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## California Roadhouse threatens legal action over Santa Monica Pier lease dispute

**MATTHEW HALL**

Daily Press Editor

The operator of a restaurant slated to occupy the former Rusty's Surf Ranch space at Santa Monica

Pier has sent the city a formal legal notice threatening litigation over what he alleges was an illegal

SEE LAWSUIT PAGE 8

## Lula Cocina Mexicana Marks 35 years on Main Street

**MAAZ ALIN**

SMDP Staff Writer

Lula Cocina Mexicana, a Main Street fixture known for regional Mexican cooking and its margaritas, will celebrate 35 years in business

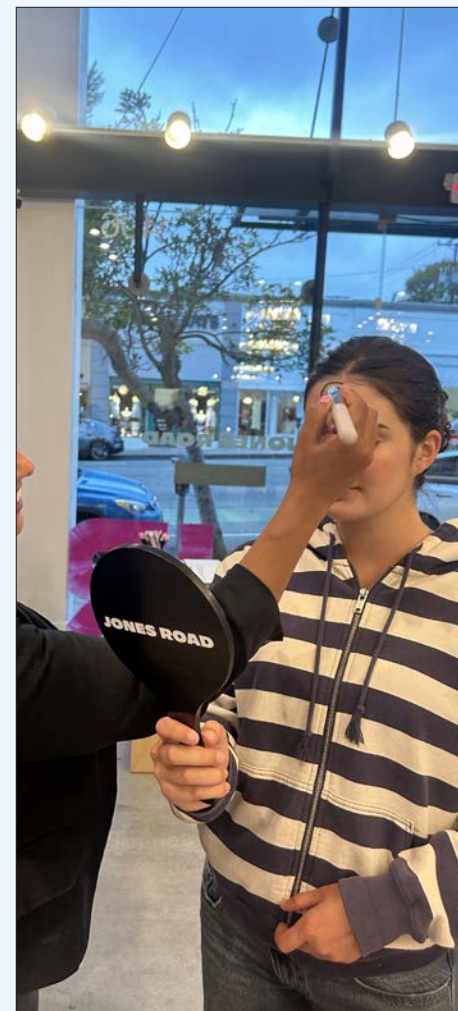
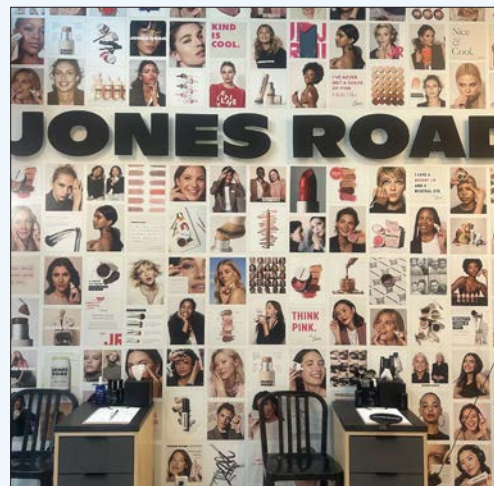
with a community fiesta on July 1.

The anniversary caps three and a half decades for a restaurant that opened in 1991 and has remained a cornerstone of Main Street. The celebration, billed as a thank-you to longtime patrons,

will feature mariachis from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., a photo booth, food and drink specials and prizes at 2720 Main St. Reservations are highly recommended.

Lula was founded by restaurateur  
SEE LULA PAGE 7

## Jones Road joins wave of business openings



Sophia Friedman

**NOW OPEN:** JONES ROAD, the five-year-old breakout beauty brand created by makeup artist and entrepreneur Bobbi Brown, announced its expansion into California with the opening of its first retail store in Santa Monica. Located at 1406 Montana Avenue, this is the 15th retail concept from JONES ROAD, joining its locations in New Jersey, Manhattan, Brooklyn, East Hampton, Palm Beach, Chicago, Austin, Dallas, Chestnut Hill, Boston, Nashville, and Charleston. JONES ROAD Santa Monica will span 1,470 square feet and welcome guests Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 6 p.m.

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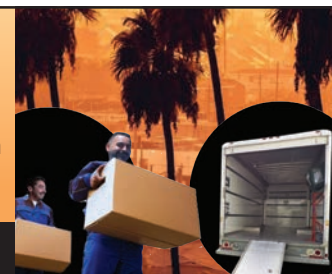
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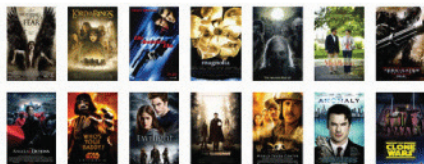
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## GUEST COMMENTARY

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# Immigration raids have made skin color top of mind for a new generation of California Latinos

Over 30 years ago, my father, then a 21-year-old Chicano, was driving to a 7-Eleven in Tustin, where he had recently moved, with four of his friends in tow.

A cop soon began following him and signaled my father to pull into the parking lot. Soon one car became two, then four.

My dad's slicked, jet-black hair, caramel skin and commanding presence stood out amidst the white skin that primarily populated Tustin. He was covered in ink. War's "The World Is a Ghetto" blasted from his lowrider's speakers. The cops most likely believed they'd hit the jackpot: a cholo, uneducated, most likely a criminal. They unjustly searched his car.

With no incriminating items in the car, the cops advised my father to leave. He and two of his friends had IDs, so they could go. The remaining two did not and were detained.

As Border Patrol joins Immigration and Customs Enforcement to conduct roving patrols across the country, my father's racial profiling incident echoes today. It feels like the walls are closing in on Latinos like my father — as they have before.

And yet, what's going on today connects me more to his story.

The eldest of five, my father was responsible for taking care of his younger siblings, as his father was incarcerated and his mother worked at an appliance store to support the family. My father felt like an outsider the majority of his life.

When I asked him what aspects of himself he felt were judged the most, he replied, "My dress, the color of my skin, tattoos. Even as an adult I still feel like I stand out now."

Listening to my father recall these stories broke my heart.

My father hung the moon for me, his voice a beacon of light to guide me through the world's ocean of uncertainties.

As a senior in high school, I wanted to celebrate my graduation with my father, yet the idea of stepping foot on campus worried him.

"I do not want to hold you back from receiving any more opportunities," he said.

My father internalized the world's images of him and pictured himself as an obstacle to my success, accepting that his physical appearance would always supersede the internal. Profiling split my father in two. Evidently, the world wanted to rob me of the image of my father I held so dear: a devoted dad, a diligent brother, a husband.

I never viewed my father as a hindrance to my success but rather an

extension of it. My father wanted to break the chain between his past and identity so that it would not become an anchor to my dreams and impede the world from viewing me as more than my association to him. But as his daughter, I refused to let this link shatter.

Today my father not only fears for his own safety, but mine as well.

"You have to be aware of your surroundings at all times. You're darker than your siblings. You look the most like me, therefore are more vulnerable to profiling and the experiences I've endured. Be careful of where you decide to go now and only go if necessary," my father advises me.

ICE raids have narrowed the gap between my upbringing and that of my father's. Skin color is once again top of mind for Latinos.

According to a 2021 study by the Pew Research Center, 57% of Latino adults stated that skin color affected their everyday experiences "a lot," with 62% reporting that their darker skin hindered their ability to prosper. In his concurring opinion for *Noem v. Vasquez Perdomo*, Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh noted that race-based stops are part of immigration policing and can be valid based on certain factors: that there are a high number of "illegal immigrants in the Los Angeles area; that those individuals tend to gather in certain locations to seek daily work"; that they often work in jobs like "landscaping, agriculture, and construction." Many legal scholars have argued that Kavanaugh's opinion effectively allows racial profiling by immigration agents. In September, the Department of Homeland Security reported that 2 million "illegal aliens" had left the U.S., with 1.6 million who have "voluntarily self-deported" and more than 400,000 deportations.

As society continues to demonize the men in our communities, we daughters must stand and correct the narrative.

In the past, banding together has worked. In 1968, we broke barriers for education with the Chicano Blowouts, when 15,000 students walked out of their classrooms to protest the discouragement and unequal treatment of Mexican Americans in education. In the 1970s, the Brown Berets combatted disproportionate drafts of Mexicans in the Vietnam War with the Chicano Moratorium, and in the '90s, we catalyzed the nullification of the anti-immigrant Proposition 187.

Each moment of Chicano victory was

GUEST COMMENTARY

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# Higher ed funding for California veterans is under threat. How a \$12 billion bond could help

After we served our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, we stood at lab benches, carried field notebooks and studied at UCLA and local community colleges. We also worked to support the next generation of student veterans in various fields.

Going from the battlefield to a research lab is harder than most civilians realize. And federal funding cuts are making that path nearly impossible for the next generation of student veterans. California has a chance to protect the programs that help military veterans make the transition from service to higher education and research.

The pivot from active duty to a college campus is disorienting in ways civilians rarely see. We're often older than the average student, have different life experiences and sometimes struggle with combat-related trauma, including post-traumatic stress disorder. Before making it to the classroom, each of us traveled a hard road, with some dropping out of college multiple times and even facing homelessness.

There was renewed hope last year when the White House promised to "treat veterans like heroes." Support for members of the armed forces obtaining higher education dates back to the 1940s with the G.I. Bill — recognition that military service should open doors to a college degree.

Now that door is closing. As federal funding cuts ripple through universities across the country, many who served our nation are feeling less like heroes and more like afterthoughts.

When federal officials froze millions of dollars in grant funding to UCLA, for instance, the Veterans in STEM program took a direct hit. This program, which helps student veterans get the necessary experience for job and graduate school applications, is part of UCLA's Center for Developing Leadership in Science. It is a lifeline for veterans navigating the complexities of academia.

Student veterans take weekly training workshops and gain hands-on skills in a lab, working with trained faculty and mentors from the center. They also gain intensive summer research lab experience and can become mentors for other veterans.

This program was life-changing for us,

but now it faces an unsettled future. Last spring, funding uncertainty forced a pause in admissions. None of those who completed the training were able to advance to the next steps.

That has inspired our support of Senate Bill 895, the California Science and Health Research Bond Act, a bipartisan measure sponsored by the University of California. If lawmakers place it on the November ballot and California voters approve it, the \$12 billion bond would fund grants, loans and facilities that support life-saving medical advancements, science jobs and more.

It could help preserve the important research we do at the center and the programs it houses, despite federal uncertainties.

Veterans don't serve their country to be told what they can and can't do afterward. We've earned the right to pursue our aspirations. As billions are slashed from grants and colleges across the country, federal officials are taking away our opportunities.

Federal officials argue that the research funding cuts to universities are gutting "woke programs." But we see a government standing between veterans and their careers.

While the National Science Foundation grant that supports our organization was reinstated for the time being, the legal battle remains unresolved.

That's a shame, because veterans make academia stronger. Our broad, on-the-ground experiences help us see solutions that may escape those with more linear academic paths.

Cutting resources from vets in higher education also weakens the institutions that distinguish America. It harms our national interest.

This bond proposal is California's opportunity to show it supports its heroes pursuing higher education, as well as the science and research that benefit everyone across the state.

Angel Fulgencio works in domestic violence intervention. He participated in the Veterans in STEM program. Jason Williams is a Marine Corps veteran and a doctoral candidate studying chemistry at UCLA. He founded a nonprofit supporting veterans and participated in the Veterans in STEM program.



## Weather

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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City of  
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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendments to the Downtown Community Plan and Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to Implement the City's Realignment Plan.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider adoption of amendments to the City's Downtown Community Plan and Zoning Ordinance for implementation of the City's Realignment Plan. Consistent with the plan, the amendments would create new incentives for Downtown housing projects, establish a flexible regulatory framework for City-owned sites in the Downtown, and facilitate economic opportunity on key gateway sites in the Downtown. The amendments may also include other minor changes, corrections, and clarifications as necessary. On June 17, 2026, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Numbers 26-009 (PCS) and 26-010 (PCS) making a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed amendments.

At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will also be considering compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

**DATE/TIME:** TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 AT 5:30 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 City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: **City Clerk  
Re: Realignment Plan**

**VIA EMAIL:** [councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov](mailto:councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov)  
**VIA MAIL:** 1685 Main Street, Room 102  
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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.

**ESPAÑOL:** Esto es una noticia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a [ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov](mailto:ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov)

## California billionaire tax proposal has enough support to get on the November ballot, official says

A proposal to temporarily increase taxes on billionaires in California to counter federal cuts to healthcare for low-income people has sufficient public support to qualify for the November ballot, the state's top elections official said.

Secretary of State Shirley Weber, a Democrat, said Wednesday night that petitioners have collected more than the roughly 875,000 signatures needed to place the proposed tax before voters. It will qualify June 25 unless proponents pull the measure.

The proposal, backed by the Service Employees International Union Healthcare Workers West, would impose a one-time, 5% tax on individuals whose net worth exceeds \$1 billion and who were living in the state as of Jan. 1, 2026. The goal is to generate \$100 billion in revenue, mainly to fund the state's Medicaid system with some money going to food assistance and education programs.

The union didn't respond Thursday to a request for comment on the announcement that the proposal has secured enough support to qualify for the ballot.

States have been debating how to respond to the major tax breaks and spending cuts legislation President Donald Trump signed last year. The proposal has already divided Democrats and major labor unions and triggered an expensive campaign to defeat it. The proposed tax is backed by prominent progressives including Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

The measure has faced staunch pushback from Silicon Valley tech moguls as well as Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom and prominent players in Sacramento. They include the California Medical Association and California School Boards Association, which helped launch a committee this week to oppose it. Newsom also opposed a ballot measure in 2022 to increase taxes on the wealthy, which would have funded programs that help people buy electric cars or install more chargers. Voters rejected it.

Critics say the measure would decrease state revenue over time by pushing the ultrawealthy to leave, taking the money they would contribute in income taxes with them. That would deal a huge blow to a state that relies on its top 1% of earners for nearly half of its personal income tax revenue.

"This flawed measure is the wrong approach for California's small businesses and working families," said Roger Salazar, a spokesperson for Golden State Promise, a political committee fighting the tax.

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that the proposal would

generate tens of billions of dollars in the first few years, but that income tax revenues could subsequently decline by hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Since the proposal was announced in October, Google co-founder Sergey Brin has donated \$82 million to a political committee called "Building a Better California" that backs a variety of initiatives designed to blunt the billionaire tax proposal. It has raised more than \$118 million, counting Brin's contributions, from fewer than a dozen donors.

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State lawmakers passed budget bills this week that aim to raise revenue in other ways, including by extending a tax on healthcare providers. Newsom and legislative leaders agree to this approach, Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón said.

"The budget, as approved by the Legislature and now being negotiated with the Governor, does not include the billionaire's tax," the Democrat said in a statement. "Instead, it reflects additional revenues to address our long-term structural deficit."

By SOPHIE AUSTIN Associated Press

## IMMIGRATION

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accomplished with joined hands and shared minds, proving that the blaze for change is best ignited by numbers. It's something my father taught me, too: Even in the waxing and waning cycles of life, when everything seems dim,

pain becomes starlight. And from that constellation a map forward begins to form.

Priscilla Preciado is a Cal State Fullerton student studying communications with an emphasis in journalism. This commentary was adapted from an essay produced for Zócalo Public Square.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Santa Monica

#### SMC Emeritus Gallery to Host Free Reception for John Alcantara Exhibition July 2

The Santa Monica College Emeritus Art Gallery will present "Freedom of Expression," a free exhibition of works by artist and SMC Emeritus student John Alcantara, running July 2 through Sept. 11.

A free opening reception will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 2, in the gallery on the first floor of the SMC Emeritus Campus, 1227 Second St., in downtown Santa Monica. Parking is available next door in Santa Monica Public Parking Structure No. 2.

The reception will be hosted by Emeritus Gallery Curator Jesse Benson.

"Please help us kick-off the summer with a solo exhibition of endlessly fascinating painted works by artist John Alcantara, a longtime Emeritus student," Benson said. "John is a truly special artist and human being. I hope you can join us in the gallery to celebrate his unique brilliance."

SMC's Emeritus program, founded in 1975 as a non-credit program to serve the lifelong learning interests of older adults, offers more than 120 noncredit adult education classes and special programs serving more than 3,000 students each year.

More information is available at [smc.edu/emergitusgallery](http://smc.edu/emergitusgallery) or by calling 310-434-4306.

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**GALLERY:** "Untitled" (acrylic on canvas) will be shown in the Emeritus Art Gallery as part of the exhibition of works by artist and SMC Emeritus student John Alcantara.

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- Jesse Benson, Emeritus Gallery Curator

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendments to the Text of the City's Zoning Ordinance to Exclude Eligible Sites from Senate Bill (SB) 79 Implementation Until One year Following the Adoption of the 7th Cycle Housing Element, pursuant to Government Code Section 65912.161(b)(1)

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to adopt amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance which shall include, but are not limited to, adoption of an Exclusion Ordinance to temporarily exclude sites meeting the criteria established in Government Code Section 65912.161(b)(1) from SB 79's increased development standards within a one-half mile radius of specified transit stops until one year following the adoption of 7th Cycle Housing Element (2030). Consistent with City Council's direction, proposed amendments may also include consideration of strategic increases to local development standards to allow for additional site eligibility in the Exclusion Ordinance. On June 17, 2026, the Santa Monica Planning Commission adopted Resolution Number 26-008 (PCS) making a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed amendments.

The City Council will also consider adopting a finding of statutory exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Government Code Section 65912.160(c) (2).

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Re: SB 79 Ordinance  
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**ESPAÑOL:** Este es un aviso público sobre las nuevas regulaciones para desarrollos residenciales en Santa Mónica. Si desea más información, favor de llamar a Ana Fernandez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2201 ext. 2431 o envíe un correo electrónico a [ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov](mailto:ana.fernandez@santamonica.gov)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Pacific Palisades

## California Credit Union Foundation Awards Scholarship to Pacific Palisades Student

The California Credit Union Foundation has awarded a scholarship to Palisades Charter High School graduate Anahi Plazola through its annual College Scholarship Program, the foundation announced June 17.

Plazola plans to study physics at the University of California, Los Angeles, in the fall. The program recognizes students who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and a strong commitment to serving their communities.

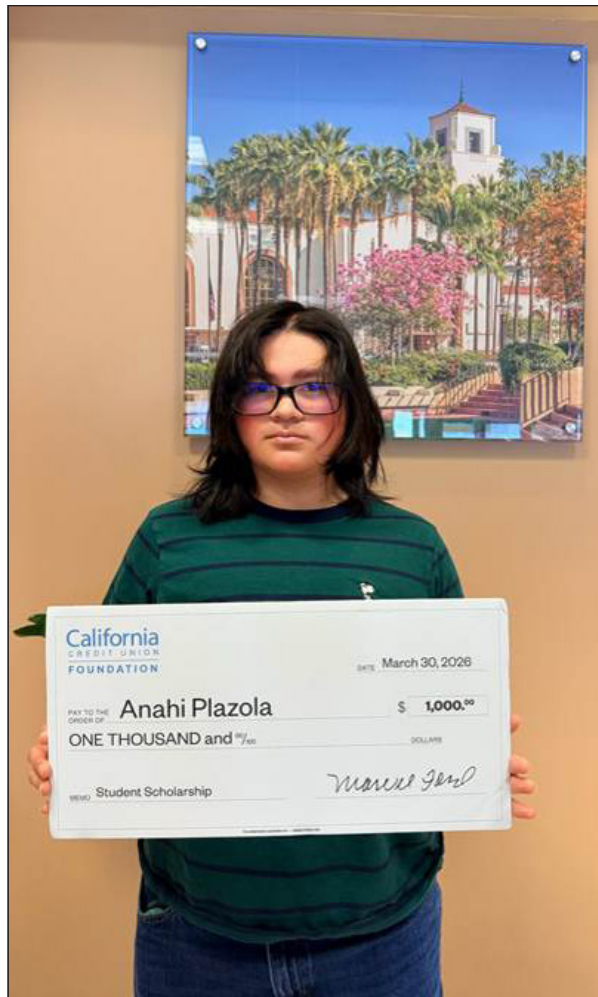
"Each year, we're inspired by the drive and purpose these students bring to their education and their communities," said California Credit Union Foundation President Marvel Ford. "They're not only pursuing their own goals, but also making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We're proud to support their continued success and the positive impact they will have in the years ahead."

Plazola was among 20 students recognized in the 2026 scholarship class, with recipients coming from communities across Southern California including Los Angeles, Torrance, Carson, Burbank, Culver City, San Pedro, Valencia and Van Nuys.

The foundation's annual College Scholarship Program was created by the credit union in 2005 to recognize outstanding students within its local communities. Since the program began, more than \$485,000 in scholarships have been awarded to students across Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside and Ventura counties.

The California Credit Union Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves as the philanthropic arm of California Credit Union, a federally chartered full-service credit union founded in 1933 with assets of nearly \$5.4 billion, more than 200,000 members and 25 retail branches. The credit union funds all administrative costs of the foundation, allowing it to return 100% of donations to community programs.

More information and tax-deductible donations are available at [ccu.com/foundation](http://ccu.com/foundation).



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**SCHOLARSHIP:** Pali High graduate Anahi Plazola receives California Credit Union Foundation scholarship to study physics at UCLA.

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## Pier

## Santa Monica Pier's 'A PIERfect Benefit' returns Sept. 19 with casino night theme

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation will hold the second annual A PIERfect Benefit on Saturday, Sept. 19, on the Santa Monica Pier, with tickets now on sale for an evening inspired by the legendary SS Rex ocean liner and brought to life through a casino night theme.

Following its inaugural event, the 2026 fundraiser invites guests aboard an immersive experience blending old-world elegance with the spirit of the Pier. The historic setting will be transformed into a floating fantasy with classic casino games, curated cocktails, entertainment and storytelling moments celebrating the Pier's history.

"This year, we're taking guests on a journey," said Jim Harris, executive director and historian of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation. "The SS Rex theme allows us to tap into a sense of timeless adventure and spectacle while continuing to share the story of the Pier as a place of connection, memory, and community."

The benefit supports the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to the pleasure pier experience for locals, visitors and admirers. Proceeds help sustain free, year-round programming, including Youth Day, which brings underserved children from across Los Angeles County to the Pier, and the annual Pier 360 Beach Festival.

Ticket options include General Admission (\$175); the All Hands on Deck package (\$250), which adds drink tickets and discounted casino gaming tickets; and the Hit the Jackpot package (\$450), featuring admission for two, drink tickets and enhanced gaming. A limited number of High Rollers Club packages (\$1,400) are available for groups. Tickets and donations are available at [givebutter.com/pierperfectbenefit2026](http://givebutter.com/pierperfectbenefit2026); the discount code EARLYBIRD offers 20% savings through July 1.

The evening will feature a fully themed SS Rex casino experience with gaming tables and interactive elements, signature cocktails and specialty cuisine, live entertainment, auction items, and storytelling tied to the Pier's past and future.

Guests may purchase gaming tickets in advance at a 50% discount. Winners at each gaming table will receive raffle tickets for chances to win exclusive prizes throughout the evening. Advance gaming packages are sold online, separately from admission.

Those unable to attend may make a tax-deductible donation on the event website. The Pier is at 200 Santa Monica Pier, Suite A. More information is available at [santamonicipier.org](http://santamonicipier.org).

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This year, we're taking guests on a journey

- Jim Harris, executive director and historian of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation

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**CHIP:** \$5 Gaming Chip from the SS Rex Casino Ship.



City of  
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CITY OF SANTA MONICA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

**2025 Urban Water Management Plan**

The City of Santa Monica's Water Resources Division is currently preparing its 2025 Urban Water Management Plan. The Urban Water Management Plan is a planning document, required by the California Water Code, that urban water suppliers in California must prepare every five years. The 2025 Urban Water Management Plan is due to the California Department of Water Resources on or before July 1, 2026. The California Water Code requires all water suppliers to inform the public and allow participation prior to adoption of the Urban Water Management Plan. A Public Hearing for the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan will be held on June 23, 2026, at 5:30pm.

A copy of the Draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan is available at City Clerk's office and on the Water Resources Division website in advance of the City Council meeting at: [www.santamonica.gov/UWMP](http://www.santamonica.gov/UWMP)

For comments, questions, and inquiries, please e-mail: [water.resources@santamonica.gov](mailto:water.resources@santamonica.gov)

**LULA**

FROM PAGE 1

Geraldine Gilliland and inspired by her mentor, the Mexican chef Lula Bertrán. For most of its history, the restaurant has positioned itself as a bridge between the traditions of Mexico City and the spirit of Santa Monica.

“Lula has always been about more than just food; it’s about the people who walk through our doors,” said Chuck Craig, the restaurant’s general manager. “Reaching 35 years is a testament to the incredible community here on the Westside. This party is our way of saying thank you to the neighbors who have been with us throughout to reach this milestone.”

Craig is part of that history himself. He opened Lula as general manager in 1991, later worked for other restaurants — including a stint managing Wolfgang Puck’s Spago in Beverly Hills — and has since returned.

He credits the restaurant’s longevity to its place in the neighborhood. “Our survival comes down to two things: consistency and community,” Craig said. “We’ve never just been a business on Main Street; we’re an extension of our guests’ lives.”

He said some staff members have worked at Lula since opening day, and that guests have marked milestones there for years, with rehearsal dinners giving way to baby showers and, later, graduation parties.

“When guests walk through our doors, they don’t just see a restaurant; they see familiar faces who know exactly how they like their margarita,” Craig said. “That sense of belonging is rare, and it’s why people keep coming back.”

Several dishes have remained on the menu since the restaurant opened. “Our guests love the nostalgia and comfort of the classics —



**ANNIVERSARY:** Lula Cocina Mexicana celebrates 35 years on Main Street with a fiesta July 1 featuring mariachis and specials..

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our traditional poblanos, enchiladas and our slow-cooked carnitas have been staples since day one,” Craig said. He said the clientele has also favored specialty plates such as the crepa de camarones and traditional tlacoyos. For the anniversary, the kitchen is reviving its original Yucatán dish, cochinita pibil.

The restaurant also played a pivotal role in the arrival of premium tequila in the United

States, a history recounted in the book “The Patron Way,” which chronicles the brand’s early days.

Lula changed hands in 2023, when Gilliland turned the business over to Barry Kinyon, a longtime business adviser and friend. Craig said Kinyon’s goal was to preserve the restaurant’s character while introducing it to a new generation of diners.

“His mission from the start wasn’t to reinvent the wheel, but to honor the legacy,” Craig said. “It was vital to Barry to keep ‘Lula, Lula,’ while seamlessly introducing us to a whole new audience.”

Under Kinyon, the restaurant has added dishes and reworked others. “If you haven’t tried our new octopus dish or the Lula Burger yet, you’re missing out,” Craig said. The kitchen has also introduced a signature mole sauce and re-imagined its tacos, he said, while doubling down on consistency for its heritage dishes.

Craig described the transition between owners as smooth, citing the personal friendship and long business relationship between Gilliland and Kinyon. Gilliland has since moved to Mexico.

“Geraldine has since moved to Mexico, which is a beautiful full-circle moment given her love for the culture and cuisine that inspired Lula in the first place,” Craig said. He said she remains in touch with the staff: “She is constantly texting us new culinary ideas inspired by the dishes she’s discovering in Mexico.”

Gilliland plans to return to Santa Monica for the July 1 celebration. “We are absolutely thrilled that she is traveling back to Santa Monica to be right here with us,” Craig said.

While many businesses along Main Street have opted for renovations, Lula has kept what the restaurant describes as an “unpolished” charm intended to evoke a hidden gem in Guadalajara.

“Honestly, if ‘Cheers’ had been filmed on Main Street, Lula’s bar would have been the set,” Craig said.

Lula Cocina Mexicana is at 2720 Main St. in Santa Monica.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on July 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, at a scheduled public meeting of the Board of Education ("Board") of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District ("District"), which will be held at 1717 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401, the Board will consider entering into an Energy Services Agreement for Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure and Related Services Pursuant to Government Code section 4217.12 with HEF-P SMMUSD, LLC for the design, procurement, installation, operation, and maintenance of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and related energy services for the District's fleet electrification project at 1899 Olympic Boulevard, Santa Monica, California 90404, including the charging infrastructure and related energy-services component of Fleet Option 1.

At this meeting, the Board will hold a public hearing on and consider a resolution to adopt findings required by Government Code section 4217.12 regarding anticipated energy cost savings and other benefits the District may receive if the Board decides to enter into the Energy Services Agreement. Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularities and defects to which the objection is made. Any written protest shall be filed with the Clerk of the District on or before the time set for the hearing. The District may waive any irregularities in the form or content of any written notice and at the hearing may correct minor defects in the proceedings. Written protests may be withdrawn, in writing, at any time before the conclusion of the hearing. The proposed resolution, agreement, and supporting documents will be included with the Board's public agenda for the meeting.

Santa Monica Daily Press

## Classifieds

## DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026113425. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CLARA NUCKOLS THERAPY, 5655 W. Wilshire Blvd #1258, Los Angeles, CA 90036, County of Los Angeles. Registered Owner(s): Clara R Nuckols, 1700 South Bundy Dr. Apt 5, Los Angeles, CA 90025. This business is conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2026. 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/ Clara R Nuckols, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/22/2026. 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: 06/15/2026, 06/22/2026, 06/29/2026, 07/06/2026

## DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2026125009. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WEINER LAW, LOS ANGELES PROBATE ATTORNEYS, 445 S FIGUEROA ST. SUITE 3100, LOS ANGELES, CA 90071, County of Los Angeles. AI #ON 4287262. 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 Professional Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2024. 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, PRESIDENT. 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: 06/22/2026, 06/29/2026, 07/06/2026, 07/13/2026

## Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00262. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Dahlia Belinda Garza Garcia De La Berencia for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Dahlia Belinda Garza Garcia De La Berencia filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Dahlia Belinda Garza Garcia De La Berencia to Dahlia Belinda De La Berencia. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 07/24/2026, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K. The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 06/02/2026. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 06/15/2026, 06/22/2026, 06/29/2026, 07/06/2026

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## LAWSUIT

FROM PAGE 1

backroom deal between city officials and a hospitality union to condition his lease on specific hiring demands.

California Roadhouse, Inc. CEO Sean Ahaus sent the notice June 14 to the City Attorney's Office, with copies to the City Manager, Economic Development Department director and all seven City Council members, warning of "reasonably foreseeable litigation" and demanding the city immediately preserve all relevant communications and records.

The letter accuses the city of illegal labor collusion, coercion, violations of federal labor preemption doctrines and potential civil rights violations under color of state law.

At the center of the dispute is a Dec. 19, 2025, meeting at California Roadhouse's corporate offices attended by company representatives, a Unite Here Local 11 organizer identified as Noel Rodriguez and Wendy Saio from the city's Economic Development Department.

According to the letter, Rodriguez explicitly stated during the meeting — in the presence of Saio — that the city had entered into an agreement with the union to block any lease with California Roadhouse unless the company agreed to hire the entire pool of former workers who had been employed at the pier location approximately one year prior, all of whom were union members. The letter states Rodriguez told Ahaus the city would "never lease to the Company" unless all specific former workers were brought on, leaving California Roadhouse with "zero hiring discretion."

Ahaus contends that Saio, as the city official present, did not dispute, deny or correct the statement.

The legal notice demands the city issue an immediate litigation hold covering all personnel in the Economic Development Department, the City Manager's office, City Council and city technology administrators. The hold would cover all records from Jan. 1, 2025, to the present, including internal emails, text messages, instant messages on platforms such as Slack, Microsoft Teams and WhatsApp — on both city-issued and personal devices used for city business — as well as meeting calendars, agendas, handwritten notes, audio and video recordings, and any logs of political campaign contributions from the union or its affiliated PACs to city officials.

Ahaus also gave the City Attorney 10 business days to provide a formal written statement confirming or denying whether the city has conditioned the lease on mandatory hiring from a specific historical workforce pool.

The legal threat is the latest escalation in

a lease saga that has stretched for months over the 4,100-square-foot space at 256 Santa Monica Pier that housed Rusty's Surf Ranch for more than three decades before it closed.

The City Council voted unanimously to approve a lease framework with California Roadhouse after the company was selected from nine proposals following a competitive process that drew more than 100 initial inquiries. The concept was chosen in part for its commitment to daily live music programming.

Under the approved terms, California Roadhouse would pay roughly \$26,728 per month in base rent — calculated at \$6.25 per square foot — with a 3% annual escalator and Consumer Price Index adjustments, plus Common Area Maintenance charges. The city agreed to a one-time capital contribution of up to \$500,000 for kitchen, HVAC, electrical, stage and bar upgrades, along with approximately \$125,000 in pre-occupancy repairs and roughly \$100,000 in waived rent during a 60-day stabilization period, bringing total public expenditure to approximately \$725,000. The city projects the deal will generate \$325,000 annually in pier fund revenue.

The lease was twice delayed at the request of Unite Here Local 11 — first over a procedural objection and then over proposed lease terms — before the council ultimately approved it with worker retention language embedded in the agreement.

Ahaus has said he has no objection in principle to hiring back former Rusty's workers and has offered to bring on more than the union-backed mandate requires, including managers and supervisors not covered under the original ordinance. His objection is to what he characterizes as the city's lack of legal authority to impose the current terms.

The lease has been delayed most recently due to disputes over the details of the lease, with a current disagreement over hiring practices. Ahaus wants to interview former Rusty's employees before offering employment but the terms of the lease prevent Ahaus from conducting interviews and instead only allow him to require "an employment information form identifying prior experience, certifications, skills, availability, and position preferences for purposes of job assignment, training, scheduling and compensation."

Ahaus has previously warned he could relocate the California Roadhouse concept to Venice Beach if an acceptable lease is not reached, adding that he would offer the same former Rusty's workers jobs at the new location — without any legal mandate requiring it.

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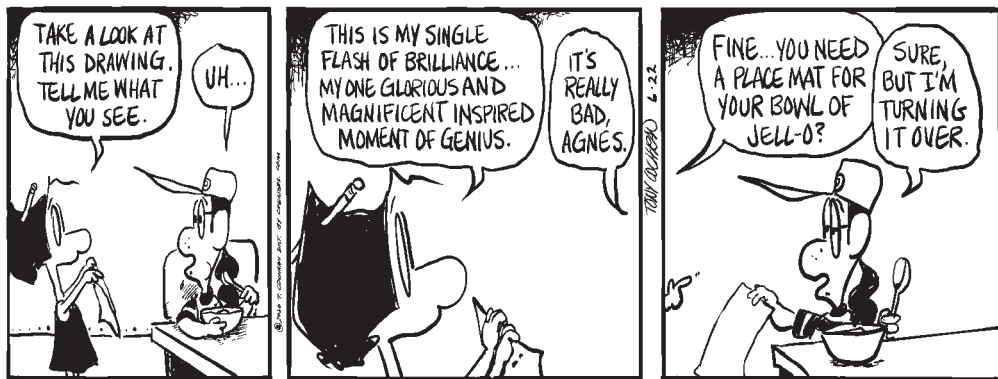
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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 22)**

It's your Year at the Wheel, when you are so often in the driver's seat that outcomes generally reflect exactly what you were going for, and at the pacing that feels just right. You earned this power position. Dare to take things in a direction that's unique to you. More highlights: You'll explore new topics and activities that lead to fun connections. Long- and short-term investments both pay off. You'll go on a dream excursion. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 14, 1 and 16.

**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). If you're feeling off-center or unsure of what to do next, today brings the beacon of an obvious purpose. This likely comes in the form of someone who needs you. The service you give will teach and enrich you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). As the time travelers in movies always find out - try as you might, it's impossible to have an impact that doesn't alter the timeline. Today's small and insignificant move will set off a chain of events, domino-style.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll deal with something complicated. Maybe you're not naturally excited about it but you have the patience, focus and motivation to handle the complexity anyway. Even if the task is not enjoyable, you're willing and able to work through it because it matters or needs attention.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). In the same way that gold is a chemical element that scientists believe is the result of neutron star collisions, much of the gold in your soul also originated in impactful past moments that taught you to form in a way that is rare, beautiful and valuable.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're a magnet for good deals today, and you'll get much more for your money than you were hoping for. It's true whether you're paying a little or a whole lot. It's like the universe wants to reward your savvy.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With new people, you may feel your way around a conversation with hints. But with people who love and know you well, direct communication is the way. It's kinder and more effective than hoping they'll pick up subtle signals.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Forgiveness is not the same thing as surrendering your judgment or abandoning your boundaries. You can release bitterness while still protecting yourself from repeated harm. Peace comes from deciding the pain no longer gets to direct your life.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The default settings are often the most used, not because they are preferred but because changing them requires effort. Put thought into your routines, systems and surroundings up front, and life will become easier to navigate well.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your senses are your conduit to the world, but they get dulled or even blocked by familiarity. Today brings just the freshness you need - of faces, environments, methods and more. And when you return home, you'll see things anew.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're weighing a risk, and your concerns deserve consideration, but constant worry will not improve the outcome. Fear can distort decisions and drain your confidence. Put more energy into building what you want than rehearsing what you hope to avoid.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are drawn toward a promising and mysterious person. Unanswered questions are key to the magnetism. Don't rush to solve every riddle or satisfy every curiosity because it robs the situation of a sense of discovery.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Current systems and routines will eventually be outdated. Change is coming, and you already sense the future direction. But the present still deserves full participation while it remains the reality you're living in. Don't mentally abandon the current moment too early.

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**Newsday Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Dough-rising ingredient
- 6 Smartness measures: Abbr.
- 9 Daddy
- 13 Strange and spooky
- 14 Pistachio or pecan
- 15 Draw with crayons
- 16 Pilot's vehicle
- 17 American spy group: Abbr.
- 18 Fully attentive
- 19 Kitchen's chopping spots
- 22 Whale's habitat
- 23 Any sports squad
- 24 "Now I understand!"
- 27 Star batter's stat: Abbr.
- 29 Software test versions
- 33 Manufactured
- 35 Shelves that hold seasonings
- 39 "There's no \_\_\_ like home"
- 41 Each and every one
- 42 Fragment of paper
- 43 Poles attached to floor swabbers
- 46 Windy day toy
- 47 Mall tenant
- 48 A great distance away
- 50 Lawn condensation
- 51 Military outpost
- 54 Acquire
- 56 Portrait holders on walls
- 62 \_\_\_ as a rock (well-built)
- 63 By way of, on itineraries
- 64 Iron \_\_\_ (rust)
- 67 Mixes with a spoon
- 68 Santa's little helper

- 69 Courage in battle
- 70 Sticky cellophane roll
- 71 After-tax amount
- 72 Walk inside

**DOWN**

- 1 Informal "okay"
- 2 Thin, wriggly fish
- 3 Typical Saudi locale
- 4 Nasal congestion
- 5 Be about to fall
- 6 One-twelfth of a foot
- 7 "Silence!"
- 8 Long look
- 9 Sport played on horseback
- 10 Actor Baldwin or Guinness
- 11 Meat in a sausage

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- 12 Bachelor of \_\_\_ degree
- 15 Things that reduce anxiety
- 20 Taxis
- 21 \_\_\_ in the woods (innocent person)
- 24 Digital clock's toggle switch
- 25 Angels' toppers
- 26 Adjust to changes
- 28 Apple's tablet
- 30 Bulletin-board pin
- 31 Bitter-tasting
- 32 Glide around a rink
- 34 Rebound of a sound
- 36 Not feeling well
- 37 "Treble" music symbol
- 38 Gush like a volcano
- 40 Tiny wireless headphones
- 44 In the vicinity
- 45 Long, epic story
- 49 Delete
- 52 Number of Disney dwarfs
- 53 Submit a tax return online
- 55 Person from Austin or El Paso
- 56 Soft "Hey, you!"
- 57 Very small amount
- 58 Snip off, as coupons
- 59 Become fatigued
- 60 Castaway's log vessel
- 61 Riverbank sediment
- 65 Female deer
- 66 Go wrong

**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

8	4	6	9	7	5	3	2	1
9	2	5	6	3	1	8	4	7
1	7	3	8	4	2	6	9	5
3	8	1	5	2	6	9	7	4
4	6	2	3	9	7	1	5	8
5	9	7	4	1	8	2	3	6
2	5	8	7	6	3	4	1	9
6	1	9	2	5	4	7	8	3
7	3	4	1	8	9	5	6	2

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## Trustee Sale

T.S. No.: 2602230171 Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No.: 110250200 Order No. 2775206CAD APN: 4291-016-011 Property Address: 1452 3rd Street Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 8/2/2019. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. No cashier's checks older than 60 days from the day of sale will be accepted. Trustor: KW/Blatteis Third Street Promenade I, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company Duly Appointed Trustee: Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Recorded 8/5/2019 as Instrument No. 20190773443 in book N/A, page N/A of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 7/14/2026 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: in the courtyard of the Civic Center Plaza 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$14,333,370.77 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1452 3rd Street Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401 Legal Description: Please See Attached Exhibit "A" The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown,

directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet website [www.mkconsultantsinc.com](http://www.mkconsultantsinc.com), using the file number assigned to this case 2602230171. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest

bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website [www.mkconsultantsinc.com](http://www.mkconsultantsinc.com), using the file number assigned to this case 2602230171 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. When submitting funds for a bid subject to Section 2924m, please make the funds payable to "Total Lender Solutions, Inc. Holding Account". If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed upon sale will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at [https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers-and-https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D\\_5](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers-and-https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5) Date: 6/15/2026 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 By: Diana Rivera, Trustee Sale Officer Exhibit "A" Legal Description The Land Referred To Herein Is Situated In The State Of California, County Of Los Angeles, City Of Santa Monica And Described As Follows: Lot "K", Block 172 In The Town Of Santa Monica, In The City Of Santa Monica, County Of Los Angeles, State Of California, As Per Map Recorded In Book 3, Page(S) 80 And 81 And In Book 39 Page 45 Et. Seq. Of Miscellaneous Records, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County.



## MONDAY | JUNE 22

### COMMUNAL GARDENING @ ISHIHARA PARK

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ishihara Park 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. Communal Garden Program Work Days @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden - Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Free. Come get your hands dirty in the Communal Garden Program at Ishihara Park Learning Garden, a communal spot to learn and acquire gardening skills. Seasoned as well as new gardeners of all ages are welcome. Free drop in activity, no reservation needed. Visit the Ishihara Park Learning Garden site for More Information. Subject to cancellation due to weather. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/communal-gardening-ishihara-park/18461167/2026-06-08T09>

### JUNIOR GOLF SUMMER CAMP

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Four Wood Golf Club 828 Pico Blvd, Suite 5 Santa Monica. Four Wood's 4-Day Junior Golf Summer Camp provides a fun and technology driven environment for young golfers to learn and improve their golf skills. Camps are four days long (Mon-Fri) from 900am - 1230pm and include lunch. \$400.00 — \$400 per week (Monday to Thursday) - Includes lunch & drink. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/junior-golf-summer-camp/18482281/2026-06-22T09>

### USA SOCCER HOUSE

12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 57 Windward 57 Windward Avenue Los Angeles. The Home For Fans This Summer = Free Entry For ALLOPEN TO ALL FANSThe home for soccer fans to cheer on the U.S. Men's National Team this summer. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/usa-soccer-house/18942555/2026-06-15T12>

### FIFA WORLD CUP 26™ MICHELOB ULTRA PITCHSIDE CLUB

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A Santa Monica. The Michelob ULTRA Pitchside Club on the Pier will open to all fans ages 21+ from June 12 to 25. Kickoff festivities on June 12 include live match viewing with a "Match Day Live Show" by Men in Blazers, DJs and freestyle performances, soccer-themed games, surprise guest appearances and more, followed by daily match viewing, interactive games, cultural programming, merchandise offerings, and appearances by athletes. Be sure to RSVP and reserve a free, timed entry slot. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/fifa-world-cup-26-michelob-ultra-pitchside-club/19194341/2026-06-22T16>

### THE GORDONS IMPROV RESIDENCY

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. Welcome to The Gordons Improv Show at Westside Comedy Theater! IMPROV RESIDENT TEAM NIGHT! Check out our current lineup of Resident Improv Teams! These teams perform Long-Form Improv all inspired by a suggestion from the audience. Think of it as a sitcom made up on the spot. Catch them before they are gone! These teams rotate every three months! Get ready for a night filled with laughter, spontaneity, and hilarious moments. Join us for an evening of unscripted comedy where every joke is made up on the spot. Our talented improv performers will have you in

stitches as they create scenes, characters, and stories based on your suggestions. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience! Grab your friends and come on down to Westside Comedy Theater for a night you won't forget. \$10.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/the-gordons-improv-residency/14863274/2026-06-22T19>

### LATE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AT MARELLE - NIGHT CAP MENU

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Marelle at Sandbourne Santa Monica 1740 Ocean Ave Santa Monica. Marelle will be launching a late-night happy hour menu called 'Night Cap' starting Monday, April 6th. Guests can order from this menu exclusively at Marelle, bar and bar lounge only. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/late-night-happy-hour-at-marelle-night-cap-menu/18409321/2026-06-15T21>

## TUESDAY | JUNE 23

### MEMORIES & MOVEMENT SENIOR CLUB

10:30 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! For more information call (310) 458-8688. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/memories-movement-senior-club/14853634/2026-06-16T10>

### 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, studying for. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/walk-in-tutoring-with-laurie/17128550/2026-06-16T14>

### ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO 3:30-4:20PM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica. 3:30 – 4:20pm. 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/18825639/2026-06-16T15>

### TECH & TASKS

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tech-tasks/16225799/2026-06-16T16>

### CASTANEA SICILIAN CAFE - EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Castanea Cafe 1307 Ocean Front Walk Venice. Enjoy 50% OFF all coffees at Castanea Venice Beach ?? Early Bird special every Mon–Thu from 9–10am. Start your morning with premium coffee at a special price – limited time offer! Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/castanea-sicilian-cafe-early-bird-special/18847307/2026-06-16T21>

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