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Pizza fling hopes you'll catch feels for their authentic Italian ingredients



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PIZZA: The new restaurant is a true Italian import.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Francesco Bacco wants you to fall in love with his pizza, and while the name suggests a brief dalliance, he says once you taste it, you'll be in a long term relationship with his pies.

"We wanted to get it like, kind of more playful," he said of his new restaurant Pizza Fling which is a double entendre referencing the famously twirled nature of pizza dough. "But, you know, pizza love, pizza relationship, or like, something that was that fun, and that gives you that feeling that you want to come back because it's a little secret."

Bacco and his wife Serena Fanti recently opened Pizza Fling in a small space just 27 steps from their Berkeley Street home. The venture emerged after Bacco was unable to work at his regular restaurant job for two months when the January fires affected his workplace, while his wife's nannying position in the Palisades was disrupted when the family she worked for lost their home.

"We were always home. We saw this little spot in this little food gallery empty, and we kept thinking, why don't we open a pizza place?" Bacco said. "We've got to find a way that we don't have to rely on anybody else."

Bacco, originally from near

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Housing ordinance approved despite opposition

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Council voted 5-2 at their last meeting to approve an emergency zoning ordinance that dramatically expands housing development possibilities in single-family neighborhoods, allowing up to 20 units on vacant residential lots and permitting three-story buildings in areas previously restricted to single-family homes.

The measure extends and amends regulations tied to California's Senate Bill 1123, also called the Starter Home Revitalization Act, which became effective July 1. The ordinance eliminates affordable housing fees for projects with five or fewer units and relaxes development standards including setbacks and height restrictions.

Council Members Jesse Zwick, Dan Hall, Ellis Raskin, Caroline Torosis and Natalya Zernitskaya voted in favor, while Councilmember Barry Snell and Mayor Lana Negrete opposed the measure.

The ordinance faced fierce opposition from residents who packed the public hearing, with

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Council approves bus stop relocation on Pico Blvd. in 5-2 vote

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

The City Council has voted 5-2 to relocate a Pico Boulevard bus stop despite fierce opposition from local business owners who said they were never directly consulted about a change that will eliminate three critical parking spaces.

The vote moves the Big Blue Bus stop at 33rd Street from its current mid-block location to after the intersection of Pico and Urban Avenue. Councilmembers Jesse Zwick, Dan Hall, Ellis Raskin, Natalya Zernitskaya and Caroline Torosis supported the relocation, while Councilmember Barry Snell and Mayor Lana Negrete voted against it.

The decision highlighted tensions over community engagement, with business owners expressing frustration about being left out of planning discussions for a change that directly affects their operations.

"I'm disappointed to hear that the businesses came out today and

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Trump administration asks Supreme Court to lift temporary ban on roving immigration stops in L.A.



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ARREST: The authority to continue immigration raids may be determined in court.

The Trump administration on Thursday asked the Supreme Court to lift a temporary restraining order that blocked "roving" immigration stops in Los Angeles and eight other California counties.

In an emergency appeal, the federal government argued the order poses a significant barrier to enforcing federal immigration laws. The request for a stay is filed on the Supreme Court's emergency docket, so oral arguments are not likely.

An attorney for the plaintiffs in the initial suit — a coalition of civil rights, immigrant rights, and local government agencies — said they look forward to arguing the case before the high court.

"The federal government has now gone running to the Supreme Court asking it to undo a narrow court order—applicable in only one judicial district—that merely compels them to follow the Constitution." said Mohammad Tajsar, a senior staff attorney at the ACLU Foundation of Southern California.

U.S. District Judge Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong issued the temporary restraining order last month in the Central District of California, citing "a mountain of evidence" that the government's aggressive enforcement tactics likely violated people's Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Trump's Solicitor General, D. John Sauer argued in the filing with the high court that Frimpong's order puts a "straitjacket" on agents and "threatens to upend immigration officials' ability to enforce the immigration laws ... by hanging the prospect of contempt over every investigative stop of suspected illegal aliens."

Frimpong ruled federal immigration authorities could not rely on four factors for reasonable suspicion: race, ethnicity, language, and location or employment; either solely or in combination.

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> - Mohammad Tajsar, a senior staff attorney at the ACLU Foundation of Southern California

'A RACIAL PROFILING CASE'

"This is basically a racial profiling case: Can Latinos be shaken down in their communities and where they live because they look Latino?" Kevin R. Johnson, the director of Aoki Center on Critical Race and Nation Studies at UC Davis School of Law, said Thursday in response to the administration filing.

Starting in early June, heavily armed

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California groundwater reform sets a dangerous precedent. Lawmakers should think twice



Photo by Shae Hammond for CalMatters

REFORM: Water pours from a pipe before being connected to a water tank near Madera on June 10, 2021.

Assembly Bill 1413 seeks to quietly rewrite California's water laws, raising alarm among local water agencies, business groups, lawmakers and many advocates of California's agriculture industry. The Indian Wells Valley Water District in eastern Kern County has serious concerns about the proposal's threats to groundwater rights, due process, transparency and scientific accountability.

The bill would limit judicial oversight and fundamentally alter the role of groundwater sustainability plans in California, potentially treating them as a legally binding determination of water rights. The Indian Wells water district is undergoing an adjudication process to protect property rights, and officials like me worry that AB 1413 would prohibit courts from reviewing the science behind these plans, as well as potential errors.

Adjudication remains one of the few tools to independently evaluate a sustainability plan's conclusion. According to an analysis for the state Senate's Committee on Natural Resources and Water, at least five of California's 94 priority groundwater basins are currently under adjudication, suggesting that AB 1413 addresses a localized issue, not a statewide need. Dozens more have already completed the process.

As written, AB 1413 sets a dangerous precedent. Lawmakers need to at least amend it to protect due process, uphold judicial oversight and ensure fair groundwater management.

David Saint-Amand is board president of the Indian Wells Valley Water District. This article was originally published by CalMatters.





Surf report

WATER TEMP: **68.5**

MONDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

More SW swell moves in and nudges size up. Clean AM, drained start on the low tide. Building SW swell blends with lingering S swell energy to help shape at the beachbreaks as there won't be much windswell in the water. Waist-high+ surf on average, pushing chest-shoulder high for better breaks as standouts out west look at least head-high. Another clean AM window in the cards, but an even lower tide first thing that you'll want to wait out. PM onshores look fairly light at this point.

TUESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 4-5ft
Chest to head

SW swell continues to keep fun surf in the water as S swell tapers off. The run continues as SW swell holds, keeping waist-high+ surf in the water for average spots as better breaks are in chest-shoulder high territory. Standouts west of Dume go head-high+. And early low tide to wait out, but there could be southerly wind issues anyway. If that lump shows in the morning, there's a good chance we'll get a cleaner window later morning into the early afternoon.

Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 75.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 78.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

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2025/08/12	Tue	12:18 PM	5.13	H
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2025/08/13	Wed	12:06 AM	4.94	H
2025/08/13	Wed	06:25 AM	0.67	L
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Santa Monica hiring a new director to oversee homeless operations

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The City of Santa Monica is recruiting for a new Director of Housing and Human Services, seeking what it calls a visionary leader to tackle the community's most pressing housing and homelessness challenges through a newly reorganized department.

The position, which offers an annual salary range of $209,592 to $258,756, represents a key role on the City Manager's Executive Team and comes with considerable political and departmental support to address urgent community needs.

The current director, Heather Averick, was appointed to the role in October 2023 when the department was first established. A Santa Monica resident with more than 15 years of experience in affordable housing and working with underserved populations, Averick previously served as director of supportive housing for San Diego-based Affirmed Housing, where she oversaw 19 permanent supportive housing communities across California. City Hall confirmed Averick is leaving the position but no further details were provided.

Her departure is the second high level staff position to become vacant since the Oliver Chi was hired as the new City Manager.

City Attorney Doug Sloan announced his resignation last month.

The Housing and Human Services Department was created in June 2023 when the Santa Monica City Council approved the 2023-2025 biennial budget, dividing functions formerly combined under the Community Services Department. The reorganization aimed to provide focused leadership on homelessness services and programs, enabling implementation of initiatives funded by Measures CS and GS, which provide additional tax revenue for affordable housing and homelessness efforts.

The department operates with 86 full-time equivalent employees and an approved biennial budget of $60 million for fiscal years 2025-2027. It comprises four key divisions: Administration, Housing, Human Services, and Homelessness Prevention and Intervention.

The new director will oversee a broad portfolio of responsibilities, including developing and implementing strategies to increase affordable housing opportunities through new development, acquisition and rehabilitation. The role manages housing assistance programs including Section 8 and other federal voucher programs, as well as the Santa Monica Housing Authority.

As a liaison designated by the City Manager, the director carries cross-departmental authority to lead homelessness efforts and develop a comprehensive homelessness strategic plan. This includes coordinating programs across departments, monitoring success and building relationships with local, regional, state and federal representatives to advance city priorities.

The position also manages direct service programs for youth and families through community and out-of-school time programs aimed at improving educational, social and emotional outcomes. The director leads partnerships with local educational institutions, businesses and nonprofit organizations while identifying revenue-producing opportunities and community resources.

City officials are seeking a candidate with strong understanding of affordable housing finance and a creative, entrepreneurial approach to leveraging financial options for projects. The ideal candidate should be comfortable working with diverse community opinions and perspectives while demonstrating expertise in housing and human services issues.

Key priorities for the new director include maintaining momentum on existing initiatives, setting departmental direction and culture aligned with the city's vision, and supporting the Human Services team, particularly programs under federal scrutiny. The role requires working with the city's diversity, equity and inclusion team to ensure service access for all communities.

The successful candidate must demonstrate high emotional intelligence and lead with humility, empathy and a team-first mindset. Officials emphasize the need for a mission-driven, people-centered leader who prioritizes team and community needs while showing genuine care for colleagues and community members.

Minimum qualifications include graduation from an accredited four-year college or university and seven years of progressively responsible professional experience managing human services, community services or affordable housing programs.

Averick's departure comes at a time of upheaval in the homelessness services industry with significant questions over the future of Countywide services, an ongoing legal battle over Los Angeles' efforts and most recently a 5 percent increase in Santa Monica's homeless population.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Venice

Venice Chamber Hosts Sunset Cruise Happy Hour Mixer



Courtesy image

VCC HAPPY HOUR: VCC will host a Happy Hour Mixer aboard a Catalina Crew yacht in Marina del Rey on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

The Venice Chamber of Commerce will host a Happy Hour Mixer aboard a Catalina Crew yacht in Marina del Rey on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

The sunset cruise will depart promptly at 5:30 p.m. and return to dock at 6:45 p.m., with check-in beginning at 5 p.m. Guests will receive one complimentary drink upon boarding and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres during the cruise through Marina del Rey waters. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

All attendees and their guests must complete a waiver before the event, with no exceptions. The waiver link will be provided in confirmation emails.

Parking will be available in Marina del Rey Lot 9, where Venice Chamber of Commerce team members will greet attendees for the cruise departure.

The vessel offers step-up access on the east side for guests requiring mobility assistance. Those with specific accessibility needs or questions are encouraged to reach out before the event.

Tickets cost $15 for Venice Chamber members and $20 for prospective members. Prospective members may attend two events before deciding to join the chamber.

The event is hosted by Catalina Crew, which operates boat rentals from Marina del Rey. The company's fleet includes yachts, duffy boats and powerboats for various occasions ranging from sunset cruises to fishing trips and family outings.

Located minutes from Venice Beach, Santa Monica and Malibu, Marina del Rey serves as a gateway to Southern California's coastal waters. The harbor offers views of marine life and access to destinations including Catalina Island and Palos Verdes.

Organizations interested in partnering for future Venice Chamber events can email info@venicechamber.net.

The chamber describes the mixer as an opportunity for members to connect in a "relaxed and stylish atmosphere" while enjoying summer sunset views from the water.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Pier

Santa Monica Pier Corporation Hosts Inaugural Fundraiser Sept. 6

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation will host its first-ever fundraising event Sept. 6 at the historic Merry Go-Round Building, marking a new tradition for the 116-year-old landmark.

"A PIERfect Benefit" will run from 3:30-7:30 p.m., featuring signature cocktails, curated appetizers, live entertainment and the presentation of the inaugural Santa Monica Pier Award to two individuals who have shown exceptional dedication to the pier.

The event coincides with the pier's 116th birthday on Sept. 9. Originally scheduled for March, organizers rescheduled following the Palisades fire and integrated a special giving component to support recovery efforts.

> "This event kicks off a new tradition for one of the most iconic places in California"
>
> - Jim Harris, executive director and historian of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation

"This event kicks off a new tradition for one of the most iconic places in California," said Jim Harris, executive director and historian of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation. "We're not the City—we're a nonprofit with heart, and we rely on the generosity of the community to continue curating the Pier experience for locals, visitors, and admirers alike."

Despite popular misconception, the Santa Monica Pier Corporation operates as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, not as a city department. Community support is essential to maintain the pier's programming and cultural legacy.

"SMPC is kicking down the door on the myth that we're City-run—we're here thanks to people who care," Harris said.

All proceeds will benefit the corporation's mission to keep the pier accessible for all visitors.

Individual tickets cost $175, with couple tickets priced at $300. Sponsorship opportunities range from $1,000 to $25,000 and offer exclusive perks including VIP access, on-site visibility and private tours with Harris.

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation is a nonprofit organization committed to preserving and enhancing the pier experience through year-round programming. The organization ensures the pier remains a vibrant, world-class destination accessible to all visitors.

Guests are encouraged to arrive via rideshare, Metro, bike or bus. The pier is located at 200 Santa Monica Pier, Suite A, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

Tickets are available at santamonicapier.org/pierfectbenefit25. For more information, visit santamonicapier.org or follow the organization on Facebook, Instagram, X or Threads.

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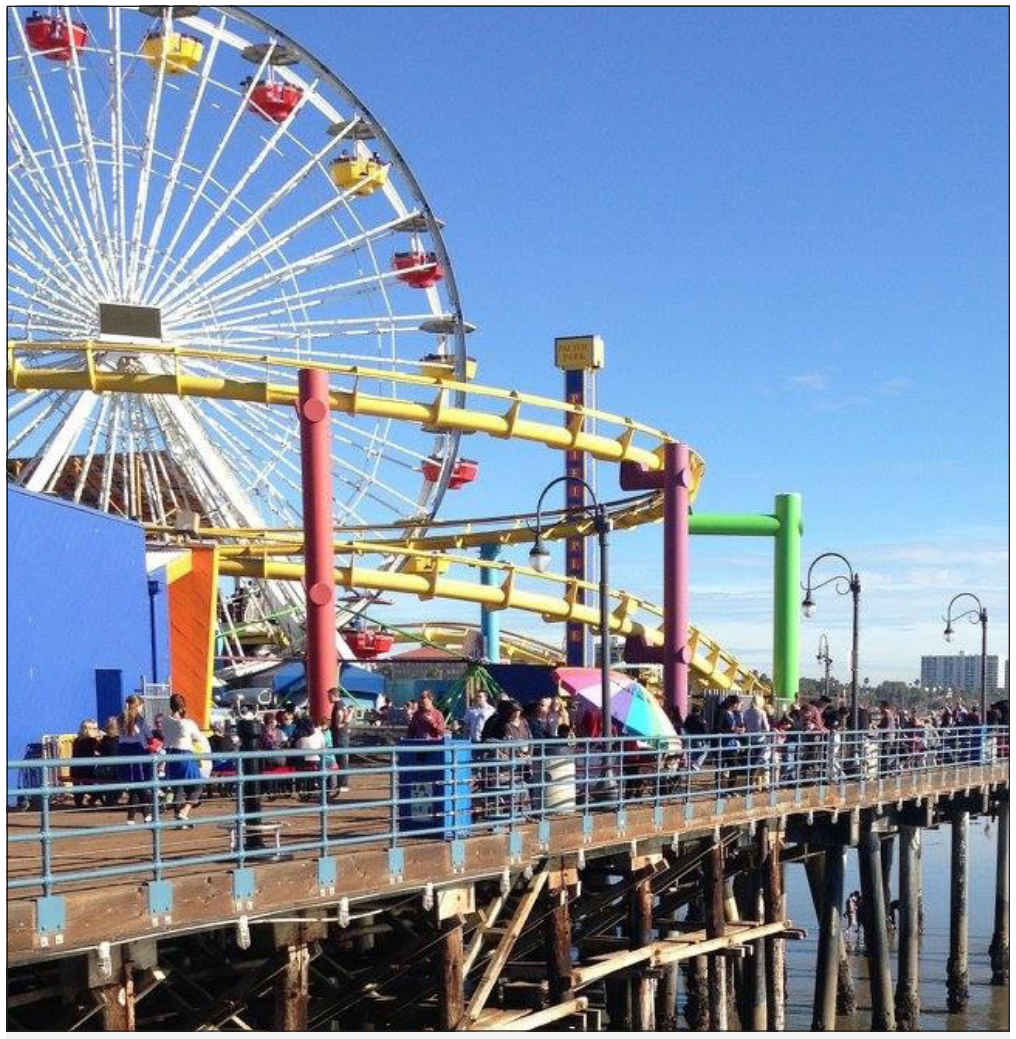


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Santa Monica Playhouse to Present Staged Reading of 'Jewish for Dinner'

Santa Monica Playhouse will present a staged reading of "Jewish for Dinner," a new play by Lou Borenstein based on his award-winning short film "Jewish for Lunch."

The comedy follows Ruth Cohen, who finds what she believes is the perfect Jewish man to bring home to her family. After falling in love and getting engaged, she discovers he is not actually Jewish. Fearing her family's disapproval of an intermarriage, she convinces him to pretend he is Jewish, though his limited knowledge of Jewish culture threatens to expose their charade.

The staged reading features the same cast as the original short film, which won Best Comedy at the Melbourne Independent Filmmakers Festival, Best Comedy and Best Actor for Rylie Decocq at the Mentone Film Festival, and Best Jewish Short Film at the Anatolian Film Festival in Turkey.

The cast includes Kate Huffman, Rylie Decocq, Joey Jupiter-Levin, Gregory Cohen, Ben Horwitz, Amanda Dolan, Eric Schiffer and Danielle Tjoelker. Borenstein wrote and directed both the film and stage adaptation.

Proceeds from the performance will benefit the Save the Main Stage Fund, which aims to rebuild the playhouse's iconic auditorium destroyed in a water damage disaster one year ago.

"Jewish for Dinner" will be performed Sunday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. General admission tickets cost $25 and include a post-show reception with wine and desserts featuring the cast and creative team.

Santa Monica Playhouse is located at 1211 4th Street, one block east of the Third Street Promenade. The venue is accessible by Santa Monica Blue Bus, LA Metro Rapid #720 with stops at 4th and Wilshire, or Metro E line to 4th and Colorado.

The playhouse's programs receive support from the We Are Santa Monica Fund, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture, the City of Santa Monica and Santa Monica Arts Commission, the Ahmanson Foundation, the Rotary Club Foundation and Playhouse PALS.

For more information, visit SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com/Jewish_for_Dinner.html.

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BUS STOP

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said that they weren't contacted," said Pro Tem Caroline Torosis. "When we do public engagement we can't just expect people to come to us. We have to go to them."

Business owners said the relocated bus stop will remove parking spaces that are "absolutely necessary" for their clients, particularly those with mobility challenges.

"These spots are essential not just for business but for our clients," said Justin Hinton, co-owner of Goodbody Pilates Studio. The three affected spaces also serve Inner Dental and Bay Shades.

Jacqueline Hinton, co-owner of the pilates studio and chair of the Pico Improvement Organization, told the council the relocation "would eliminate the curbside access which our clients, especially those recovering from surgery with mobility issues or disabilities, depend on."

City staff defended the relocation as a critical safety improvement, saying the current bus stop location creates dangerous conditions and traffic delays. Kyle Kozar, principal transportation planner, said the existing stop is "very atypical and not per standard," forcing buses to wait through two full light cycles due to merging difficulties with traffic.

"It creates visibility issues for right-turners that might be trying to make a right-hand turn around the bus onto Urban Avenue," Kozar explained, adding that the placement also obscures pedestrians from drivers' view.

The proposed location would allow buses to "clear the intersection, drop off passengers, and merge back into traffic while the green light traffic is still waiting behind it," significantly improving bus efficiency and removing safety conflicts, according to staff.

Resident Greg Amato disputed the safety benefits, arguing the current stop "works just fine" and is "located between two crosswalks with good sight lines, less vehicle conflict."

Staff attempted to address business concerns by noting that a parking study showed the affected block is less than 30 percent occupied at peak times, with 22 total spaces available. They also said businesses could request conversion of adjacent spaces to ADA spots if needed.

Kozar argued that visibility concerns were overblown since any metered vehicle could currently park in front of the businesses, while a bus would only occupy the space "for a minute or less about five times an hour, leaving all of the visibility to the businesses wide open and clear."

The city conducted what it described as extensive community outreach, including a walk audit in October 2023, pop-up events, and mailers to 3,700 addresses within a quarter-mile of the corridor. Staff also engaged with the Pico Improvement Organization through a community advisory committee.

However, the disconnect between these efforts and direct business owner notification became a focal point of Tuesday's debate.

Raskin, who supported the motion, acknowledged broader issues affecting Pico Boulevard businesses. "The issues about Pico are running deep," he said. "We need to do a lot of work to support our businesses on Pico beyond just this."

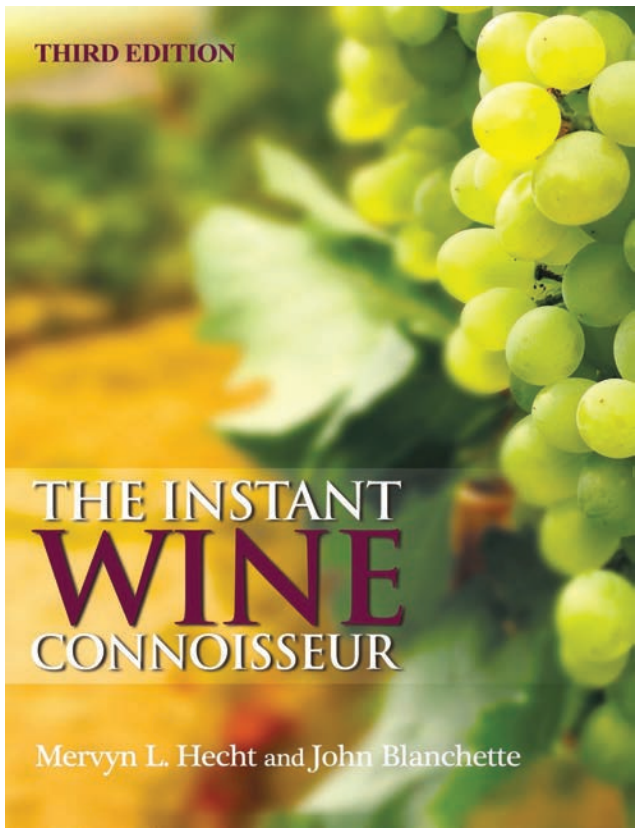
Voting for the project, Torosis said council members must prioritize overall public safety. "When we're on council we have to look at the overall public health and safety for our community and we have a commitment to vision zero," she said, referring to the city's goal of eliminating traffic fatalities.

The bus stop relocation is part of the East Pico Safety Project, which addresses a corridor identified as a high-collision area in the city's Local Roadway Safety Plan. The broader project includes safety improvements funded by an $800,000 grant and represents the city's commitment to Vision Zero efforts.

Former Mayor Pam O'Connor supported the relocation, telling the council that "buses carry people. People are not a nuisance because getting on and off a bus is not a nuisance."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Malibu

NASA Mars Expert to Speak at Malibu Library Series

NASA veteran Brian Muirhead will share his vision for Mars exploration at the next installment of the 2025 Malibu Library Speaker Series on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. at Malibu City Hall.

The free event will feature Muirhead, chief architect of NASA's Mars Sample Return campaign, in a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session.

"Brian Muirhead's work represents some of the most ambitious and inspiring efforts in human space exploration," Mayor Marianne Riggins said. "Malibu is honored to host a leader whose vision and innovation have helped shape the future of science and technology."

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> - Marianne Riggins, Mayor

Muirhead has worked in aerospace engineering and innovation for more than four decades. At NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, he is developing technologies for one of the agency's most challenging missions — bringing samples back from Mars for the first time.

He previously led the team that developed Mars Pathfinder, which landed on Mars on July 4, 1997. Muirhead served as chief engineer at JPL and contributed to the Mars Science Laboratory and its "Sky Crane" landing system that delivered the Curiosity rover to the Martian surface.

He also served as chief architect of NASA's Constellation Program, which aimed to establish a sustainable human presence on the moon and prepare crewed missions to Mars.

Muirhead has received multiple NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals and authored two books: "Going to Mars" and "High Velocity Leadership."

The event requires RSVPs. Malibu City Hall is located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road. For more information and to register, visit www.MalibuCity.org/LibrarySpeakers.

The Malibu Library Speaker Series launched in 2013 as a partnership between the City of Malibu and the Malibu Library, part of LA County Library. The program features experts, authors and notable figures discussing topics including entertainment, literature, science, motivation, arts, education, sports, travel, food and the environment.

Additional information about Muirhead is available at www.NASA.gov/ames-ocs/ocs-seminars/Brian-Muirhead.

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agents, often in masks and plain clothes or military-style uniforms, aggressively detained immigrants and U.S. citizens using heavy wartime equipment at Home Depots, car washes, and Latino markets across Los Angeles. Agents often filmed the arrests and shared the videos on social media, set to hip hop music. The Trump administration vowed to bring similar actions to cities across the nation, especially in blue states.

The federal government's appeal to the Supreme Court follows a denial from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals last week to lift the temporary restraining order.

Multiple legal cases involving Trump's immigration policies have already reached the Supreme Court, including the government's use of the Alien Enemies Act to deport Venezuelans accused of being gang members. The Supreme Court lifted a lower court's temporary restraining order that had blocked those deportations. Many of the high court's rulings, especially on immigration issues, have sided with the administration in recent months.

"I think it's not surprising that if you're having some wins in the courts through appeals, you bring appeals," said Johnson, who noted both Democrat and Republican administrations have used the appeal strategy.

Prior to the temporary restraining order, Border Patrol Sector Chief Gregory Bovino, the leader of the LA operations, carried out military-style raids across large swaths of Los Angeles. Calmatters and Bellingcat mapped out over 100 locations of raids including 15 separate Home Depots.

After the lower court's order, he moved operations northward to the state's capital.

'NO SANCTUARY ANYWHERE'

"There is no sanctuary anywhere," Bovino said after a July 17 raid at a Home Depot in Sacramento. "We're here to stay. We're not going anywhere. We're going to affect this mission and secure the homeland."

Frimpong's restraining order did not entirely stop immigration enforcement in Los Angeles.

On Wednesday, heavily armed Border Patrol and other federal agents hid inside a Penske truck before jumping out and ambushing people at a Home Depot in an operation dubbed "Trojan Horse."

In a written statement, the Department of Homeland Security said Border Patrol agents conducted a "targeted raid" at the Home Depot that "resulted in the arrests of 16 illegal aliens from Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, and Nicaragua."

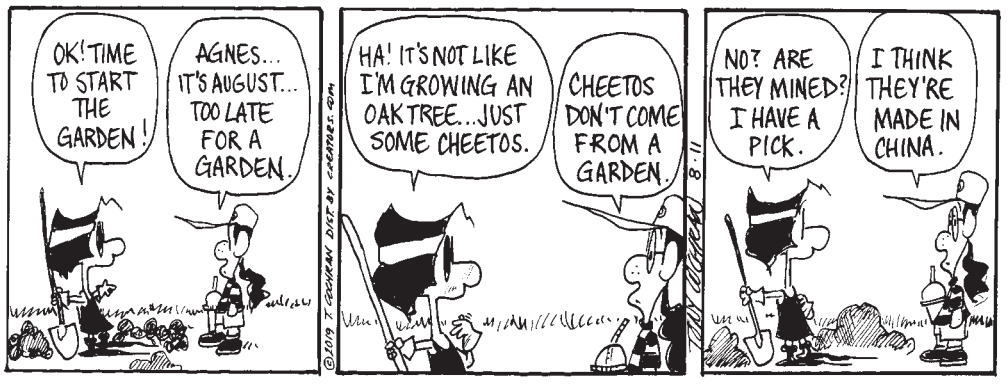
Johnson of UC Davis said at least the federal government is pursuing a legal avenue to continue its actions, but if the temporary restraining order is lifted, it could cause "real damage" in the LA community.

"These roving patrols are terrifying communities," Johnson said. "It's going to have an impact on whether people are going to take their kids to school and whether people can take their kids to the doctor."

By Wendy Fry and Sergio Olmos. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

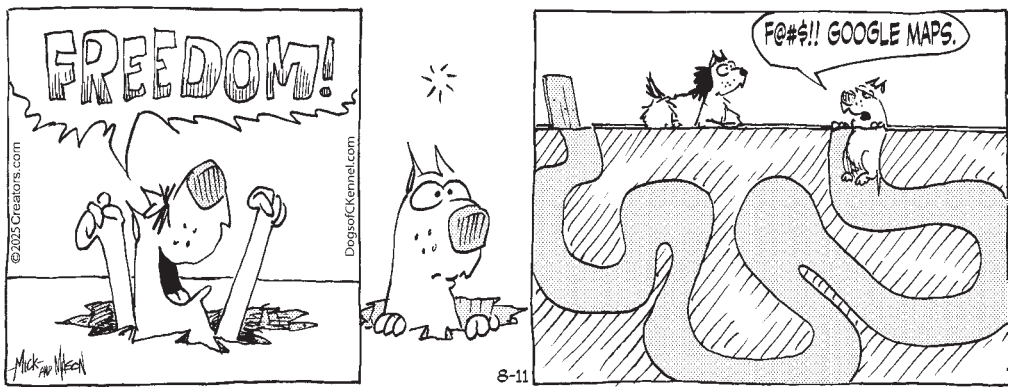
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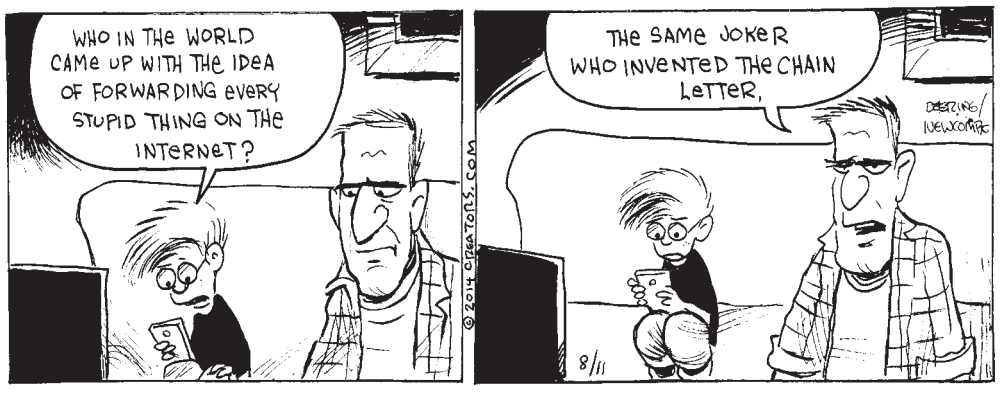
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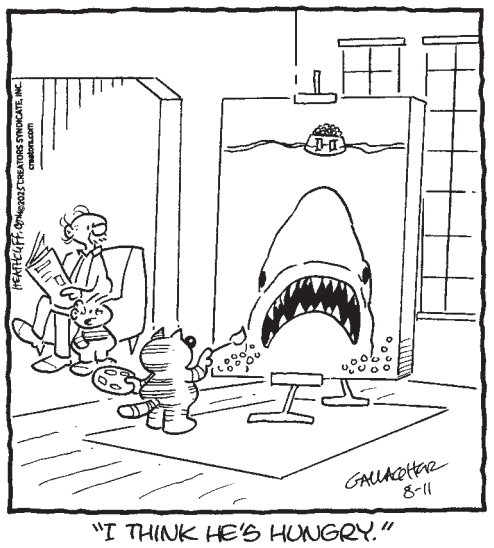
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 11)

You're someone rare. Someone self-aware enough to hold complexity without flinching. Someone who turns over every rock of the soul not to suffer, but to understand. One can never quite feel one's own rarity completely, but you'll glimpse, honor and be honored for it this year. More highlights: entrepreneurship, financial comforts, professional promotion and deeply joyful relationship harmony. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 15, 49, 12 and 13.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be faced with a complex problem. First, strip away everything that's unnecessary. Once you're at the bare bones of the idea, the relationship, the task, ask, "How can I elevate this?" Hint: Nothing elevates like lightness. Levity lifts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be making plans that involve many. Think about what's worked before. Stick to tradition in some ways. Veer from it in others. Build on it throughout. Because you think things through, you just might do the impossible and please everyone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Stuck in a loop of judgment or comparison? Stop trying to figure yourself out right now. Instead, pour your energy into doing what absorbs you - a project, a task, anything that lets you forget yourself for a while.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A special connection feels easy and unguarded. You're not managing the vibe, you're living in it. You'll say the thing, ask the question, or lean in close, just because that's what feels natural to you both.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've already arrived at the "cool." No need to chase what you already are. But yours is the kind of cool that doesn't wear sunglasses indoors or speak in aphorisms. Yours is the cool of quiet mastery, of fully lived experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One good move inspires another. It's like you were built for this and so you in turn build from it. Structures rise and solidify as your instinct locks into what works - taking daily steps to support you along your journey.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll wonder if you could be more successful in a different position or with other work. The financial aspect aside, an effective criterion by which to determine the right position for you will be the job's capacity to add value, depth and richness to your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be in a position to bear witness. Keep in mind there are those who will try to get away with anything and everything they can. Where justice is denied, everyone suffers. When you uphold justice, you do it for all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Explaining things well will be important today because people are either listening so closely they are apt to catch the slightest mistakes and discrepancies, or they are listening badly and only the most concentrated truth will shine through.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In matters of safety or legality, or problems of medicine or math, great accuracy will be important. But for most things your approximations will be enough. Your negotiations will sing. Your freeform is just the form that works best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Talk about potential mistakes because you can prevent many. When told about a pitfall to avoid, people are open, curious and into the problem-solving. When told that they made a mistake, people turn defensive and jump to justifications.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). More than one person gives you something to solve. Blame it on your excellence - the fate of one who is known to have answers. Remember it's also OK to have answers like, "not today" or "I don't know" or simply "no."

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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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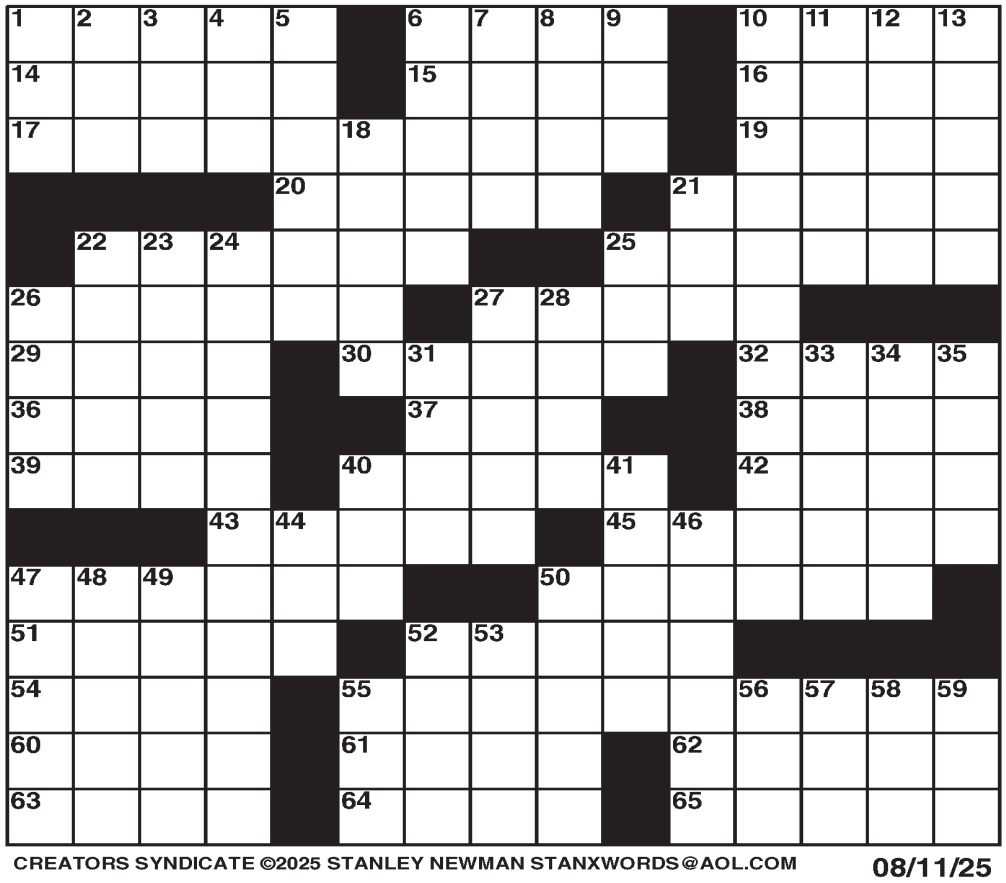
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ACROSS

1 Gulf Coast Florida city
6 Queen in Disney's *Frozen*
10 "Head" atop beer
14 Commit a theft
15 Earth's natural satellite
16 School near Beverly Hills: Abbr.
17 "Popped" snack made in large pots
19 Astronaut Armstrong
20 Took a nap
21 Cobra or python
22 Ebb, as the tide
25 Parts of a play
26 Cool and calm
27 Go bad, as milk
29 Prophetic sign
30 Boca __, FL
32 "Sidewalk" eatery
36 "__ your own business!"
37 The "F" of FYI
38 Improved with time, as cheese
39 Website for crafts
40 Removed the rind from
42 Fuzzy brown fruit
43 Clock's wake-up sound
45 Eggs-and-cheese breakfast
47 Fruits grown on vines
50 Not as distant
51 Freeway exits
52 White heron
54 Revered role model
55 Black-and-white cookies cooked in hot oil
60 Sign on the dotted __
61 Feels poorly
62 Untrustworthy person
63 Fireplace inserts
64 Clean and orderly
65 Retail shop

DOWN

1 Sound of disapproval
2 Had a meal
3 Got together with
4 Small butter portion
5 Fully ready
6 Quiz show host
7 Slacks' belt holder
8 Arrange in order
9 Raggedy doll
10 Sweet treats made from cooking batter in hot oil
11 Atlantic or Pacific
12 Look __ (resemble each other)
13 Men and boys
18 Born first
21 __-fi (outer space stories)
22 Mail away payment
23 Blissful places
24 Red fruits coated in sugary shells
25 Boy in a family
26 __ of the time (occasionally)
27 Hurricane or blizzard
28 Tiny skin opening
31 At a great distance
33 Physically nimble
34 Not as many
35 Modify, as writing
40 Faux __ (minor mistake)
41 Meted (out)
44 __ *Misérables*
46 Engines
47 Barbecue appliance
48 AM/FM device
49 In the middle of
50 Top of a wave
52 A Great Lake
53 __ monster (Arizona lizard)
55 Room cooler with blades
56 Go bad, as fruit
57 Sense of self
58 "...that __ flag was still there"
59 Have in view



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PIZZA

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Bologna in northern Italy, moved to Los Angeles eight years ago with Fanti. His background spans from semi-professional basketball in Italy to restaurant management, where he oversaw four pizza establishments in a 20-mile radius around his hometown. In Santa Monica, he worked at Locanda Portofino on 11th and Montana and currently works at Giorgio Baldi on West Channel and Pacific Coast Highway.

The couple's restaurant experience proved crucial in their decision to open Pizza Fling. Bacco's wife previously managed restaurants in Los Angeles, giving them both hospitality industry knowledge.

A key advantage came through family connections. Bacco's father-in-law works in logistics, enabling them to import fresh ingredients directly from Italy and store them in a warehouse near Los Angeles International Airport. The couple retrieves supplies multiple times weekly providing them with several secret ingredients including a special blend of Italian flour and Italian spicy salami.

Pizza Fling differentiates itself through two distinct crust styles uncommon in the Los Angeles market. The thin crust follows Roman style, while the thick crust is described as airy and crunchy rather than wet like traditional Neapolitan pizza.

Both crusts use exclusively Italian flour blends designed for digestibility. The thin crust combines five different flours creating what Bacco calls a "very low gluten network," making it suitable for gluten-intolerant customers, though not for those with celiac disease.

"I've been intolerant to gluten for a long time," Bacco explained. "This recipe is actually perfect, because I could have this pizza many times, and I never felt bad."

The beverage selection features Italian options alongside American staples, including Italian lemonade, Chinotto (a bitter cola alternative), Gazzosa (a less-sweet Sprite alternative), and blood orange soda instead of Fanta. The restaurant serves light mineral water from northern Rome.

Pizza Fling's branding deliberately breaks from traditional pizza restaurant color schemes. Rather than the typical red, green and white palette, the restaurant uses pink and green colors throughout its packaging and décor, including distinctive pink pizza boxes.

"We wanted to bring a cool and fun branding to something that is very Italian based," Bacco said.

The neighborhood has responded positively to the new establishment, according to Bacco, who said residents were excited to have something new in their community. Local business owners, including friends at nearby establishments, have been particularly supportive.

Pizza Fling is located at 3032 Wilshire Blvd in the same space as several other restaurant concepts. For more information visit, https://pizzafling.com.

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HOUSING

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many arguing the "emergency" designation was unwarranted and the measure would primarily benefit developers rather than create truly affordable housing.

"We can't keep greenlighting projects that may meet numbers or rather ideals on paper but fail to meet the real needs of our residents, especially when they strain resources and lack meaningful affordability," Mayor Negrete said during the meeting.

Negrete expressed concerns about density, infrastructure capacity and community impact, arguing that upzoning often leads to speculation that drives up property values and displaces lower-income residents and people of color.

Supporters of the ordinance, however, argued it would create crucial "missing middle" housing options for young families being priced out of the city.

"The point of an ordinance like this is so that home could potentially be transformed into say four or five homes each around fairly modest 1,500 or so square feet," Zwick said, describing how older homes often demolished for large mansions could instead become multiple affordable units.

The debate took a heated turn when Councilmember Hall cautioned Mayor Negrete against using terms like "character of neighborhoods," calling them "the exact words that racists use to keep people of color low-income families and workers out of neighborhoods."

Mayor Negrete, who is Latina, strongly objected to the characterization. "When I say character it means making it more unaffordable. A city I grew up in that I don't recognize that I can't afford to live in," she said. "Don't you dare say it's about racism. I take deep offense to that."

The ordinance includes several key modifications to development standards: — guarantees a floor area ratio of 1.5, allows buildings up to three stories and 33 feet in height, reduces front yard setbacks by 30% but no less than 10 feet and eliminates upper story stepbacks and interior setbacks between accessory dwelling units

City staff clarified that the "emergency" designation stemmed from council direction on May 13 to implement the ordinance before July 1, along with findings related to the housing crisis and need for "missing middle" housing.

Principal Planner Ross Fehrman said staff would track applications and construction to assess the ordinance's effectiveness. He confirmed plans to move forward with a permanent ordinance and noted no SB 1123 projects have been submitted yet.

The original emergency ordinance, adopted June 10, was set to expire August 9. The extension approved Monday extends it until December 31, 2026, giving the city time to analyze effectiveness and incorporate anticipated guidance from the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

According to city documents, eliminating affordable housing fees for smaller projects could result in significant revenue loss. A 10,000-square-foot condominium project would have paid $513,000 in affordable housing fees under the previous system.

The ordinance also expands ADU allowances to projects in multiple-unit zones under SB 684, another state housing law.

Public speakers were divided, with supporters arguing the measure would help young families afford homes and opponents contending it would lead to luxury development that benefits out-of-state developers.

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MONDAY | AUGUST 11

ARBOR VENICE MONDAY NIGHT POOL TOURNEY

5:30 p.m. 2907 Main Street CA 90405 Join us at the pool table on the Back Patio Santa Monica. Join in the fun as Arbor Venice takes over Tavern on Main. We'll be showing awesome skateboard and snowboarding footage on our screens and hosting a pool tourney with awesome prizes for the winner each week. Monday $9 Burger+Beer special is a great addition to the festivities. Come and play, hang or whatever suits your mood. All are welcome at Tavern on Main. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/arbor-venice-monday-night-pool-tourney/14639005/2025-08-11T17

TUESDAY | AUGUST 12

WALKING MEDITATION

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Away Santa Monica. Walking meditation is and has always been a significant alternative to sitting meditation, especially for those starting a new practice. The goal of meditation is to be able to practice in all positions, conditions and activities whether sitting, standing, walking, lying down, or whenever awake. We'll meet Tuesday's and Thursdays at 2 pm by the Mobile Community Meditation and Retreat Center VAN parked in the Santa Monica Beach lot 5 South (by the grass on the east side of the parking lot and across the street from the basketball courts at Ocean View Park) We'll walk silently together for approximately 45 minutes on the shoreline. Everyone is welcome to join whether new to meditation or with many years of experience. Please remember to bring sand shoes if you prefer not to walk barefoot, sunscreen, a hat, a jacket if it's cold and water. Tho there's a dog in the photo, unfortunately dogs are not permitted on the beach. Looking forward to meeting and meditating with you all. please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions and please arrive 5 minutes early. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-08-05T14

GELSON'S WEST LA TO HOST TACO TUESDAYS WITH TACOS, MARGARITAS, AND MEZCALS

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Gelson's 12121 W Olympic Blvd, Los Angeles. Every Tuesday from 4 PM to 10 PM, Gelson's West LA Wine Bar will be hosting Taco Tuesdays, bringing together a festive blend of flavors and fun. Enjoy a variety of mouthwatering tacos, refreshing margaritas, and smooth mezcals, all served in a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere. The perfect way to spice up the week—gather friends and enjoy a night of great food, drinks, and good times. Prices vary. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/gelson-s-west-la-to-host-taco-tuesdays-with-tacos-margaritas-and-mezcals/15309564/2025-07-08T16

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://smdp.com/events/#/details/city-council-meeting/13799967/2025-08-12T17

TUESDAY OPEN MIC

10:00 p.m. Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A 3rd St Santa Monica. The best open mic in Los Angeles! The Tuesday Open Mic is a weekly open mic. Hop onstage and perform your best 3 minutes! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tuesday-open-mic/16004734/2025-08-05T22

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 13

FRIENDS OF VENICE LIBRARY: YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Venice Branch Library 501 S Venice Blvd. Venice. Through body awareness, movement, and breath, you will be guided on how to bring your body, mind, and spirit back into balance for overall well-being. All levels are welcome. Generously funded by the Friends of Venice Library. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/friends-of-venice-library-yoga-for-everyone-/14548476/2025-07-02T12

ORIGINAL UNDERSTUDIES

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mi's Westside Comedy Theater 1323-A Third Street Promenade Santa Monica. Original Understudies. The Bear Supply Hour is now Original Understudies. The same high energy comedy that was once named one of "The 100 Best Things in Comedy" by The Comedy Bureau, is now joined by a cast of both fresh and veteran comedians in fast-paced sketch and long form improv. Every show features special guests creating a high-octane, freakishly entertaining, one-of-a-kind improvised spectacle. FEATURING: Shaun Boylan, Caroline Cotter, Joey Greer, James Heaney. THIS SHOW IS 21 AND OVER. PLEASE BRING A VALID I.D. LINE-UP SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IF YOU ARE NOT PHYSICALLY HERE TO CLAIM YOUR TICKETS THEY WILL BECOME VOID 15 MINUTES AFTER SHOW START TIME. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/original-understudies/15018109/2025-08-13T20

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