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Motor Vehicle - Alameda County Drunk driver plowed into motorist turning left

A motorist was awarded over \$53.1 million in damages in her personal injury suit against a drunk driver in an Alameda County bench trial. Theresa Johnson, 30, was stopped at the intersection of Market Street onto 52nd Street in Oakland when Tyrone Hazel, who was operating his sedan under the influence of alcohol, approached Johnson from behind, traveling several times the posted speed limit. Hazel tried to pass Johnson on the left and broadsided her as she began turning left onto 52nd Street. Johnson nearly died during the 14-hour open reduction internal fixation surgery on her crushed pelvis and suffered from numerous additional ailments. Hazel conceded liability at trial, and Judge William McInstry awarded Johnson over \$52 million in compensatory damages and \$1 million in punitives.
Johnson v. Hazel

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Falls - Los Angeles County Restroom user recovers nothing on claim turnout off SR 2 slippery

The negligence claims against Caltrans brought by a woman who alleged that she slipped and fell on snow after leaving a public restroom located off State Route 2 were denied by a Los Angeles County jury on June 29. Myrle Mackintosh sued the state agency, claiming that she fractured her leg while trying negotiate a snowy path. She argued that state was negligent in the manner which it cleared the turnout off SR 2. The state argued that the federal government owned the property on which the restroom was located and, as such, should have removed the snow, and that it only did so as a courtesy. An action against the United States is pending.
Mackintosh v. State of California, Department of Transportation

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Construction- San Francisco County CBackhoe operator liable for trench collapse

A construction worker settled his negligence claims against a construction company for over \$2.1 million on Aug. 29. Julio Magana, 32, a laborer for Olivewood Construction in Mountain View, was helping to remodel a house in San Francisco when an unshored retaining wall which collapsed in the trench where he was working, crushing his abdominal region. Magana sued the San Rafael-based Sunshine Construction, claiming that its laborers' use of heavy machinery nearby caused the collapse and that they used the machinery despite knowing that the area was unstable and that Mangara was working there. Sunshine claimed that Olivewood was to blame, as it should have shored the wall.

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