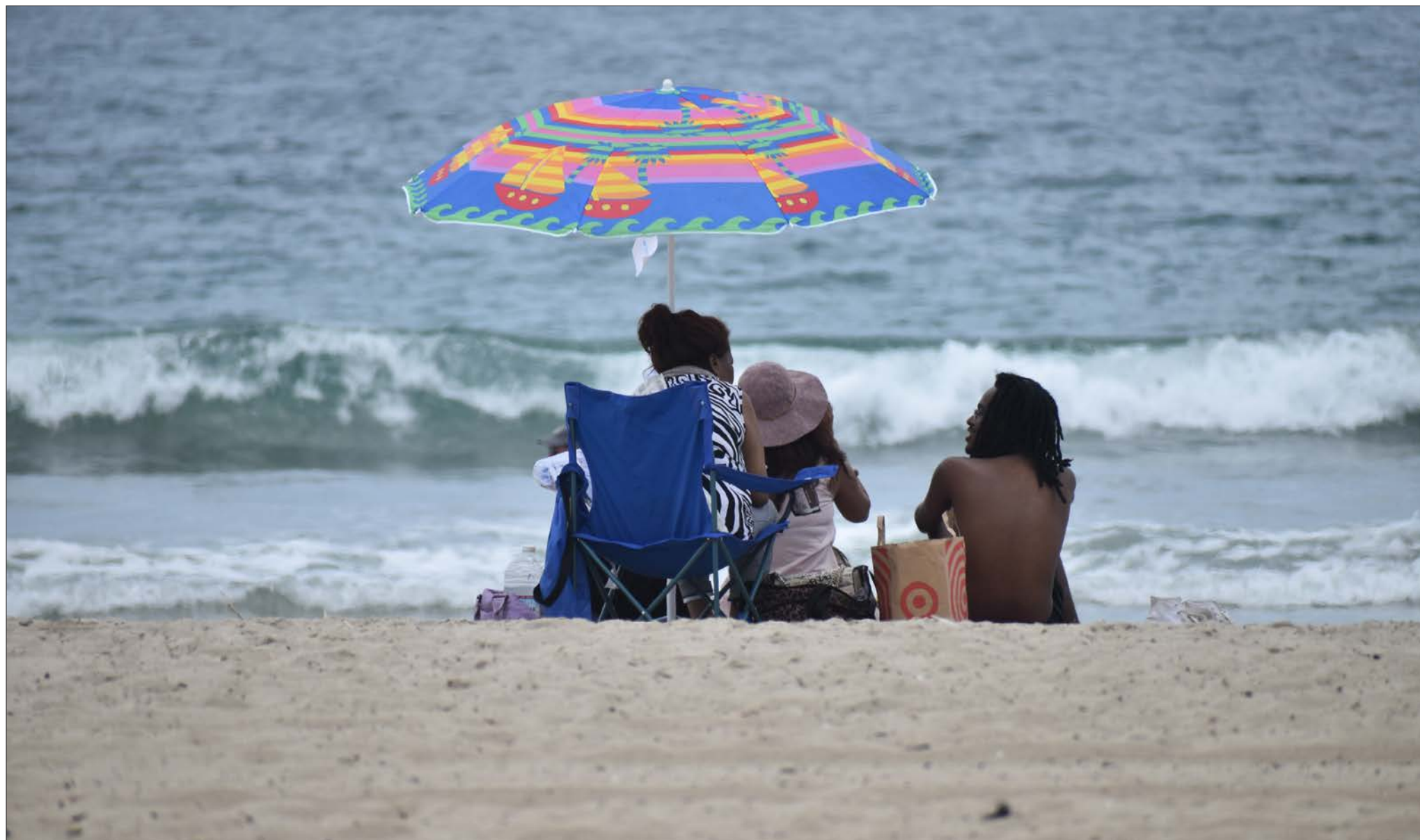


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Los Angeles to bake under mid-week heat wave



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BEACH: Santa Monica may not get as hot as other parts of the region but high humidity will contribute to the overall danger.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Dangerous heat is expected to build across the region this week, with the National Weather Service issuing a Heat Advisory for coastal and beach areas, including Santa Monica, from 10 a.m. Tuesday to 8 p.m. Thursday.

While Santa Monica will stay cooler than

most places, temperatures are forecast to reach 85 to 105 degrees across the advisory area, with the hottest conditions expected Wednesday, particularly over interior locations. The National Weather Service office in Los Angeles/Oxnard said humid conditions will compound the heat, and warm overnight lows will offer little relief.

"There is a high risk for dangerous heat illness for anyone, especially for the

very young, the very old, those without air conditioning, and those active outdoors," the agency said in its advisory.

Inland areas, including sections of Los Angeles County away from the coast, are under a more serious Extreme Heat Warning for the same period, reflecting the greater danger posed by higher temperatures away from the moderating effect of the ocean.

Forecasters are urging residents to drink

plenty of fluids, stay in air-conditioned spaces, avoid direct sun and check on relatives and neighbors during the advisory period. People who must be outside are advised to wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing and limit strenuous activity to early morning or evening hours. The National Weather Service noted that the Occupational Safety and

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Reviving SAT requirements won't fix California's university admissions problems

This week, the University of California Regents will again confront one of higher education's most contentious questions: Should the SAT be required for undergraduate admissions?

The New York Times Editorial Board says yes. I disagree.

The debate has been framed as a choice between fairness and academic excellence. Supporters argue that standardized tests predict college success and provide an objective measure of academic ability. Opponents counter that test scores disadvantage students from historically underrepresented and lower-income backgrounds.

Both sides make valid points. But they are arguing about the wrong problem.

Universities keep returning to the SAT because nearly every other component of the admissions process has become less informative. Admissions committees face an increasingly difficult task.

Fifty years ago, earning a perfect GPA often meant graduating first in one's class. Today, grade inflation and weighted grading have made near-perfect GPAs commonplace among applicants to elite universities.

Recommendation letters rarely mention weaknesses, forcing admissions officers to search for subtle clues that distinguish one exceptional-appearing applicant from another.

Student essays also have lost much of their value. Artificial intelligence can produce polished prose in seconds, while teachers, counselors and private consultants often help applicants revise essays repeatedly before submission.

The result is an applicant pool in which almost everyone appears extraordinary.

Once students reach college, grade inflation becomes even more pronounced. During the 2024–25 academic year, 84% of grades issued at Harvard were 'A' or 'A-,' compared with 24% in 2005.

Similar trends have been reported for most elite campuses, including UC Berkeley. When nearly everyone receives the highest grades, those grades lose much of their meaning.

Ironically, standardized tests remain among the few measures that consistently

distinguish applicants, giving the SAT more influence than its predictive value alone would warrant.

Supporters argue that the SAT is unbiased because it predicts college performance similarly across racial and ethnic groups. But that misses a larger issue.

Average SAT scores differ substantially across racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups, reflecting unequal educational opportunities, family income, parental education and other advantages. As a result, increasing the weight of standardized tests inevitably changes who is admitted.

Public universities should be especially concerned, particularly at a time when political pressures and Supreme Court decisions have limited efforts to promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

Californians at every income level support the UC system through their taxes. An admissions system that increasingly favors students with the greatest educational advantages risks weakening higher education's role as a pathway to opportunity and economic mobility.

The educational costs extend beyond access. A diverse student body enriches learning by exposing future leaders to classmates with different backgrounds, cultures, languages and life experiences. These interactions enrich learning, foster critical thinking and help graduates develop the skills needed to lead effectively in an increasingly diverse society.

The answer is neither to embrace nor reject the SAT.

Instead, universities should restore the credibility of the rest of the admissions process by addressing grade inflation, encouraging more candid recommendation letters, developing better ways to evaluate writing in the age of AI, and finding stronger measures of creativity, perseverance and intellectual curiosity.

California must also strengthen the educational pipeline. A recent UC San Diego report found that many students

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School endorsements

Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS) has voted on its endorsements for this fall’s election to seats on the SMMUSD Board of Education and the SMC Board of Trustees.

For the SMMUSD Board we enthusiastically support Alicia Mignano, Stacy Rouse and Laurie Lieberman for re-election and believe Robbie Staenberg is highly qualified to replace Richard Tavhildran-Jesswein, who is not seeking re-election after many years of service to our school community.

For the SMC Board we believe that voters should re-elect incumbents Shy Roy, Tom Peters and Luis Castanon and that Kera Blades-Snell should replace Nancy Greenstein, another dedicated, long-tenured public servant who has chosen not to seek to retain her seat.

For over 20 years CEPS, a coalition of parents, community members, education activists, and current and former elected city officials, has advocated for robust, reliable funding for public schools that leads to high quality education that benefits our whole community.

We believe these eight candidates are the best choice to lead our TK-12 schools and local community college for the next four years.

Community for Excellent Public Schools

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pacific Palisades

Temescal Gateway Park Set to Reopen Friday After 18-Month Fire Recovery Effort

Temescal Gateway Park will reopen to the public at 8 a.m. Friday, 18 months after the Palisades Fire tore through the area, according to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA).

The two agencies announced the reopening Monday, calling it a major milestone in the park’s recovery from one of the most destructive wildfires in Southern California history.

Since the fire, crews have carried out 18 months of fire suppression, storm recovery, emergency operations and restoration work to bring the park back to public use, officials said.

Starting Friday, visitors can hike the rebuilt Rivas Trail to two scenic overlooks or continue on to Will Rogers State Historic Park. The Sunset Trail will also be open, providing access to the Temescal Ridge Trail and Topanga State Park. The Sycamore Grove and Rubell Picnic Areas will be available as well.

The Temescal Canyon Trail to the waterfall, one of the park’s most popular routes, will remain closed until further notice due to unsafe conditions caused by fire damage.

When the Palisades Fire threatened the park, the MRCA Fire Division worked to defend it from destruction. Those efforts later allowed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to set up one of the region’s main wildfire recovery operations at the site.

For months, the park served as the Army Corps’ central command post for debris removal from thousands of fire-damaged homes and vehicles across Pacific Palisades. Once that work wrapped up, the Army Corps restored the area it had used, allowing MRCA staff and partner organizations to finish restoring the park.

“Temescal Gateway Park has long been a place where people come to experience the beauty of the Santa Monica Mountains,” Miguel Luna, chair of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, said in a statement. “Reopening this park reflects the resilience of both our natural landscapes and the many public agencies, nonprofit organizations, volunteers, and community partners who worked tirelessly to make this day possible. We are proud to welcome visitors back while continuing our commitment to restoring this remarkable landscape for future generations.”

MRCA staff worked with the California Conservation Corps, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Managed Career Solutions, the Sierra Club, the Los Angeles Fire Department’s Camp 13 hand crew, Palisades Resilient, California State Parks, the Army Corps of Engineers and other state and local agencies to restore trails, repair visitor facilities, remove hazardous trees and prepare the park for public access, officials said.

Numerous fire-damaged trees, including several mature oak trees, had to be removed throughout the park and along its trails to protect public safety. While visitors will still see signs of the fire, officials said the landscape has also shown notable natural recovery. Habitat restoration and reforestation work will continue as funding allows.

Officials are asking visitors to stay on designated open trails, follow posted closure signs and be aware that restoration work will continue in some areas.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is a state agency established by the Legislature in 1980 that has helped preserve more than 85,000 acres of parkland. The MRCA is a local government agency that manages open space, parkland, watershed lands, trails, coastal access and wildlife habitat, and provides ranger and fire protection services for more than 85,000 acres of parkland it owns or that are owned by the Conservancy.

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Surf report WATER TEMP: 70.0

TUESDAY
FAIR | **SURF:** 2-3ft
Thigh to waist
Modest scale SPAC leftovers on tap. Break out the small wave gear, AM cleanest. Still a few playful little waves for the focal points if you’re on the right gear. Outside of the standouts surf will be the smallest it has been in a while - good opportunity to get the groms/beginners in the water. Light/variable wind and mostly clean conditions to start. Moderate WNW wind builds for the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR | **SURF:** 2-3ft
Thigh to waist
Smaller day of waves, but we could get a little more NW swell for some fun little beachbreak peaks. Southern Hemi swell is getting down to mellow leftovers for one of the smaller days in a while. Knee-waist high surf looks about as much as we’ll get, maybe a little larger at times when the NW windswell crossing things up just right. Spots west of Dume still largest, but not by much. Bring a board with some extra float. Drained out early, let the tide come up and hit the mid-AM window. Lumpier back half of the day (outside of the points) from SW onshores.



Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 76.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable in the evening.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 82. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council regarding amendments to the Santa Monica Land Use and Circulation Plan (LUCE), Bergamot Area Plan (BAP), Downtown Community Plan (DCP), and Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance for consistency with existing State law, to modify the Community Meeting Requirement for Housing Projects, and to make other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications as necessary.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider Resolutions recommending to the City Council that the Council adopt amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the City's General Plan, Bergamot Area Plan (BAP), Downtown Community Plan (DCP), and Zoning Ordinance (1) for consistency with State law; (2) to modify the community requirement for housing projects, and (3) making other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

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You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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12 states challenge Paramount's takeover of Warner Bros, say merger would 'extinguish competition'

Twelve states challenged Paramount's takeover of Warner Bros. Discovery on Monday, filing a lawsuit that argues the \$81 billion mega merger would "extinguish competition" in Hollywood and threaten jobs across the industry.

The office of California's attorney general, who is leading the case, said the states are asking Warner and Paramount to not close their merger "until after the judicial process concludes" — and if the companies do not agree, the coalition will then file a temporary restraining order.

The company vowed to "vigorously defend" the transaction. Warner deferred to Paramount for comment.

WHERE PARAMOUNT'S TAKEOVER OF WARNER STANDS

A Paramount-Warner combo would mean putting HBO Max, cult-favorite titles like "Harry Potter" and even CNN under the same roof with CBS, "Top Gun" and the Paramount+ streaming service.

The states' lawsuit could throw a wrench in those plans, at least for now. The antitrust case arrives at a pivotal time for the Paramount-Warner transaction — which, after months of what became a very public bidding war with Netflix, received shareholders' stamp of approval in April and then a blessing from the Trump administration just last month.

The U.S. Justice Department isn't challenging the deal — and instead released an unusually lengthy statement in support, maintaining a Paramount-Warner combo would "increase competition across the media and entertainment ecosystem, with benefits for American consumers and workers."

Paramount has touted additional regulatory clearances it says it's received in a handful of other countries, including China, Canada and Australia. But other reviews remain in progress, including in the European Union and the U.K. — which has separately suggested it may intervene.

Paramount and Warner previously said they hoped to close their deal sometime in the third quarter of this year, signaling recently an effort to complete process in the coming weeks. The clock is ticking. Paramount pledged to give shareholders some compensation if the acquisition doesn't close by Sept. 30 — in the form of a 25-cent per share "ticking fee" for every quarter past that date. It's also agreed to a regulatory termination fee of \$7 billion.

Including debt, Paramount's proposed purchase of Warner is valued at nearly \$111 billion (or \$31 per share) based on current outstanding shares.

CRITICS OF THE DEAL, AND PARAMOUNT'S RESPONSE

Warner and Paramount argue that merging will be good for growth in the industry and give consumers access to more content, particularly if HBO Max and Paramount+ libraries are combined. But critics have decried what further consolidation could mean in an industry already controlled by just a few major players.

Thousands of actors, directors, writers and other industry professionals have voiced "unequivocal opposition" to the Paramount deal, arguing that further consolidation will lead to job losses and fewer choices for filmmakers and movie goers. Meanwhile, Paramount on Monday argued that delaying the merger "will only harm entertainment workers who have already suffered over recent years as technology has disrupted

The unlawful merger of these two entertainment behemoths would lead to higher prices, lower quality, and less content for film and television, harming movie theaters, basic cable distributors, and ultimately, audiences on every sofa and movie theater seat in the U.S.

- Rob Bonta, California Attorney General

"The unlawful merger of these two entertainment behemoths would lead to higher prices, lower quality, and less content for film and television, harming movie theaters, basic cable distributors, and ultimately, audiences on every sofa and movie theater seat in the U.S.," California Attorney General Rob Bonta said in a statement.

The additional states joining the suit include Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon and Washington.

Skydance-owned Paramount said Monday's lawsuit "distorts settled antitrust law" and maintained its merger would create a "stronger competitor against dominant streaming and technology platforms who have harmed the market for theatrical exhibition and jobs in the entertainment industry."

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US begins new Iran strikes after Trump says ships will be charged to use the Strait of Hormuz

The U.S. announced a new round of strikes on Iran on Monday, hours after President Donald Trump said Washington is "reinstating" a blockade on Iran in the Strait of Hormuz and, in a seeming policy reversal, will charge other ships for safe passage.

All of that comes as Iran has insisted it actually controls the critical waterway, and as the new exchange of fire threatened a return to all-out war.

U.S. Central Command announced on social media that the U.S. military had begun another round of strikes against Iran.

"These strikes will continue imposing a heavy cost on Iranian forces and degrade their ability to attack innocent civilians and commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz," the U.S. military said.

Moments after the military announced the new strikes, Trump called it "another major attack."

"We're hitting them very hard. And it'll continue, and we'll see what happens," he told reporters in the Oval Office. "We're knocking out all of their offensive capability and we're controlling the straits. We're putting the blockade back."

Trump also provided new details on his administration doing an about-face and suggesting it will charge tolls for ships going through the strait, after previously suggesting that it wouldn't.

"We're protecting a very rich portion of the world," he said. "We're spending money. And so, what we've done is, we are going to be reimbursed for protection."

It's a change in U.S. policy that, until now, said the strait should remain open to all without tolls — as it was before the U.S. and Israel attacked Iran on Feb. 28. Any attempt by the U.S. or Iran to charge fees would violate global norms on freedom of navigation and raise tensions, likely causing further economic disruption far beyond the region.

The price for a barrel of Brent crude oil, the international standard, rose 7.8% to \$81.92 a barrel on Monday, still well below the nearly \$120 reached at the height of the war.

TRUMP SAYS IRAN FAILED A TEST

Earlier, Trump told conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt that the agreement reached last month was "built to test" Iran, adding that "when you're dealing with sleazebags don't mean much."

Trump said he questioned why the U.S. was entering into a deal to create a ceasefire with Iran rather than moving toward a full deal first. Trump last week declared the ceasefire was "over."

"They didn't honor the test," the president said.

Exchanges of fire in recent days, sparked by Iranian attacks on ships, had already cast further doubt on the interim peace deal. Washington had lifted a blockade it imposed in mid-April as part of that deal, which also called for the strait to be fully reopened.

"We are reinstating the THE IRANIAN BLOCKADE," Trump said on social media.

"All other countries will have fair and open use of the Strait."

The president said the U.S. would be "reimbursed" by 20% of the value of cargo to help cover "any and all costs necessary to do the job of providing safety and security."

The U.S. military said it will resume its blockade of Iranian ports Tuesday at 4 p.m. EDT.

THE STRUGGLE OVER THE STRAIT IS ESCALATING

Iran asserts it has the right to manage traffic through the strait and potentially charge fees in accordance with the interim peace deal. The U.S. has disputed that.

Iran on Monday vowed to fight back against any U.S. interference in the strait. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi mocked Trump on social media and used his support for tolls to legitimize Iran's position.

"POTUS is absolutely right. Whoever provides secure and safe passage of commercial vessels through the Strait of Hormuz should be compensated for this service," Araghchi wrote on X. "Iran has always been the GUARDIAN of the Strait and will remain so FOREVER. 20% is of course too much. We will be fair."

The International Maritime Organization, the United Nations agency overseeing international shipping, said it was waiting to find out more about Trump's proposal but remained opposed to tolls for passage through international waterways.

"There is no legal basis through which to

introduce mandatory tolls simply to transit through a strait," it said in a statement.

THE US HAD OPPOSED CHARGING FEES IN THE STRAIT

Meeting with Gulf leaders late last month, Secretary of State Marco Rubio had spoken forcefully against Iran charging fees for transit through the strait.

"That's international waterway. There isn't a nation on Earth that supports having to pay money to go through the straits," Rubio told reporters in Bahrain on June 25.

Rubio also said there was "zero support among the Gulf countries for any sort of toll or fees or anything that charges for the use of international waters. The president's made it clear that's not going to happen."

A fifth of the world's oil and gas passed through the strait before Iran effectively shut it down at the start of the war, driving up global prices of energy, fertilizer and other goods. Traffic had picked up after last month's agreement but remained well below prewar levels.

The American military has tried to establish a route through the strait along the coast of Oman that would be outside of Iranian control. Iran has attacked ships using that route, saying the U.S. is violating the interim peace deal. The U.S. has attacked Iran in response, drawing Iranian attacks on U.S.-allied Arab states.

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For the first time since rankings were introduced in 1992, the World Cup semifinals will feature the top 4 teams: **Argentina, Spain, France** and **England**.

Today's semifinal features Spain and France and though the former is ranked a notch above Les Bleus, odds are heavily in France's favor as Spain's offense has stumbled through the tournament so far.

Both teams are stacked and feature two of the world's best in France's Kylian Mbappé, who already has 8 tournament goals, and Spain's Lamine Yamal, who turned 19 only yesterday.

Their styles could not be less alike. France attacks in waves with Mbappé, Ousmane Dembélé and Michael Olise, who leads the tournament in assists. Spain squeezes. Before Belgium scored on them last Friday in LA, Spain had gone six straight matches without giving up a goal, the longest run in World Cup history, and goalkeeper Unai Simón's 649 scoreless minutes also set a record. Spain doesn't blow teams out. It beat Portugal 1-0 in stoppage time — ending Cristiano Ronaldo's international career in the process — and needed a late winner against Belgium.

Spain has recent history on its side having beaten France in the Euro 2024 semis (with a 16-year-old Yamal), and again last year in a 5-4 Nations League win (Yamal scored twice in that one).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Filipino National Pleads Guilty to Smuggling Nearly 200 Kilograms of Cocaine on Oil Tanker Bound for El Segundo

A Filipino national pleaded guilty Monday to smuggling nearly 200 kilograms of cocaine aboard an oil tanker that sailed from Ecuador to El Segundo earlier this year.

Cesar Tubay Gelacio Jr., 43, of the Philippines, pleaded guilty to one count of knowingly bringing cocaine into the U.S. on a vessel. He has been in federal custody since May 21.

According to his plea agreement, Gelacio was working as an able-bodied seaman aboard the oil tanker Aquatravesia in May when the ship was scheduled to arrive in El Segundo. While the vessel was docked in Ecuador, Gelacio agreed with a person known only by the moniker “Luis” to hide more than 5 kilograms, or 11 pounds, of cocaine on board.

Prosecutors said Gelacio ultimately concealed about 195 kilograms — roughly 430 pounds — of cocaine in the ship’s garbage area and in his own quarters.

The Aquatravesia reached waters near the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach on May 21. Gelacio knew the drugs were still hidden aboard when the vessel entered U.S. territory, according to court documents.

Law enforcement officers recovered about 195 kilograms of cocaine that day, hidden in trash bags in the ship’s garbage space. Court documents say members of the crew had found the drugs and alerted the captain, who then identified Gelacio as responsible before securing the cocaine and contacting authorities.

U.S. District Judge Stephen V. Wilson set sentencing for Oct. 19. Gelacio faces a mandatory minimum of 10 years and a maximum of life in federal prison.

Homeland Security Investigations and the U.S. Coast Guard are investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Monika L. Hara and Kyle W. Kahan of the General Crimes Section are prosecuting it.

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their livelihood and cost California tens of thousands of entertainment jobs.”

Questions of political influence have also piled up. Democrats in particular have expressed skepticism about whether regulators working under President Donald Trump would scrutinize the deal as heavily.

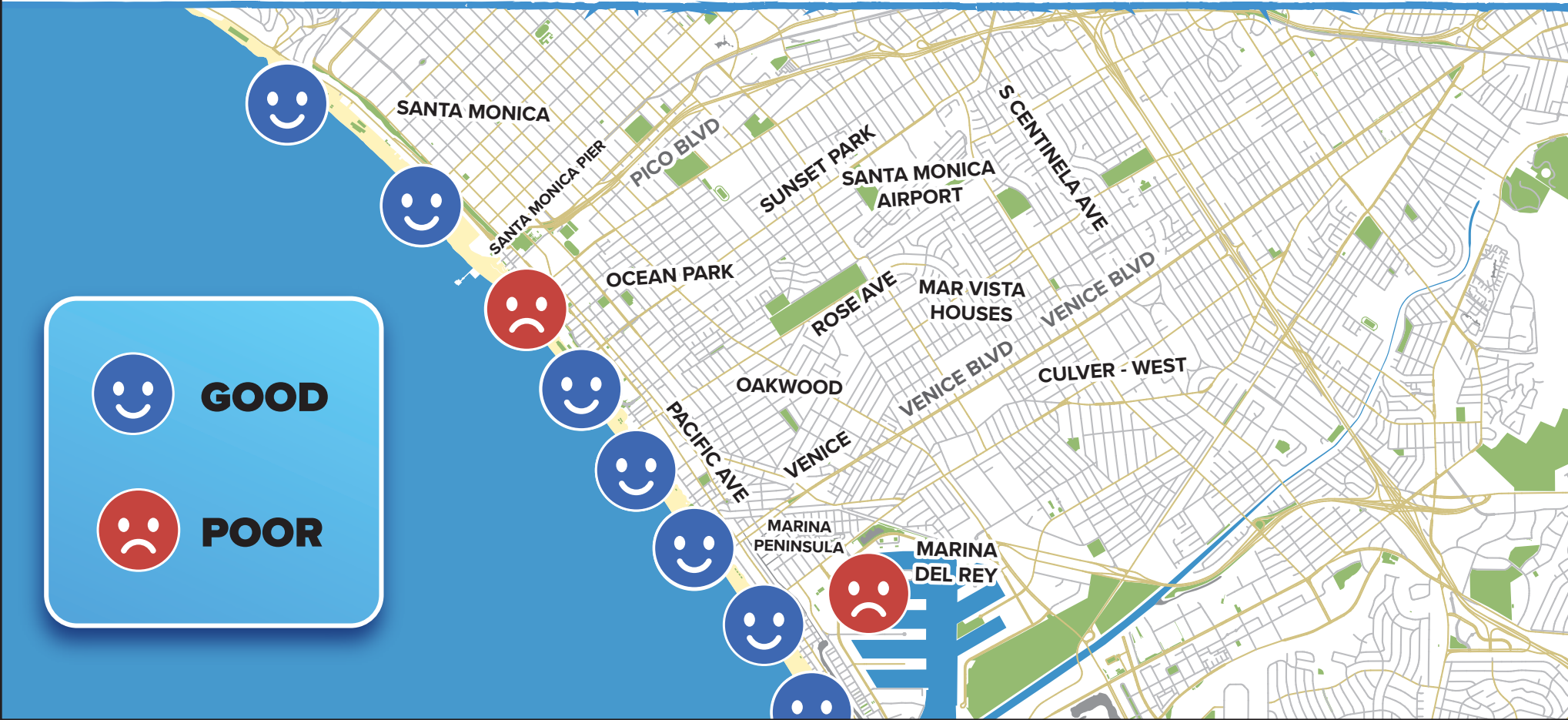
The Justice Department maintained that politics would not play a role in the regulatory process — but Trump himself has publicly waded into Warner’s future at times, despite backpedaling on what he once suggested his personal role would be. The Republican president also has a close relationship with the Ellison family, particularly Oracle

founder Larry Ellison, who is putting billions of dollars on the table to back the bid for his son’s company.

Many eyes are on CNN, a network that has long attracted ire from Trump and his allies. Paramount’s CBS has already seen significant turmoil and shifts in editorial leadership since coming under Skydance ownership last — and if Warner merger goes through, the reach of that could grow. Several Trump administration officials have been far from shy from sharing their hopes for CNN under Paramount ownership, with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth telling reporters in March that “the sooner David Ellison takes over that network, the better.”

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HEAL THE BAY BEACH GRADES



Cruisin' Route 66



CARS: The Petersen Auto Museum celebrated 100 years of Route 66 Sunday morning with an auto parade from the museum to the Santa Monica, followed by a car show at the pier. An eclectic range of vehicles representing different eras of the auto industry were on display. SMDP Photos

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Petition to Admin Estate

Summons

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026133838. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CAYTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, GROW WILD, 395 SANTA MONICA PLACE #374, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): SHAREWELL, a Corporation, 395 SANTA MONICA PLACE #374, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2019. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ THOMAS SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/18/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/30/2026, 07/07/2026, 07/14/2026, 07/21/2026

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2026125012. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOS ANGELES CIVIL LITIGATION LAWYERS, 633 W 5TH ST 28TH FLOOR- STE 2867B, LOS ANGELES, CA 90071, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): WEINER LAW: TRUST, PROBATE & LITIGATIONS LAWYERS, APC, 12626 HIGH BLUFF DR STE 440, SAN DIEGO, CA 92130. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2025. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). /s/ DANIEL WEINER, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/08/2026. NOTICE: This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/23/2026, 06/30/2026, 07/07/2026, 07/14/2026

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN HENRY HORSEY
Case No. 26STPB03715. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of John Henry Horsey or John H. Horsey. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Maria Irene Mancini in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Maria Irene Mancini be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 4, 2026 at 8:32 AM in Dept. Probate 418 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse. 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. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 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 (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 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 (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Vinh N. Doan SBN: 298718, 10971 Garden Grove Blvd., Ste G, Garden Grove, CA 92843, (888) 561-3988. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 07/16/2026, 07/23/2026, 07/30/2026

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) Case No. 25STCV27676. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Gerald L. Davis, Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, DOES 1-20, and All Persons Unknown, Claiming Any Legal or Equitable Right, Title, Estate, Lien or Interest in the Property Described in the Complaint Adverse to Plaintiff's Title, or Any Cloud upon Plaintiff's Title Thereto. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Gia Ventures LLC. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is: Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney is: Steven J. Mirsky, Esq., Mirsky Corporate Advisors, APC, 901 Dove St., Ste. 120, Newport Beach, CA 92660, (949) 200-6837. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 07/07/2026, 07/14/2026, 07/21/2026, 07/28/2026

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HEAT

FROM PAGE 1

Health Administration recommends frequent breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas for anyone working outdoors, and stressed that heat stroke is a medical emergency requiring an immediate call to 911.

The heat is being driven by an amplifying upper-level ridge building over the region through midweek, according to the agency's area forecast discussion. A weather system will keep skies mostly cloudy Monday, holding temperatures close to Sunday's levels, but forecasters said a significant warm-up will begin Tuesday, with valley temperatures climbing to 100-110 degrees and interior coastal plain areas reaching the mid-90s by Wednesday. Widespread "Major HeatRisk" conditions are expected Wednesday as monsoonal moisture pushes humidity higher.

Before the heat takes hold, there is a chance for scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms Monday and Tuesday afternoons, mainly over interior mountain areas of Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Forecasters said any storms could produce gusty and erratic winds of 45 to 60 mph, along with brief heavy rain, and warned that lightning could spark new fires while outflow winds could fan existing ones.

Gusty northwest to north winds are also

GUEST COMMENTARY

FROM PAGE 2

arrive unprepared for college-level mathematics.

Raising the importance of the SAT will not solve that problem. The lasting solution is to improve and better align high school mathematics instruction so students are prepared before they apply

IRAN

FROM PAGE 5

US STRIKES AS ALLIED ARAB STATES REPORT A WAVE OF ATTACKS

The U.S. military said it struck dozens of sites Monday, including air defense systems, radar sites, missile and drone equipment, and small boats in response to an Iranian attack on a container ship the day before. The U.S. said it used drone ships for the first time to hit an Iranian ship maintenance facility and submarine on Sunday.

Missile alert sirens sounded three times Monday in Bahrain, home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. There was no immediate word on damage.

Separately, Kuwait's Foreign Ministry said its consulate in Iraq had been attacked. It did not immediately blame anyone for the attack or disclose damages or casualties.

The oil-rich kingdom — home to several U.S. military bases — also condemned Iran and "its factions and militias loyal to it in Iraq" for attacking what it described as "several border points" and a maritime oil drilling platform that belonged to the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.

In Jordan, the kingdom's military said it shot down four Iranian missiles in an incident that "resulted in zero casualties or material damage." Jordan also hosts U.S. military forces and aircraft.

In Iran, authorities reported attacks in Hormozgan, Khuzestan and Markazi provinces and said at least two people were killed, according to state-run IRNA news agency. Semiofficial Iranian media also

expected to develop from southern Santa Barbara County to the Interstate 5 corridor Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday night, with forecasters citing a 30% to 50% chance that wind advisories will be needed as a "Sundowner" wind event develops. A Fire Weather Watch has been issued for Wednesday afternoon through Thursday morning for interior sections of Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

Along the coast, a Beach Hazards Statement remains in effect through Wednesday evening for Los Angeles County beaches and the Malibu Coast, with dangerous rip currents and elevated surf expected from an enhanced southerly swell. Combined with abnormally high tides of 7.0 to 7.6 feet, forecasters said minor coastal flooding is possible in low-lying areas during evening hours. Offshore, small craft advisories are in effect through early Friday as northwest winds strengthen and seas build to more than 10 feet, with a 20% chance of gale-force conditions Wednesday into Thursday.

Hot conditions are expected to persist into Thursday before gradually easing over the weekend, as onshore flow returns and brings a chance of night and morning clouds and fog back to coastal areas by early next week.

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to college.

The Regents' decision is about much more than whether to reinstate the SAT. The real challenge is rebuilding an admissions system in which no single test carries more weight than it deserves.

Robert Kaplan is a senior scholar at the Stanford University School of Medicine's Clinical Excellence Research Center.

reported strikes in the eastern Sistan and Baluchestan province, which is on a coast of the Gulf of Oman.

IRAN BLAMES THE US FOR THE CHAOS IN THE REGION

Those attacks on Iran raised the possibility that Gulf Arab states were retaliating. There were unclaimed attacks on Iran on Thursday.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei blamed Washington for the chaos gripping the region. He said Iran wouldn't agree to visits by the International Atomic Energy Agency to nuclear sites the U.S. bombed in 2025. That's where Tehran's stockpile of highly enriched uranium is believed to be entombed.

Trump suggested last week that the interim deal in the war was "over" and the U.S. ended waivers allowing Iran to sell crude oil on the open market in U.S. dollars. But mediators, including Pakistan, Qatar and Egypt, have continued efforts to reach a final agreement to end the war.

Iran and the U.S. are nearly halfway through the 60-day period in which they were supposed to negotiate such an agreement, which was also supposed to address Iran's disputed nuclear program.

By JON GAMBRELL, KONSTANTIN TOROPIN and WILL WEISSERT Associated Press. Weissert and Toropin reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Mae Anderson in New York, Josh Boak in Washington, Christopher Weber in Los Angeles, Kareem Chehayeb in Beirut, Munir Ahmed in Islamabad and Stella Martany in Irbil, Iraq, contributed to this report.

Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

Chess strategies

L	S	B	K	E	C	R	O	S	S	T	A	B	L	E
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O	C	D	T	W	S	Q	M	N	T	A	U	E	I	U
C	H	E	A	P	O	N	E	D	E	T	S	F	M	Z
K	A	R	E	T	R	N	E	G	I	R	H	E	E	U
A	S	T	S	U	B	V	R	A	U	S	V	D	A	G
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P	D	I	W	D	I	O	X	I	G	V	A	H	N	A
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Adjournment	Drawish	Move	Slow
Alert	En prise	Nerves	Study
Attack	Endgame	Patience	Take
Blockade	Fast	Pause	Test
Blunder	Gardez	Pawn	Time
Bust	Hole	Pieces	Tricky
Catch	Hush	Plan	White
Chase	Indoor	Quiet	Zugzwang
Cheapo	King	Relax	
Crosstable	Learn	Rook	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Mark the occasion

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 14)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your new moon paradox: Certainty and wonder held together. The secret is letting convictions provide direction while curiosity keeps them alive. Beliefs are likely to change over time, but values don't have to. Mantra: "I stand for what I know and stay open to discovery."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your new moon paradox: Trust yourself and learn from others. The secret is remaining teachable without surrendering your inner authority. Advice becomes useful when filtered through your own experience. Mantra: "I listen with respect and choose my own path."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your new moon paradox: Shine and share the spotlight. The secret is understanding that another person's success doesn't diminish your own light. Generosity turns achievement into connection rather than competition. Mantra: "I celebrate what is mine and what belongs to others."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your new moon paradox: Lead and listen. The secret is trusting your vision while remaining open to wisdom, which can come from any direction. Influence grows where people feel heard. Mantra: "I offer my perspective and welcome what others see."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your new moon paradox: Play a role and stay real. The secret is to remember that what you do is not who you are. Mantra: "My title is a tool, not a prison. My heart shines through all I do."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your new moon paradox: Be important and be ordinary. The secret is realizing that a meaningful life is built from small moments as much as grand ones. Significance wears everyday clothes. Mantra: "I value my place in the story and the day before me."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your new moon paradox: Discipline creates freedom. The secret is recognizing that structure can support spontaneity rather than limit it. The practices you maintain today become options available tomorrow. Mantra: "I build strong foundations for a life that can expand."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your new moon paradox: Be yourself and keep evolving. The secret is knowing that authenticity isn't a fixed destination. Growth doesn't betray who you are. It reveals more of you and expands what's possible. Mantra: "I welcome change without abandoning myself."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your new moon paradox: Take the game seriously and remember it's a game. The secret is full participation without attachment to the outcome. Effort matters, but so does delight. Mantra: "I give my best and leave room for surprise."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your new moon paradox: Stand out and belong. The secret is contributing your distinct gifts without requiring everyone to mirror your perspective. Strong communities are diverse. Mantra: "I bring my whole self to the circle and make room for others."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your new moon paradox: Create yourself and accept yourself. The secret is building toward the future without declaring war on the present. Ambition and self-respect can travel together. Mantra: "I honor who I am while welcoming who I'm becoming."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your new moon paradox: Seek recognition and stay grounded. The secret is enjoying appreciation without making it the source of your worth. Applause is pleasant, but identity runs deeper. Mantra: "I receive praise with gratitude and remain rooted within."

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

G	R	A	M		C	A	L	F		S	P	I	R	E
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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 ___-Aid (drink-mix brand)
- 5 Wise advisor
- 9 Fourth planet from the sun
- 13 Poet Pound
- 14 Singles in a wallet
- 15 Not at all interested
- 17 "Constricting" snakes
- 18 Ocean's rise and fall
- 19 Pilot's vehicle
- 20 Initial poker stake
- 21 "Antlered" fraternal club
- 23 Metal container for lager
- 25 Animal doc
- 26 Advanced degree, for short
- 27 Impress greatly
- 29 Weeps audibly
- 33 On an ocean cruise
- 36 Scoring 100% on
- 38 Model builder's buy
- 39 "Evening" Beethoven piano piece
- 42 Recent USNA grad
- 43 Joints above ankles
- 44 Entrance hall
- 45 Gas that glows in signs
- 47 NFL six-point plays
- 48 Race, as an engine
- 49 For both of us
- 51 Guaranteed winner
- 55 Topics not worth discussing
- 60 Horse's mother
- 61 Not at all trendy

- 62 Layer of paint
- 63 American flag shade
- 64 Chop into tiny pieces
- 65 Wicked
- 66 Cable sports channel
- 67 ___ the line (followed orders)
- 68 Act boldly
- 69 Mouse cousins

DOWN

- 1 Meat on a skewer
- 2 Atmospheric layer
- 3 Give a speech
- 4 High-tech pointer
- 5 Became irate
- 6 Workers' organization
- 7 Make over

- 8 Finds a purpose for
- 9 Tree source of syrup
- 10 Doles out
- 11 Street or highway
- 12 Anthem or ballad
- 16 Service charge
- 22 Makes level
- 24 Blackboard accessory
- 27 Has sore muscles
- 28 Clever, funny people
- 30 Give approval for
- 31 Sample of food
- 32 Top-billed performer
- 33 Prayer's last word
- 34 ___ of voice (how you speak)
- 35 Just adequate

- 36 Ripened, as cheese
- 37 Errand runner
- 40 Opening remarks
- 41 Thanksgiving's month
- 46 Catch sight of
- 48 Steal, as cattle
- 50 Increased, as a 20-Across
- 51 Walkway between floors
- 52 Toy glider wood
- 53 Spew lava
- 54 Most high schoolers
- 55 Saying nothing
- 56 "Put a lid ___!"
- 57 Cry of dismay
- 58 Topped with frosting
- 59 Halifax, ___ Scotia

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TUESDAY | JULY 14

COFFEE CONNECTION

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 1317 5th St #200 Santa Monica. Coffee Connections Networking Event Hosted by - Younique with Breakfast provided by Chick-fil-A. \$10.00 to \$20.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/coffee-connection/18207369/2026-07-14T09>

MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Come, learn, and have fun every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in The Patio room at Virginia Avenue Park. Each week there will be something new: Exercise, Talking with Friends, Learning, Guest Presenters, Health & Wellness! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2026-07-07T10>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO SUMMER CAMP

1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Join us for our summer art workshops for elementary age kids! In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrscm.org/event/elementary-art-studio-summer-camp-383c6> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-summer-camp/19066074/2026-07-14T13>

WALK-IN TUTORING WITH LAURIE

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles. Walk-In Tutoring With Laurie Walk-in tutoring is available for any adult who needs help with internet searches, filling out forms, English conversation, reading, writing, resumes, and applications. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/walk-in-tutoring-with-laurie/17128550/2026-07-07T14>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO 3:30-4:20PM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Open to all skill levels, sparking creativity through drawing, color work, collage, and mixed-media techniques. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm/18825639/2026-07-07T15>

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

5:30 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. Santa Monica. The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/city-council-meeting/13799967/2026-07-14T17>

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UNDER THE NEW MOON: A HEALING & MANIFESTATION CIRCLE

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy Santa Monica. Gather under the New Moon for intention setting, healing, reflection, and the power of being witnessed in community. \$55.20. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/under-the-new-moon-a-healing-manifestation-circle/19128091/2026-07-14T18>

SANTA MONICA SAAS & MEDIA TECH FOUNDER SALON: AI, AUDIENCE GROWTH & REVENUE

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 2000 Main Street Santa Monica. This is a curated business room for people who are actively building, marketing, automating, or growing media and technology companies. \$28.52 to \$49.87. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/santa-monica-saas-media-tech-founder-salon-ai-audience-growth-revenue/19228376/2026-07-14T19>

WEDNESDAY | JULY 15

SUMMER FUN AT HOLY GROUNDS

Join us at Holy Grounds on weekday mornings this summer for a cup of coffee, chats with old and new friends, and special activities at 10a! We're located at 725 California Avenue in Santa Monica. Free underground parking! Holy Grounds is the coffee bar and book/gift shop at St. Monica. Located inside the Caruso Community Center, we serve organic coffee and tea from Urth Caffe, assorted pastries and baked goods, and soft drinks. We also have a great selection of books, music, jewelry and unique religious gifts for all occasions! Free WiFi for our customers! Stop by and check us out! Mondays: Connect with our parish Navigators and find your niche at the parish. Tuesdays: Drop in for Coffee Talk with Father Vince and discuss faith issues that are of interest to you! Wednesdays: Meet up with special guests from our local community. Thursdays: Test your board games skills! Fridays: Deacon Kevin welcomes all to Book Club.

TODDLER STORYTIME AND SONGS

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/18526513/2026-07-08T10>

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. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/16994548/2026-07-08T10>

LAUGH FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Wise and Healthy Aging 1527 4th Street Santa Monica. Kim Selbert, Certified Laughter Yoga Leader and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist will facilitate this class. We all need more laughter in our lives, right? Through clapping, guided breathing and gentle movement with music, we will learn how to reduce stress, become more energetic and playful and connect positively with other seniors. It's easy, fun and very uplifting. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/laugh-for-the-health-of-it/19300395/2026-07-08T11>

ADULT ART STUDIO 4:30-5:30PM

11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Unleash your creativity and connect with your community! In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrscm.org/event/adult-art-studio-4-30-5-30pm-25264> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/adult-art-studio-4-30-5-30pm/18461158/2026-07-08T11>

THURSDAY | JULY 16

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! Sign up here to receive emails about upcoming exercise classes and cancellations: [post283.com/exercise](https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-07-16T11). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/low-impact-group-exercise-class/18566926/2026-07-16T11>

CLUB LATINO PARA ADULTOS MAYORES

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave. Santa Monica. Venga, aprenda, y diviértase cada jueves de 11 AM a 1 PM el el salón 3 del parque Virginia. Cada semana será algo nuevo: Ejercicio, Hablando con amigos, Aprendizaje, Presentadores Invitados, Salud y Bienestar. Hay

comida para los adultos mayores que participan durante las dos horas. Para más información llame al (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/club-latino-para-adultos-mayores/13943928/2026-07-16T11>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO SUMMER CAMP

1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. Join us for our summer art workshops for elementary age kids! In case this event has been updated, please visit <https://www.pcrscm.org/event/elementary-art-studio-summer-camp-6d445> for full details before arriving. Thank you! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-summer-camp/19066074/2026-07-16T13>

THE GLITTERING GATE

1:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Pacific Resident Theatre 703 Venice Blvd., Venice. An experiment in theatrical improvisation moving seamlessly from music into the GLITTERING GATE, by Lord Dunsany. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-glittering-gate/19383720/2026-07-16T13>

ANATOMY OF A BACK

3:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Electric Lodge Electric Lodge 1416 Electric Ave Los Angeles. A physical musical. Live percussion, movement, and song. 1962. A sitcom. An Oscar winner. An unknown actor. The surprising breakout star. \$16.74. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/anatomy-of-a-back/19383746/2026-07-16T15>

NO REGERTS: A STORY OF BAD TATTOOS...COVERED UP BY WORSE ONES

5:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Electric Lodge Electric Lodge 1416 Electric Ave Los Angeles. "NO REGERTS" is a story about bad tattoos...covered up by worse ones. From "tribal" tats as a (queer, ADHD, Filipino) teenager in Appalachia to human canvas on a tattoo reality show, writer/standup/ex-rapper Claire Luisa (@claireluisabiz) gives a tour of the mistakes a former bad girl made with—and on—her body. With elements of storytelling, cabaret, and audience participation...so we can see your bad ones, too! Because nothing is truly permanent, so just go for it! \$16.74. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/no-regerts-a-story-of-bad-tattoos-covered-up-by-worse-ones/19383748/2026-07-16T17>

HAMA SUSHI - MUSIC OPEN MIC (THURSDAYS)

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 352 Westminster Ave Venice. Thursday nights in Venice! Open Mic at Hama Sushi. Exciting things are happening at Hama Sushi! Open Mic every Thursday 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Come on down to Hama. The world is waiting! - 07/16/2026. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/hama-sushi-music-open-mic-thursdays/18526607/2026-07-16T18>

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