Start those weekend vibes buzzing with hot tunes by a roster of rotating DJs at Tavern on Main. This is a 21+ event with no cover charge. Enjoy lively music, great drinks and the best food. Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St. 9 p.m. https://www.tavernonmainsm.com/events/friday-night-jams

ICE YOGA CLASS
9 - 10 a.m. Participants can expect a morning of healing yoga, as the class will start with a focus on the core and progress to full-body movements to keep the blood flowing. Yoga mats will be provided. $5. Tickets online at https://www.downtownsm.com/ice-at-santa-monica

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 11

AQUARIUM COMEDY CLUB
Celebrate with an intimate comedy event at Heal the Bay Aquarium in Santa Monica! Major headliners from Netflix, Comedy Central & movies perform in this 90 minute stand up comedy show. Watch comedy while the fish are swimming around you! Heal the Bay Aquarium 1600 Ocean Front Walk 8 p.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aquarium-comedy-club-santa-monica-tickets-317082400997

THURSDAY | JANUARY 12

NEW YEAR, NEW HABITS: TOP 10 RESOLUTIONS FROM DIETITIANS
Ashley Salazar, Registered Dietitian at Providence Saint John's Health Center, discusses meal planning, making room for balance, and other tips to improve long-term health in a sustainable way. Main Library Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor from 3:30 to 4 p.m.

SKATING A FINE LINE: HARRY'S (ICE) HOUSE
The themed event welcomes guests of all ages and will feature a selection of family-friendly pop songs. Participants are encouraged to wear their best pop star attire and spend the evening getting groovy and skating in style. The first 200 guests to arrive at the ice rink receive a free feather boa. Ice skates will be available for rental. Event is free but skating is $20. 7 - 10 p.m. https://www.downtownsm.com/ice-at-santa-monica

FRIDAY | JANUARY 13

DRUNK THEATRE
A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show. Limited seating and space is available. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th Street. $17 - $35 https://www.drunktheatrecompany.com/

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **58.8**

SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Easing W swell for best NW swell magnets. Very long period, and very inconsistent S swell rolls in for SPAC magnets. Looking like light winds early. Account for the higher AM tide.
SUNDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Another pulse of W swell likely, combining with an inconsistent long period SSW swell. Potential for manageable wind in the AM but account for the mid AM high tide.

WEATHER

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 62. North northeast wind around 5 mph.
Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain after 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.
Sunday: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly before 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59.
Sunday Night: A slight chance of rain after 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/01/07	Sat	02:30 AM	2.40	L
2023/01/07	Sat	08:45 AM	5.94	H
2023/01/07	Sat	4:10 PM	-0.73	L
2023/01/07	Sat	10:48 PM	3.52	H
2023/01/08	Sun	03:03 AM	2.38	L
2023/01/08	Sun	09:16 AM	5.81	H
2023/01/08	Sun	4:41 PM	-0.59	L
2023/01/08	Sun	11:20 PM	3.53	H
2023/01/09	Mon	03:39 AM	2.38	L
2023/01/09	Mon	09:48 AM	5.58	H
2023/01/09	Mon	5:11 PM	-0.39	L
2023/01/09	Mon	11:53 PM	3.56	H
2023/01/10	Tue	04:19 AM	2.42	L
2023/01/10	Tue	10:21 AM	5.24	H
2023/01/10	Tue	5:41 PM	-0.12	L
2023/01/11	Wed	12:28 AM	3.63	H
2023/01/11	Wed	05:05 AM	2.47	L
2023/01/11	Wed	10:57 AM	4.78	H

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/4
12 32 56 67 68
Power#: 26
Jackpot: 325 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/3
25 29 33 41 44
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 940 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 1/4
4 16 18 41 45
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 22 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/5
13 14 23 25 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 1/5
EVENING: 2 8 4
Draw Date: 1/5
MIDDAY: 8 9 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/5
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
Race Time: 1:45.83

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