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Meat mecca Fogo de Chão brings a rodízio-style dining experience to Ocean Avenue

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Fogo de Chão, the 45-year-old Brazilian restaurant chain known for its upscale churrasco-style dining, opened its 11th Southern California recently at 1551 Ocean Ave, where Del Frisco's Grille used to be.

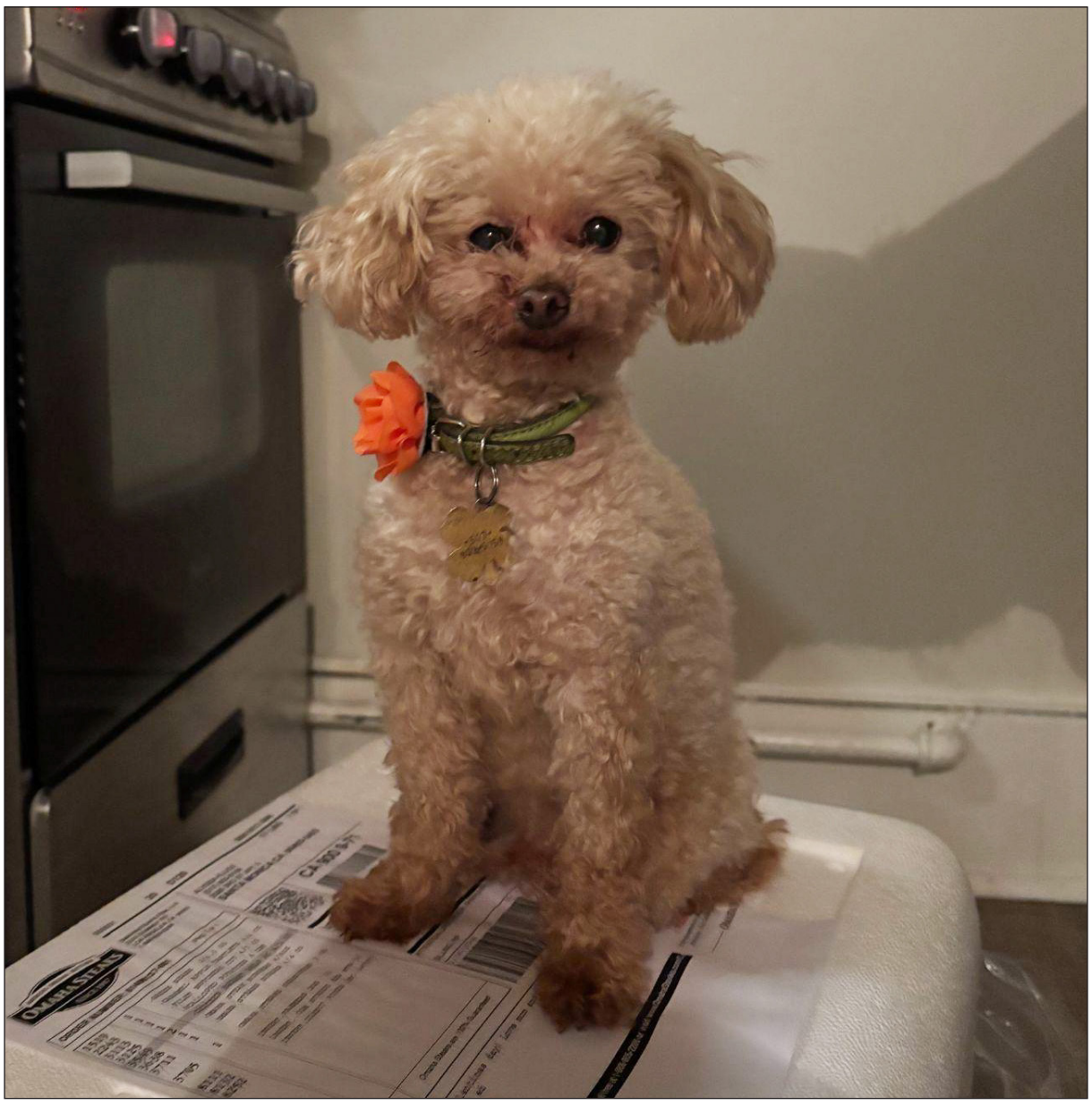
The new outlet joins other Fogo de Chão locations across the Los Angeles metropolitan area, Orange County and San Diego.

If you're unfamiliar with rodízio-style dining, you're in for a treat. Think of it as "meat on repeat," servers bring skewered meats table to table, slicing directly onto your plate. On the table, at each cover, is a coaster that's painted red on one side and green on the other. As long as the green side is showing, servers will continue carving meat at the table, everything from sausage to steak and picanha to pork ribs. When you fancy a breather, perhaps to loosen your belt buckle, simply turn the coaster over to display the red side. The meal is a fixed price and ultimately equates to all you can eat. It's a dance of discipline and decadence, a meaty marathon where the only limit is the size of your appetite.

Rodízio-style dining originated in southern Brazil in the early to mid-20th century, particularly in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, where South American cowboys, called gauchos, developed the tradition. Eventually restaurateurs in the region began offering all-you-can-eat meat service and chains like Fogo de Chão, founded in 1979

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Search continues for suspect after dog killed on Main Street



Courtesy photo

KILLED: Dublin was attacked and killed while walking near Main Street on Friday night.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A vicious dog attack on Main Street that left one animal dead has devastated a pair of Santa Monicans and angered the surrounding community.

On April 11 around 5:30 p.m., Alyssa Kluge and Christopher Dietrick were walking their toy poodle Dublin on Strand between Main Street and 2nd when tragedy

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Santa Monica man arrested for threatening Coachella festival

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A Santa Monica man was arrested early Sunday after threatening to bomb the Coachella Music & Arts Festival, according to Cathedral City Police Department officials.

Davis Darvish, 40, was taken into custody shortly after midnight in Palm Springs following a search that utilized automated license plate recognition technology to track his movements throughout the Coachella Valley.

The incident began when security personnel at Agua Caliente Casino alerted police about a suspicious man in a Tesla who approached them stating he would "be responsible for a bombing" at the festival, authorities said.

Officers used Department of Motor Vehicles records to identify the vehicle's owner and immediately notified festival security about the potential threat. Investigators tracked Darvish's car using Flock ALPR cameras until locating it in Palm Springs.

A subsequent search of Darvish's vehicle revealed no weapons, explosives or bomb-making materials in his possession, police confirmed.

Darvish was arrested and charged with making bomb threats. He is currently being held at the John Benoit Detention Center in Indio on $1 million bail.

Authorities are asking anyone with information regarding the case to contact Cathedral City Police Sgt. Rick Osborne at 760-202-2448. Anonymous tips can be provided through Crime Stoppers at 760-341-STOP.

The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, one of the nation's largest music events, draws thousands of attendees to Indio each spring.

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in Porto Alegre, began taking the concept worldwide. The term "rodízio" literally means "rotation" in Portuguese and equivalents can be found all over the world, from the UK to the UAE.

Vitor Melchior, West Coast Area Director for Fogo de Chão says that Santa Monica had long been on the list of locations where the chain had wanted to expand. "With all the growth in other areas and the opportunity that came with this beautiful location, we couldn't say no," Melchior says, adding, "We've always had so many customers and loyal guests telling us we should come to this market. We're really excited to be in this vibrant, bustling area, there's so much foot traffic, so many tourists and so much potential."

Melchior says that they're prepared to be patient and put in the effort to help lift the vibe of the neighborhood.

"I think this area deserves to be elevated. We're surrounded by beautiful hotels and other successful restaurants and I know we're right in the heart of all that energy and movement. We're not afraid of the challenge. I believe we've created a more enclosed, private experience here, a beautiful design the team developed.

"It features a pergola-style layout with sliding glass windows that allow us to offer a comfortable, elevated dining experience without losing the view. Even with everything happening just outside on the street, our guests can still enjoy a calm, memorable atmosphere," Melchior says.

The restaurant was designed in collaboration with Innovation & Design in Architecture and it features an enclosed patio with oceanfront views and a large dining room built around an open churrasco grill, where gaucho chefs butcher, hand-carve and grill a variety of meats over open flames. The interior layout offers guests a 360-degree view of the cooking process and during the summer season, the roof of the patio can be rolled back.

Fogo de Chão's menu highlights traditional Brazilian churrasco-style dining with fire-roasted meats seasoned to create a distinctive, salty crust. The restaurant also serves blistered seafood dishes and a variety of small plates.

Much like Meat on Ocean, which is less than 100 meters up the road, the wine list is equally as important as the quality of meat served. Melchior says that while offering a selection from all over the world, the focus remains very much on South American wines, with bold and robust cabernet sauvignons, zinfandels, merlots and more.

There are private dining areas for small to medium sized groups, plus 15 seats at the bar, which offers cocktails, wines and shareable items such as queijo assado, lamb lollipops and a picanha burger along with an all-day happy hour. The restaurant offers a total of 193 covers in the 7,200 sq ft space, with the bar nicely positioned towards the center of the room.

There are also fish options available on the menu and the Market Table that offers seasonal recipes, specialty salads, antipasto and other, less carnivore-concentrated items.

Fogo de Chão is at 1551 Ocean Ave and is open Mon–Thu 3pm–10pm, Fri 3pm–10:30pm, Sat 2pm–10:30pm and Sun 2pm–9pm.

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Courtesy Image

MEAT: A dance of discipline and decadence where the only limit is the size of your appetite.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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Santa Monica Needs a Rental Registry — Now!

The City of Santa Monica has long been a leader in renter protections—but we're falling behind when it comes to one of the most basic tools of housing governance: a rental registry. Cities like Berkeley, Los Angeles, and Portland already operate successful rental registries; we should be next.

A rental registry is a city-maintained database of all rental units and property owners. It allows cities to monitor, regulate, and protect the health of the rental housing market. Today, Santa Monica relies on tenant complaints for data and lacks a comprehensive registry that captures the full scope of our rental housing stock—market-rate units and corporate landlords operating outside our rent control system aren't currently tracked. Without a registry, we are left guessing with incomplete and unreliable data about who owns what, where housing code violations are happening, or how rents are changing across our community.

That's a problem for renters, who make up over 70% of Santa Monica's population.

A well-designed rental registry would require landlords to register all rental properties with the City, providing basic information such as:

Owner contact details and corporate ownership disclosures

Number of units and unit types

Current and historical rent amounts

Occupancy status (occupied, vacant, or under renovation)

Any pending or executed evictions

Maintenance and habitability compliance status

Unit amenities and conditions

Lease agreements and move-in/move-out dates

With this data, Santa Monica could implement and enforce vital renter protections more effectively. We could:

Track and limit rent-gouging by monitoring sudden rent spikes

Track and limit corporate consolidation

Enforce eviction protections, including those tied to just cause or Ellis Act procedures

Identify buildings at risk of displacement, allowing the City to intervene early with tenant outreach or legal support

Target Code Enforcement more equitably by pinpointing units with repeated violations or high tenant turnover

Enable the creation of a proactive, systematic code enforcement program to proactively inspect for and monitor habitability issues

Track seismic retrofit compliance and drive the program's long overdue completion

Support small landlords with maintenance programs and technical assistance based on unit size and property age

Design better housing policy by analyzing rent trends, vacancy rates, and tenant and landlord behaviors citywide

Opponents will claim a rental registry is burdensome or unnecessary. But responsible landlords already maintain this information. Registration can be done annually online in minutes, and cities typically charge a modest fee—around $60–$100 a year per unit—that covers administration and enforcement. In return, the municipality gets essential data, tenants get vital protection, and good landlords get fair competition.

Santa Monica has been a national model for rent control. But as our housing landscape shifts—with more corporate ownership, illegal evictions, and stealth rent hikes through algorithmic price setting—it's time we modernize our renter protections. "Affordable, livable, and secure housing for all" is one of this Council's top budget priorities. Acting on this, we recently passed an expanded right to legal counsel and new rental emergency cash assistance with Measure GS funding—the most significant and tangible renter protections passed in decades. Now we must take the next step and invest in the necessary data collection to regulate our market.

Our Rent Control Board and City Council have directed the creation and implementation of such a database. Now we must fund it and expedite its implementation. A rental registry is smart, fair, and long overdue. It's how we ensure Santa Monica continues to be not just a beautiful place to live—but a just one.

Let's bring our housing system into the 21st century. The time is now to fund and develop a rental registry. In this economy, our renters cannot wait any longer.

Dan Hall, Dan is a renter and a Santa Monica City Councilmember.

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Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

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Fantasy 5
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5.2-magnitude quake shakes Southern California, tumbling rocks onto roads and items off shelves

A 5.2-magnitude earthquake shook Southern California on Monday morning, sending boulders tumbling onto rural roadways outside San Diego, items rattling off shelves and elephants at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park scrambling to encircle their young. Officials reported no injuries or major damage.

The quake, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, struck at 10:08 a.m. local time, and was centered in San Diego County only a couple miles (4 kilometers) from Julian, a mountain town of about 1,500 people that is known for its apple pie shops. It was felt as far north as Los Angeles County, about 120 miles (193 kilometers) away. The quake was followed by several aftershocks.

> I thought the single-pane windows were going to crack because they were shaking pretty good, but they didn't
>
> - Paul Nelson

"I thought the single-pane windows were going to crack because they were shaking pretty good, but they didn't," said Paul Nelson, owner of a former gold mine that operated in the 1870s in Julian.

He said some picture frames on the counter at the gift shop fell over at the Eagle Mining Co., but the tunnels that tourists can explore suffered no damage. On Sunday, Nelson said a smaller quake hit when about two dozen visitors were touring the defunct mine but everyone stayed calm. No one was inside the old mine when Monday's temblor rocked the ground for a longer time.

Transportation officials warned motorists to watch out for rocks that tumbled down hillsides and onto roads and highways, including State Route 76 northwest of Julian. Crews were assessing roadways for potential damage, the California Department of Transportation in San Diego County said.

At the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, a herd of African elephants was caught on video running over to protect their young by encircling them during the quake. Elephants have the ability to feel sound through their feet, and the behavior is known as an "alert circle." The herd consisting of Ndlula, Umngani, Khosi, and youngsters Zuli and Mkhaya, appeared to relax after several minutes, the park said.

North County Transit District trains were delayed so crews could inspect the tracks for any potential damage, spokesperson Mary Dover said in an email to The Associated Press.

Schoolchildren were escorted outside of buildings as a precaution when the ground started moving, said Capt. Thomas Shoots of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for San Diego County. He got a shake alert and then started feeling things rolling and banging.

"There was a lot of shaking and rattling around," he said. "But thankfully everything seems to be back to normal."

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department also said they had received no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

Riley Ozuna, owner of the Julian Cafe & Bakery, said some cups fell onto the ground at her business. "But everything is OK," she said.

The quake struck 8.3 miles (13.4 kilometers) deep near the Elsinore fault zone, one of the busiest seismic areas in California and part of the famous San Andreas fault system that usually sees at least one magnitude 4.0 quake every year, according to Lucy Jones, a veteran seismologist in Southern California.

Jones said the Sunday quake felt in Julian was a 3.5 magnitude temblor that was a foreshock to Monday's larger earthquake.

Some San Diego County residents who subscribe to the early warning system by the USGS called ShakeAlert were notified a second or two before it was felt Monday.

Others got the notification after the rocking stopped.

Meanwhile, in Michigan, more than 2,000 miles (3,218 kilometers) away, residents still recovering from a major ice storm also got a "shake alert" on their wireless devices from the USGS: "Earthquake Detected! Drop, cover, hold on."

It was a mistaken reference to the California earthquake. Portable cell towers from California are being temporarily used in Vanderbilt, Michigan, while the region tries to rebound from the ice storm that knocked out power to thousands of people, state police said.

"It is an odd alert to get in Michigan," Lt. Ashley Miller said. "It was just poor timing. We just experienced this ice storm. I'm sure there were some people on edge."

By JULIE WATSON Associated Press. Associated Press writers Christopher Weber and Jaimie Ding in Los Angeles and Olga R. Rodriguez in San Francisco and Ed White in Detroit contributed to this report.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

LA County Budget Proposal Reflects Financial Strain

Los Angeles County officials will present a $47.9 billion recommended budget for 2025-26 on Tuesday that includes significant spending cuts to address mounting financial challenges.

The proposed budget eliminates 310 vacant positions and cuts $88.9 million through reduced supplies, delayed equipment purchases and scaled-back programs. No layoffs are currently planned.

County officials cite multiple financial pressures, including more than $1 billion in costs from January wildfires, potential federal funding losses and a tentative $4 billion settlement for childhood sexual assault claims under AB 218. Property tax revenue growth has also slowed due to declining home sales amid higher interest rates.

> “We are in uncharted territory with these simultaneous pressures on our budget,” said Chief Executive Officer Fesia Davenport, who will present the plan to the Board of Supervisors.

Despite constraints, the budget maintains essential safety net services and Board priorities. It allocates nearly $1.1 billion from voter-approved Measure A for regional homelessness initiatives, with $382.8 million for the Affordable Housing Solutions Agency, $96.3 million for local cities, and over $500 million for county homelessness services.

Additional allocations include $287.7 million for Care First and Community Investment supporting alternatives to incarceration, and $11.9 million for implementing Measure G’s governance reforms.

If approved, the budget would add 14 net new positions, bringing the county workforce to 117,100 budgeted positions.

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MALIBU

Malibu Homeless Count Shows Continued Decline

Preliminary results from the 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count show Malibu’s homeless population has dropped to 33 individuals, down from 69 in 2024, marking the city’s lowest recorded figure since tracking began in 2016.

This represents Malibu’s fourth consecutive year of record-low homeless numbers, pending confirmation from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

“This steady reduction in homelessness is a testament to Malibu’s commitment to real solutions that balance public safety and quality of life impacts with effective, compassionate services,” said Mayor Doug Stewart.

Due to safety concerns and road closures along Pacific Coast Highway following the January wildfires, this year’s count was conducted solely by the city’s Homeless Outreach Team and LAHSA representatives without community volunteers.

The city’s outreach team, operated by The People Concern, placed 72 individuals into housing in 2024 — the highest number since services began in 2017. Working with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, the city cleared 44 encampments in 2024, up from 29 in 2023.

Since 2016, Malibu’s homeless population has declined steadily, dropping from 161 in 2016 to the current preliminary count of 33. In 2023, the city extended its contract with The People Concern through 2027 to continue outreach and support services.

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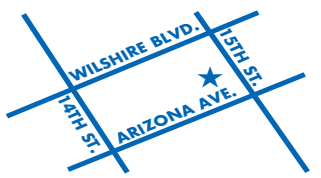
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica will be holding a public hearing for the following:

2025 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report

Beginning in 2022, the California Water Code requires urban water suppliers to conduct an Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment and submit an Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report to the California Department of Water Resources on or before July 1 of each year. The Draft 2025 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report recommends the City of Santa Monica remain in a Stage 2 Water Shortage Stage and continue implementation of Stage 2 Water Shortage Response Actions, which are detailed in the City’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

A Public Hearing for the 2025 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report will be held on May 10, 2025, at 5:30pm.

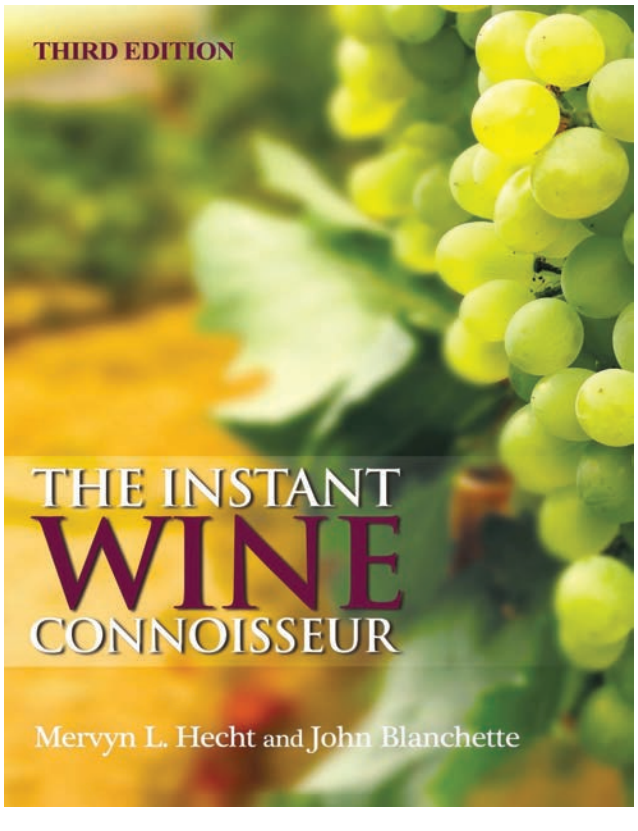
A copy of the Draft 2025 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report will be made available on the Water Resources Division website in advance of the City Council meeting at: www.santamonica.gov/UWMP

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DOG ATTACK

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struck. As they passed Samosa House, they encountered a dark-haired man with a pit bull talking to someone in a parked car.

While the couple were still several feet away, the pit bull lunged forward and attacked Dublin. Despite Dietrick repeatedly punching the pit bull and the owner tackling his dog, the attack was severe. When the dog finally released, Dublin was badly injured with fur, skin, and blood scattered around.

Dietrick was also injured in the attack sustaining a bite wound to his hand.

As the couple called 911, the pit bull owner fled northbound on Main Street. Bystanders provided assistance and a witness drove them to the nearest emergency vet, but despite immediate attention, Dublin died shortly after arrival.

The couple have been canvassing the neighborhood in the days since the attack posting flyers and gathering camera footage from a variety of nearby businesses. They said they are focused on finding the man responsible for the aggressive dog saying they want to hold him responsible and prevent any future attacks.

The outpouring of support for the couple, and criticism for the negligent dog owner who ran away, has been overwhelming.

Social media sites have been abuzz with neighbors describing scary interactions with a similar dog and internet sleuths have been searching for the man in question. While witnesses saw the man enter an apartment building on 4th Street, no one has been officially identified by authorities.

The Santa Monica Police Department has said it is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the owner of the aggressive dog.

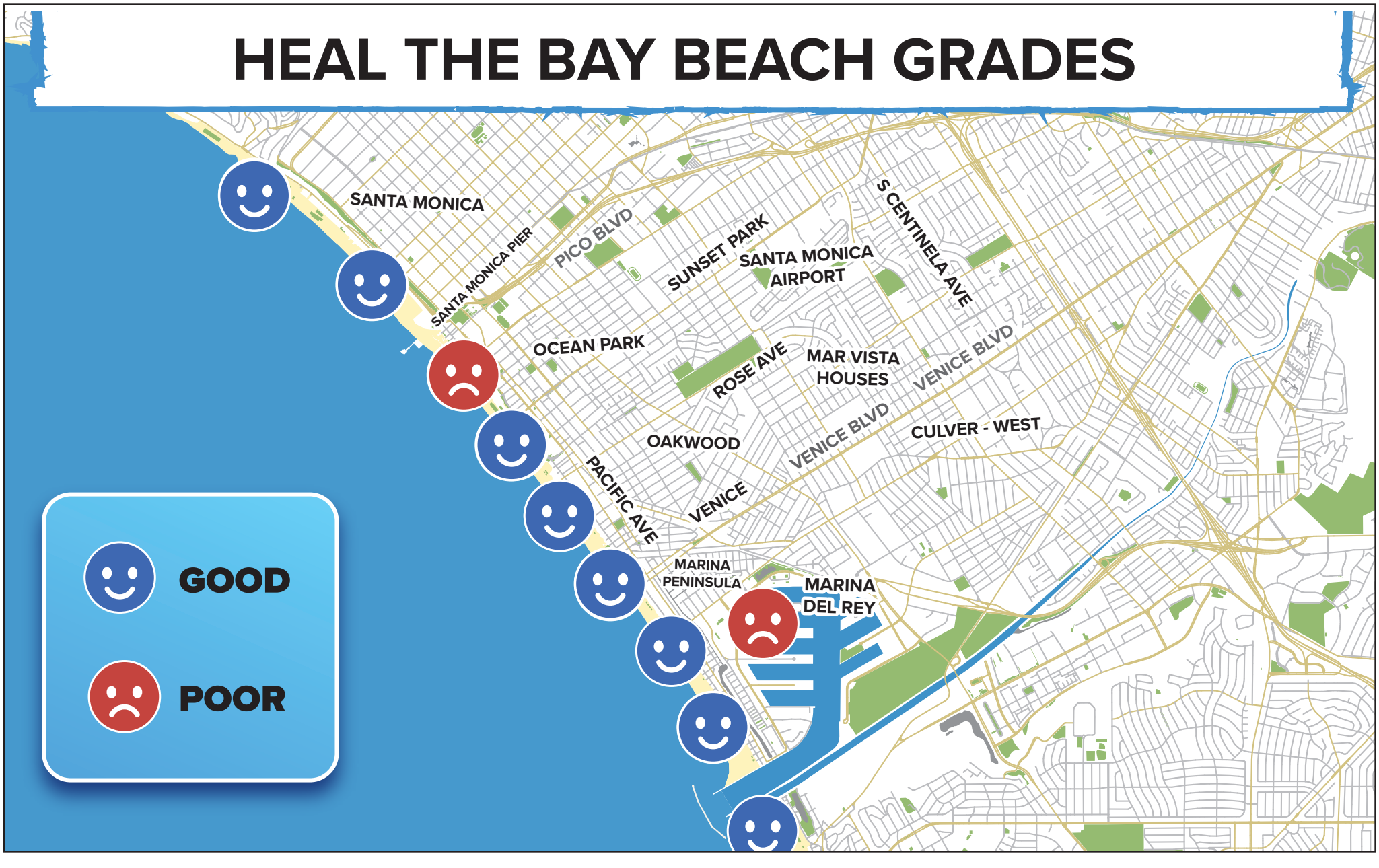
"In the interest of public safety and animal welfare, we urge the pit bull's owner—or anyone who knows them—to please come forward and contact us immediately," said SMPD in a social media post.

If you have any information related to this incident, please contact Santa Monica Animal Control at (310) 458-8595 or Kluge at 517-803-5158.

Editor's Note: The attack occurred outside the SMDP offices and security footage from the building's ownership has been provided to the victims.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Synthetic turf on our playgrounds

Why do we continue to collect data about the danger of kids playing on synthetic turfs on school grounds, even as we simultaneously allow our children to be put in harm's way?

I would normally find it appalling that parents aren't flooding our school board in outrage, demanding that they should be the firewall protecting our children. But I realize that parents must think that if the school board is going to support this turf, then things likely aren't dire enough to warrant their removal.

But they would be wrong. We only have to look at the European Union to see how other societies actually work for the common good to protect their children.

The EU has banned the sale of products containing intentionally added microplastics, including crumb rubber infill, used in artificial turf. Crumb rubber is a known carcinogen our kids are inhaling, getting in their eyes, mouth and skin abrasions. But the EU doesn't ban synthetic turf itself, and use on school campuses remains permitted.

How can this be? Well, they focus on the infill, not the turf. While they ban crumb rubber infill, they use alternative infills such as coconut fiber and sand instead of crumb rubber.

The way the United States always seems to deal with life threatening additives to things such as turf, or foods or drugs – is to analyze it to death.

While the EU doesn't disparage analysis per se, what they do is to simultaneously analyze and REMOVE the suspect carcinogens until further evidence is accumulated as to whether something is safe or not. The EU describes our method of seeming to care about the welfare of our citizens while actually doing nothing as Paralysis by Analysis. Sadly, that's exactly what is happening regarding the artificial turf on our school grounds.

Carcinogens can cause cancer by damaging DNA and disrupting cell growth. Researchers in the United States, Germany and Jordan found childhood cancer rates in America have increased by about 33% since 1975.

After reading all of this, there may nevertheless be parents who think that the risk is still low enough not to be too concerned.

To address this willingness to dismiss these real concerns, I'd like to quote Clint Eastwood:

Do you feel lucky?

Jill Chapin, Santa Monica



City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2807 (CCS)
(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 11.04.050, LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2807 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2807 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Santa Monica Municipal Code section 11.04.050 such that no person shall make to any candidate for office or to any controlled committee a contribution totaling more than $1,200 per election, and no candidate shall accept more than $1,200 per donor for each election. The amount shall be adjusted February of every odd numbered year commencing in 2027 according to the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County CPI-U, rounded to the nearest $10.00.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2808 (CCS)
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.32.290, PROHIBITION ON GRATUITIES

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2808 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:
Ordinance Number 2808 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Santa Monica Municipal Code section 2.32.290 to add an exception to the prohibition on Councilmembers accepting gratuities. It allows a Councilmember to accept a ticket to an event where the Councilmember is performing a ceremonial role in their official capacity, or where the Councilmember is otherwise attending in an official capacity and all Councilmembers are invited to attend and the event is City-sponsored, an economic development event, a cultural event, recognized by the Council by official proclamation, or hosted by the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, Downtown Santa Monica, or a business improvement district.

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AN INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC RECOVERY BY INCREASING FLEXIBILITY IN THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN AREA, ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW EXCLUSIVELY OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL USES IN THE OFFICE CAMPUS DISTRICT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY RELATED TO COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY USES IN THE BAYSIDE CONSERVATION (BC) ZONING DISTRICT

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2809 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2809 (CCS) (the "Ordinance") is an interim zoning ordinance that exempts community assembly uses located in the Bayside Conservation (BC) Zoning District from the requirements of Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.100. The Ordinance amends interim zoning regulations previously established by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2754 (CCS) to promote economic recovery in the City's Downtown, as amended and extended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2761 (CCS) and amended by Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2794 (CCS), which also established a pilot program to allow for exclusively outdoor uses in the Office Campus (OC) Zoning District. The interim zoning regulations will be of no further force and effect as of November 22, 2028.

The ordinance was adopted on April 8, 2025, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

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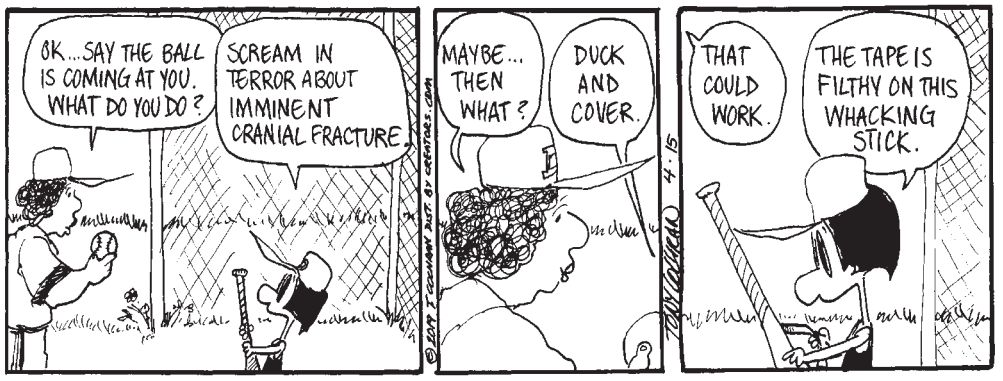
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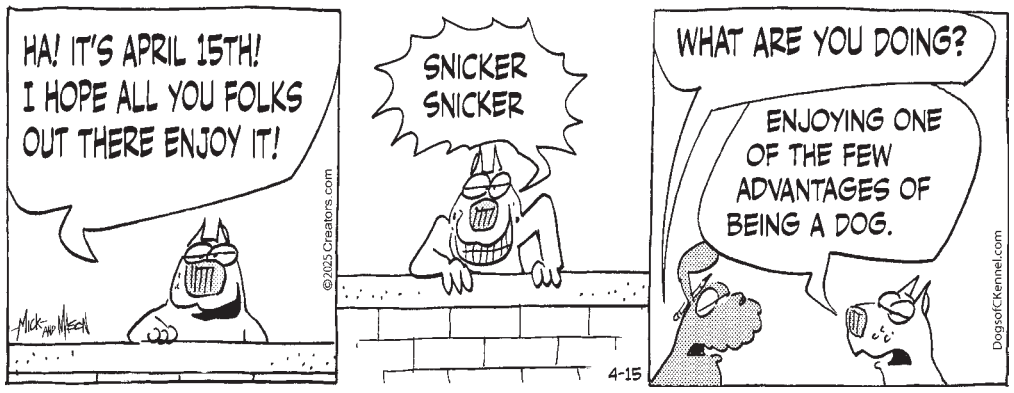
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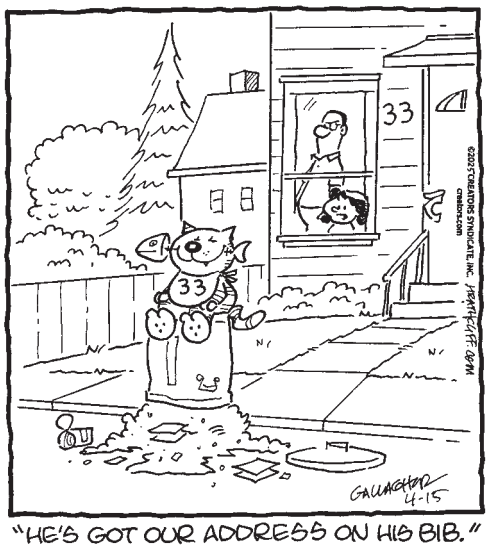
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Bacon	Daily	Jigs	Play	Squid
Banana	Dawn	Lamb	Pork	Suit
Bill	Dear	Latte	Raisin	Syrup
Cafe	Dine	Muesli	Rice	Tapas
Cake	Dips	Noisy	Risotto	Tasty
Carrot	Eggs	Nuts	Salt	Taxi
Chat	Fish	Olives	Satay	Teas
Cheese	Gift	Opera	Sausage	Treat
Chop	Goose	Oysters	rolls	Turkey
Cocoa	Grapes	Pate	Shrimp	Vegetarian
Crab	Host	Pies	Spaghetti	

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 15)

The only reason you can't categorize this year as "dreamy" is because you're making things happen in reality, quickly, courageously and specifically fitting your wishes. More highlights: Health and fitness victories bring new options and a beautiful clarity of mind. You'll apply strategic thinking to making something happen for an entire group. Gemini and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 17, 21, 11 and 39.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get a little cosmic wink today -- an inside moment of humor that only a small circle would understand. It's as if the universe and you are in perfect sync, sharing a secret laugh that makes the day feel just a bit more magical.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Children and pets will make a mess. Friends will be less than helpful. Clients will be tardy. You will be sweet about it all because, ultimately, these are just the sort of circumstances that the best people use to hone character qualities like patience, gentleness and generosity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's OK if you don't have instant rapport with someone, and in fact, it's more intriguing this way. You'll appreciate the richness that comes from a slow burn. The best connections don't come preassembled -- they get better the more you put into them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Different days call for different perspectives on reality. Here's a simple rule: If you ignore something and it doesn't go away, it's real -- and that's good news. Real problems are easier to handle than the ones we create in our minds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A form of love is coming into your life, and it's a hybrid of at least two kinds -- friendship and compassion, or romance and professional admiration. Your openness leaves you receptive to the quirks of the heart, embracing this novel connection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today, you'll observe, ask questions and investigate -- not to judge but to understand. To see things from multiple sides is divine, a practice of wisdom and grace. And you'll love the quirky twist brought about by one of your questions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some people at work and home might be doubting you right now. It's OK -- they just don't know any better yet. But they will. Soon enough, they'll see what you're made of. And the first thing they'll learn? You're a force -- deal with it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The busywork might seem pointless while you're doing it, and it's easy to question why something so repetitive and mindless matters. But it does -- it actually matters a lot. The outcomes depend on foundations that smooth the way, and the effort you put in now will pay off later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All feelings -- whether they're of hurt, anger, frustration or joy -- are valid and don't carry inherent shame. But some feelings, if held indefinitely, can prevent growth or peace. Release isn't invalidating -- it's just what needs to happen to move forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Each person is an uncharted discovery. This isn't something you read once or heard from a wise person. It's something you know because of the thrill that comes from experiencing fascinating social interactions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). At some point, everyone wrestles with feeling good enough for the moment they're in. While self-assessment has its place in growth, you'd do well to skip the self-evaluation today. You're more than enough -- so dive in and handle it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Since happiness depends more on an inward disposition of the mind than on most anything else, to cultivate a way of thinking that constantly seeks joy and beauty is the worthiest pursuit that will pay off in ways you can't even imagine.

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

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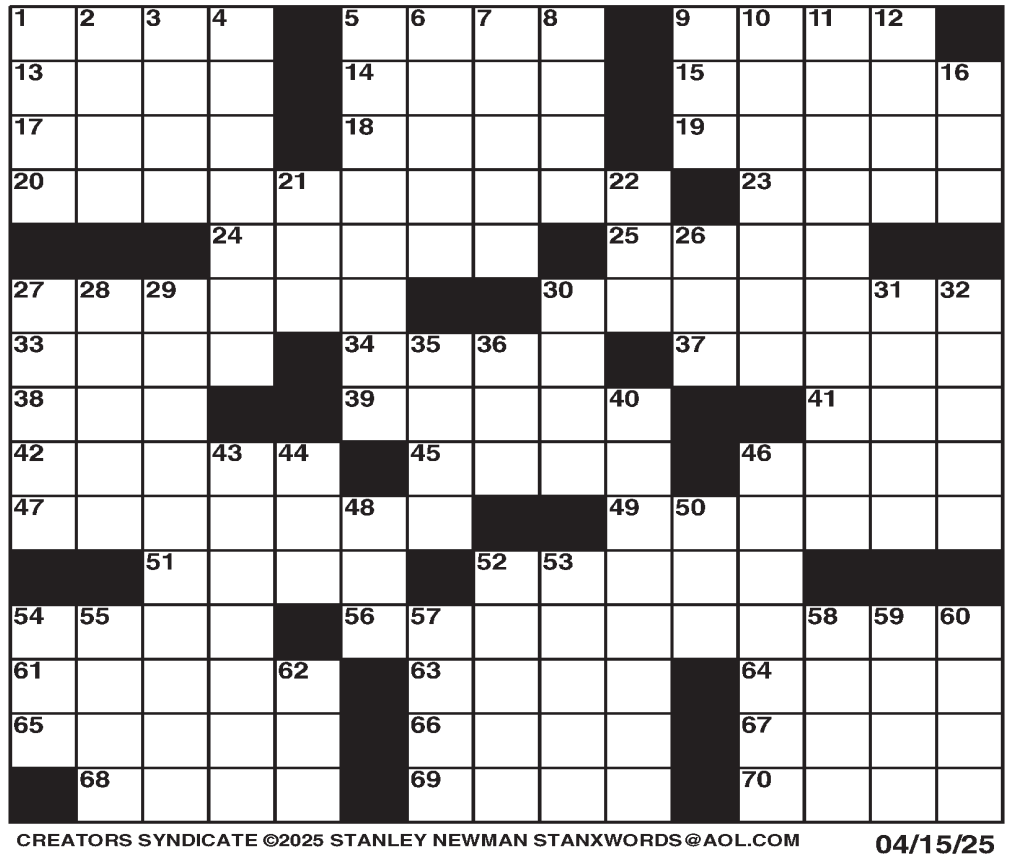
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ACROSS

1 Junk email
5 Part of a three-piece suit
9 Spherical hairdo
13 "In addition..."
14 Female choir voice
15 Middays
17 Type of blood vessel
18 Tidy
19 Factual statement
20 Admitting a mistake
23 Jealous emotion
24 Highly recommends
25 Enthusiastic, as a fan
27 Chinese temple
30 Rearrangement of a word's letters
33 Distinctive smell
34 Rip to pieces
37 $100 bill, slangily
38 Overly
39 Cherished aspiration
41 Gift box decoration
42 Surprise victory
45 Italy's capital, to Italians
46 Monetary penalty
47 Home sound systems
49 Deserved to receive
51 007's last name
52 "Who's there?" response
54 Very, in France
56 Fitted together nicely
61 Weird and scary
63 Male pig
64 Powerful wind
65 Kitchen garment with strings
66 Approximately
67 Radiator sound
68 "Auld Lang __"
69 Hurricane centers
70 Difficult hike

DOWN

1 Keep on file
2 "Not guilty," for instance
3 "Be that __ may..."
4 Keep a close watch on
5 Forefront of any activity
6 Vote into office
7 Constellation lights
8 Dog in Oz
9 Hill-building insect
10 From another country
11 Type of tournament
12 Currently being broadcast
16 Bashful
21 Silent assent
22 Pale, as a face
26 Carpet cleaner, for short
27 Oval Office VIP
28 Get a pet from a shelter
29 Jam fruit
30 Eve's spouse
31 Make amends
32 Cried like a kitten
35 Slips up
36 Prefix meaning "recent"
40 Orchestra leaders
43 Gradual wearing away
44 Midmorning hour
46 Train's cargo
48 Peculiar
50 Doctors' org.
52 Off-white shade
53 Mock playfully
54 Brew from little bags
55 Workout counts, for short
57 Woodwind instrument
58 Wild animal's home
59 "So what __ is new?"
60 Schoolroom furniture
62 Compass point opposite WSW



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Two cars overturned in traffic accident near 9th and Broadway

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

On Sunday afternoon, April 13, 2025, at approximately 1:35pm, Santa Monica Police officers responded to a radio call of a traffic collision in the 900 block of Broadway. Upon arrival, officers located two overturned vehicles.

The initial investigation revealed that one vehicle had struck an unoccupied parked car at a high rate of speed. The driver, who was the sole occupant of the moving vehicle, was located at the scene and transported to a local area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. No other persons were injured.

Officers are conducting a DUI investigation in connection with the collision and are reviewing video footage as part of the ongoing investigation.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact SMPD Watch Commander, available 24/7 at (310) 458-8427.

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Steve Loeper
ROLLOVER: Quite how these two vehicles ended up like stranded turtles is unknown.



TUESDAY | APRIL 15

BOOKS & BAGELS - VENICE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Join us the third Tuesday of each month for bagels, coffee and tea. We will have a thoughtful discussion of the current selection and discuss other great things we've been reading. Copies available at the front desk. Plus you get bagels, coffee & tea provided by the Friends of Venice Library! Join for a lively discussion of that month's fiction or non-fiction book pick. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the circulation desk. Venice Branch Library (LAPL), 501 South Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291 Schedule: June 18: Poverty, by America, Matthew Desmond July 16: Vaster Wilds, Lauren Groff? August 20: Last American Man, Elizabeth Gilbert? September 17: Hello Beautiful, Ann Napalitano? October 15: On Animals, Susan Orlean? November 19: Quiet American, Graham Greene?? Generously funded by Friends of Venice Library. Join them today to show your support for the library: For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/books-bagels-venice-library-book-club/14548474/2025-04-15T12

BOOK DISCUSSIONS
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets virtually at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. This book group discusses domestic and international titles in the mystery genre. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/book-discussions/14712453/2025-04-15T19

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 16

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THURSDAY | APRIL 17

ARTS/CRAFTS
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Venga, aprenda, y diviertase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaje, Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arts-crafts/14712446/2025-04-17T11

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6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Montana Branch Library 1704 Montana Ave. his community-led, monthly book discussion group meets in person at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Montana Branch Library. This book group discusses a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, often on topics chosen from current events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/book-discussions/14712450/2025-04-17T18

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