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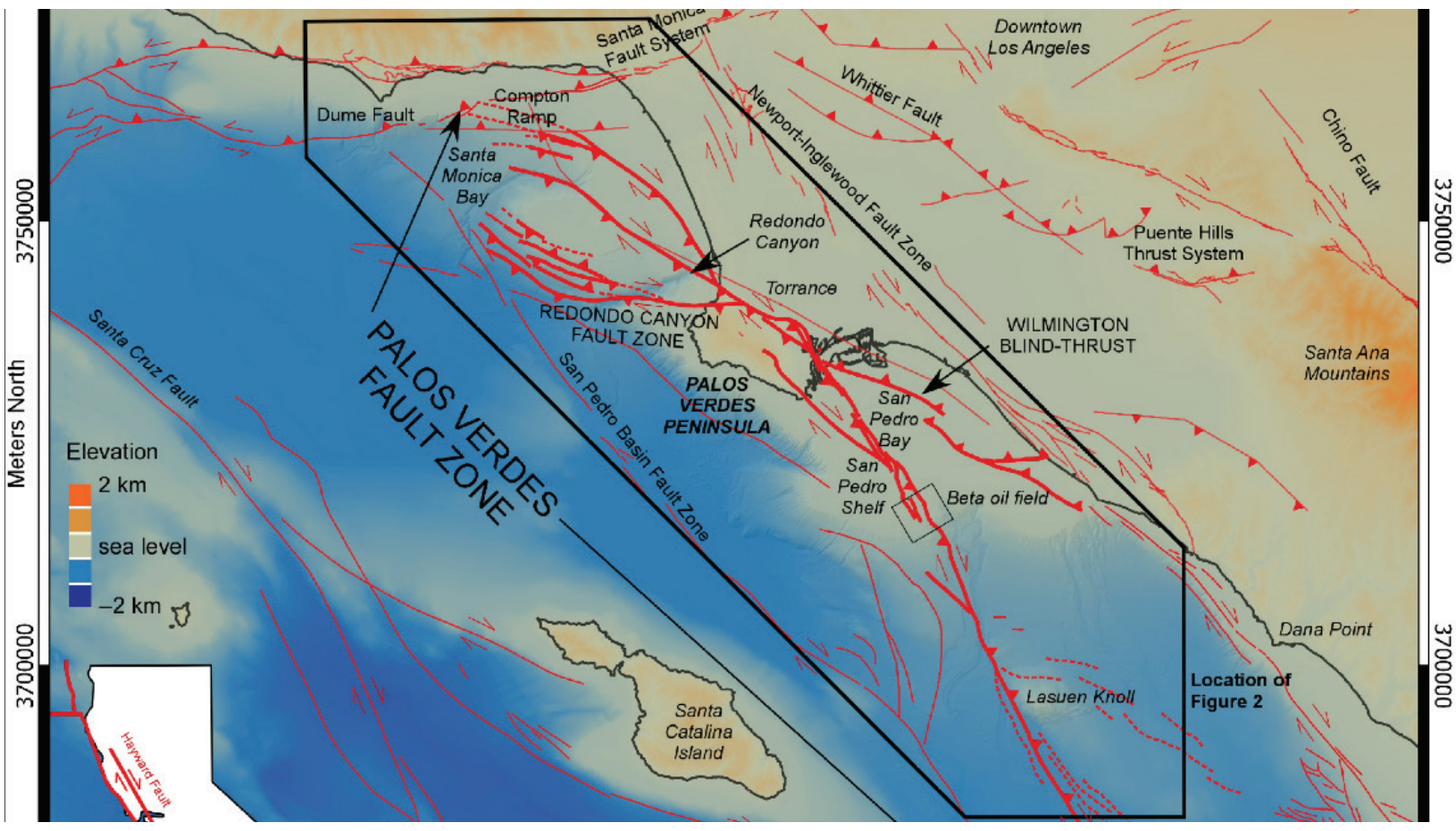
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New study reveals fault zone off Santa Monica coast could cause up to 7.8 magnitude earthquake



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FAULT: The new study suggests a local earthquake could be significantly larger than previously thought.

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A fault zone off the Santa Monica coast could result in a larger, higher magnitude earthquake than previously thought according to a new study.

Instead of a 7.4 magnitude earthquake, which is already considered severe, scientists now say the fault system is capable of triggering up to a 7.8 quake. While the difference may not seem major, it is an increase of close to four times the amount of energy being released, according to calculations by the United States Geological Survey.

Dubbed the Palos Verde fault zone (PVFZ), the network runs close to 70 miles from the Santa Monica Bay, south down the coast, under the Palos Verdes peninsula and out into the ocean off of Dana Point.

Scientists say this new knowledge reveals the potential for an earthquake more destructive than both the 2019 Ridgecrest quake and the 1994 Northridge earthquake, which caused significant damage in Santa Monica.

The study, conducted by a group of three Harvard earth and planetary scientists, compiled data from a variety of sources to piece together a model of the fault zone in far more detail than had been done before. They discovered a system of interconnected fractures, rather than the string of separate, smaller fragments previously thought to make up the fault zone.

"The sizes of these segments indicate that PVFZ is capable of larger events than previously reported," the study says. Adding, "the Santa Monica Bay segment and RCFZ (Redondo Canyon Fault Zone) should be considered as active seismic sources capable of moderate-to-large magnitude earthquake events that would

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Fire season encampment clearance rules resume in Malibu

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For the second autumn in a row, Malibu has approved a program authorizing homeless encampment clearances due to fire danger in the city's parched hills.

During a city council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, Malibu leaders approved a measure "Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency and Initiating a Program for Reducing the Risk of Fires Associated with Individuals Living Unhoused and Otherwise

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Governor Newsom signs laws to boost housing production

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

They've become a familiar sight along the wide commercial corridors of America — empty buildings once filled by big retailers who have closed their doors, in part because many of their customers shop online.

Now, two new laws in California would let developers build housing on that land and largely prevent revenue-hungry local governments from stopping them.

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ENCAMPMENT

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Engaged in Unpermitted and Regulated Camping," in line with a similar move that first went into effect in September 2021 and ran through early January 2022.

"The LFM, or live fuel moisture, coupled with Red Flag [conditions] pose a clear and imminent danger," Assistant City Manager Joseph Toney told council members on Tuesday, citing moisture levels around 63%. When measured moisture level in live plants in the mountains dips below 60%, conditions are considered critically dangerous for wildfire spread. "Most vegetation fires in the Santa Monica Mountains are caused by human activity," Toney added.

Toney clarified that the rules do not "criminalize sitting, lying or sleeping in public when a person has no access to temporary shelter," but is meant specifically to target encampments in the dry brush of the Malibu hills.

Malibu City Council voted unanimously, 4-0, in favor of the program, with Council Member Mikke Pierson not present at the meeting; the same council voted 5-0 to approve the policy in 2021.

When the policy was initially adopted last fall, city staff anticipated potential litigation, but council members and then-interim City Attorney John Cotti said they believed it would hold up to legal scrutiny. So far, challenges have not emerged.

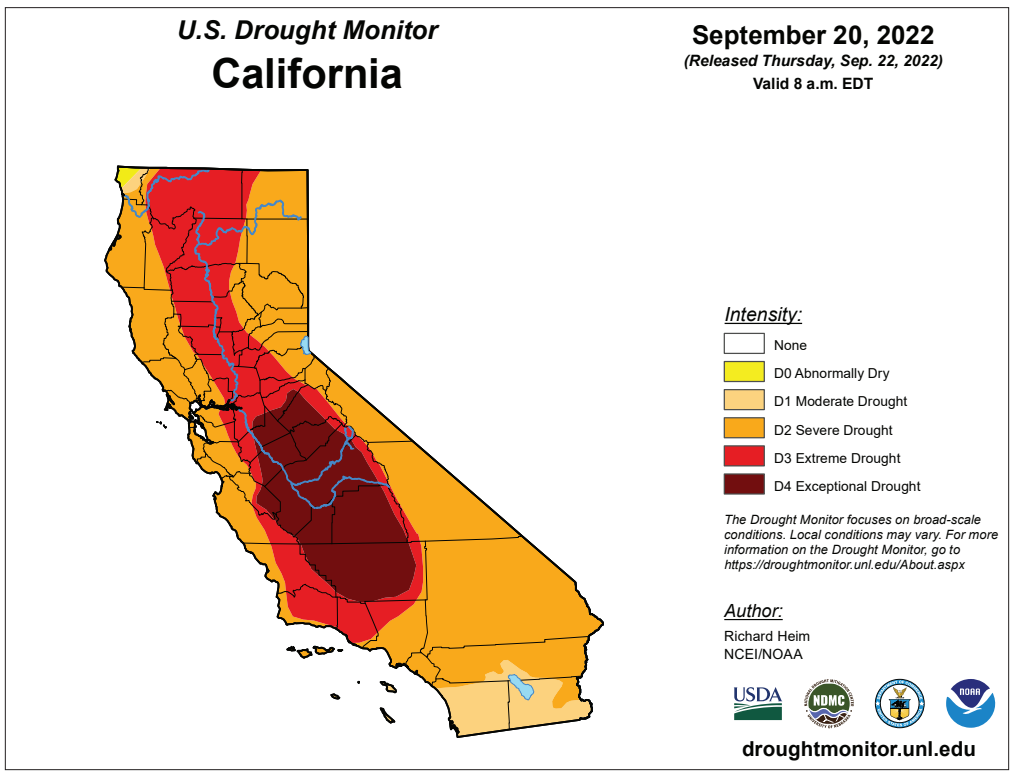
The policy came weeks after LA County approved a similar rule in August 2021.

"Despite a significant increase in fire prevention efforts, there are still portions of the County within the designated VHFHSZ [very high fire hazard severity zones] where, because of location, access, terrain, and fuels, the risk of a fire starting and rapidly spreading remains incredibly high," according to the August 2021 LA County Supervisors' motion. "As climate change extends and exacerbates our local fire season, particular areas of the Unincorporated County pose too much risk of harm or loss of life for residents, [homeless people], outreach teams, and first responders, to allow encampments to remain.

"As we enter what may be the most devastating fire season on record, it's important that we move with urgency to reduce the risk of occurrence and spread," the motion, authored by Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Kathryn Barger — representing the two largest rural areas of the County — continued. "To mitigate the risk of fires, LACoF should prohibit homeless encampments in Unincorporated County designated VHFHSZ's. All necessary efforts to connect [homeless people] in these regions to resources should be led by LAHSA's best practices for addressing street encampments, ensuring that no individual is criminalized simply for not having a home."

Earlier this month, homeless count results showed Malibu homelessness dropped 66% between January 2020 and February 2022. The January 2020 count of 239 unhoused people was the highest number of homeless residents tallied since the count began, and consistent efforts by The People Concern — a Santa Monica-based nonprofit that supplies workers under contract to assist homeless people in Malibu — and LA County Sheriff's specialists, together with two large encampment clearances, are being credited with the sharp decline in the total number of homeless people counted in Malibu this year: 81.

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DROUGHT: Severe drought increases the fire danger associated with illegal camps.

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Lawsuit demands San Francisco stop homeless camp sweeps

JANIE HAR
Associated Press

Homeless people and their advocates sued the city of San Francisco on Tuesday, demanding that it stop harassing and destroying the belongings of people living on the streets with nowhere to go, and with the goal of forcing the city to spend billions of dollars on affordable homes that will keep residents housed.

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area and others filed the lawsuit in federal court on behalf of the Coalition on Homelessness and seven individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Defendants include the city, several city departments and Mayor London Breed.

The complaint states that San Francisco "presents the image of a caring municipality" with a plan to address homelessness, but decades of inaction on affordable housing has left thousands forced to use tents and vehicles as shelter. An annual homelessness survey found 7,754 homeless people in 2022 with nearly 60% living unsheltered.

Not only has the city failed to construct affordable housing, according to the complaint, the city uses heavy-handed tactics to get homeless people to move, threatening to arrest or actually arresting people, and taking people's belongings in early morning encampment sweeps in which shelter is not offered, as required by law.

> "Once we are served with the lawsuit, we will review the complaint and respond in court - Jen Kwart"

In addition to stopping illegal practices, "we need to change the conversation around what is causing homelessness here and get to proven solutions," said Zal K. Shroff, senior attorney with the lawyers' committee.

San Francisco is among many West coast cities where street homelessness has come increasingly under fire, from politicians and housed residents. California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat and former mayor of San Francisco, has embraced clearing tent encampments, saying it is neither compassionate nor safe to allow people to live outdoors.

But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled in 2018 that it's unconstitutional to cite or arrest people for sleeping in public when there is no shelter available.

In statements, both the mayor's office and the city attorney's office declined comment but said San Francisco is focused on expanding temporary shelter and providing more permanent housing options. Breed's office said the city has added nearly 3,000 permanent supportive housing units since 2020.

"Once we are served with the lawsuit, we will review the complaint and respond in court," said Jen Kwart, spokesperson for the office of City Attorney David Chiu.

Shroff acknowledged the court can't order San Francisco to build affordable housing, but the group hopes the lawsuit will push city leaders in that direction.

The lawsuit asks the court to order the city to stop punishing homeless people for sleeping and living on public property until it has sufficient shelter to offer. It also asks the court to stop the city from seizing property and to appoint a monitor to make sure the city follows through.

The seven named plaintiffs include David Martinez, a Latino man who sleeps in a cardboard box because city workers keep confiscating his tent and other belongings, according to the complaint.

Two of the plaintiffs are Black men unable to afford housing in the city where they were born and raised. Another is a double amputee whose prosthetics were taken by city workers in June.

Toro Castaño said in a legal declaration that in August 2020 he packed his belongings as ordered but city workers tossed all his stuff into a garbage truck, including his mother's wedding kimono and a MacBook Pro laptop. They offered him a bed in a homeless shelter, which he declined for fear of catching the coronavirus.

"I do not think it was fair to force me to make that difficult healthcare choice under the threat of citation," said Castaño, who is also Latino, in his declaration.

The city does not give 72 hours notice in advance of clearing an area or bag and tag property for homeless people to collect later, in violation of its own policies, according to the complaint. Homeless outreach workers do not know until hours after people have been forced out what kind of shelter, if any, is available that day.

"No one is saying the city should not remove trash, but when we're seeing MacBook Pros, that's just straight up targeting of unhoused people," Shroff said.

San Francisco has about 3,500 shelter beds, the mayor's office said.

The lawsuit estimates San Francisco would need to build nearly 6,700 new affordable units, which they estimate to cost $4.8 billion, to house every person currently unhoused in San Francisco.

DAILY POLICE LOGS

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 283 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 27

Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1600Blk 12th St 12:08 a.m.
Speeding 26th St / Broadway 12:57 a.m.
Petty Theft 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:26 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2000Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:36 a.m.
Petty Theft 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:00 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:16 a.m.
Battery 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:44 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1700Blk Pico Blvd 4:03 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1000Blk 10th St 4:12 a.m.
Burglary 800Blk 4th St 6:17 a.m.
Encampment Stewart St / Olympic Blvd 7:03 a.m.
Construction Noise 2700Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:04 a.m.
Grand Theft 3000Blk Virginia Ave 7:05 a.m.
Construction Noise 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:14 a.m.
Battery 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:17 a.m.
Encampment 1700Blk 14th St 7:19 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2600Blk Barnard Way 7:22 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 900Blk Ocean Ave 7:39 a.m.
Sexual Assault 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:40 a.m.
Battery 2700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:24 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 7th St / California Ave 8:26 a.m.
Battery 1100Blk 3rd St 8:27 a.m.
Expired Registration 1500Blk 7th St 8:33 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1100Blk Euclid St 8:35 a.m.
Encampment 100Blk California Ave 8:39 a.m.
Prowler 800Blk Pearl St 8:51 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500Blk 10th St 9:09 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3200Blk Pennsylvania Ave 9:24 a.m.
Loud Music 1700Blk Dewey St 9:26 a.m.
Petty Theft 800Blk Montana Ave 9:26 a.m.
Fraud 2700Blk Neilson Way 9:28 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1700Blk 15th St 9:33 a.m.
Panic Alarm 2600Blk Main St 9:53 a.m.
General Parking Problem 400Blk Ocean Ave 10:03 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1300Blk Washington Ave 10:03 a.m.
Bike Theft 1800Blk Ocean Ave 10:05 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:06 a.m.
Burglary 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 10:14 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 2600Blk 31st St 10:28 a.m.
Burglary 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 10:36 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2000Blk 5th St 10:37 a.m.
Expired Registration 1400Blk 2nd St 10:39 a.m.
Lost Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:43 a.m.
Burglary 1400Blk 6th St 11:12 a.m.
Petty Theft 1700Blk The Beach 11:17 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 800Blk Ozone Ave 11:21 a.m.
Expired Registration 1400Blk 2nd St 11:35 a.m.
Expired Registration 1400Blk 2nd St 11:46 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 1300Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:08 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 600Blk The Beach 12:10 p.m.
Fraud 700Blk Pier Ave 12:14 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:24 p.m.
Assault 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 12:33 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1100Blk Yale St 12:37 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 800Blk 3rd St 12:39 p.m.
Battery 20th St / Pico Blvd 12:40 p.m.
Battery 1900Blk Pico Blvd 12:41 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Olympic Blvd / 26th St 12:55 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 200Blk Broadway 12:56 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Ocean Ave / California Incline 1:03 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 1200Blk 4th St 1:04 p.m.
Found Property 2600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:30 p.m.
Stalking 2500Blk 28th St 1:40 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 900Blk 7th St 2:07 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900Blk 16th St 2:09 p.m.
Bike Theft 2600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:11 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 900Blk 15th St 2:15 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk Palisades Park 2:23 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 2:27 p.m.
Burglary 1500Blk 5th St 2:28 p.m.
Petty Theft 400Blk Broadway 2:31 p.m.
Smoking Violation 1100Blk Palisades Park 2:43 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1300Blk 5th St 2:45 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2600Blk Kansas Ave 3:03 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2000Blk Ocean Ave 3:13 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk Palisades Park 3:21 p.m.
Red Zone Violation 1300Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:22 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 2600Blk Barnard Way 3:32 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 900Blk 16th St 3:38 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 2500Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:52 p.m.
Burglary 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 3:56 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Lincoln Blvd / Pacific St 3:58 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1900Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:10 p.m.
Missing Person 1800Blk Pier Ave 4:15 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 4:17 p.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 11th St 4:19 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk 18th St 4:23 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200Blk Ocean Ave 4:50 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1000Blk 18th St 4:57 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500Blk 5th St 5:10 p.m.
Burglary 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 5:19 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:40 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500Blk 4th St 5:41 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:44 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1200Blk 5th St 6:00 p.m.
Battery 2200Blk Virginia Ave 6:31 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2000Blk 20th St 6:36 p.m.
Speeding 26th St / San Vicente Blvd 6:54 p.m.
Overdose 1900Blk Ocean Way 7:06 p.m.
Petty Theft Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 7:42 p.m.
Petty Theft Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:58 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:06 p.m.
Grand Theft 16th St / Broadway 8:08 p.m.
Overdose 2300Blk 26th St 8:13 p.m.
Fight 2700Blk Neilson Way 8:21 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 23rd St / Wilshire Blvd 8:41 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 8:45 p.m.
Assault Ocean Ave / Broadway 8:51 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1300Blk Ocean Ave 9:20 p.m.
Petty Theft 2800Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:23 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 700Blk Broadway 9:37 p.m.
Loud Music 2700Blk Neilson Way 9:43 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500Blk Broadway 9:55 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 11:48 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOGS

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Automatic Alarm 2400Blk 16th St 9:06 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2400Blk 25th St 9:45 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 2nd St 9:46 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 10:39 a.m.
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Elevator Rescue 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:50 a.m.
EMS 2500Blk 20th St 8:54 a.m.
EMS 1700Blk Montana Ave 10:50 a.m.
EMS 7th St / Broadway 11:03 a.m.
EMS 800Blk 12th St 2:59 p.m.
EMS 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:45 p.m.
EMS 400Blk Expo Line 5:11 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk Idaho Ave 5:26 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 5:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:40 p.m.
EMS 2300Blk 26th St 8:13 p.m.
EMS 2100Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:56 p.m.
Flooded Condition 800Blk Broadway 9:47 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 5th St 9:57 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 19th St 11:05 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 11th St 11:46 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON SEPTEMBER 18 AT APPROXIMATELY 7 P.M.

Officers were dispatched to a call near the 1500 block of the beach for two males fist fighting. Upon arrival officers located three individuals, two suspects and one victim, actively fighting. All parties ignored the officers' commands to stop. Officers physically separated all parties and began interviewing them individually to determine the cause of the fight. The victim stated the fight was unprovoked. He was treated at the scene for a laceration to the face and scalp. Two suspects, John Langshaw, 33 years old, and Diego Gutierrez were arrested and transported to the Santa Monica Jail. Langshaw was charged with disturbing the peace/fighting while Gutierrez was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm and fighting. Both were also charged with resisting/obstructing a police officer.



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Police uncertain if girl killed in shootout was abducted

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Associated Press

A Southern California man suspected of killing his estranged wife and abducting their 15-year-old daughter had been living with the teenager out of his pickup truck and hotels for weeks before the violence, authorities said Wednesday.

Anthony John Graziano and his daughter, Savannah Graziano, were killed Tuesday in a shootout with law enforcement on a highway in the high desert east of Los Angeles after a 45-mile (72-kilometer) chase. Shots were fired at the officers from the pickup truck as it was being chased.

Once it came to a stop, the girl, wearing a tactical helmet and vest, got out and ran toward deputies amid a hail of gunfire, police said, Authorities are investigating whether she was shot by deputies or her father, or both.

Police have said the only weapon retrieved at the scene was a rifle in the truck, where Anthony Graziano died. There is police video of the shootout that authorities are reviewing.

The California Department of Justice announced Wednesday that it is investigating the shooting. A state law that took effect last year requires the department to review any officer-involved shooting resulting in the death of an unarmed civilian.

While many questions remain regarding Tuesday's gunbattle, police in Fontana — where Graziano's wife, Tracy Martinez, was killed Monday — offered some details about the family's life before the bloodshed.

Anthony Graziano had moved out of the family's home a month or two before the killing, as the couple went through a divorce, Fontana Sgt. Christian Surgent told The Associated Press. Savannah Graziano left with her father, while her younger brother stayed with their mother.

Police issued an Amber Alert after Martinez's killing, saying Savannah Graziano had been abducted by her father. Now, detectives are trying to determine whether or not she was forced into leaving Fontana.

"Did she go willingly?" Surgent said. "Or was she actually abducted? We haven't been able to prove that just yet."

Fontana police had not received any reports of domestic violence at the home before this week, Surgent said, and child services had not been involved with the family. Neither parent was on probation or parole at the time and investigators believe Savannah was being home-schooled while she lived with her father, who police said liked to camp out in the desert and mountains in his pickup truck.

On Monday, witnesses saw Martinez walking in Fontana when Graziano picked her up in his truck. Surgent said it was not clear whether she was forced into the vehicle or got in on her own.

"And immediately that's when they started arguing and yelling and domestic violence was occurring," he said.

Martinez got out of the truck and Graziano opened fire with a handgun, striking her multiple times, Surgent said. The shooting on the street near an elementary school during morning drop-off forced students and parents to duck for cover.

Graziano fled and drove to get Savannah, who likely was wherever they had been staying that day, Surgent said. The son was at the family's home at the time and was not involved.

The next day, a 911 caller reported seeing the suspect's Nissan Frontier around Barstow, nearly 70 miles (112 kilometers) north of Fontana.

Law enforcement located the pickup truck and chased it on the highway to Hesperia. Throughout the pursuit, Graziano was "constantly shooting back at the deputies" with a rifle through the truck's rear window, San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus said Tuesday during a news conference.

Dicus said there were "some indications" Savannah was shooting at deputies during the chase but didn't provide any details.

A firefight in Hesperia ensued when the truck went off-road and somehow became disabled, with dozens of bullets flying. Savannah ran toward deputies — who did not realize it was her — in the chaos and went down amid the gunfire. She was taken to a hospital, where she was pronounced dead shortly before noon.

Her father was found in the driver's seat and pronounced dead at the scene.

The Sheriff's Department declined to release any additional information Wednesday.

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Wine, liquor bottles added to recycling program

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California will add wine and liquor bottles to its recycling rebate program under a law taking effect in July 2024.

"California's bottle bill recycling program has needed fixing for 40 years," Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins said Wednesday. "When you consider that California generates more than 1 billion wine and liquor bottles every year, that shows what major progress this legislation is and what an impact it will have."

California's recycling program previously included beer cans and bottles, but not wine or spirits containers.

Consumers in California pay a nickel each time they buy a 12-ounce bottle or can and a dime for containers over 24 ounces. Aside from including bottles and cans containing wine or spirits, the new law adds a 25-cent deposit and refund for wine and distilled spirits sold in a box, bag or pouch.

Hawaii, Iowa, Maine and Vermont already have deposit programs including those containers, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

"While spirits bottles are already recycled at a high rate in the state of California, it is our hope the new law's incentive for consumers to participate will help increase that rate even more," said Adam Smith, Distilled Spirits Council of the United States' vice president of state government relations.

Buyers are supposed to get their deposits back by returning the containers, so the containers don't go into landfills but can be recycled into new products. But they have had more difficulty doing so in recent years because many neighborhood recycling centers closed.

The law also attempts to address that problem by allowing dealers to form a cooperative organization to collect the containers as an alternative to the current law that requires stores to take back the empties.

It passed the Legislature with no opposition, but groups criticized the bill's inclusion of nearly $400 million over the next five years for market development and quality incentives, money that they contended is pork for already wealthy corporations.

HOUSING

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Gov. Gavin Newsom signed two laws Wednesday that would open up much of the state's commercial land for residential development. It's a long-sought victory for affordable housing advocates, who say such sites are ready-made for apartments because they are often near populated areas and come with ample parking.

"This is a moment on a journey to reconcile the original sin of the state of California, and that's the issue of housing and affordability," Newsom said in San Francisco before signing the bills into law. "We need to all be a little bit more accountable to this crisis of affordability."

Local government officials say the laws undermine their authority and upend years of careful planning that reflect community preferences. But there's also a financial consequence, they say, because stores generate more property taxes for local governments than homes do.

"It's a concern when state law is going to override these local decisions, particularly when these local decisions are made in a public process with the community as part of a larger housing plan," said Jason Rhine, assistant director of legislative affairs for the League of California Cities.

California, the nation's most populous state with just over 39 million residents, has a housing shortage that has driven up home prices and contributed to a homelessness crisis. State officials say California needs to build about 310,000 new housing units each year over the next eight years, more than 2 1/2 times the number the state normally builds each year.

Lawmakers in the Democratic-controlled state Legislature introduce dozens of bills each year to try to increase housing production, but many of their boldest ideas often fail in the face of opposition from local governments, labor unions and neighborhood groups.

One popular idea in recent years has been to override local laws about where housing can be built. Housing advocates complain that local governments are often content to let commercial buildings sit vacant for years — sometimes for decades — hoping for a replacement that will generate more property taxes, rather than change the law to allow housing there.

Previous efforts to do so have failed to pass the Legislature, but this year, lawmakers passed two bills, both of which Newsom signed Wednesday.

One law will let developers build housing on some commercial land without having to ask permission from local governments, as long as a certain percentage of the housing is affordable. Another law will let developers build all market-rate housing on some commercial land — which would be more lucrative — but the projects would still have to go through an environmental review process.

"Stores are leaving permanently, the Sears, the Toys R Us, the JC Penneys, the Kmarts — they are closing," said Democratic Sen. Anna Caballero, author of one of the laws. "There is not a thing that is going to take the place here commercially, and so the ability to actually transform the property and to do it in an expedited way ... is invaluable."

The new laws reflect a compromise between labor unions and housing developers. Some labor unions, including the powerful State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, had insisted that legislation should require a "skilled and trained" workforce to build the housing. That means a certain percentage of workers would have participated in a state-approved apprenticeship program.

But housing developers argue there aren't enough workers available to meet that standard, which would make some projects difficult to complete.

The solution was to give homebuilders a choice. The bill that requires affordable housing does not require a skilled and trained workforce, while the bill that doesn't require affordable housing does require one.

"Doing anything that is big or consequential in the Legislature isn't easy. And it can be messy. But at the end of the day, all sides came together," state Senate Democratic Leader Mike McGuire said.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica Adopts Zero Emission Building Code and EV Charger Reach Code to Reduce Carbon Emissions and Add EV Chargers

Tuesday night, the Santa Monica City Council adopted two policies that will drastically reduce the carbon footprint of new construction projects and facilitate EV adoption in Santa Monica beginning January 1, 2023. The Zero Emission Building Code requires new buildings to be all-electric. The EV Charger Reach Code, an amendment to the state Green Building Code known as CALGreen, requires that new projects increase the number of EV charging spaces to help ensure that EV drivers have a spot to plug in, particularly in new multifamily buildings.

The two codes build upon existing City codes and advancement in the 2022 California Energy Code and CALGreen to encourage all-electric buildings and increase EV charging access, respectively. Both concepts were initially adopted as part of Santa Monica's Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, which aims to reduce the City's carbon emissions by 80% by 2030.

"This is a critical step to help decarbonize the building and transportation sectors in Santa Monica," said Chief Sustainability Officer Shannon Parry. "Ensuring that all new buildings are not burning natural gas and provide EV charging infrastructure are cost-effective strategies to improve environmental and public health while also helping prevent the need for future costly retrofits."

Buildings account for over 30% of the City's carbon emissions, primarily from burning natural gas for space and water heating. Most buildings in Santa Monica receive 100% clean power through the Clean Power Alliance, which makes all-electric buildings even more sustainable.

Santa Monica joins a growing list of 46 California cities that require all-electric buildings. Similar legislation has passed in New York City, Seattle, Quebec, and entire countries, including Germany, France, the UK, Denmark, Austria, Ireland, and the Netherlands. Just this month, the California Public Utilities Commission voted to end natural gas line subsidies for new natural gas hookups in a move to accelerate building electrification, reduce the risk of stranded assets, and save ratepayer funding.

Building electrification refers to the substitution of traditional gas appliances (furnaces, water heaters, cooking ranges, dryers), with clean, safe, and efficient electric alternatives such as heat pump hot water heaters and induction cooktops.

WHY REQUIRE ALL-ELECTRIC BUILDINGS?

Health: Electric appliances reduce indoor and outdoor air pollution. Burning gas for heating and cooking produces harmful indoor air pollution, which has been tied to increased risk of respiratory disease.

Safety: All-electric buildings avoid risk of gas leaks or explosions, particularly in earthquake-prone areas, because there is no gas line connected the building. Environment: Methane (natural gas) is a potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. Eliminating gas combustion is critical to reaching the City's carbon neutrality goal.

Cost Savings: All-electric buildings have one less utility, meaning no design or installation of gas piping or the ventilation that comes with gas appliances, which reduces capital costs.

Resilience: When paired with solar and battery storage, all-electric buildings can be self-sufficient and avoid potential power outages.

Comfort and efficiency: Electric appliances for heating and cooling are much more efficient and easier to control than gas heaters and furnaces, creating more comfortable indoor air temperatures. Heat pump hot water heaters are over 300% more efficient than gas hot water heaters.

WHY REQUIRE MORE EV CHARGING SPACES?

The transportation sector is responsible for 65% of the City's greenhouse gas emissions. EV adoption is increasing every year and the State aims to have 5 million zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2030. Per state law, all new cars sold must be zero-emission vehicles beginning in 2035.

Most of the buildings built in and after 2023 will continue to exist in 2035, and these EVs will need a place to charge. The City has more than 150 public chargers and is actively expanding the public charging network, but significant increases in residential and non-residential projects are necessary to meet the current and future demand for charging.

Requiring EV charging infrastructure during the construction process is estimated to be three to fives times less expensive than retrofitting a parking spot in an existing building to add a charger. In multifamily buildings (apartments and condos with three or more units), it can be particularly expensive to add chargers due to panel upgrades and parking configurations that are not conducive to adding charging equipment.

The new EV Charger Require Code requires that 60% of the parking spaces in multifamily buildings be EV Ready – meaning the conduit and outlets are in place and no permit is required to simply add the charging unit. In addition, 5% of the spaces must have EV chargers installed during construction and an additional 10% of the parking spaces must have electrical capacity to serve future charging stations.

The City offers rebates to support the switch to electric appliances and to add EV chargers in existing buildings through the Electrify Santa Monica Rebate Program.

For more information, visit https://santamonica.gov/categories/programs/sustainability-and-the-environment.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Local Businesses Donate $400,000 to We Are Santa Monica Fund to Support Police Cadet Program

Tuesday night, the Santa Monica City Council approved budget appropriations for a $400,000 donation to the We Are Santa Monica Fund to support the Santa Monica Police Department Cadet Program. This donation is one of the largest contributions ever made to the We Are Santa Monica Fund, and will expand the Police Cadet Program, enhancing public safety in Santa Monica while preparing Santa Monica young adults to pursue a career in public safety. The $400,000 donation includes $100,000 donations from three Santa Monica businesses and one individual: Douglas Emmett Properties, Macerich Management, Ocean Avenue LLC/Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, and Jeff Worthe.

Since its creation in 1967, the Police Cadet Program has employed college students with the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), where they spend several years rotating among various assignments to deepen their understanding of how SMPD supports all community members through its operations, while also serving as liaisons between the Department and local youth. Upon completion of the program, many participants go on to join the ranks of law enforcement agencies, as sworn officers or in civilian positions, both locally and federally as educated and uniquely qualified public servants. The program was cut as a result of the 2020 budget restructuring and, through this donation, will be reinstituted to support the futures of local youth.

"The Santa Monica Police Department Cadet Program has brought tremendous value to our community," said Santa Monica Police Chief Ramon Batista. "Many Cadets have been raised in Santa Monica and are uniquely qualified to understand the needs of their fellow residents. This program embodies the goals of community policing, and through this generous donation, I am eager to see the lasting, positive impacts of the Police Cadet Program on our community."

This donation was received through the We Are Santa Monica Fund, which is a Donor Advised Fund facilitated by California Community Foundation. Previous donations to the We Are Santa Monica Fund have assisted local non-profits in supporting cultural organizations, assisting small businesses, investing in programs that advance racial equity, and more.

"From food security to equity work to funding small businesses, I have seen first-hand the impacts the We Are Santa Monica Fund has had on our community. From food security to advancing equity to making grants to help fund small businesses and so much more, I have seen first-hand the positive impacts the We Are Santa Monica Fund has had and will continue to have on our community. We are highly appreciative of the generosity of Douglas Emmett, Jeff Worthe, Macerich Management, and Fairmont Miramar in their investment in our community. It will truly make a difference," said We Are Santa Monica Fund Advisory Board Chair Rhoda Weiss, Ph.D.

For information about the We Are Santa Monica Fund, visit santamonica.gov/programs/we-are-santa-monica. For more information about the Police Cadet Program, visit santamonica.gov/programs/police-cadet-program.

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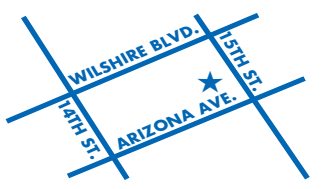
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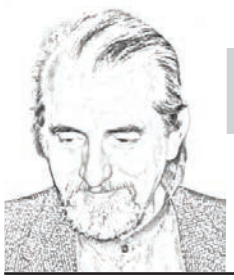
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This is a great theater town!

R.I.P. PHAROAH SANDERS (81)

He was a giant, for having dramatically transformed the very ground that jazz rested on, but also for his spiritual life that came through that tenor sax. Great musicians can move us with their virtuosity, but few, like Sanders, can speak directly to our heart and soul, with the notes they play. They were controversial, sometimes harsh, squawking notes, but they came from deep down (or far out in the cosmos), and his "The Creator Has a Master Plan" has influenced generations. He joined Coltrane's quartet in 1965 and soon went solo after he died in '67. I was fortunate enough to see him once, at the original Catalina Bar & Grill in Hollywood, and I will never forget it.



Courtesy photo

GONE: R.I.P. PHAROAH SANDERS

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

"TROUBLE THE WATER" – I've misled you. All this time I figured the riveting, barely believable true story of Robert Smalls' bold plan to escape slavery, with his family and crew, by commandeering the armored and well-armed Confederate transport he was serving on, delivering it into Union hands, would naturally be the focus of this play. But it is only one dramatic part of a remarkable man's life, which has been left out of our history books but now is so artfully, humanely set forth by this always adventurous drama troupe.

Full disclosure means I should tell you my family has been good friends for many years with one of their lead actors, Earnestine Phillips, and she has always provided us with tickets. But it was more than a decade before I had the NOTEWORTHY column, to write about them, and I still could have stayed silent if they weren't that good. But they are, you bet they are, and there have been very few productions in all those years that I couldn't confidently recommend whole heartily and honestly.

I mention this now because I have studiously avoided singling Earnestine out for any of her many outstanding roles, for several reasons. But I just can't help myself here. She is so damn good, nuanced, animated and achingly immersed in her role as the mother Lydia, that she might get everyone's vote. But, this very large cast had a plethora of superb performances. Terrence Wayne Jr. as Trouble was incredible.

The first half tells you much about Smalls' early life, revealing the man he would become. The second half... had a number of surprises, and I will not be a spoiler. You must, MUST, must see this performance this Sunday. Very last chance. - Sun 7:30 p.m., $10-60 (discounts for seniors, students, teachers, veterans, AEA, ages 5-15).

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – Breakneck, virtuosic 1930s Django-style swing music in the cozy Culver City dive (almost 75 years old) with live music almost every night and never a cover charge. It's gigs like this that make putting up with the bad side of Santa Monica worth it. Every Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

EM – She's still amazing. But nothing good lasts forever, you know. Don't push your luck. So why not go this Tuesday night? Betcha, you'll thank me. Every Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

LA OPERA, "LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR" – Poor Lucia. She loves a guy but her domineering brother has another man picked out, who will better benefit the family's failing finances. Not acceptable! Is murder the only way out? This terrible situation is driving her to the edge of madness, which of course opera just loves. I haven't seen it yet, was out of town. But I made this a HIGHLY RECOMMENDED sight unheard, even with a new company director this season, and the classic Donizetti drama adapted to present day rust belt America and all that adds, because, well, I haven't seen LA Opera falter for many seasons, despite some rough sledding. So there. Sun 2 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $24-274.

RECOMMENDED:

ALL WORTH SEEING! —"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" - Sat :30 p.m. "WESTSIDE WALTZ" - Sat 7:30 p.m. "THE MERRY WIVES of WINDSOR" - - Sun 3:30 p.m. All shows Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $10-60 (discounts for seniors, students, teachers, veterans, AEA, ages 5-15).

DESERT DAZE with IGGY POP, KING GIZZARD & THE LIZARD WIZARD, TAME IMPALA and dozens more - Excellent headliners each day but I don't know many of the other bands. But I think the point is the lake, the beach, the bikinis, the booze, the bongs, the trippy art – you know, fun, for the last gasp of summer. Fri-Sat-Sun, Lake Perris, $139-1,999.

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EARTHQUAKE

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directly impact the metropolitan Los Angeles area."

The study also suggests that the Palos Verdes fault has a faster slip rate than other active fault zones in LA county, meaning that more energy is being generated and stored to eventually be released in the form of an earthquake. Such an earthquake would cause mass damage and destruction and could also result in tsunamis in the Santa Monica area.

"Given the offshore extent of the fault, it might be capable of generating local tsunamis in the San Pedro and Santa Monica Bay, as well as in the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors," the study says.

The PVFZ appears to be less active than other fault zones including the San Andreas fault which ruptures every couple hundred years. The PVFZ has a recurrence interval of 580-610 years for single segment ruptures and 760-1110 years for the type of multisegment ruptures that could produce a 7.8 quake.

While this makes it unlikely for a major earthquake caused by the PVFZ to occur anytime soon, the new study serves as a reminder to individuals and governments to take steps to be prepared in the event that an earthquake does occur.

The report is available online at https://pubs.geoscienceworld.org/ssa/bssa/article-abstract/112/5/2689/615140/Origin-of-the-Palos-Verdes-Restraining-Bend-and

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Dangerous Oil Drilling

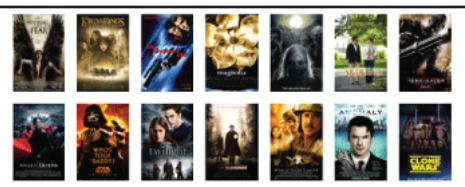
Re: "Judge approves $230M settlement in California oil spill case."

In the past 50 years, 600 oil and gas pipeline spills and accidents in the state of California alone have caused 200 injuries and 50 deaths. Year after year, oil spills have killed plant and marine life, destroyed our natural spaces, and put public health at risk.

While it may be good news that a $230 million lawsuit settlement has been reached, it's clear that these lawsuits are not enough to deter dangerous oil drilling. In fact, one of the companies in question is already applying to build yet another pipeline. The reality is that this lawsuit will do nothing to protect our vulnerable marine life or yet another California coastal community from being devastated by the next inevitable oil spill.

To prevent future oil spills, we need to end offshore drilling. The pipeline should be permanently shut down and the state of California should decommission coastal oil projects that have proven to be detrimental to the environment and health.

Katie Jack, USC Freshman

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NOTEWORTHY

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KURT ELLING with CHARLIE HUNTER – Bingo! Two artists I've been wanting to see for many years but somehow always missed, and now they are together. During COVID they got together and recorded "Superblue" and finally have the chance to play it for audiences. Hunter was a favorite of my son Christopher, simultaneously plays bass lines, chords and melodies on his custom seven- and eight-string guitar, and will bring along a seven man band that features four horn blowers. Chicago bred, singing in churches, Elling "swings, with poetic insight," first recorded with Blue Note, 15 GRAMMY noms with two wins, 14 years topping the Downbeat Critics and Readers polls, four-octave range, NY Times: "Standout male vocalist of our time." Note early show. Sat 6 p.m., Zebulon, Highland Park, $25.

CHARLIE MUSSELWHITE, ELVIN BISHOP – I used to think Elvin Bishop was overrated, having too much fun on stage to be a serious bluesman, way too loosey goosey to punch out a tough blues number. But hey, he's got a following. And if you hang around long enough – you can become an elder statesman. But the one you really want to shell out for is Charlie Musselwhite, recognized for decades as one of the best blues harp blowers and vocalists anywhere. The man has chops, and soul. Still carrying the torch for his early '60s south side Chicago indoctrination. Note early showtime. Sun 6 p.m., Saban Theatre, Beverly Hills, $49-89.

TOLEDO DIAMOND — The true hipster (when that sobriquet meant something way cool), choreographer to the stars, smoky Svengali, showman supreme. Toledo and his unquestionably unique show always pleases, if you are ready for the very different. Every Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

MAHLER, DUDAMEL – It's the LA Philharmonic, it's Dudamel, and he's conducting one of his very favorite mighty composers. Don't fret that this is Mahler's 1st Symphony: he started out on the mountaintop and just kept offering very different versions of genius, heart and soul. Next Thurs 8 p.m., Disney Hall, LA, $

COMING ATTRACTIONS: LA OPERA, "LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR,"10/9; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 10/9, 16, 23, 30 ; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 10/10. 17.24. 31; EM, Harvelle's, 10/11, 18, 25; MAHLER, DUDAMEL, Disney Hall, 10/7, 8, 9; MARCUS KING, Wiltern, 10/7; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Group Theatre, 10/9; JAKE BUGG, Belasco, 10/11; MISTY COPELAND (speaking), Saban Theatre, 10/16; "SHADES OF DJANGO," Pepperdine Smothers Theater, 10/23; DANNY ELFMAN Halloween Shows, Hollywood Bowl, 10/28, 29; SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR, The Soraya, 10/29; RICK SHEA, , TONY GILKYSON, CINDY BERRYHILL Songwriters Showcase, McCabe's, 10/30; CHAKA KHAN, Disney Hall, 10/30; JEFF BECK, Orpheum Theater, 11/6 (also Thousand Oaks, Anaheim, Temecula); LYLE LOVETT, JOHN HIATT, The Soraya, 11/9; RHIANNON GIDDENS, Disney Hall, 11/12; ALBERT LEE, McCabe's, 11/12; NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON, Saban Theatre, 11/13; ELTON JOHN, Dodger Stadium, 11/17, 19, 20; LIZZO, Kia Forum, 11/18, 19.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 36 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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Vaccine appears to protect against monkeypox, CDC says

AMANDA SEITZ
Associated Press

At-risk people who received a single dose of the monkeypox vaccine in U.S. efforts against the virus appeared to be significantly less likely to get sick, public health officials announced Wednesday, even as they urged a second dose for full protection.

It was the first look public health officials have offered into how the Jynneos vaccine is affecting monkeypox, a virus that is primarily spread among men who have sex with infected men.

"These new data provide us with a level of cautious optimism that the vaccine is working as intended," Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Wednesday.

Roughly 800,000 first and second doses of the vaccine have been administered across the country to people who are considered high risk for becoming infected with the virus, White House National Monkeypox Response Coordinator Bob Fenton said.

There is no scientifically conclusive data available to prove effectiveness of the Jynneos vaccine against monkeypox.

But the CDC's new real-world figures show that unvaccinated men, between the ages 18 and 49 who were considered eligible for the vaccine, were 14 times as likely to become infected with monkeypox as those who had one dose at least two weeks earlier. The data came from 32 states for cases between July 31 through Sept. 3.

Still, Walensky said, lab studies show the highest level of immunity from the virus is reached after people get a second dose of the vaccine, calling it "really important."

The U.S. leads the world in monkeypox cases. So far more than 25,000 infections of the virus, which can cause rash, fever, body aches and chills, have been reported.

The country suffered from early problems in its response, with U.S. officials struggling to distribute the vaccine after the first case was detected in May. As some cities and counties tried to stretch the limited supply this summer they stopped offering the recommended second dose of the shot.

Now, public health officials are trying to catch up, reminding people to get their second dose. About 150,000 second doses had been administered as of Sept. 17, according to CDC.

"We're really asking providers to do outreach to get people their second doses," Walensky said.

Public health officials also announced changes Wednesday to who is eligible for the vaccine and how they can get it.

The new CDC guidance is intended to reach more people who might be at risk for monkeypox exposure. The guidance makes gay, bisexual men and transgender people who have had more than one sexual partner in the past six months eligible for the vaccine. It also allows the vaccine to be administered on the shoulder or upper back so marks from the shot can be covered with clothing.

The number of new monkeypox cases has declined in recent weeks, but there are signs of worsening racial disparities, with Black people making up roughly 47 percent of new cases reported the week of Sept. 11.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's strange when you have trouble recognizing your own likes and dislikes, but it happens from time to time. Either your taste is changing and you're not quite sure where it will settle, or you're secretly waiting to see what others like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Self-esteem isn't about thinking you're great so much as seeing where you're at and choosing to like yourself no matter what. It gets easier as you rack up the positive interactions between now and the end of the week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Considering the billions of lives coinciding with your timeline, it's not surprising that a few trajectories would be at cross purposes with your own. Without conflict, there's no story; without challenge, there's no adventure.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People expect something different than you want to give. Occasional misunderstandings are normal, but if this keeps happening, it's a sign of being mismatched to your environment. Explore to see if you can do better elsewhere.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Most people don't consciously alter their personality to highlight their best; they just do it automatically, which is the magic of social creatures. You see what they want you to see and what they don't — which is the magic of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You wouldn't saddle the horse if you weren't going to ride it, and you won't waste energy telling people what you're going to do unless you're sure. Telling them is one way you can get sure, though, because you're good for your word.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Joking around is a way of showing you care — but it's a risky way. The experience, interpretations and nuances of humor are highly individualized. The best intentions can be misconstrued — but often, it's worth the risk!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're ready to show your work. A wide range of responses is likely, but whether it's overpraised or viewed too critically, you'll learn a tremendous amount from the experience. You're tough and you're ready for this!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Document your experience of the day. The minutiae may seem ordinary now, but later you'll deem them remarkable. To photograph, draw or write about it will require an intensity of focus that connects you deeply to the now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some people are hard to get ahold of, but you'll connect when the timing is right. There's a benefit to relaxing your expectations. What if you believed that your social life is guided by fortuitous forces?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Living in the moment is easier when there's something to anchor you in it. Nature can do this for you, especially involving bodies of water. If you can't be near water today, can you plan to be there soon?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are no one-offs today because everything is packaged with something else. Simple agreements wind up being, in one way or another, subscriptions. Avoid obligating yourself and be aware that the smallest gesture will do it.

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

7	2	9	1	4	6	3	8	5
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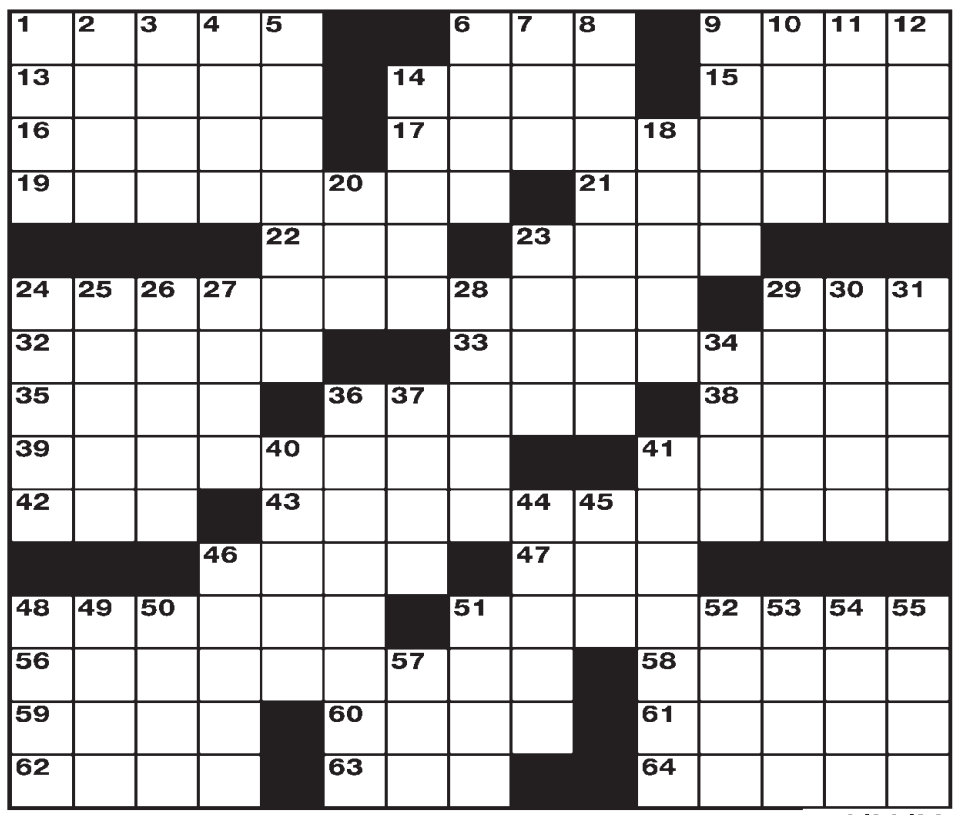
PLUGGING HOLES by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS

1 Barbershop service
6 Schedule slot space holder
9 *La Bohème* heroine
13 Warm and comfy
14 Fifth-rate
15 Very devoted
16 Hold dear
17 Tex-Mex fare
19 Any extended contest
21 Ballpark fare
22 Fill up on
23 Frequent fryers
24 Bamboozle
29 Rapper diminutive
32 Sit up for
33 Cold War concern
35 Minor misstep
36 Harp ancestors
38 Anthem opener
39 Many a recreational bike
41 Aquatic bird with very long legs
42 NBA extra periods
43 Flower with sweet nectar
46 Bib wearers
47 Facial feature
48 Albanian capital
51 Keyboarding star
56 Possible Monopoly modification
58 Element #5
59 Bickering
60 Oration station
61 Get out of
62 Dwindle
63 Needing nothing more
64 Suspenseful

DOWN

1 Deception
2 Kotb of TV talk
3 Romantic *emoción*
4 Gown designer Wang
5 Driver's license ritual
6 Pixar performer
7 Web-crawling software
8 Experimental cinema
9 Some toddler coddlers
10 Common Slavic name
11 Coconut product
12 *"Et tu"* day
14 Pinterest posting
18 French home of van Gogh
20 Partner of hee or hem
23 Folklore brute
24 Can't help but
25 Big-eyed baby bird
26 Downpours
27 Narrowly beats
28 Avant-__
29 Vision-correction acronym
30 Poker declaration
31 Philippine island
34 Soldier-to-be program
36 Ballet wear
37 Big appetites
40 Conversation piece
41 It can't miss
44 Affirmations
45 Went unused
46 Sample to try
48 Turn to slush
49 Tiny trace
50 Devastate
51 Got off a horse
52 Meander
53 Country on the Caspian
54 Installs turf
55 Joint for jumping
57 Mideast OPEC member

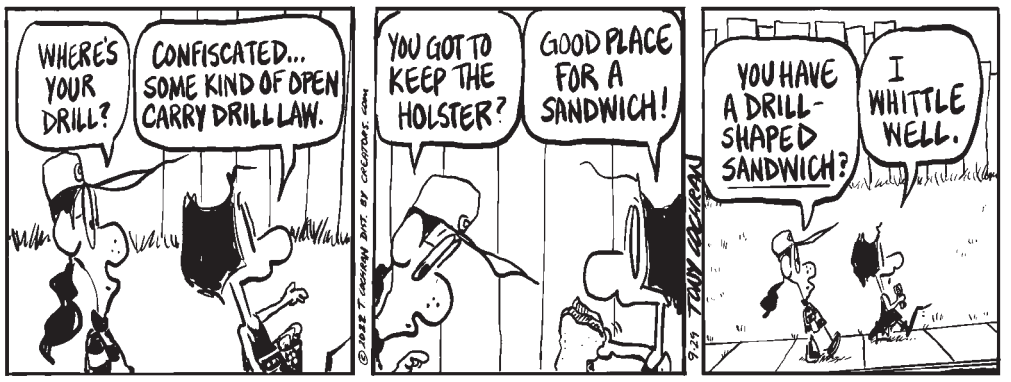


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By TONY COCHRAN



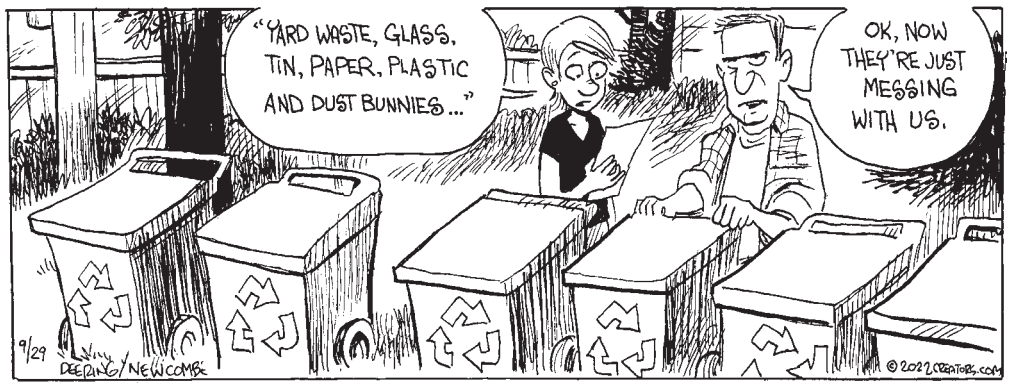
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FIND THE WORDS

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 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Air force
Army
Astronomer
Bar staff
Beautiful
Buyer
Char
Chef
Conductor
Cook
Counsellor
Depot
Diver
Earn
Epic
Film
Fine
Fitter
Gardener
Grazier
Grocer
Hired
Hustler
Landscape
Maid
Nursery nurse
Pilot
Quit
Rhythm
Ringer
Sack
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out and about in Santa Monica

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29

WALK-IN TUTORING @TUTORING CENTER
Location is 2nd floor Tutoring Center. Volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches. Main Library. 1 - 3 p.m.

SUMMER SOIREE
Let La Lom band take you away and make your toes tap with Latin Jazz and Americana being played on the Pool Terrace (lobby level) every Thursday. Shore Hotel, 1515 Ocean. 4 - 7 p.m.

AIRBNB: THE MUSICAL
Enjoy AirBnB: The Musical, a Guest Production at the historical Santa Monica Playhouse. This production is running for three nights only, so reserve your tickets early! Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th Street. $15. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/airbnb-the-musical-tickets-350800893917

SALSA & BACHATA AT THE VICTORIAN
Get your dance shoes on and meet at The Victorian every Thursday for 21 and up Salsa and Bachata classes. Enjoy music spun by The Victorian's featured djs and stay after the lesson to participate in open floor dancing with other amazing dancers and great food and drink. 2640 Main St $12, https://www.eventbrite.com/e/salsa-bachata-at-the-victorian-tickets-391011675447

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION
Attend a lively discussion on current events, every Thursday 1 to 2:30 p.m. Formerly at the Fairview Library, now conveniently on Zoom. Excellent facilitator, Marsha, sends an email list on Wed. night of topics to discuss which is informative in itself. There is never a lack of interesting material or opinions. For information and to receive a Zoom link for the next meeting, email to mushcb@gmail.com.

NATIONAL COFFEE DAY
The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf have installed colorful, interactive Coffee Cams at select locations to encourage everyone to 'Treat Yourself.' Guests are encouraged to snap a picture of their favorite coffee beverage using the Coffee Cam installation in celebration of National Coffee Day. Those that share a photo of their coffee in the Coffee Cam to their Instagram Stories and/or profile, tagging @thecoffeebean as well as using the #CoffeeBeanCoffeeCam will receive a promo code to use in The Coffee Bean Rewards App for a free brewed or iced coffee. Participating stores include 3rd Street Promenade.

LOVE ISN'T BLIND
In this brand new dating experiment, men will compete for one lucky bachelorette, with the tiny caveat that the men aren't allowed to speak. Through a series of elimination rounds in which they may check their Bumble messages, have them compete in feats of strength, and call their mothers, they'll narrow it down to two men. Finally, they'll hear their voices, and the lucky winning man will be sent with the bachelorette to the bar for an immediate date while the rest of the singles mingle and the couples wingperson everyone they see. Hosted by Allison Goldberg. The Crow, 2525 Michigan Avenue, Unit F4. $20 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/love-isnt-blind-tickets-407110196557

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW
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. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pico Branch Library.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

TRAVELING STORYWALK
Read each page of Aaron Reynolds' Creepy Carrots, while you walk by the library. All ages. Find its current location on social media: follow us on Facebook (smpublib), Instagram and Twitter (@SantaMonicaLibr), or visit smpl.org. All Library Branches.

OCEAN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Join a community-led discussion of books chosen by the group. This month's title is Violeta by Isabelle Allende. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

KELLY BERG, AYIN ES AND DEBBIE MCAFEE EXHIBITION
Meet at the gallery for Craig Krull's current exhibitions: Kelly Berg's, "Emergence", Ayin Es', "This Land", and Debbie McAfee's, "Desert Sanctum." Don't miss some of the special events including an Artist Talk on October 1 at 11 a.m. Craig Krull Gallery, 2525 Michigan Ave, #B3 https://www.craigkrullgallery.com/Exhibition/Current.html

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **65.7**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Easing SSW swell as modest NW swell mix hangs in there and creates a couple of peaks for the beachbreaks out west. Morning conditions looking clean with an okay tide push to start the day.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Lingering SSW swell as NW swell mix likely gets a bit of a boost. Clean morning conditions expected for the tide push first thing.

WEATHER

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 77. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 66.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/09/29	Thu	05:12 AM	1.75	L
2022/09/29	Thu	11:36 AM	5.77	H
2022/09/29	Thu	6:42 PM	0.45	L
2022/09/30	Fri	12:56 AM	3.61	H
2022/09/30	Fri	05:39 AM	2.25	L
2022/09/30	Fri	12:16 PM	5.67	H
2022/09/30	Fri	7:50 PM	0.53	L
2022/10/01	Sat	02:31 AM	3.18	H
2022/10/01	Sat	06:07 AM	2.73	L
2022/10/01	Sat	1:10 PM	5.47	H
2022/10/01	Sat	9:22 PM	0.52	L
2022/10/02	Sun	2:29 PM	5.26	H
2022/10/02	Sun	10:57 PM	0.28	L
2022/10/03	Mon	06:41 AM	3.62	H
2022/10/03	Mon	09:48 AM	3.42	L
2022/10/03	Mon	4:11 PM	5.24	H
2022/10/04	Tue	12:05 AM	-0.06	L
2022/10/04	Tue	07:14 AM	4.04	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 9/26
13 20 31 33 59
Power#: 20
Jackpot: 300 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/27
8 14 24 43 51
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 355 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 9/24
6 12 21 23 36
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 28 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/27
12 13 18 22 23

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/27
EVENING: 7 1 2
Draw Date: 9/27
MIDDAY: 2 1 1

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Draw Date: 9/27
1st: 01 - Gold Rush
2nd: 07 - Eureka
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
Race Time: 1:40.97

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