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Tacos Por Favor family flips fast-casual tradition with first full-service restaurant in Santa Monica

SCOTT SNOWDEN
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After nearly 25 years running fast-casual taco joints across Los Angeles, the family behind Taco Por Favor has opened their most ambitious location yet: a full-service restaurant and bar in downtown Santa Monica.

The new Taco Por Favor Bar & Grill replaces the long-running Cock 'n Bull pub, a British pub-style divebar that shuttered during the pandemic after more than six decades in business. The family had been searching for a property they could call their own and when the space became available following a 2021 liquor license transfer, it offered the chance not just to expand but to realize a long-held dream.



Scott Snowden

REFRIED: Former Cock n' Bull pub reborn as Tacos Por Favor's first sit-down bar and grill in Santa Monica.

The new restaurant marks a major shift in strategy for the family-owned mini-chain, which already operates locations in Venice, West Los Angeles and Santa Monica's Olympic corridor. Those three outposts are built for fast turnover. Customers place their orders at the counter and take their food to go. The new location, by contrast, offers a full menu, plated meals, seated service and a full bar.

"It was always my mom's dream to have a place like this," said Araceli Sanchez, daughter of owners and founders Atilano Sanchez and his wife, also named Araceli Sanchez. "Somewhere she could sit down and have a server bring her a menu."

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Santa Monica Democratic Club members clash over airport land future

SCOTT SNOWDEN
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The Santa Monica Democratic Club faced a heated internal debate last week as members sparred over whether the city-owned airport land should be reserved exclusively for open space or opened up to include affordable housing. The extended discussion dominated the second half of the monthly meeting and revealed deep divisions over how best to balance environmental goals, housing equity and the city's progressive identity.

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Pet shelters brace for July fourth surge as fireworks trigger emergency spike

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Animal shelters and emergency veterinarians across the nation are preparing for one of their busiest periods as Independence Day celebrations create dangerous conditions for millions of cats and dogs.

July 4th ranks among the most hazardous days of the year for pets, with animal shelters reporting a 30% to 60% spike in stray pet intakes during the holiday period, according to national shelter data. Emergency veterinary clinics see similar surges as injured pets flood facilities.

July 5th consistently ranks as one of the top three highest intake days for stray animals nationwide. In 2023, it ranked as the third-highest day for stray pet intakes across U.S. shelters, with thousands of additional dogs and cats entering facilities after fleeing fireworks displays.

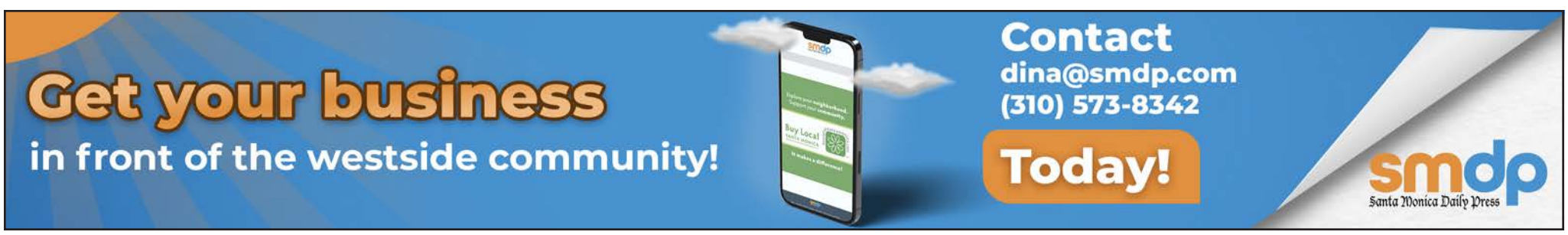
The combination of explosive sounds and summer heat creates multiple threats for pets. Fireworks produce sound levels ranging from 150 to 175 decibels — louder than jet airplane takeoffs and well above levels that can damage hearing. For pets with more acute hearing than humans, these booming sounds trigger panic responses that can prove deadly.

Approximately 40% to 67% of

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ANIMAL SHELTERS: The upcoming holiday is one of the most dangerous for pets.





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Controversial climate rule, which could raise gas prices, about to go into effect



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PRICES: The new rules start on July 1..

California's revamped Low Carbon Fuel Standard takes effect on Tuesday, despite fierce Republican criticism and increasing Democratic trepidation over its potential to raise gas prices.

The new rules — which expand a program to reduce climate-warming gases and clean the air — ratchet up requirements for cleaner fuels and broaden a $2 billion credit market aimed at cutting emissions from cars, trucks and freight.

No immediate hike in gas prices will occur. Experts say the future impact is uncertain because it depends on how much the oil industry spends on buying credits and then passes it onto consumers.

The previous fuel standard, which was set in 2011, added 9 cents to the cost of a gallon; a UC Davis researcher estimates that the new one could add 5 to 8 cents per gallon.

The Newsom administration is bracing for more political attacks as Republican legislators have seized on the issue. Gov. Gavin Newsom's office issued a fact-check memo defending the rule and saying the impacts are exaggerated, while Republicans in the Legislature and Congress say it would damage the economy because Californians already pay the most in the nation for gasoline. State Sen. Brian Jones requested an audit of the rule, calling it "nothing short of price gouging by Newsom, hitting Californians where it hurts the most."

Democratic lawmakers last week introduced legislation that would cap the price of the standard's fuel credits in an effort to rein in price spikes at the pump. The measure is supported by one of the state's most powerful Democrats, Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, who said it "will reduce costs for drivers across the Golden State while continuing to move our climate and energy goals full steam ahead."

The new fuel standard is projected to reduce carbon dioxide-equivalent gases by 558 million metric tons through 2046, according to the air board's economic assessment. Those reductions are equal to the emissions of more than 120 million cars on average in a year. Some critics say that is an overestimate, because soybean fuels may not

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Trump administration sues Los Angeles, claiming the city refuses to cooperate on immigration

President Donald Trump's administration filed suit Monday against Los Angeles, claiming the city is obstructing the enforcement of immigration laws and creating a lawless environment with its sanctuary policies that bar local police from sharing information on people without legal status.

The lawsuit in U.S. District Court says Los Angeles' " sanctuary city" ordinance hinders White House efforts to crack down on what it calls a "crisis of illegal immigration." It is the latest in a string of lawsuits against so-called sanctuary jurisdictions — including New York,New Jersey and Colorado — that limit cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

The Los Angeles policy bars city resources from being used for immigration enforcement. The court filing calls the city ordinance "illegal" and asks that it be blocked from being enforced.

Chad Mizelle, chief of staff for U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi, said in announcing the latest lawsuit that the administration will not tolerate any interference with the federal government's crackdown.

"We will keep enforcing federal immigration law in Los Angeles, whether or not the city's government or residents agree with it," Mizelle said in a social media post on the platform X.

Messages seeking comment on the lawsuit were sent to the offices of Mayor Karen Bass and City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto.

The Los Angeles lawsuit claims Trump "won the presidential election on a platform of deporting the millions of illegal immigrants." Over the past three weeks, immigration agents have swarmed Southern California, arresting hundreds of people and prompting protests.

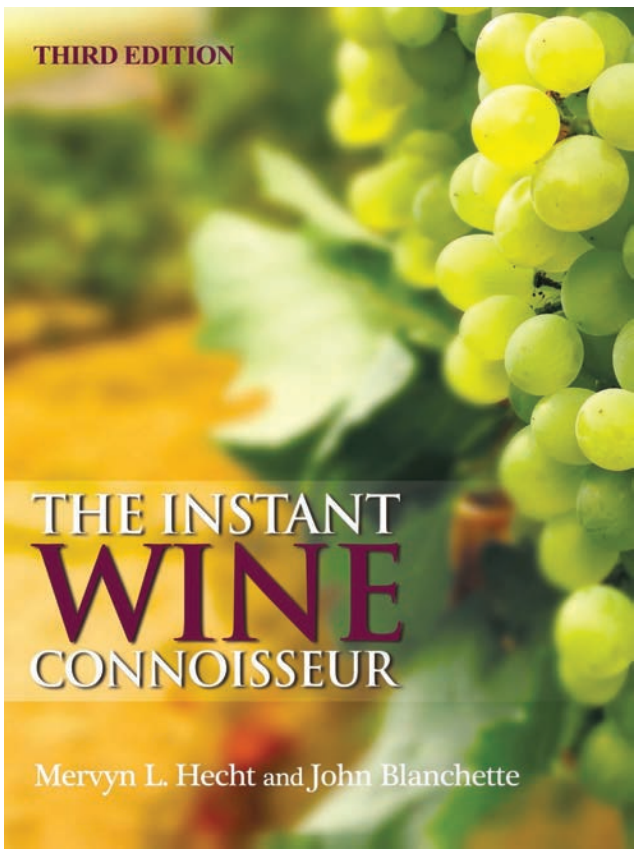
Tens of thousands of people participated in rallies over immigration raids and the subsequent deployment of the National Guard and Marines. Los Angeles police have arrested over 100 people on various charges from throwing rocks at federal officers to setting fire to Waymo cars equipped with self-driving technology.

"The practical upshot of Los Angeles' refusal to cooperate with federal immigration authorities has, since June 6, 2025, been lawlessness, rioting, looting, and vandalism," the court filing says.

On June 18, the mayor lifted a curfew she had imposed a week earlier to prevent vandalism and break-ins during nighttime protests. The demonstrations had been largely concentrated in a few downtown blocks that are home to several federal and local government buildings.

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER Associated Press

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Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Statewide

Cal Fire Emphasizes Fourth of July Firework Safety as Sales Begin

California fire officials are warning residents about firework dangers as Safe and Sane firework sales begin at noon Tuesday in some jurisdictions throughout the state.

"Since 2024, fireworks have caused over $35 million in property damage across California, sparking 1,230 fires," said Chief Daniel Berlant, California State Fire Marshal. "It is your responsibility to prevent fires and injuries. Don't let your Fourth of July celebration end in flames."

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> - Daniel Berlant Chief, California State Fire Marshal

Fire officials urge residents to prevent fires and injuries by checking local regulations before purchasing fireworks. Fireworks bought outside California are illegal without a license. Officials recommend enjoying professional displays instead of purchasing fireworks.

For those in areas where Safe and Sane fireworks are legal, Cal Fire recommends following these safety guidelines:

Use only State Fire Marshal approved fireworks and verify local ordinances before purchasing or using them. Always read directions and ensure an adult is present. Use fireworks only outdoors, never near dry grass or other flammable materials.

Light one firework at a time and keep a bucket of water and hose nearby. Officials recommend using a bucket of gray or reused water to submerge fireworks after use to fully extinguish them.

It is illegal to transport Safe and Sane fireworks through any city or county where they are prohibited.

For more information about fireworks safety, visit https://readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/fireworks-safety/.

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FIREWORKS SAFETY: Fireworks have caused over $35 million in property damage across California.

Marina Del Rey

Annual 4th of July Fireworks Show Returns to Marina del Rey



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4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS: Marina del Rey will host its annual 4th of July fireworks celebration.

Marina del Rey will host its annual 4th of July fireworks celebration with a 20-minute display beginning at 9 p.m., shot from a barge off the Marina's south jetty.

The free event offers prime viewing at Burton Chace Park and Fisherman's Village, both providing synchronized music during the fireworks show. Organizers recommend arriving early as parking lots typically fill by 6 p.m.

Street closures begin as early as 1 p.m., and special event parking rates of $11-$20 will be in effect at public lots throughout Marina del Rey, Venice and Dockweiler. All lots operate 24 hours and include accessible parking spaces.

Transportation options include the LA Metro C Line to Marina del Rey Station, connecting to Culver City Bus #1. On July 4, the Summer WaterBus offers $1 rides per person throughout the harbor from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Both Burton Chace Park and Fisherman's Village feature wheelchair-friendly pathways, viewing areas and restroom facilities. The park offers first-come, first-served picnic tables and grills for those bringing food.

Dining options range from casual to upscale, with many restaurants offering special holiday menus. The Marina del Rey Restaurant Map provides a complete list, though visitors should confirm holiday hours in advance. For a premium experience, City Cruises offers 4th of July dinner and cocktail cruises with waterfront views.

Rideshare users should expect longer wait times due to heavy traffic and street closures. Drivers cannot stop or park illegally for passenger pickup, requiring some walking to designated areas.

The celebration attracts families seeking a patriotic community atmosphere. Organizers suggest bringing blankets, picnic supplies and wearing red, white and blue attire.

Traffic delays are expected on surrounding roads, particularly before and after the 9-9:20 p.m. fireworks window. Early arrival ensures better parking availability and allows time to secure optimal viewing positions along the waterfront.

The event promises a warm community celebration with lasting memories as the sky illuminates over the water in Marina del Rey's signature Independence Day tradition.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Notre Dame Alumna Selected for Television Academy Foundation Internship

Notre Dame High School alumna and Santa Monica native Janani Nair has been selected for the prestigious Television Academy Foundation Internship program. She is one of 40 students chosen by Television Academy members from across the country for the 2025 Summer Internship program.

Nair, a 2025 graduate of California State University, Long Beach, who majored in technical theater arts, will intern this summer in the set design and art direction department at Paramount Studios with Emmy-winning art director Adam Rowe in Los Angeles.



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JANANI NAIR: Notre Dame High School alumna and Santa Monica native Janani Nair.

"It's such a surreal honor to know that the same members who vote for the Primetime Emmys have not only viewed my work but also saw the potential in me to pick me for this amazing opportunity," Nair said. "I cannot wait to see how a network TV art department runs and be a part of helping the team bring the vision to life."

Originally from Santa Monica, Nair attended Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks.

The Television Academy Foundation shapes the art of creating television by engaging and educating the next generation of television professionals, providing essential resources that help them discover their voices, refine their skills and forge rewarding careers in every sector of the television industry.

The foundation offers paid internships at top Hollywood studios and production companies annually to college students nationwide. The internship program provides more than 50 students from across the nation with hands-on work experience, mentorships and opportunities for accelerated career development in more than 30 disciplines annually.

Established in 1959 as the charitable arm of the Television Academy, the Television Academy Foundation is dedicated to preserving the legacy of television while educating and inspiring those who will shape its future. Through renowned educational and outreach programs, such as The Interviews: An Oral History of Television Project, Access: Behind the Screens, College Television Awards, Student Internship Program and the Media Educators Conference, the foundation seeks to widen the circle of voices the industry represents and to create more opportunity for television to reflect all of society.

For more information on the foundation, visit TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation.

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GAS PRICE

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be as clean as reported.

Cleaner, low-carbon fuels include biofuels made from soybeans or cow manure. The program has been particularly successful in reducing the diesel fuels used by medium and heavy-duty trucks. Over the 13 years, it has displaced 25 billion gallons of petroleum fuels, according to the air board.

The new fuel standard was temporarily delayed earlier this year when the state's administrative law office rejected it and sent it back to the air board to add more clarity to the rule.

Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains, a Bakersfield Democrat, last month called for the resignation of California Air Resources Board Chair Liane Randolph over concerns that the agency did not study the economic impacts of its new standard.

Randolph said in a statement that gas prices are "over a dollar per gallon cheaper than just a few years ago. Our efforts to deploy more zero-emission vehicles and reduce fossil fuel use is working to cut demand and create more competition in the fuels market, and the (fuel standard) is a big part of that effort."

In an unrelated action, California's gasoline excise tax, which is adjusted annually, will increase by 1.6 cents per gallon on Tuesday. The tax is primarily used to pay for roads and highways.

By Alejandro Lazo. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

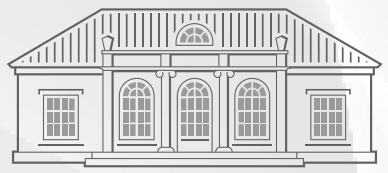
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Santa Monica

Natalie Rollhaus Burton Named Principal of Franklin Elementary School

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has appointed Natalie Rollhaus Burton as the new principal of Franklin Elementary School, with the Board of Education approving the appointment at its June 24, 2025, regular meeting.

Burton brings more than two decades of experience in public education, including 11 years within SMMUSD. She returns to the district after serving as head of the Lower School at Crossroads School in Santa Monica and, most recently, as a consultant and instructional coach with the UCLA Math Project, where she supported teachers and administrators across Los Angeles Unified School District in implementing Cognitively Guided Instruction.

Known for her inclusive leadership and deep understanding of curriculum and instruction, Burton previously served as principal of Roosevelt Elementary School from 2007 to 2016 and of Will Rogers Learning Community from 1998 to 2000. Under her leadership, Roosevelt was named a California Distinguished School on two occasions, and Will Rogers earned both California Distinguished School and National Blue-Ribbon School honors.

She led the implementation of CGI in mathematics and oversaw the schoolwide adoption of the Reading and Writing Workshop model. Burton is fluent in Spanish and began her career as a bilingual elementary teacher.

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>
> - Natalie Rollhaus Burton

"I am truly honored to have been selected to be the next principal of Franklin Elementary School and to be returning to SMMUSD after working at the UCLA Math Project," Burton said. "I am incredibly excited to be joining their vibrant, talented and dedicated school community, and I look forward to working collaboratively with students, staff and families to build on Franklin's wonderful foundation and continue to help every student thrive."

Burton holds a Master of Arts in educational leadership from Stanford University and a Master of Arts in Spanish from Middlebury College. She earned her Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from Bowdoin College, where she majored in Spanish and minored in Latin American studies. She also holds multiple teaching credentials and an administrative services credential.

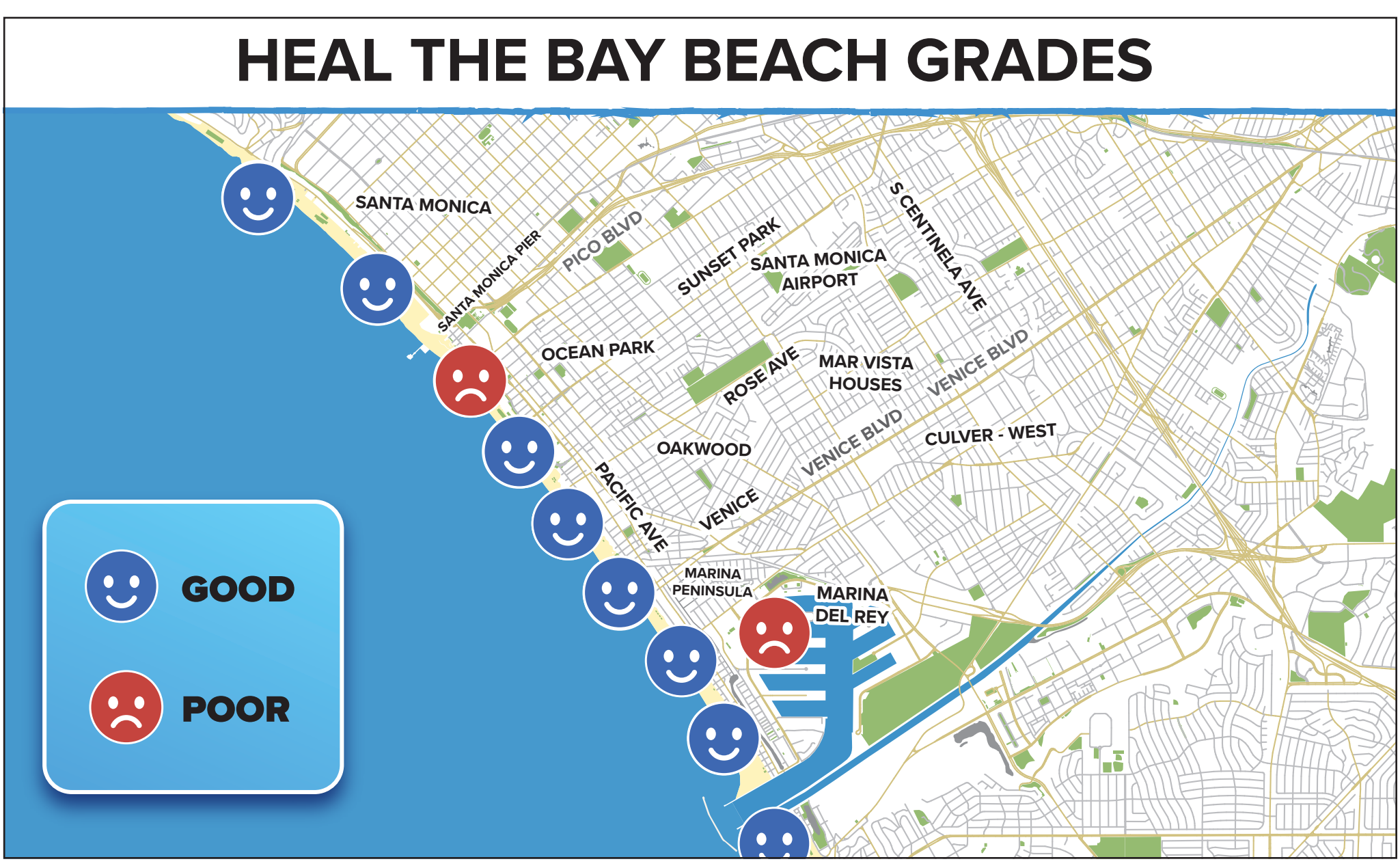
"Natalie brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and heart to this position," said Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton. "Her student-centered leadership, dedication to equity and strong instructional background make her an excellent fit for the Franklin community. We are excited to welcome her back to SMMUSD."

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NATALIE BURTON: SMMUSD has appointed Natalie Rollhaus Burton as the new principal of Franklin Elementary School.



DEMOCRATIC CLUB

FROM PAGE 1

The Club's ad hoc airport committee presented a report recommending the 192-acre site, which will come fully under city control in 2029, be developed solely as parkland. The proposal outlined uses such as recreational space, ecological restoration, indigenous land stewardship and civic gathering areas. It explicitly rejected any housing development on the property, citing overwhelming community feedback gathered by the committee over the past year.

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>
> - Ann Bowman

"We received close to 700 individual comments, the vast majority of which supported a park-only option," said committee member Ann Bowman, who helped lead the group's outreach. "Affordable housing does not need to be on this land. There are dozens of other places in the city that need to be upzoned."

Several members echoed the call for a full-scale park, describing it as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create open space in one of the most densely populated areas of the region. Frank Gruber, a former City Council candidate, said the city was uniquely positioned to set an example for urban environmental stewardship.

"We have a real chance here to create something visionary," Gruber said. "There are very few parcels of land like this left anywhere in Los Angeles."

But the proposal met immediate and forceful pushback from other members who questioned the fairness and political wisdom of excluding housing from the discussion at such an early stage. Vivian Rothstein, a founding member of the Club and former board president, said the plan contradicted the values the group claims to represent.

"We call ourselves progressive," Rothstein said. "Any policy that begins with saying we will not allow housing is not a progressive policy. To exclude affordable housing, including supportive housing, from a city-owned site of this size, is deeply troubling to me."

Board member Mike Soloff, who was part of the campaign behind Measure LC, a 2014 ballot initiative that gave the city control over airport land use, said the measure allows for a wide range of civic uses as long as voters approve them. He cautioned against prematurely ruling anything out.

"Measure LC gives voters the right to decide," Soloff said. "We have six years to get this right. The idea that we are going to lock in a decision now to never consider housing is both unnecessary and shortsighted."

The airport has been a source of conflict for decades. In 2014, voters overwhelmingly passed Measure LC, restricting non-park development without voter approval while rejecting pro-airport Measure D. However the city didn't gain authority to shutter the facility until 2017 when a deal with the FAA allows, but does not require, the city to close the airport on December 31, 2028, while immediately shortening the runway from 4,925 to 3,500 feet. Planning for post-closure transformation is underway with three scenarios under consideration, that vary in specific park amenities and housing proposals. The proposals have been workshopped at several public hearings, commission meetings and through online surveys.

The Club's ad hoc committee was created last year in response to growing interest in how the city will use the airport land once flight operations cease. The committee held public listening sessions and reviewed planning documents and resident surveys. Its report concluded that the public overwhelmingly favored a large urban park over mixed-use development.

Some members took issue with the committee's framing and process. Jeremy Bamberger, a member of the Club's Housing and Homelessness Committee, said the makeup of the group lacked ideological balance and its outreach excluded the voices of renters and housing advocates.

"This report bakes in bias," Bamberger said. "By stating up front that housing is off the table, it narrows public imagination and undermines the democratic process."

Others questioned whether the Club should have explored a broader mandate in the first place. They expressed concern that the decision to exclude housing had not been discussed widely enough among members and could limit future options.

In response, committee members defended their approach, noting that public sentiment had been clear and consistent over many months. Patti Braun, a longtime parks advocate who supported the proposed recommendation, said the group was tasked with synthesizing community views, not advancing a specific political agenda.

"The world is watching how we use this land," Braun said. "Let's not screw it up."

The dispute reflects a broader tension in Santa Monica politics, where ambitious goals for sustainability, housing equity and public health often collide in the city's limited available space. While some members argued that housing and open space are not mutually exclusive, others insisted that this particular site should serve a higher ecological and cultural purpose.

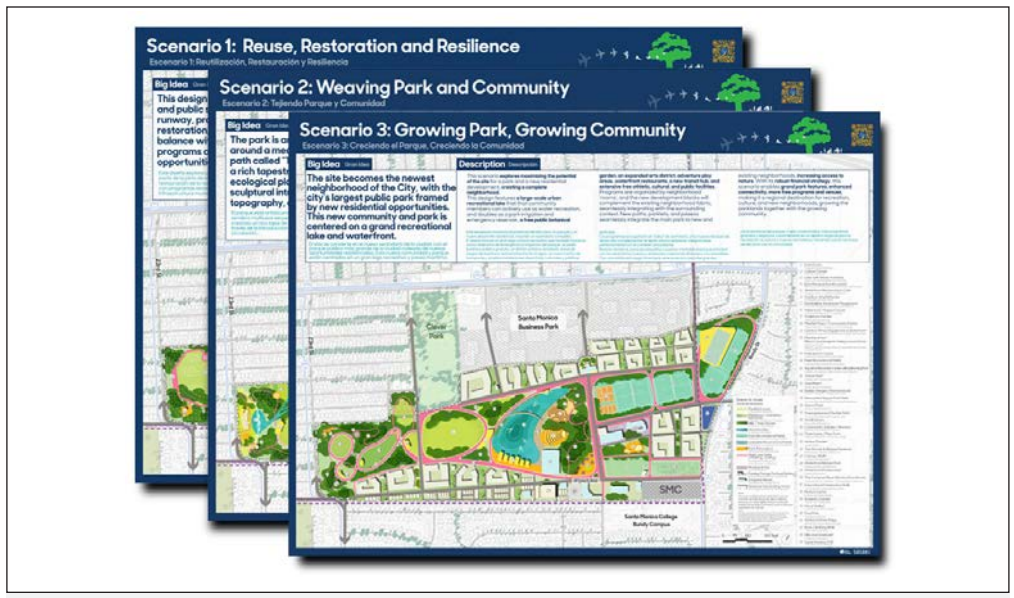
As the debate concluded, the Club first considered a substitute motion calling for the inclusion of housing in the city's environmental review process. That motion read: To preserve Santa Monica's economic diversity, and support our local economy, the Santa Monica Democratic Club recommends the inclusion of below market rate housing as well as park and recreational uses in the EIR (Environmental Impact Review) study for redevelopment of the Santa Monica airport land. It failed to pass, receiving 66 votes in support (30 percent) and 155 in opposition (70 percent).

Members then voted on the ad hoc committee's original recommendation. That motion passed with 156 votes in support (78 percent) and 45 opposed (22 percent), with 8 abstentions. The approved language reads: The Santa Monica Democratic Club recommends to Santa Monica City Council, for the benefit of all, the creation of an inspirational LC-compliant Great Park, that would not trigger a ballot measure before airport closure, with financing that prioritizes existing on-site revenue sources, and with no sale or other privatization of the land.

City officials have not yet finalized a redevelopment plan for the airport land, and any future project would require public review and voter approval under Measure LC. Still, the Club's stance could carry political weight as it considers endorsements and ballot positions in the years ahead.

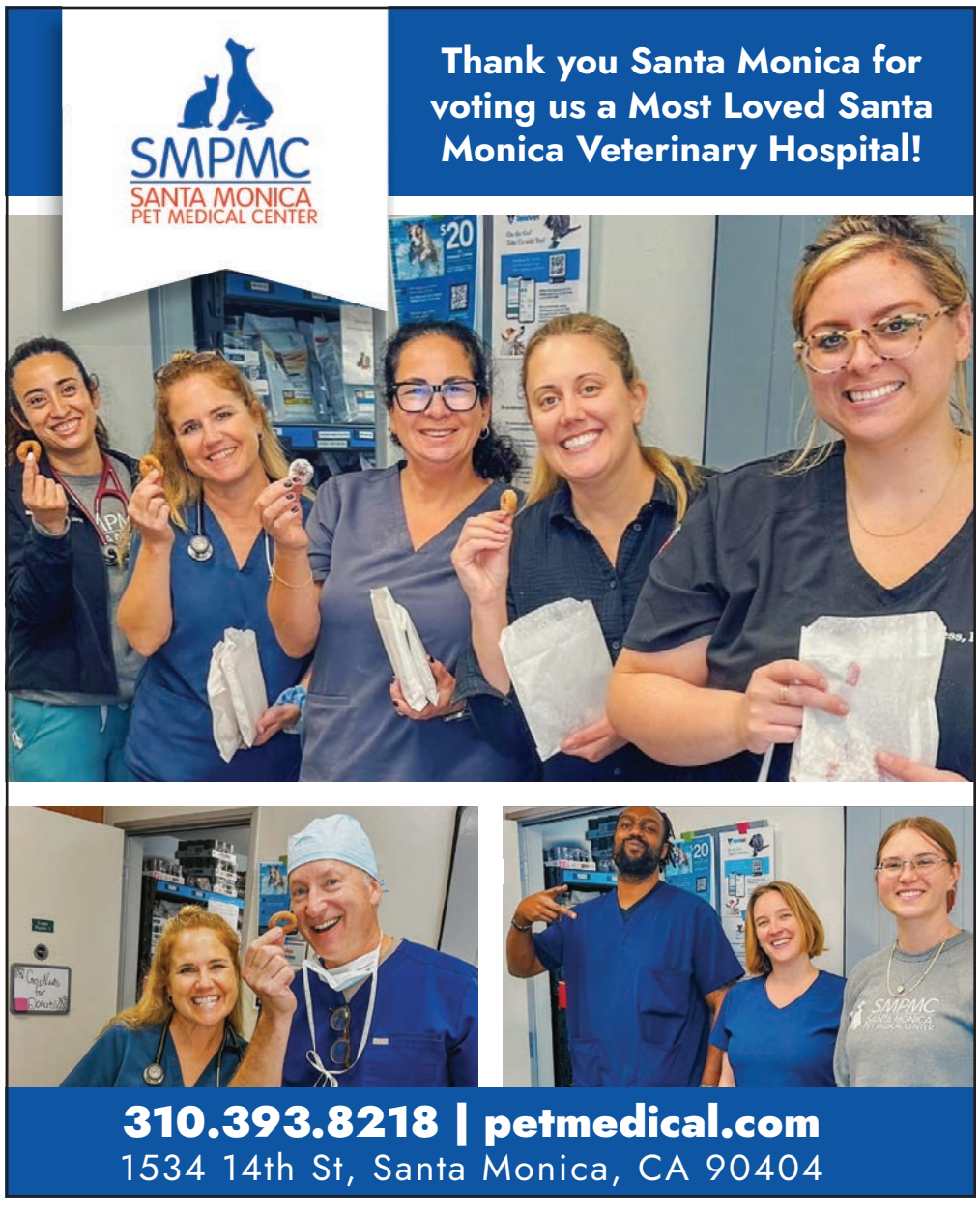
Club president Jon Katz acknowledged the passions on both sides and urged members to remain engaged as the city moves forward. "There are good arguments on both sides," Katz said. "What matters is that we keep talking, and that we do it in good faith."

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CROSSROADS: Club members debated whether airport land should become housing, parkland or both.



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TACO

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The transformation of the former pub has been substantial. The kitchen was expanded. The floorplan was overhauled. The décor, originally sketched out by professional designers, became a family debate until the daughter, inspired by travels to Oaxaca, convinced her father to install the colorful tiles she had envisioned.

"I showed him pictures, but he couldn't see it," Araceli said. "Eventually we got a 3D render made and he said, 'Okay, I get it now.'"

The redesign mixes rustic Mexican elements with Spanish influences, borrowing from the family's own home and travel memories. The result is a space unlike any of their other locations.

The menu is different, too. "We didn't know where to begin," Araceli said. "We were crying, trying to figure it out. We realized we needed something that matched the space."

They brought in professional chefs to develop an upscale offering, anchored in Mexican cuisine but drawing on global influences. Christian Sanchez and David Paulina, who together have more than 40 years of experience, were originally hired to consult under another chef. When the original lead dropped out, the owners decided to stick with Sanchez and Paulina.

"I liked them more than the first chef," Atilano said. "I think it was meant to happen. They've done an amazing job."

The menu reflects a blend of regional Mexican dishes with European techniques. Ceviche is prepared in a style the chefs say mirrors what they make at home. Chicken enchiladas with mole are built from a family recipe. The orange French toast is topped with mascarpone infused with citrus and vanilla. A planned house specialty includes a 32-ounce tomahawk steak grilled with Mexican spices.

"There's a little from every region," Sanchez said. "We use achiote from the Yucatan in a dish inspired by chicken tinga, but it becomes something new."

Seafood also plays a major role, with a whole branzino grilled and plated in a style that nods to both Mexican and Mediterranean kitchens.

"The idea is to use upscale ingredients but do it our way," said Paulina. "It's Mexican, but it's ours."

Behind the bar is Alfredo Rodriguez, a mixologist with experience at some of Los Angeles's best-known craft cocktail programs. He built the wine list to complement the menu, offering full-bodied reds, bright whites and a range of by-the-glass options. He also developed a cocktail menu that includes housemade syrups and fresh espresso martinis, along with creative takes on tequila and mezcal.

"I used to work with Julian Cox," he said, referring to the influential LA cocktail consultant. "He taught me a lot."

The bar also serves fauci, a fermented agave-based drink that has been a surprise hit with early customers. The restaurant is still hiring staff and finalizing details ahead of a formal grand opening, until then, they are open for business and adjusting on the fly.

The wine list, like the food, was a group effort. The team worked together to pair selections with dishes that range from ribeye to ceviche. "We wanted something that would work across the board," Alfredo said. "Something for everyone."

The owners hope to make the restaurant a neighborhood fixture, not just a destination. They have started meeting other local restaurateurs and are beginning to think about community partnerships. Despite their long history in the business, this new venture feels like a first.

"We've always been more fast food, in and out," the daughter said. "This is different. This is sitting down. This is a whole experience."

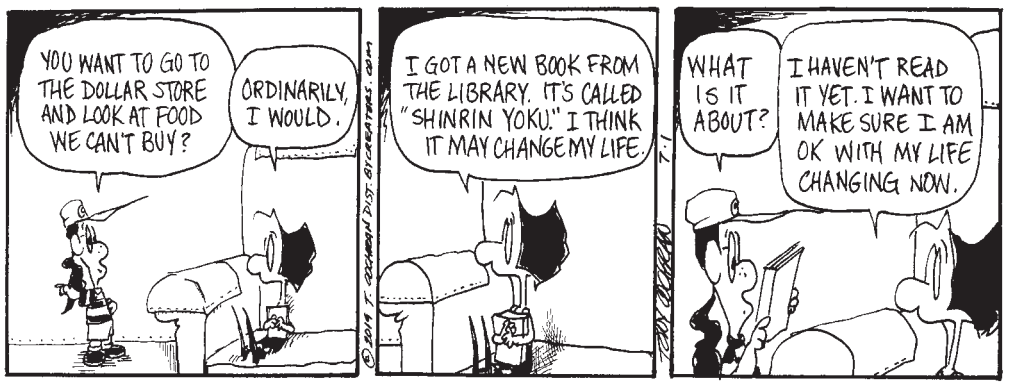
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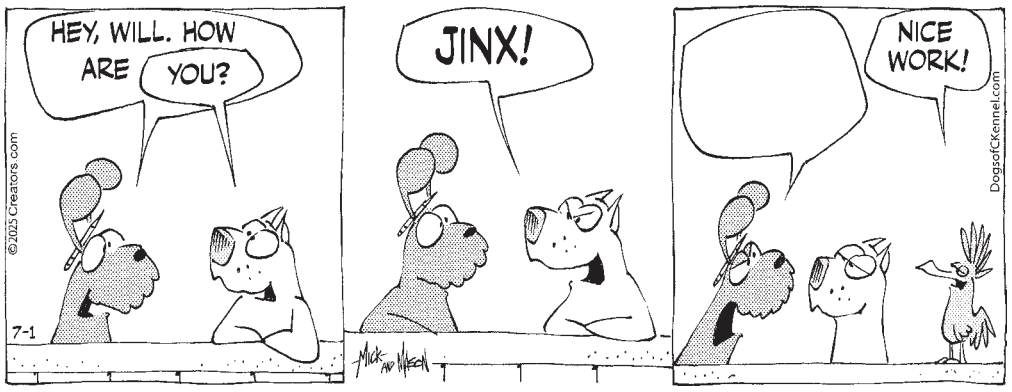
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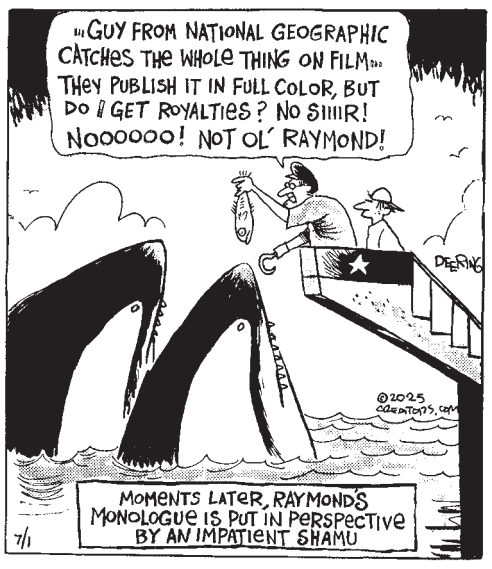
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Trust is just a prediction. You've shown signals that you're kind, stable and a giver. A conversation turns surprisingly intimate, which is just what happens when there's a space between people that's safe enough for truth to slip in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your identity and your work are deeply intertwined, so much so that separating them would be difficult, if not impossible. It's not just about what you do; it's about how your work expresses your values, your style, your essence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's time to handle a sensitive matter. Because you catch the vibes around you, you'll notice who needs care but doesn't know how to ask. You'll answer the need; they'll feel less alone, and trust builds from here.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You change the world by holding your corner of it with care. But you still choose your words as though you imagine they might echo. They probably will, because you're more influential than you realize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not easily impressed, which is why it matters when you let others know they've done something you admire. This may even lead them to exceed their own expectations. Just by being sincere, you help others rise to their potential.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Do it the easy way today. When you get irritated, try using your feet. Sometimes walking out the door solves everything. If someone doesn't get your vibe, that's their loss. You'll attract your real allies by being fully yourself from the jump.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your emotional maturity and strength shine through as you stay anchored in the body. Reality lives in your body's signals. Your nervous system doesn't lie. Seek confirmation from within.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Working toward common goals lends stability beyond what you, or any individual, could achieve alone. What you once considered important will fade into the priorities of the group, and that's fine for today - admirable even.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't speculate about what people deserve. It's unknowable. The very concept of "deserving" is tricky and rife with moral implications and complexities. Instead, focus on what works for you or doesn't.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll notice patterns that escaped everyone else. Your perspective shifts the whole group dynamic. Say what you see - gently. The right insight at the right moment will untangle something stuck. People will start moving differently just because you spoke.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A friend's weird idea is worth entertaining. However, there's no need to go all-in. Being curious is enough. Your reserve will protect you from committing too early. Let ideas marinate. At the very least, you'll come away seeing the world a little differently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a dynamic between you and a friend. When a third party shows up, the dynamic is altered. Play it cool. Trust your bond. You don't have to prove your loyalty. You can focus on showing up, instead of showing off.

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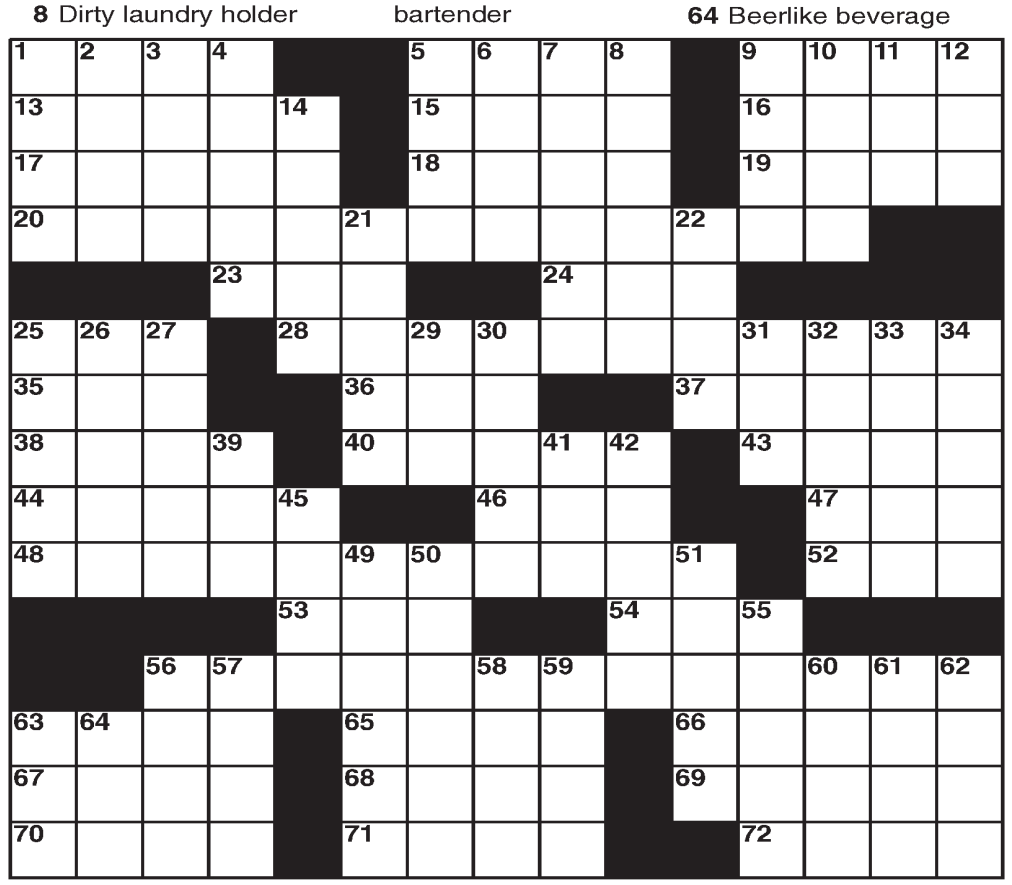
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16 Related (to)
17 Batman's sidekick
18 Appear to be
19 Beach surface
20 Second look at a sportscast moment
23 Resort for relaxing
24 Large body of salt water
25 Last year's jrs.
28 Olympic award for second place
35 Solo of *Star Wars*
36 Feline zodiac sign
37 Razor insert
38 Eden resident
40 Chopped-down tree remnant
43 Dog-biting bug
44 Hunter's weapon
46 Sound of a dove
47 Smartphone download
48 Verify visually a second time
52 Part of TGIF
53 Period of history
54 Astronomer's prefix for "verse"
56 Second Family officeholder
63 Beauty salon sweeping
65 Egyptian queen's nickname
66 Synagogue scroll
67 "Not only that..."
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69 Fall gradually
70 "That remains to be __"
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1 Apple device's voice
2 "Once __ a time..."
3 Steals from
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5 The majority of
6 Customer for software
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8 Dirty laundry holder
9 Rocket-launching agency
10 Give approval for
11 Soft metal
12 Conclude
14 Breaks sharply
21 Hammer targets
22 Baby sheep
25 Glass fragment
26 AM/FM device
27 Chaotic mess
29 Allow
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31 Santa's helper
32 The __ Lama
33 Expert (at)
34 Makes a jump
39 World Series org.
41 Homer Simpson's bartender
42 Hocus-__ (magic word)
45 Monthly util. bill
49 Constructs, as a house
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55 Highly admired celebrities
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57 Metal in steel
58 Oboe mouthpiece
59 Extremely long times
60 Explorer __ the Red
61 Nothing, in Spain
62 "It's us against __"
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SHELTER

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dogs suffer from noise phobia, with fireworks and thunderstorms being primary triggers. Terrified animals often attempt desperate escapes, breaking through windows, jumping fences or fleeing miles from home. Emergency rooms treat numerous cases of pets injured while trying to escape the noise, including dogs requiring surgery after leaping from windows or suffering lacerations from broken glass.

The heat factor compounds the danger. Dogs can die from heatstroke in less than an hour of vigorous activity on hot days, and panicked pets running from fireworks face severe dehydration and overheating risks.

Perhaps most concerning, only about 14% of pets lost during the July 4th period ever return home, meaning the vast majority of holiday runaways are never reunited with their families.

Best Friends Animal Society, a leading national animal welfare organization dedicated to saving the lives of dogs and cats in America's shelters, has issued updated safety guidelines urging pet owners to take proactive steps during holiday celebrations.

"When planning this year's Fourth of July celebrations, it's important to take our pets into consideration," the organization stated. "From fireworks to parties, these festivities are often frightening for cats and dogs."

The organization recommends pet owners learn when local fireworks displays are happening and bring all pets indoors ahead of time. Dogs and cats will appreciate a quiet room with windows closed, curtains drawn and the familiarity of their favorite toys, bed or blanket. To provide additional comfort, pet owners should try playing calming music or turning on the television for background noise to help drown out fireworks outside.

Food safety presents another significant concern during barbecues and gatherings. Barbecues during the holiday weekend may be filled with summer food staples like avocados, grapes, ice cream and onions — all of which can be toxic to dogs and cats. For those wanting to give pets a fun summer treat, Best Friends suggests trying frozen pet-approved fruits and vegetables like watermelon, blueberries or carrots for a healthy and cool treat.

The organization emphasizes that pets should stay home rather than attend parades or fireworks displays, as crowds and loud noises create stressful and potentially dangerous situations.

"Generally, pets aren't fans of noisy crowds, explosions, marching bands, or fire trucks," Best Friends noted in their safety advisory.

Critical preparation includes ensuring pets wear updated identification tags with current contact information. Having updated contact information available on an ID tag or microchip will help pets and their people be reunited should they get spooked and run off, as proper identification dramatically improves reunion chances for lost animals.

Pet owners should also locate contact information for emergency veterinary clinics and nearby shelters before celebrations begin, enabling swift action if medical emergencies occur or pets go missing.

For those planning to set off fireworks at home, it's essential to promptly clean up all trash and any leftover materials from the explosives before letting pets back in the area. Fireworks typically contain a variety of chemicals and heavy metals that are toxic to pets if ingested, making it important for pet owners to be vigilant about not letting their pets put unknown items in their mouth when in the yard or on walks.

As temperatures rise nationwide, it's also important to remember that studies show the internal temperature of a car on a 70-degree day can rise to 89 degrees in 10 minutes, and to 104 degrees in as little as a half hour, making it imperative to not leave pets unattended in vehicles.

As communities prepare for Independence Day festivities, animal welfare advocates stress that a few precautionary steps can prevent pets from becoming part of the annual surge in holiday emergencies that overwhelm shelters and veterinary clinics nationwide.

Additional pet safety information is available at bestfriends.org.

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PETS: Try to find a quiet spot in the home to keep pets safe during fireworks shows.



TUESDAY | JULY 1

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12:30 p.m. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard Venice. Get fit and meet new friends learning line dances on your lunch break. We will learn new and old dances to various styles, including country, disco, Latin, soul, and more. All levels are welcome. 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/lunchtime-line-dance/12342961/2025-07-03T12

FRIDAY | JULY 4

DRUNK THEATRE: THE WILDEST IMPROV COMEDY SHOW!

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica. A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2025-07-11T08

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica. The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. We will answer as many questions as possible. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/the-night-sky-show/14165546/2025-07-11T19

SATURDAY | JULY 5

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - SATURDAY MARKET

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica. Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2025-07-12T08

TOUR OF HYPERION WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 12000 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey. Join Heal the Bay and LA Sanitation & Environment for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant, the largest wastewater treatment facility in the Western United States. This guided tour offers a unique look into the intricate processes that transform millions of gallons of wastewater each day into a valuable resource for Los Angeles. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tour-of-hyperion-water-reclamation-plant/15985891/2025-07-12T10

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-07-12T11

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