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Santa Monica-Malibu schools advance grass field pilot, eye synthetic turf moratorium

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The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is moving ahead with a natural grass field pilot at Franklin Elementary School and signaled support for a moratorium on new synthetic turf play fields at its elementary campuses, following a school board discussion June 18.

The pilot will cost close to an additional \$500,000 beyond the temporary field the district had already planned to install, Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton told the Board of Education. Most of that increase covers removing compacted soil and building a new subsurface drainage system, Upton said, with roughly \$60,000 to \$65,000 going to maintenance handled by the project contractor rather than the district's grounds crew. Separately, the staff report estimated ongoing annual maintenance for the grass field at \$6,000 to \$13,000 a year.

The temporary field will replace an existing grass field and an adjacent parking lot at Franklin, where demolition began June 12, while the district constructs a new Early Learning classroom building. Community members had recommended using the temporary field to test best practices for grass turf and gather data to guide future decisions.

No formal vote was taken. Superintendent Antonio Shelton, who opened the presentation, said the item returned to a subject the board first raised May 19, when it directed staff to pursue three matters: the Franklin pilot, coordination with the City of Santa Monica and Santa

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Pitchside at the Pier



Matthew Hall

WORLD CUP: The Michelob Ultra Pitchside experience at the Santa Monica Pier has drawn crowds for world cup games since the start of the tournament and locals have until June 25 to take part. Reservations are required but free at <https://www.michelobultra.com/pitchsideclub>.

Malibu council presses water board to spare some homeowners from early septic upgrades

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The Malibu City Council pushed back on a proposed agreement with state water regulators on June 8, directing staff to redraw a wastewater map so that some longtime Civic Center-area property owners are not forced into early septic upgrades unless the final phase of the city's sewer project is actually required.

The council reviewed but did not approve a revised memorandum of understanding between the city and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board governing Phase 2 of the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility, a yearslong effort to move properties off septic systems and onto a centralized sewer to clean up Malibu Lagoon.

Under a 2009 regional board resolution later folded into the state Basin Plan, Malibu must transition Civic Center properties from onsite septic systems to the treatment plant. Phase 1 was completed in 2018. Phase 2, originally due in 2024, stalled after the city discovered significant Native American cultural resources in 2022 along a planned pipeline route through the Serra Retreat neighborhood.

The discovery forced the city and the water board to abandon that alignment, redraw project boundaries and extend the schedule. Assistant Public Works Director Tatiana Holden, who presented the update, said the revised plan pulls Serra Retreat out of the Phase 2 construction path and instead calls for a feasibility study of alternatives such as advanced onsite treatment systems or package treatment plants.

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Los Angeles schools superintendent resigns after FBI search and months on paid leave

The superintendent of Los Angeles public schools has resigned four months after he was put on paid leave during a federal investigation, saying he wants students to learn “without distraction.”

Alberto Carvalho’s resignation letter dated Sunday made no direct mention of the Feb. 25 search of his home and the LA Unified School District’s headquarters. Two days after the FBI served the search warrants, the district’s Board of Education voted unanimously to place Carvalho on leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

Authorities have not provided details of the nature of the investigation involving the district, which serves more than 500,000 students. The investigation appears to relate to a contract the school district had with an education technology company whose leader was later indicted for fraud. The company, AllHere, had a contract with the district to create an AI chatbot.

Authorities have not accused Carvalho of any crimes. He denied any wrongdoing earlier this year and had asked to be reinstated as head of the nation’s second-largest district. On Sunday he resigned via a letter addressed to “students, families, teachers, staff, and community.” He cited what he called “historic progress” made during his tenure.

“Placing students first has always guided my work,” Carvalho wrote. “Because I believe our schools must remain focused on students and learning without distraction, I am resigning as Superintendent of LAUSD effective today, June 21, 2026.”

In its statement released early Monday, the Board acknowledged it received the letter of resignation.

“The Board remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring stability, continuity, and continued progress through strong leadership. Our focus remains unchanged: providing every student with a high-quality education, supporting our dedicated workforce, and maintaining the trust of the communities we serve,” it said in the

statement.

It said that Andrés Chait, who has been acting superintendent, will remain in that position until a permanent decision is made.

In February, the FBI also searched a third location near Miami. The Miami Herald reported the Florida property belonged to Debra Kerr, who previously worked with AllHere.

In 2024, Carvalho heavily touted a deal with AllHere for an AI chatbot named “Ed” designed to help students. But about three months after unveiling the technology and paying the company \$3 million, the district dropped its dealings with AllHere, which collapsed into bankruptcy. Months later, founder Joanna Smith-Griffin was charged with securities and wire fraud, along with identity theft.

At the time, Carvalho denied personal involvement in the selection of AllHere, according to the Los Angeles Times.

“Mr. Carvalho respects the rule of law and the investigative process and has always acted in the best interests of students and within the bounds of the law,” Holland & Knight, the law firm representing him, previously said in a statement. “While the government’s investigation remains ongoing, no evidence has been presented by prosecutors supporting any allegation that Mr. Carvalho violated federal law.”

Following the search of school headquarters, LA Unified said it was cooperating with investigators and had no further information.

Carvalho became superintendent of LA schools in 2022 on a four-year contract with an annual salary of \$440,000. He began a new four-year contract earlier in February, just weeks before the raid, for the same salary, according to school board meeting documents. He previously led the public schools in Miami.

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Watch Duty, the fire tracking app used by millions, expands to help monitor dangerous floods

When a fire broke out a few miles from his Altadena, California, home the evening of Jan. 7, 2025, Matt Blea and his family needed to make a crucial decision: Should they stay home, or evacuate?

A friend who did mountain rescue told Blea to download a free app called Watch Duty. On the app, he could see the fire's perimeter, track evacuation orders and read updates about the emergency response. "It influenced me to leave the home sooner than later," said Blea, who left with his wife and son that evening, before the Eaton Fire destroyed their home.

Blea was one of more than 2.5 million people who used Watch Duty to track fires burning across Los Angeles County that week. The information was collected, vetted and disseminated by about two dozen Watch Duty staff and over 100 volunteers who monitored emergency radio traffic, aircraft reports and local agency communications.

The service proved vital, said David Hertz, a Malibu resident and captain of his community's fire brigade, especially when some areas received little-to-no warning about the Eaton and Palisades fires that killed 31 people. "It's like a democratization of data that empowers people."

This month, Watch Duty began helping people track another deadly and destructive climate hazard: flooding.

The expansion comes as peak flash flood season begins in the U.S. and nearly one year after last July's deadly Texas floods that killed more than 130 people, prompting outcry over why Texas Hill Country residents and visitors didn't receive better communication about the impending danger.

"This is painful that this keeps happening," said John Mills, CEO and co-founder of the donor-supported nonprofit behind the app. "We're not spreading enough information fast enough on as many channels as humanly possible."

MILLS BUILT THE APP AFTER HIS OWN CLOSE CALLS

Mills founded Watch Duty in 2021 after not receiving official alerts or evacuation instructions when a fire burned near his Northern California home.

It's a problem seen in many recent disasters. While the U.S. has systems for sending alerts by text, radio, and other means, the process to issue a specific warning or evacuation order can get tangled in bureaucracy and often depends on humans making difficult decisions under pressure.

Often the information people need to understand their risk is out there, Mills said, but it is hard to find and use. "The systems are really struggling to meet people where they are."

On fire days, Mills found himself relying on volunteer radio operators who monitored scanners during emergencies and posted updates on social media. The posts helped, but social media had downsides — including how misinformation and unrelated content could drown out life-or-death updates.

A software engineer and entrepreneur, Mills recruited some of those volunteers and fellow engineers to build an answer. He made

Watch Duty a nonprofit, which has helped build trust with its more than 20 million users. It received nearly \$6 million in grants and donations in 2025.

WATCH DUTY PUTS EMERGENCY INFORMATION IN ONE PLACE

Watch Duty now has about 300 volunteer "reporters" who collate and vet information from radio scanners, cameras, satellites, user-generated content and public announcements. Information is available in five languages and pushed out through maps, text feeds, and push notifications that can sound even when phones are silenced.

"You're not going to have to go to multiple other entities, to the weather service, emergency management website, county website," said Watch Duty meteorologist Pete Curran. "It's in one place, in plain language, and it's going to wake you up if you're asleep."

Watch Duty can sometimes push out information faster than local agencies in part because its reporters have only one role to fill, said Curran, a retired firefighter. "Our only responsibility is to watch and listen. We're not in charge of the incident."

The nonprofit took on flooding next because of its widespread impact. "We are seeing crazy rainfall in places that it's not normal for them," said Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, U.S. Fire Administrator under President Joe Biden and longtime data scientist who is now a Watch Duty board member. "Maybe it's never happened before, but it's happening now, so you need to be aware."

The app pulls weather modeling and other data from the National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Geologic Survey. Users can view NWS flood warnings and watches, river gauge levels, and notices of possible dam or levee failures.

Users can also better understand their risk ahead of time. They can see whether they're in a FEMA-designated flood area, or what levels on a river gauge would indicate danger, and customize notifications to be alerted if a gauge reached a certain height.

PREPARATION AND REDUNDANCY ENHANCE SAFETY

Despite Watch Duty's explosive growth, a phone app can't solve all the challenges with informing the public during emergencies.

"I love seeing products like this come out, but one thing we know to be true in the Texas floods, is a warning is only as good as the knowledge to do something about it," said Chad Berginnis, executive director of the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

The ASFPM recommends knowing how to reach an evacuation zone and not just having an emergency plan, but practicing it. "One of the massive failures is not knowing what to do," said Berginnis.

The national infrastructure for monitoring weather and alerting the public is also at risk from past and proposed funding cuts to federal agencies and local emergency warning systems. "At the end of the day, if you want eyes and ears out there, you've got to pay for

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 66.6

TUESDAY | **SURF:** 3-4ft+
FAIR | Waist to shoulder

Modest day of waves with old and new SSW swell. Fun for the bigger boards/smaller humans. More knee-thigh high waves for average zones, pushing waist-stomach high for better spots - standouts out west should have some chest-high waves in the mix. A little soft/sluggish on the early high tide given the smaller surf. Winds look pretty light for most of the morning, a little cruble likely to pick up late AM into midday. More lump shows by mid-afternoon, but looks pretty manageable through the end of the day.

WEDNESDAY | **SURF:** 4-5ft
FAIR TO GOOD | Chest to head

Size picking up with new SSW swell on tap, fun to mid-sized surf on tap. Cleanest early. Waist-chest high waves get pretty easy to track down as new SSW swell tops out. Better breaks pushing head-high as standouts (mostly west of Pt. Dume) go a bit overhead. Not much NW energy in the mix, so structured breaks are your best shot at a corner. Early window looks pretty clean, maybe a little bit of onshore crumble for the early AM window out west. Moderate onshore lump for the back half of the day, sheltered points stay pretty clean.



Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 71. Light south southwest wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Light south southwest wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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2026/06/23	Tue	5:55 PM	5.25	H
2026/06/24	Wed	01:16 AM	0.75	L
2026/06/24	Wed	07:22 AM	3.03	H
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2026/06/24	Wed	6:34 PM	5.44	H
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OPINION

UNMUTED

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Hope and change

When's the last time you turned to elected leaders for moral clarity? Polling shows those in Washington are considered only slightly more trustworthy than telemarketers. That makes what happened at the last Santa Monica City Council meeting all the more remarkable.

The council was voting on new rules of order for their meetings, which may sound misleadingly mundane. But they were deciding how much time the public will be allowed to speak and who will get to choose topics for discussion, issues that go to the heart of democratic governance.

Specifically, there was a proposal to require that a minimum of two council members back any item submitted for a meeting's agenda, which would seem implicitly punitive on a council that is largely split six to one (emphasis on the one).

It's unsurprising that many in the public assumed the proposal was aimed at Councilmember Lana Negrete, who is often the one in opposition to the six and who solely sponsored an embarrassing item at the previous council meeting raising questions about the management of an affordable housing project in the Pico neighborhood. However, the surprising part is that Negrete wasn't the only council member voicing objections to the new proposal. All the council members expressed their disapproval, with Mayor Caroline Torosis calling it "undemocratic."

I had braced myself for pettiness and petulance, which is the kindest description possible for some of the commentary at the previous meeting. But instead they took the high road. There was thoughtful deliberation and collaborative effort for consensus. In short, it was effective democracy in action, and it's noteworthy because of how rarely we see it or maybe the issue is how rarely we notice it.

You may know that last week was the star-studded grand opening of the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago. It's odd to feel nostalgic about a period less than a decade back, but times have changed. President Barack Obama acknowledged as much when he spoke of loud, extreme voices commanding our attention and "appealing to our basest most tribal instincts." He said "it's tempting to give in to cynicism and even despair, to stop

trying. We start thinking that appeals to democracy and civic participation are corny and old-fashioned and boring and naive."

But he wouldn't be "the one," if he merely dwelled on our challenges, and he wasn't interested in nostalgia. He could have easily used the occasion for a well-earned speech about his accomplishments, but instead he focused on our country's accomplishments and our aspirations.

It's reassuring to once again hear a President speaking about the importance of "character, honesty, integrity, kindness, compassion, a sense of duty and honor," pointing out that "they are not Republican or Democratic values. They're American values," he said. He described them as "our greatest inheritance, the story of America at its best, because it reflects a basic faith in the decency of our fellow citizens and the possibility that despite all of our differences, we can see each other and understand one another and make common cause together."

That is what our council members did at their last meeting. It doesn't exonerate their destructive behavior regarding neighborhood groups. It doesn't excuse the lack of transparency around the coastal development bill (AB 1740). And it doesn't explain why a rule change the Mayor labeled as "undemocratic" was considered beneficial when Councilmember Dan Hall first suggested it.

But those are quibbles for another day or at least another column. (We may also question why Obama removed his center from oversight by the National Archives and Records Administration, setting a precedent that the current President is wielding for his own self-dealing purposes.)

For now, we can still savor the glow of soul-stirring inaugural performances in Chicago by Jennifer Hudson, Bruce Springsteen, and John Legend (viewable online), while closer to home, we can be grateful for one brief shining moment of competence and comity, if not Camelot. And we can hope for more.

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LA County Report Flags Nearly 2,500 Local Jobs at Risk in Paramount Skydance-Warner Bros. Discovery Merger

Los Angeles County has released a 60-day interim report estimating that about 2,495 local positions could be exposed to workforce impacts if Paramount Skydance's proposed acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery moves forward.

The report was produced by the county's Department of Economic Opportunity, the LA County Film Office and the Chief Executive Office, with analysis by Los Angeles-based consulting firm CVL Economics. It found the county has the largest concentration of overlapping functions between the two companies. Officials cautioned the figure is not a layoff forecast but identifies the roles most immediately exposed to consolidation.

The analysis said the combined company would carry roughly \$82 billion in gross debt and pursue more than \$6 billion in projected savings, increasing pressure to consolidate corporate operations, technology systems, real estate and administrative functions.

The report responds to a March 17, 2026, motion by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath that was approved by the Board of Supervisors. A final 120-day report is expected in August 2026 with additional recommendations.

"In Los Angeles County, the entertainment industry has long been our economic and cultural engine, and we have to fight like hell to protect it," Horvath said. "Nothing is off the table when it comes to protecting our workforce, our economy, and the future of the entertainment capital of the world."

Kelly LoBianco, DEO director, said the findings reinforce what workers and small businesses have reported for years about a fragile recovery. DEO and the LA County Film Office are developing a workforce action plan drawing on the county's America's Job Centers of California, High Road Training Partnerships and Rapid Response services, coordinating with state agencies to expedite unemployment and health care access for dislocated workers.

CVL Economics Co-Founder Adam Fowler said the report is designed to size the risk, not predict layoffs, adding that Los Angeles is not well positioned today to capture any potential increase in production.

The county's creative economy supports more than 312,000 workers, including about 171,155 entertainment sector jobs. FilmLA data shows county production activity fell 16% in 2025 compared with 2024. The county previously awarded \$4 million to 363 small and micro businesses through the Entertainment Business Interruption Fund.

Download the report at: opportunity.lacounty.gov/lacountyfilmoffice/

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- Lindsey P. Horvath, Supervisor

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WATCH DUTY

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it," said Berginnis.

Mills stressed Watch Duty is not meant to replace the work of weather and emergency agencies. "We need National Weather Service, we need fire service, we need all this infrastructure to operate." He said users should still enroll in their local alerting system.

And of course, a phone app is only helpful to those who download it, and who have cell coverage to use it.

"You have to have redundancy," said Berginnis, adding that an inexpensive NOAA weather radio can fill in when other systems fail. "Sometimes we get so focused on tech, we forget the easy stuff."

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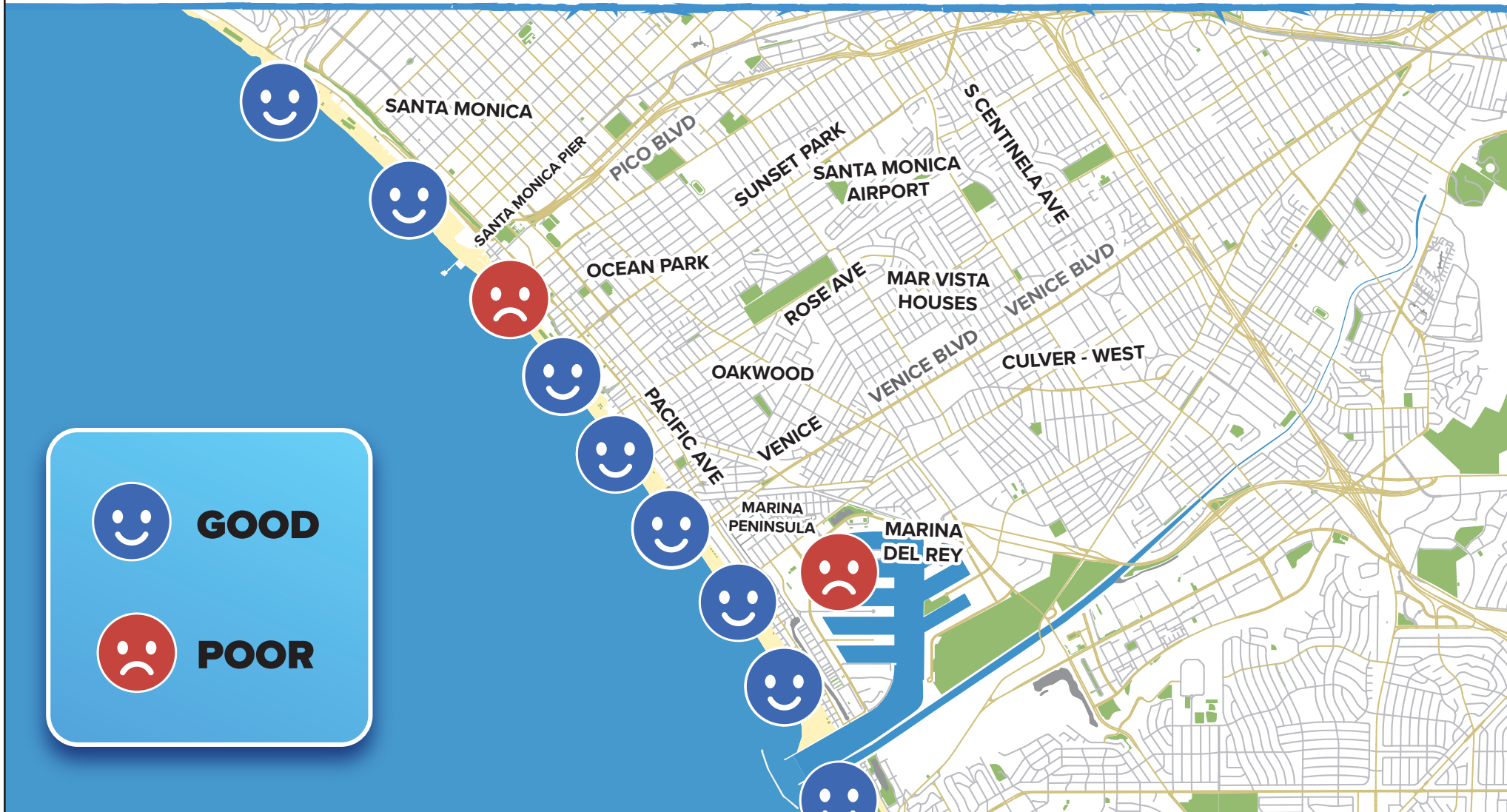
Juneteenth Celebration



VIRGINIA AVE: Santa Monica's annual Juneteenth celebration returned to Virginia Avenue Park over the weekend with music, food, vendor fairs and community resources. Santa Monica has marked the holiday for more than 30 years and expanded activities this year to include educational gathering before the festival.

Fran Lyness

HEAL THE BAY BEACH GRADES



Turtle time



Matthew Hall

PIZZA: The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Pizzeria opened on the Promenade Saturday drawing huge crowds that wrapped around the block. The opening brought out an appearance by the Turtles themselves as fans of all ages waited in line for a chance to buy a slice from the themed eatery.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26TRCP00191. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1 Regent St Inglewood, CA 90301 United States. Petition of Lilian Dunker Cruz for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Lilian Dunker Cruz filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lilian Dunker Cruz to Lilian Dunker. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 07/17/2026, Time: 8:30, Dept: 5, Room: 506. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: NOV 03 2025. LEE W. TSAO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/02/2026, 06/09/2026, 06/16/2026, 06/23/2026

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26STCP02029. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles 90012. Petition of Patricia Mairead Ford for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Patricia Mairead Ford filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Patricia Mairead Ford to Patricia Molly Ford. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 09/18/2026, Time: 8:30am, Dept: 529. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 06/02/2026. Virginia Keeny, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/09/2026, 06/16/2026, 06/23/2026, 06/30/2026

Petition to Admin Estate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF IAN SIMON DEAN Case No. 26STPB02703. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Ian Simon Dean. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Peggy Gilder in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Elliott R. Speiser be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 3, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 67 located at Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, or 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. Attorney for Petitioner: Elliott R. Speiser, Elliott Law, APC, (310) 201-5093, ers@espeiser.com. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/23/26, 06/30/26,

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Monica College on additional field space, and a study comparing how different field surfaces perform over a year.

“No action is required tonight,” Shelton said, adding that staff sought board direction to proceed.

To strengthen the project, the district engaged James H. Baird, a professor and turf-grass specialist at the University of California, Riverside, who conducted a site visit May 26 and joined the meeting remotely.

Baird identified the rootzone mix and internal drainage as the project’s most critical and most neglected elements. “Lack of proper rootzone mix is probably the number 1 reason why intended fields like this fail,” he wrote in a memorandum to the district. He recommended a sand-and-peat athletic field mix at least 6 to 8 inches deep and a subsurface drainage system along the field’s southeast end, noting the site’s roughly 3% slope was otherwise adequate.

Baird also recommended bermudagrass overseeded with perennial ryegrass, citing the coastal climate’s limited bermudagrass growing season, and advised against relying solely on organic fertilizer. In his memo, he called the prospect of sustaining the field without synthetic pesticides or fertilizer “a recipe for failure.”

That guidance prompted extended discussion, as some residents have urged all-organic management. Baird told the board that organic fertilizer releases nutrients based on temperature and would do little during the cooler months when a heavily used field most needs to recover. He suggested a possible hybrid approach but stressed the field would need adequate nutrition to regenerate.

Board member Jon Kean said he would not let the search for consensus stall the project.

“I can’t go by fields, I need to go by data,” he said, adding that the district had become the field provider for a city that “has had decades to create more fields” and had not.

Sod installation is targeted for late July, during the optimal warm-weather window, with light supervised use expected by early September and full use by mid-September. Upton emphasized there would be no automatic opening; the field manager will confirm rooting depth and turf density before play begins.

Sustaining the roughly 22,500-square-foot field will require rest, including at least one day a week, plus a one-to-two-week closure after each semiannual aeration and reseeding cycle, in November after fall after-school sports and during spring break in April. Board members questioned how the district would limit use, particularly on weekends when outside leagues use school fields. “Who’s going to take responsibility for that?” asked Maria Leon-Vazquez, who urged the board to focus first on Franklin.

Several members voiced support for the proposed moratorium on new synthetic turf play fields at elementary sites. The measure would not affect existing turf fields or surfaces required for fall protection under play structures.

Staff also outlined a 2026-27 study comparing five fields — Franklin, plus existing grass fields at McKinley, Roosevelt and Grant, and the synthetic turf field at Will Rogers — tracking hours of use, maintenance costs, injuries, surface temperatures and a field condition score. The data is intended to guide policy across all 16 district sites.

Upton said staff would return July 16 to ratify the pilot’s added cost.

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MALIBU

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Properties along Malibu Road were shifted into Phase 2, while Phase 3 was reorganized into three sections: Area I, Area II and Serra Retreat. The Franklin Fire in December 2024 and the Palisades Fire in January 2025 added further delay, the staff report said.

Much of the council’s discussion centered on fairness. Members objected that bundling certain Sweetwater Mesa properties — long part of Phase 3 — into the new Serra Retreat group would require them to take interim nitrogen- and bacteria-reduction steps even if Phase 3 is never triggered.

“That seems unfair,” Mayor Bruce Silverstein said, asking staff to “move the border” so the original Phase 3 parcels stay in “pure phase three.” Councilmember Doug Stewart proposed splitting the zone into “area three and area four,” with Area 4 covering the original Phase 3 properties and exempt from the interim requirement unless the sewer expansion is ordered.

Assistant City Manager Rob DuBoux said the properties had been grouped together “purely for efficiency,” because a sewer line likely could never be built through the culturally sensitive area regardless. He and a Regional Water Board representative agreed to take the council’s request back to the agency, though the representative said the change would require staff to reconvene a stakeholder group and “check the math” on the project’s triggers, and might not be ready in time for the board’s planned July review.

The council also moved to tighten the language that determines whether Phase

3 proceeds at all. Phase 3 connections are required only if water quality monitoring shows that Phases 1 and 2 achieved targeted bacteria and nitrogen reductions in Malibu Lagoon and at the beach. If those targets are not met, the remaining septic systems would be presumed not to be the cause. Staff said a 2025 draft had mistakenly reversed that trigger, and the 2026 revision restores the original framework.

Silverstein said the document spelled out when Phase 3 is required but not when it is not. He asked that a sentence be added: “In the absence of such determination, the city shall not be required to proceed with phase three.” DuBoux called it “a very good comment” and said it would be raised with the regional board.

Council members noted the science linking septic systems to the pollution has been disputed for nearly two decades but said the city, bound by the agreement, cannot relitigate it.

The water board representative said the agency still expects Phase 3 will be needed, citing studies tying the septic systems to bacteria and nitrogen in the lagoon.

The regional board is scheduled to release the MOU for public comment in July and hold a hearing July 23. If approved, the amendment would return to the City Council on Aug. 24. Under the revised timeline, Phase 2 construction would run from 2029 to 2031, with Phase 3 completed by 2035 if required. Staff said additional money will be needed to redesign Phase 2 and will be requested when the amendment returns.

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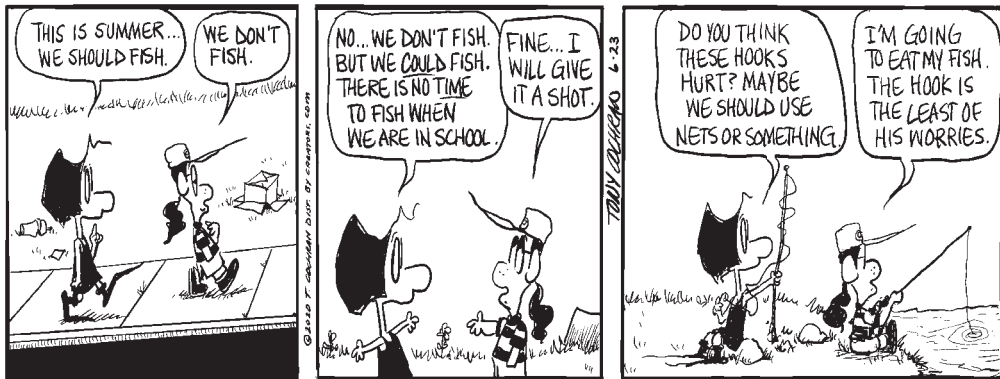


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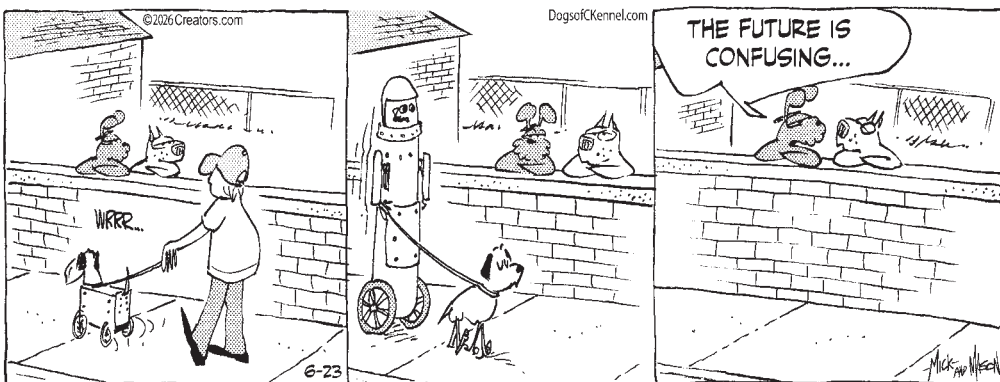
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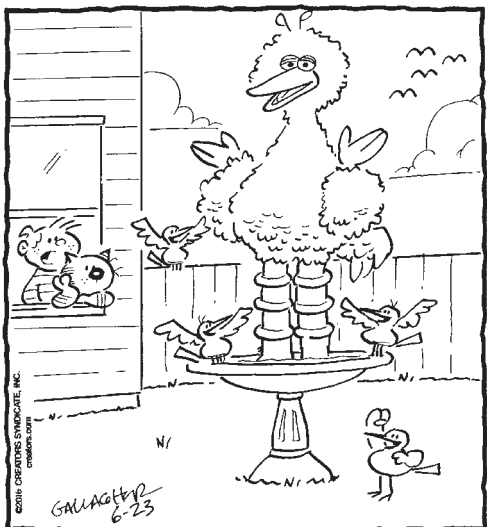


Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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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 24 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6980

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| Cleaning | Juice | Share | Walks |
| Cocoa | Maps | Shower | Water |
| Cosy | Milk | Sleep | Yoghurt |
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Comfort can be indulgent, as in too much macaroni and cheese, or it can be productive, as in the way your favorite hoodie makes you feel calm and capable as you take on the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When the director has a vision that the actor doesn't share, there's conflict on the set. Expect some version of this in a clash between two people, or an internal clash between two sides of yourself. Both sides have merit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Funny how one unanswered text can affect the mood of an entire afternoon. This semiotic experience will carry more emotional meaning than logic alone can explain. But you can't assume a whole story from one tiny signal. There are still missing pieces.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Before you make things better, you'll define what "better" looks and feels like for everyone involved. It will be much easier to create the result if you agree on what it is. Once you have a consensus, everything snaps together.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A circumstance used to frustrate you, and you reacted accordingly. Now you see the same scenario as a puzzle you can calmly solve, or even a game you can play for fun - a credit to your capacity for growth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No matter how certain a person may be, opinions are often shaped by emotion, bias and selective experience rather than solid evidence. Today's best decision-making comes from observation, direct experience and verifiable facts. What can actually be confirmed?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll get a glimpse of who you are becoming over this blossoming season. The next iteration of yourself involves meeting new people, trying activities for the first time and participating in a different community.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Attraction thrives in mystery. Your imagination fills in the blanks. The collaboration with reality creates a compelling story. Enjoy the electricity without rushing to conclusions. Time will tell what's real and what stays in the realm of fantasy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are studying someone like an astronomer tracking a newly discovered star. Curiosity becomes its own form of pleasure. Let the experience expand your understanding of desire rather than narrow your world around one person alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The heart will rehearse a relationship before it fully exists. You'll imagine love's future possibilities with stunning accuracy. Maybe it's a case of self-fulfilling prophesy, so think the best! Your intuition is fully engaged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There will be a lack of consensus among your group. This is an opportunity for you to delight in using your executive functioning to find points of agreement and figure out the best next steps forward.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A five-minute carnival ride can be a rush, but you'd rather have a whole day at the fair. So you pace your experiences, lending a slow and deliberate attention wherever possible. Sensory delights are to be savored.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 White gem
- 5 Pet adoption agcy.
- 9 Discontinue
- 14 Floor model, for short
- 15 Large family
- 16 Be a pest to
- 17 Adam and Eve's home
- 18 Force out of office
- 19 Oreo's filling
- 20 Belt out tunes with water falling on you
- 23 Prefix meaning "recent"

- 24 ___ Aviv, Israel
- 25 Collect in bulk
- 28 ___ Paulo, Brazil
- 30 Trips around a track
- 34 Love, in Italy
- 35 Really overcooks
- 37 Winter ailment
- 38 Inconsistent cellphone service
- 41 Chicago's state: Abbr.
- 42 Sunflower snacks
- 43 Football distances
- 44 Chair or sofa
- 46 Greatly impress
- 47 Farmland measures
- 48 Second notes of a scale
- 50 When a plane is due in: Abbr.
- 51 Factory's blending machine
- 60 Car horn sounds
- 61 Slight amount
- 62 Approximately

- 63 ___ Sketch (drawing toy)
- 64 Has debts
- 65 Quick snoozes
- 66 Needing straightening up
- 67 Small fruit pie
- 68 "Auld Lang ___"

DOWN

- 1 Poems of praise
- 2 Mani-___ (salon service)
- 3 Prayer's final word
- 4 Time-consuming
- 5 Tea biscuits
- 6 Dwarf planet beyond Neptune
- 7 Redeem, as a check

- 8 Poker pot starter
- 9 Secret supply
- 10 Sign up for a class
- 11 All over again
- 12 A few (of)
- 13 Person who stares
- 21 Maps within maps
- 22 Boulder or pebble
- 25 More than enough
- 26 Money, slangily
- 27 Painting or sculpture
- 28 Type of shoe leather
- 29 Curved lines
- 31 In flames
- 32 Walks heavily
- 33 Centers of solar systems
- 34 With no warranty
- 35 Prepare, as coffee

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- 36 Secret recording device
- 39 Dough-rising ingredient
- 40 Driveway material
- 45 Verifiable facts
- 47 "Finally!"
- 49 Opinion piece
- 50 Diner patron
- 51 Line on a list
- 52 Brief memo
- 53 Physicians, for short
- 54 Very funny person
- 55 Des Moines' state
- 56 Atoms with a charge
- 57 Dental exam image
- 58 Sports cable network
- 59 Valentine's Day flower

Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Toddler Storytime and Songs Join us for storytime on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. We share stories, songs, and movement activities to build early literacy skills for toddlers aged 18 months to 3 years. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/toddler-storytime-and-songs/18526513/2026-06-17T10>

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12:00 p.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. Michelob ULTRA, the Official Beer Sponsor of the FIFA World Cup 2026™, will debut the Michelob ULTRA Pitchside Club—a premium, 21+ fan destination at the iconic Santa Monica Pier—created in partnership with the LA Galaxy Foundation. Designed as the ultimate soccer social hub, the Pitchside Club will bring fans together to catch the FIFA World Cup™ through immersive soccer-inspired experiences, interactive games, exclusive programming, limited-edition merchandise, and surprise celebrity appearances – all set against a vibrant coastal backdrop. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/michelob-ultra-pitchside-club-in-santa-monica-for-fifa-world-cup-2026-/19013912/2026-06-24T12>

P.S. ARTS: FAMILY ART NIGHT

5:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Come by yourself or bring the whole family to make art at the PCRC! In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrsm.org/event/p-s-arts-family-art-night> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/p-s-arts-family-art-night/19066073/2026-06-24T17>

JAZZ A GO GO AT LOULOU SANTA MONICA

7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. LouLou Santa Monica 395 Santa Monica Place Santa Monica. JAZZ A GO GO at LouLou Santa Monica- Every Wednesday · From 7 PM till late - Live Jazz that turns into a Vibe.Music you Feel. People you Meet. Amazing Food. Nights that Flow. JAZZ A GO GO (@jazzagogonight) by Loulou Santa Monica, Gilles Signature & Gilles Los Angeles - curated by the creator of @jazzeclecticla Every Wednesday · From 7 PM till late Watch the LouLou experience: <https://bit.ly/loulou-jazz-a-gogo> Book Now: bit.ly/booking-loulou LouLou Santa MonicaJAZZ A GO GOEvery Wednesday From 7 PM till late395 Santa Monica Pl #300, Santa Monica, CA 90401(323) 410-2337info@loulousantamonica.comloulousantamonica.comReserve your table now: bit.ly/booking-loulou. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/jazz-a-go-go-at-loulou-santa-monica/18476815/2026-06-24T19>

WINE WEDNESDAY AT THE WHALER

101 Broadway CA 90401 Contact Info (424) 330-0166 info@venicewhaler.com Does not apply on holidays Santa Monica. \$15 wine flights & half off bottles of wine all day every Wednesday. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/wine-wednesday-at-the-whaler/16952883/2026-06-17T00>

THURSDAY | JUNE 25

CHAIR FITNESS WITH COACH TODD

11:00 a.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Chair Fitness with Coach Todd. Register with American Legion. Email jimkirtley@ymcala.org for more information. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/chair-fitness-with-coach-todd/18763133/2026-06-18T11>

LOW IMPACT GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan-Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades. Power up your Thursday with our free, low-impact group exercise classes — open to all members of the Legion Family, designed for every fitness level, and held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at Palisades Post 283. Come move, recharge, and feel great heading into the rest of your day! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-06-18T11>

ART TO BREATHE

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Palisades Recovery Coalition - Community Center 15233 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades. A workshop designed for participants ages 13 to 17 years old, hosted by the Lowe Family YMCA and sponsored by Palisades Recovery Coalition. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/art-to-breathe/18763109/2026-06-25T16>

USA VS TURKEY WATCH PARTY

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Shoreside® Restaurant and Bar 1515 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica. Join us on the pool deck for our Soccer Watch Party Series. \$23.18. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/usa-vs-turkey-watch-party/19228318/2026-06-25T19>

STAND UP 101: FIND YOUR VOICE (THURSDAYS)

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 1424 4th Street Santa Monica. Jump into Stand Up! Discover your own comedic sensibility and shape it into a clear and unique point of view! 6 weeks + a Showcase! \$345.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/stand-up-101-find-your-voice-thursdays-18818771/2026-06-25T19>

FRIDAY | JUNE 26

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist

Boondockers Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a stunning view of the sparkling ocean. Whether you're new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early and be ready to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. Please RSVP on FB, IG or email <https://mobilecommunitymeditationcenter.com/> and remember to check FB or IG for any changes or cancellations. Free— Donations are accepted. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/16994548/2026-06-19T10>

USA SOCCER HOUSE

12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 57 Windward 57 Windward Avenue Los Angeles. The Home For Fans This Summer = Free Entry For ALLOPEN TO ALL FANSThe home for soccer fans to cheer on the U.S. Men's National Team this summer. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/usa-soccer-house/18942555/2026-06-19T12>

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. The Bundy Triangle events are free and open to the public. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-06-19T17>

SATURDAY | JUNE 27

GARDENING WITH PRIDE !!

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Marine Park Community Garden , 1406 Marine St. Santa Monica 90405. Join us at our monthly event at the Marine Park Community Garden as we Garden with PRIDE !!! Hosted on the 4th Saturday of each month, in June we are recognizing and uplifting our LGBTQ+ community across Santa Monica. A rainbow of colors await you at the Marine Park Community Garden where we will be making: Flower Crowns. Painted Kindness Rocks. Pressed Flower Cards. Getting our hands dirty in the garden beds. Our garden can be tough to find. If you find the tennis courts, walk through the gate leading to them all the way to the back and you'll find us adjacent to the last tennis court. It's an oasis hidden in plain sight. This is a free event and open to all. Come for the coffee, stay for the compost. Find this and other events at Santamonica.gov/events

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