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CAL STATE LONG BEACH

Shark Lab funding has dried up

As program reaches 60th anniversary, \$3.75M spent from 2018 state grant

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The Shark Lab has dedicated its efforts to educating the public about growing shark populations off local waters, while using high-tech equipment to research, track and tag great whites to learn more about

the mysterious species and help keep people safe in the water.

But just as the Cal State Long Beach program celebrates its 60th anniversary, it is facing troubled waters with its funding expected to soon run out.

“Public safety is always what this program has been about,” longtime Shark Lab Director

Chris Lowe said. “We’re trying to protect the animals, yet protect people at the same time.”

Much of the Shark Lab’s recent work has been funded by a 2018 state grant for \$3.75 million, Lowe said, but that money has been exhausted. A private donation from the Paul M. Angell Foundation gave an additional \$800,000 that will get Shark Lab through September.

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Cal State Long Beach Shark Lab's Shark Shack booth provides information during a media preview in 2024. **HANS GUTKNECHT** STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

INGLEWOOD

SoFi on win streak as global event host



Belgium forward Jeremy Doku controls the ball against Spain in the second half of a FIFA World Cup 2026 quarterfinal soccer match at Los Angeles Stadium in Inglewood on Friday. **PHOTOS BY KEITH BIRMINGHAM — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

After World Cup rave reviews, venue looks ahead to Super Bowl, Olympics

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INGLEWOOD — That’s a wrap.

The NFL’s Rams and Chargers will return to SoFi Stadium in the fall, and the beautiful natural grass field used during the 2026 FIFA World Cup will be replaced by the NFL teams’ artificial surface.

But Los Angeles Stadium, which is what the Inglewood venue was called during eight World Cup matches that concluded on Friday with Spain’s 2-1 quarterfinal victory over Belgium in front of a lively crowd of 70,492, left quite an impression.

Competitors marveled at the stadium’s massive size, design and surface.

So much so that following New Zealand’s 2-2 draw with Iran in front of 70,108 fans for



Spain midfielder Fabian Ruiz scores past Belgium goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois in the first half of the World Cup quarterfinal game Friday in Inglewood.

a group play match on June 15, New Zealand coach Darren Bazeley thought he had just seen the Holy Grail of foot-

ball pitches.

“I’ve been in a lot of football stadiums around the world,” Bazeley said. “This is the best

football stadium I’ve ever been.”

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MIDDLE EAST

U.S.: Iran must say strait is free, safe

Demand for public declaration made as Tehran asserts sway over waterway, threatens UAE

By Michelle L. Price, Jon Gambrell and Will Weissert
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. is demanding that Iran make a public statement saying the Strait of Hormuz is open and that ships crossing the vital corridor won’t be attacked anymore, senior U.S. officials said Friday, adding that internal Tehran power struggles have made it difficult to reach and keep a deal.

The U.S. officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe to reporters the state of play with Iran, said the resumption of strikes this

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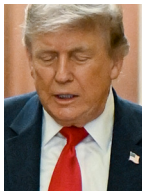
HOUSING

Trump says he won’t sign bill

Protest over unrelated voting act won’t halt affordability legislation without a late veto

By Michael Gold
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Friday that he would not sign a major bipartisan



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INSIDE: Trump ousts members of a bipartisan election committee in push to reshape U.S. voting process. **PAGE A8**

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