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RANCHO PALOS VERDES

City declares local emergency

Council anticipates need to act quickly when expected El Niño storms hit area

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The Rancho Palos Verdes City Council proclaimed a local emergency ahead of the potentially damaging El Niño storm season expected to come this winter. While the city has had a local

emergency for its landslide area after heavy winter rains caused unprecedented land movement in 2022-23 and 2023-24, this current declaration will cover the entire city and could help expedite resources in case of heavy damage in the coming months. “There’s a 90% chance of

(El Niño) becoming a very strong event in the fall and the winter, and a 75% chance of reaching historic strength,” Deputy City Manager Catherine Jun said at the Tuesday meeting, during which the council unanimously passed the local emergency ordinance. “This increases the potential for prolonged winter storms that can cause flooding, landslides, roadway damage

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The city of Rancho Palos Verdes declared a local emergency at its meeting Tuesday, with El Niño storms expected and vulnerable terrain such as along Palos Verdes Drive. **PHOTO BY HOWARD FRESHMAN**

MLB PLAYOFFS

Dodgers’ triumph closes out series



The Dodgers celebrate defeating the Atlanta Braves 4-1 in Game 4 of the National League Division Series at Truist Park on Wednesday in Atlanta. L.A. advances to the National League Championship Series. **KEVIN C. COX — GETTY IMAGES**

Victory over Braves advances quest for third straight World Series title

By Charles Odum
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ATLANTA — Andy Pages drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the seventh inning to give Los Angeles the lead, and the Dodgers beat the Atlanta Braves 4-1 on Wednesday night to clinch the National League Division Series. The Dodgers won back-to-back games in Atlanta to take the best-of-five matchup 3-1 and advance to the National League Championship Series as they seek to become the first NL team to win three straight World Series. Pages lined a 3-2 pitch from Robert Suarez up the middle to drive in Teoscar Hernández, who singled off starter Tyler Mahle, and pinch-runner Tommy Edman for a 3-1 lead. Read the full story in **Sports**.



The Dodgers celebrate on the field after winning Game 4 of the NLDS against the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday, keeping their World Series three-peat hopes alive. **MIKE STEWART — AP**

CARSON

Sheila E. criticizes handling of death

Performer says city should have handled woman’s passing at Jazz Festival differently

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An Altadena resident died in Carson during this weekend’s Jazz Festival, and local officials have faced criticism over their handling of the situation — though others defended the South Bay town. Shari Sanders, whose age has not been disclosed, died Saturday. Sanders has three sons, six grandchildren, two brothers and a sister, according to a GoFundMe page created by her daughter-in-law, Gloria Mapp-Parker. In 2025, Sanders lost her home of 35 years in the Eaton fire; the residence was recently rebuilt.

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MIDDLE EAST

Israelis mourn attacks in which 1,200 were killed

Oct. 7 marked by remembrances as Gazans languish in ruins of war

By Melanie Lidman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INSIDE: L.A.-area groups mark third anniversary of Oct. 7 Hamas terror attacks. **A3** REIM, Israel — On a field where music festival revelers were gunned down by Hamas-led militants three years ago, Israelis on Wednesday embraced and wept for those lost in an attack that plunged the Middle East into war. Israelis mourned at the site of

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