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Malibu Council advances $124M sewer project exploration despite cost concerns

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The Malibu City Council has voted to continue exploring a massive $124 million wastewater project for fire-damaged beachside properties, despite heated debate over costs and concerns about burdening residents with what could be the city's largest infrastructure investment.

The council authorized Mayor Marianne Riggins to sign a coordination letter to Los Angeles County requesting a funding partnership and technical support for the Pacific Coast Highway Wastewater Project, but explicitly stated the city remains uncommitted to the full project.

"I would request that we would agree that whatever letter goes to the county would make crystal clear that we're not committed to this and that we're simply asking for this so that we can better explore its practicality," said Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein during Tuesday's meeting.



Courtesy image

HYPERION OPTION MAP: The proposed sewer system would connect 461 beachside properties from Carbon Canyon Road to Topanga Canyon Road to Los Angeles' Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant.

The proposed sewer system would connect 461 beachside properties from Carbon Canyon Road to Topanga Canyon Road to Los Angeles' Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant. The project carries an estimated per-property cost of $269,000 and would take approximately 5.4 years to complete, with construction scheduled from 2027 to 2030.

The initiative stems from rebuilding efforts following the devastating Palisades Fire, which destroyed numerous homes along the coast and left property owners grappling with damaged septic systems and the prospect of expensive individual wastewater solutions.

Public Works Director Rob DuBoux told the council that

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City attorney bids farewell at final council meeting

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

City Attorney Doug Sloan attended his final council meeting this week pending his Aug. 31 departure from the job.

Sloan announced his resignation earlier this year, ending a three-year tenure to accept a new position in central California.

Mayor Lana Negrete praised Sloan during his final City Council meeting, highlighting his ability to translate complex legal matters for non-attorneys and his leadership of an office with more than 45 employees, including 26 attorneys.

"Your ability to wordsmith everything so someone who's not a legal head like myself could understand it, and your ability to make me feel strong in what I was doing here in council," Negrete said. "I'm going to miss the sense of humor that's not obvious to everyone that you have."

Sloan, who was appointed on June 6, 2022, brought more than three decades of legal experience to

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Los Angeles County businesses rebuild after Palisades Fire with community, government support

MAAZ ALIN
SMDP Staff Writer

Two Los Angeles County small businesses are demonstrating resilience and community spirit as they rebuild from the Palisades Fire that struck earlier this year, with both reopening within weeks thanks to local support and county grants.

Dr. Cerisa Clouse's Palisades Dentists and Jeran Bruce's Forge Makerspace lost their original locations in the fire but quickly established interim operations, serving as symbols of the area's determination to recover.

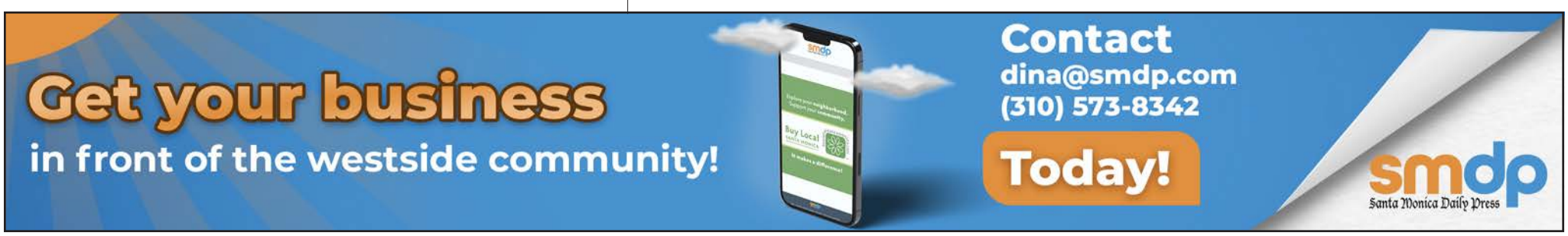
"The love and generosity we felt from our patients is what kept us going—we knew we had people to care for, and that gave us the strength to rebuild," said Clouse, whose minority-, woman-, and veteran-owned dental practice had deep roots in the Palisades community.

Within three weeks of losing her building, Clouse had interim dental locations operating. The rapid turnaround was made possible through unwavering patient support and a critical grant from the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity that covered essential expenses including laptops, staff payroll, and temporary subleasing costs.

"The grant from the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity was a lifeline—it helped us cover everything from laptops to staff pay so we could reopen quickly and keep serving our patients during a time when nothing else felt normal," Clouse said.

The practice continues seeing patients daily while evaluating

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California grocery prices could rise if this self-checkout bill passes, grocers argue

It's been a long day at work, and you still need to stop by the store on your way home.

To spare yourself more social interaction, you make a beeline for the self-checkout station, praying for a quick and painless transaction.

"Please wait, help is on the way," the machine's feminine voice coos, taunting you as you try desperately to flag down a clerk.

Following a failed, union-backed effort last year to strictly regulate self-checkout machines, California Democrats are trying again to set guidelines that they say will improve the efficiency of self-service stations across the state's grocery, drug and big box stores.

Senate Bill 442, from Los Angeles Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas, who chairs the Senate committee on labor and public employment, would require stores to have at least one dedicated worker there to help self-service customers. Stores would also be required to operate at least one traditional staffed checkout lane at all times and restrict the type and number of items a customer could bring through self-checkout.

"This is about supporting our workforce, to make sure that they're safe, but mostly to also make sure that they're providing the level of service that customers expect and deserve," said Smallwood-Cuevas on the Senate floor earlier this summer before the bill passed that chamber 26-10.



CalMatters

GROCERY: The new proposal would limit what can be sold at self checkout.

But the state's business community, especially its grocers, still opposes the effort. Instead, without pointing to concrete studies or evidence, they say more regulations will drive up prices due to added labor costs that companies will pass along to consumers.

"This seems like a clear example of why Californians pay the highest prices for groceries, regardless of what checkout line they go through," said Daniel Conway, a lobbyist for the California Grocers Association, at an Assembly Labor and Employment Committee hearing in June.

It's not surprising that Smallwood-Cuevas, a former labor organizer herself, is carrying such a bill given her close alignment with the two union heavyweights cosponsoring the legislation: the California Labor Federation and the United Food and Commercial Workers. She votes their way more than 95% of the time, according to the Digital Democracy database, and has received nearly $30,000 in total campaign contributions from the groups since 2021.

Under the measure, stores would have to display signs that limit customers to 15 items or fewer in the self-checkout lanes and also designate one employee whose only assigned duties are to monitor the stands. Notably, the bill explicitly states that stores would not be penalized for failing to enforce the item limit, a condition that the business groups say is nonsensical. Proponents of the provision argue that signs will increase peer pressure and self-policing without strict enforcement.

MORE ITEMS BANNED FROM SELF-CHECKOUT

And building on a 2011 law that banned the sale of alcohol at self-checkout stations, another union-backed effort, Smallwood-Cuevas's new bill would expand the ban to any items that require identification to buy, such as tobacco products, and anything with anti-theft security devices that must be removed by an employee.

Stores that want to add new self-service checkout stations must notify employees and their unions in writing at least 60 days in advance or face a $1,000 penalty per violation per day.

Democrats have largely voiced support for Smallwood-Cuevas's bill, calling it a much needed remedy for the headache that is self-

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Federal judge orders Trump administration to restore hundreds of UCLA research grants



Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

UCLA: Participants in the "Kill the Cuts" rally march against the Trump administration's proposed research funding cuts in Los Angeles on April 8, 2025.

A federal judge ordered the Trump administration to restore a portion of the 800 federal science research grants that it suspended at UCLA last month, delivering a major setback to efforts to force the university into a $1 billion settlement.

California district court judge Rita F. Lin ruled Tuesday that the suspensions violated her June preliminary injunction in which she ordered the National Science Foundation to restore 114 grants it had terminated at the University of California and blocked the agency from cancelling other grants at the UC system.

"NSF's actions violate the Preliminary Injunction," Lin wrote.

Her June order came after lawyers for University of California researchers argued the science foundation grant terminations were arbitrary and capricious and in violation of federal law. Those grants and others were terminated over alleged Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion violations following several Trump executive orders in January.

Lin's order to restore the suspended grants came in response to a court filing lawyers for the UC researchers submitted after 300 National Science Foundation Grants and 500 National Institutes of Health grants at UCLA were suspended. The suspensions froze $584 million. The lawyers aren't acting on behalf of the UC system, though some are employed at the UC. It is not yet clear if all 300 suspended National Science Foundation grants are to be restored under Lin's latest order. Lin told the Trump administration and lawyers for the UC researchers to file an update on the restorations Aug. 19.

Lin's latest order doesn't restore UCLA's suspended National Institutes of Science grants because they weren't covered in her initial June order.

Campuses rely on the funding to make scientific breakthroughs, develop new medicines, train graduate students and fuel the research that has made the U.S. arguably the world's leader in scientific discovery.

Lawyers for the federal government contended that suspending the UCLA grants didn't violate Lin's June order, which barred terminations but was silent on suspensions. Lawyers for the University of California researchers said there's no difference between suspensions and terminations because both mean researchers lose access to funding. They also argued that like in the June case, the suspensions of UCLA grants didn't follow federal procedure that requires an agency to explain why each individual grant should no longer continue to receive funding.

"NSF's indefinite suspensions differ from a termination in name only," Lin wrote in Tuesday's order. She added that the letters informing UCLA of the grant suspensions "fail to provide a 'grant-specific explanation' for why the award has been terminated, as required by the Preliminary Injunction."

Some federal judges have faulted the Trump administration for never defining what it considers DEI but cancelling funding to schools based on those violations anyway.

"Although a new presidential administration is entitled to develop programs with its chosen priorities, the Executive may not set out to suppress ideas it deems dangerous by trying to drive them out of the marketplace of ideas," Lin wrote in her June preliminary injunction.

HOW WE GOT HERE

The Trump administration suspended UCLA's grants over allegations that the campus isn't doing enough to combat antisemitism. The National Science Foundation sent a letter to UCLA on Aug. 1 that accused the campus of admitting students based on race, even though all public campuses in California have been barred from affirmative action since state voters eliminated the practice in 1996.

The letter also accused the campus of relying on admissions essays to determine an

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Weather

Thursday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 63.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

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Ciclavia Returns Along With Other Wellness Events

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Ciclavia, "MOVE Santa Monica", Gnocchi + Wine Night at AJA Vineyards, and much more!



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BIKES: The event will be held on Sunday.

Sunset Picnic at Annenberg Community Beach House: Grab your picnic basket and your favorite people - or come solo and join a communal table - and enjoy a sunset evening at the beach. Vibe to musical duos and take in the glow of the summer sunset while enjoying complimentary s'mores and fun activities! Check out their calendar of events – including sunset swims, community picnics, youth/adult classes & more. Thursday, Aug. 14, 5 - 8p.m., 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/august-sunset-picnic-tickets-1412860326269

MUD\WTR presents: Day Camp - A field day for the body and mind: Day Camp brings together movement, creativity, mindfulness, and play. Expect live music, cold plunging, life size chess, breathwork, a community art mural, surprise challenges, free samples and more. Saturday, Aug. 16, 10a.m. - 3p.m., 2515 Main St. https://lu.ma/mntt2zin

Marina Del Rave - Deep House Block Party at Edgemar: Join a daytime deep house block party in Edgemar's beautiful open-air courtyard. Saturday, Aug. 16 1p.m., 2435 Main St. https://partiful.com/e/8CTDUlrwMn8vJ32xgpBK

Gather & Grow: Sunshine & Strings: This biweekly series at Christine Emerson Reed Park invites families to enjoy hands-on artmaking, live music and interactive performances. Saturday, Aug. 16, 4p.m., 1130 Lincoln Blvd. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sunshine-strings-tickets-1475280165689

Ripe For The Picking: The Annual Best Tomato in Santa Monica is upon us. Is your Big Rainbow, Cherokee Purple or Better Boy the cream of the crop? Bring your home grown tomatoes and see how they compare to others. All tomatoes must be registered by 9:30 am to be eligible for the competition. Don't grow tomatoes? Come see what type of tomatoes others are growing, see if you can find the Moon and Stars, measure yourself against our glass gem corn, check out the trombetta squash and view the new mural on the garden shed. Garden pancakes ready at 9, warm conversation all morning. Saturday, Aug. 16, 9 - 11a.m., Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd.

Butterfly Brawl Charity Boxing Match on the Pier: The event will feature 15 professional boxing matches headlined by undefeated knockout artist DeAngelo Evans (13-0, 12 KOs) facing Justin Cardona. Mexican Olympian Brianda Tamara Cruz and lightning-fast combination puncher Chantel Navarro are also scheduled to compete. Mix Master Mike of the Beastie Boys will provide entertainment with a DJ set. Saturday, Aug. 16 from 2-10 p.m., 200 Santa Monica Pier. https://smdp.com/lifestyle/

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REBUILD

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permanent locations. Clouse aims to return to the Palisades by 2026, noting recent progress in the area's recovery efforts.

"My family was recently able to move back to the Palisades and it's encouraging to see so much rebuilding construction happening daily. I really feel like the Palisades and Altadena are coming back," she said.

> The grant from the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity was a lifeline—it helped us cover everything from laptops to staff pay so we could reopen quickly and keep serving our patients during a time when nothing else felt normal
> - Dr. Cerisa Clouse

Similarly, Forge Makerspace founder Jeran Bruce faced uncertainty about his educational business's future after the fire destroyed his original location. The makerspace, which teaches children engineering and building skills, held special significance for Bruce, who grew up in Santa Monica and spent considerable time in the Palisades as a child.

"I grew up in Santa Monica and spent a lot of time in the Palisades as a kid, so opening Forge there felt really special—it's one of the few places in L.A. that still feels truly community-oriented," Bruce said.

Community response proved immediate and strong. Parents reached out quickly after the fire, and many returned with their children for classes as soon as operations resumed. A successful GoFundMe campaign provided initial recovery support.

However, Bruce identified the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity grant as a crucial turning point. The funding helped replace $50,000 to $60,000 worth of tools and equipment lost in the fire.

"One of the biggest turning points in our rebuilding journey was receiving a grant from the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity—their support allowed us to replace tens of thousands of dollars in tools for our students," Bruce said.

A parent's offer of space in a Santa Monica building enabled Bruce to establish a new location within weeks. Forge Makerspace now operates summer sessions from Santa Monica, with approximately half the attending children being former Palisades residents. Bruce hopes to eventually expand and reopen a second location in the Palisades alongside the new Santa Monica facility.

Both business owners praised the grant application process as smooth and noted exceptional ongoing support from county staff.

The recovery efforts reflect broader county initiatives to support wildfire-affected businesses. Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath recently announced the launch of the Malibu-Topanga Business Interruption Fund, a $250,000 grant program targeting small businesses impacted by extended road closures following the Palisades Fire.

Administered by the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity in partnership with AidKit, the program offers eligible businesses between $10,000 and $20,000 to offset revenue losses from decreased customer access during prolonged closures of Pacific Coast Highway and Topanga Canyon Boulevard.

"Our local small businesses aren't just surviving challenges — they're shaping the comeback story of Malibu and Topanga," Horvath said. "This fund is about fueling that momentum and making sure every business has a real chance to grow, succeed, and keep these communities moving forward."

Applications for the Malibu-Topanga fund opened July 23 and close August 22 at 5 p.m. Award notifications will be issued in fall, with payments made directly via ACH deposit.

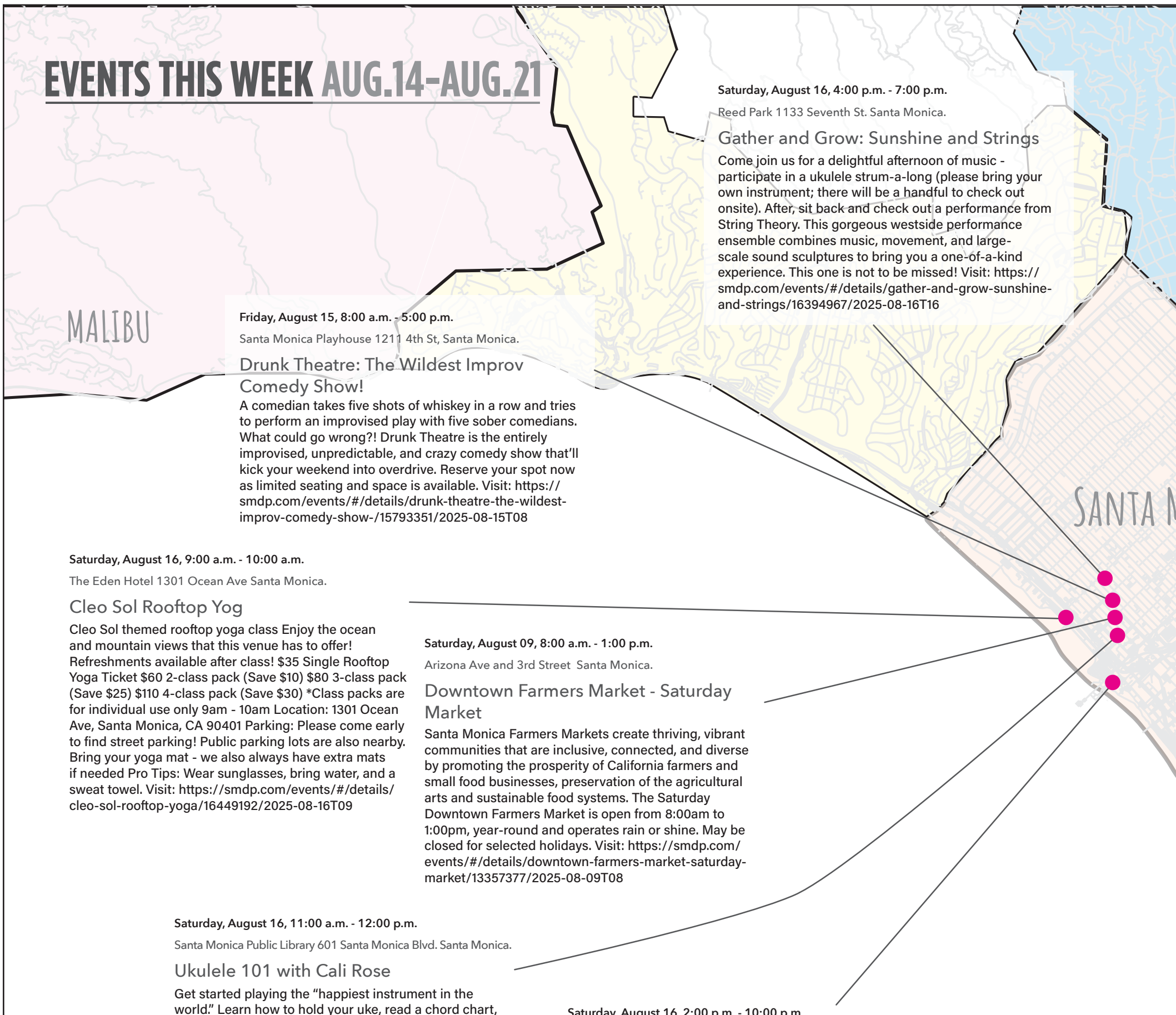
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Gather and Grow: Sunshine and Strings

Come join us for a delightful afternoon of music - participate in a ukulele strum-a-long (please bring your own instrument; there will be a handful to check out onsite). After, sit back and check out a performance from String Theory. This gorgeous westside performance ensemble combines music, movement, and large-scale sound sculptures to bring you a one-of-a-kind experience. This one is not to be missed! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/gather-and-grow-sunshine-and-strings/16394967/2025-08-16T16

Friday, August 15, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica.

Drunk Theatre: The Wildest Improv Comedy Show!

A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong?! Drunk Theatre is the entirely improvised, unpredictable, and crazy comedy show that'll kick your weekend into overdrive. Reserve your spot now as limited seating and space is available. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/drunk-theatre-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-/15793351/2025-08-15T08

Saturday, August 16, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The Eden Hotel 1301 Ocean Ave Santa Monica.

Cleo Sol Rooftop Yog

Cleo Sol themed rooftop yoga class Enjoy the ocean and mountain views that this venue has to offer! Refreshments available after class! $35 Single Rooftop Yoga Ticket $60 2-class pack (Save $10) $80 3-class pack (Save $25) $110 4-class pack (Save $30) *Class packs are for individual use only 9am - 10am Location: 1301 Ocean Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90401 Parking: Please come early to find street parking! Public parking lots are also nearby. Bring your yoga mat - we also always have extra mats if needed Pro Tips: Wear sunglasses, bring water, and a sweat towel. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/cleo-sol-rooftop-yoga/16449192/2025-08-16T09

Saturday, August 09, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica.

Downtown Farmers Market - Saturday Market

Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2025-08-09T08

Saturday, August 16, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica.

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Get started playing the "happiest instrument in the world." Learn how to hold your uke, read a chord chart, and play three songs! Bring your own instrument, borrow one of ours (supplies are limited), or check out a Ukulele RED Kit from the Library. For adults and teens. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/ukulele-101-with-cali-rose/16220803/2025-08-16T11

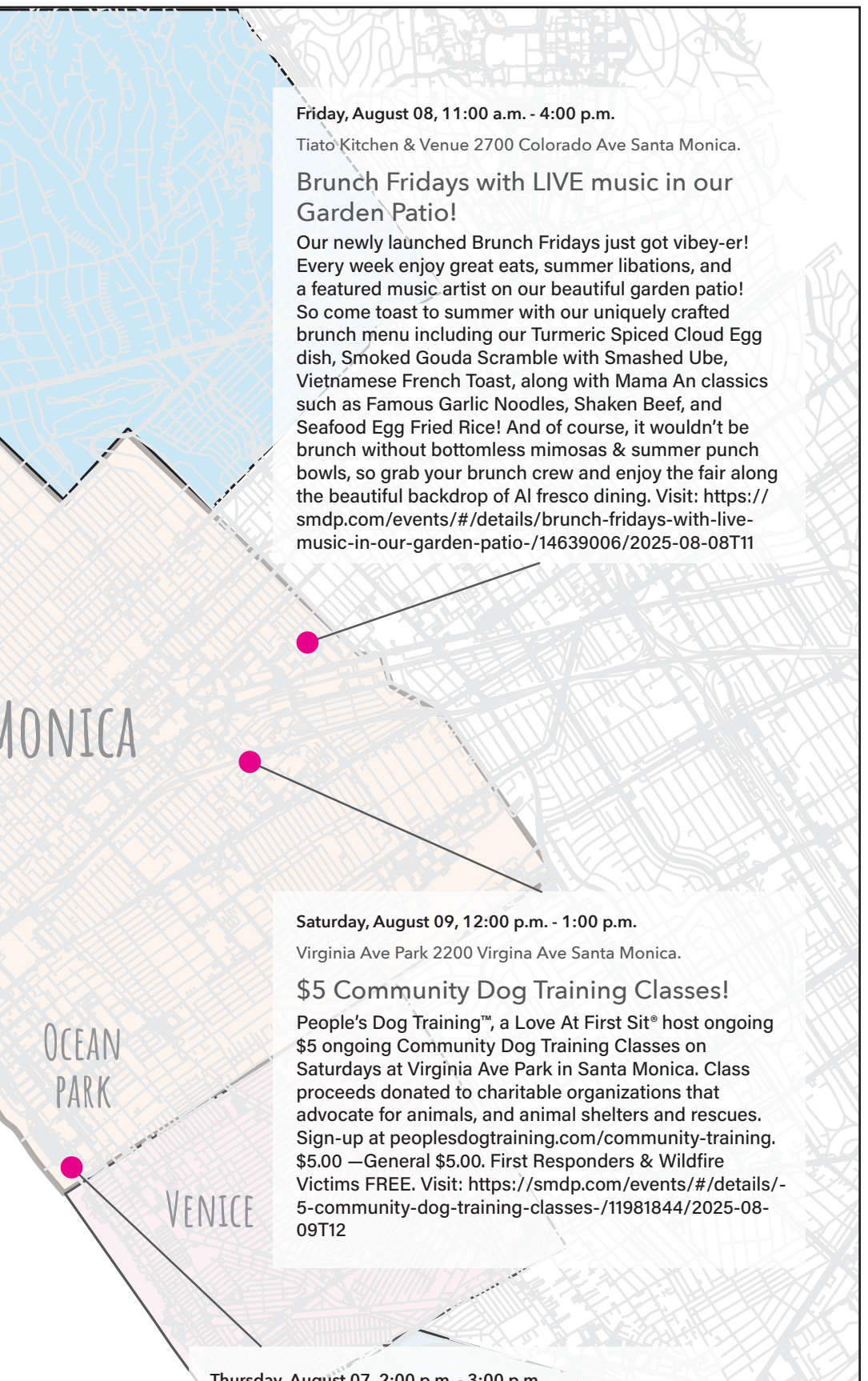
Saturday, August 16, 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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Friday, August 08, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica.

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Saturday, August 09, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Virginia Ave Park 2200 Virgina Ave Santa Monica.

$5 Community Dog Training Classes!

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Thursday, August 07, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Beach lot 5 South 2600 Bernard Way Santa Monica.

Walking Meditation

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. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/walking-meditation/16206460/2025-08-07T14



THURSDAY | AUGUST 14

DISNEY ANIMATED FILMS

11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. California Heritage Museum 2612 Main Street Santa Monica. Disney Animated Films showcases more than 100 original works of art from the production of Disney's most cherished animated classics including Bambi, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp and more. We offer visitors an intimate glimpse behind the scenes of filmmaking history. All artwork is generously on loan from the prestigious Mark Hilbert Collection. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/disney-animated-films/16449187/2025-08-14T11

SUNSET PICNIC

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Highway Santa Monica. Looking for the perfect way to unwind this summer? Grab your picnic basket, your favorite people (or come solo!), and enjoy a sunset evening at the Beach House! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/sunset-picnic/15715288/2025-08-14T17

LITERARY LOUNGE

6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Santa Monica Public Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Santa Monica. Discover the joy of social reading at the Literary Lounge; a space for bibliophiles to bond over books, with music and refreshments. Bring your own book or choose one from a collection of staff favorites. Supported by the Friends of the Santa Monica Public. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/literary-lounge/15797010/2025-08-14T18

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main Street Santa Monica. The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/rent-control-board-meeting/13406661/2025-08-14T19

FRIDAY | AUGUST 15

MUSIC TIME WITH MISS KYM

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica. Accompanied by her keyboard, Miss Kym guides children and their caregivers in singing, dancing, and creative expression, blending her original songs with classic children's tunes. For ages 5 and under. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/music-time-with-miss-kym/16220802/2025-08-15T10

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS AT THE SURFING FOX

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 120 Colorado Ave Santa Monica, CA. Erinn Alissa performs acoustic folk pop with her guitar Friday nights at The Surfing Fox. Enjoy a night of live music, tasty bites, and Foxtails! Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/live-music-fridays-at-the-surfing-fox/14385252/2025-08-15T18

SATURDAY | AUGUST 16

WHO'S TOMATO REIGNS SUPREME?

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ishihara Park Learning Garden 2909 Exposition Blvd Santa Monica. The Annual Best Tomato in Santa Monica is upon us. Is your Big Rainbow, Cherokee Purple or Better Boy the cream of the crop? Bring your home grown tomatoes and see how they compare to others. All tomatoes must be registered by 9:30 AM to be eligible for the competition. Don't grow tomatoes? Come see what type of tomatoes others are growing, see if you can find the Moon and Stars, measure yourself against our glass gem corn, check out the trombetta squash and view the new mural on the garden shed. Garden pancakes ready at 9, warm conversation all morning. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/who-s-tomato-reigns-supreme-/16455882/2025-08-16T10

AUGUST NOTHIN BUT SAND BEACH CLEAN UP

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Will Rogers State Beach 17000 Pacific Coast Hwy, Tower 7 Pacific Palisades, CA. Join us for the first public marine debris cleanup and data collection event at Will Rogers since the wildfires. Community is essential to rebuilding with resilience, and we at Heal the Bay are honored to bring people together for a day of healing, education, action, and citizen science. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/august-nothin-but-sand-beach-clean-up/16415152/2025-08-16T10

Tour the Pure Water Southern California Innovation Center 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Join our Safe Clean Water team for an exclusive tour of the Grace F. Napolitano Pure Water Southern California Innovation Center in Carson. Learn how this advanced facility produces 500,000 gallons of purified water every day using innovative treatment technology. You'll also get an inside look at what happens to the stormwater diverted to the plant from the South Santa Monica Bay. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/tour-the-pure-water-southern-california-innovation-center/16265218/2025-08-16T10

BEGINNER REFORMER PILATES AT GOOD BODY PILATES STUDIO

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Good Body Pilates Studio 3229 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica Good Body Pilates Studio Santa Monica. Start your Saturday feeling strong, centered, and energized with our Beginner Reformer Pilates Class at Good Body Pilates Studio, taught by expert instructor Kylie. This group class is perfect for those new to Pilates or anyone looking to reconnect with the fundamentals in a welcoming and supportive environment. No experience necessary! Located in the heart of Santa Monica on Pico Boulevard, right across from Trader Joe's, our boutique studio is surrounded by great local coffee shops and restaurants, making it the perfect place to kick off your weekend. Plenty of metered parking available on Pico Blvd, and both metered and free street parking available on Urban Ave. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/beginner-reformer-pilates-at-good-body-pilates-studio/16094481/2025-08-16T10

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SEWER

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connecting to Hyperion was selected as the preferred option because "it actually uses Hyperion treatment plant without having to upgrade or do anything, which Hyperion does have capacity to accept the additional wastewater flow."

However, the project's enormous cost sparked fierce debate among council members and residents about whether a centralized sewer system represents the most cost-effective solution.

Councilmember Doug Stewart questioned the financial logic, saying he couldn't "justify spending $128 million when the cost, the total cost for just septic systems and a few seawalls it'd be far less."

Stewart highlighted the city's precarious finances, noting a dramatic swing from a $9 million surplus to a $6 million deficit, and pressed for detailed cost comparisons with individual Advanced On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems (AOWTS).

Public comments revealed conflicting estimates for alternative solutions. Resident Carl suggested AOWTS could cost between $70,000 and $115,000, far below the proposed per-property sewer assessment. However, other speakers cited combined costs of $750,000 for septic systems and seawalls on narrow beachfront lots.

Environmental concerns also factored into the debate. Councilmember Steve Uhring argued that "rationally if you were starting from today you would not be putting septics on the beach next to the ocean," emphasizing potential pollution impacts.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board provided a crucial breakthrough for immediate relief, agreeing to allow interim septic repairs and replacements if the city commits to the sewer project. This policy would enable fire victims to rebuild with temporary wastewater solutions while the long-term project develops.

"The big thing from the regional board was they were open to interim septic repairs and replacements if the city commits to this project moving forward," DuBoux explained.

Key stakeholder meetings have yielded positive responses. Los Angeles confirmed adequate capacity at Hyperion, Santa Monica agreed to accommodate additional flows through their pier lift station, and Caltrans expressed no major objections to the PCH alignment.

The project would combine gravity and force main lines along Pacific Coast Highway, connecting to existing Los Angeles infrastructure at Coastline Drive before conveying wastewater to the Santa Monica Pier lift station and ultimately to Hyperion.

Funding strategies include pursuing various grants, seeking low-interest loans through state revolving funds, and exploring property assessments. Los Angeles County has indicated willingness to provide financial assistance.

Despite moving forward with exploration, significant questions remain about cost allocation and community support. Uhring stressed the need for "more robust outreach to beach property owners" before any final commitment.

The council requested additional financial analysis detailing cost breakdowns by property and potential assessment methodologies. Staff plans to provide incremental updates rather than waiting for a comprehensive final report to enable quicker decision-making.

The PCH Wastewater Project represents one of several major infrastructure initiatives the city is considering alongside fire season preparedness, emergency alert systems, and broader post-fire economic recovery efforts.

Preliminary design work is expected to conclude by fall 2025, with final design agreements and permitting targeted for 2026-2027 if the project ultimately receives full council approval.

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GROCERY

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checkout.

Assemblymember Ash Kalra, a San Jose Democrat, scoffed at Conway's assertion that self-checkout is an efficient and preferable choice for customers and said customers are often forced to use them since stores have reduced the number of cashiers.

"I don't know if I can disagree with more points that were just made from our friends with the grocers," Kalra told Conway during the late June hearing. "You must not be going to the stores if you think there's an improved shopping experience from these self-checkouts."

Opponents have expressed concern that a newly added provision in the bill would invite local municipalities to pass their own more stringent standards, as the city of Long Beach recently did, requiring stores to assign at least one clerk for every three self-checkout machines.

Companies warn that such a patchwork of laws would make it difficult to run stores with multiple locations, creating a burden for both owners and customers.

"Only a uniform, statewide approach can provide the consistency that both employers and employees need to thrive," wrote Ryan Allain, a lobbyist for the California Retailers Association, which is currently opposed to the bill.

Even though Republicans admitted that they, too, despise the self-checkout process, lawmakers slammed the bill for overstepping businesses' authority to regulate themselves and raise operating costs that would ultimately be passed along to the consumer.

Sen. Shannon Grove, Republican of Bakersfield, called it "completely unacceptable" for the Legislature to prevent businesses from introducing automation that could lower costs after committing to an affordability agenda.

"It's a labor thing, I get it," said Sen. Kelly Seyarto, a Murrieta Republican, on the Senate floor in June. "I'd like as many people to work as possible, but I'd also like to afford the groceries."

Sen. Ben Allen, a Democrat from Santa Monica, was among a few Democrats who expressed slight hesitations about the state preemption of local rules but voted for the bill anyway.

"I understand you're going to be working with the grocers on that challenge," he said in June.

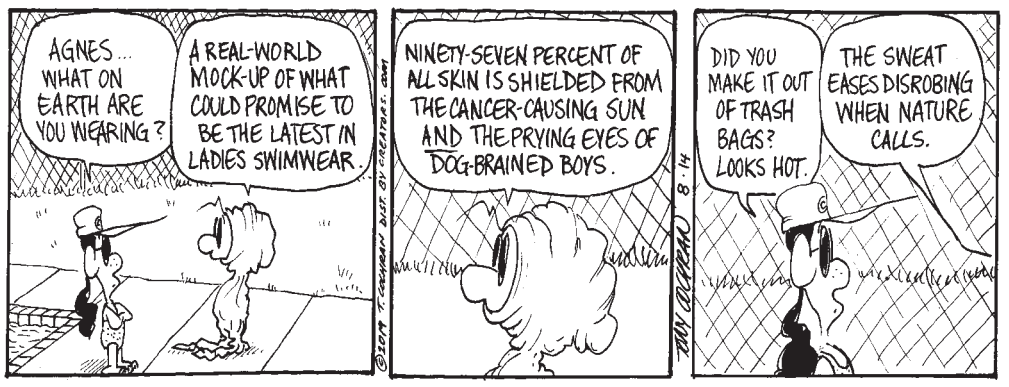
The bill must clear the Assembly Appropriations Committee after lawmakers return from their summer recess on Aug. 18 before it goes to the floor for a vote.

Tara Gallegos, a spokesperson for Gov. Gavin Newsom, wouldn't state a position on SB 442, saying the governor's office "doesn't typically comment on pending legislation."

By Maya C. Miller. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

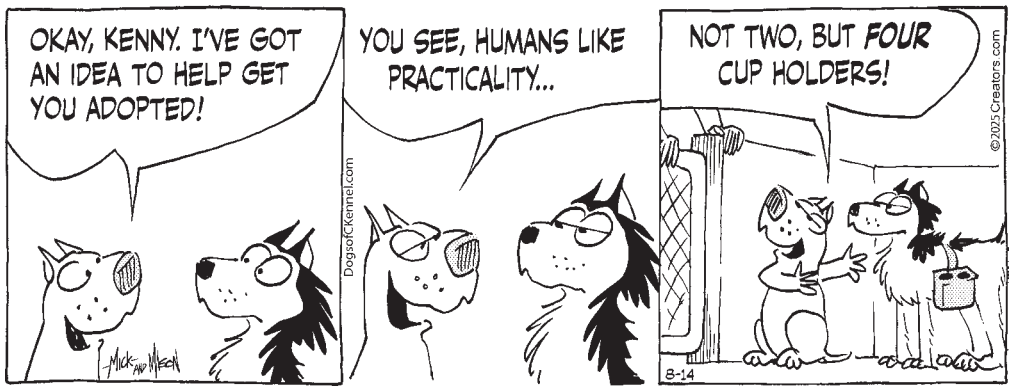
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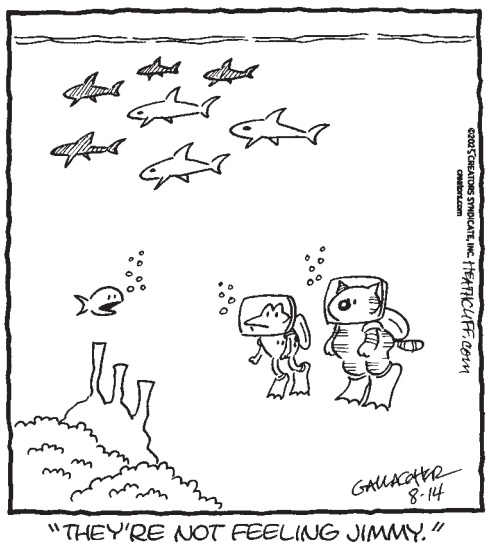
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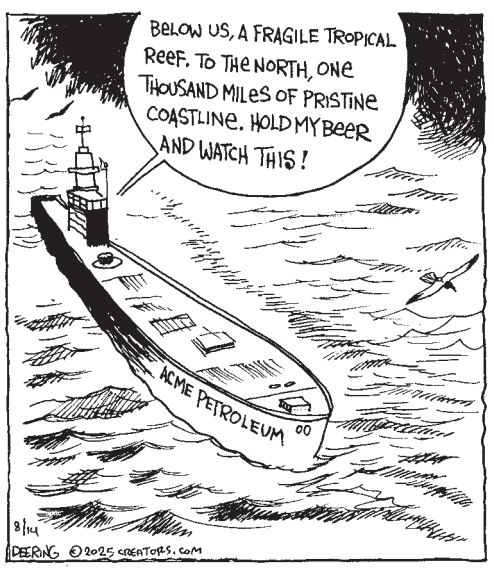
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"THEY'RE NOT FEELING JIMMY."

Strange Brew

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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Waxing lyrical

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 14)

Attention to the aesthetic makes life run smoother in this year marked by your exceptional taste. Pleasure is often the engine. Whimsy, beauty, silliness - the ignorant call it fluff; you call it fuel. Indulgence opens up bigger channels of attraction and ease. More highlights: Your custom approach to solving problems earns you top dollar. You'll travel with flair and make a bold, beautiful purchase that marks your moment. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 1, 20, 8 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's safe to let go of anxious overthinking and focus on what you can control right now. Show up, give your best and move forward. Don't spiral. Don't fixate. Just handle what's in front of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have conscious goals about love, success and virtue - and then there are subconscious aims that could conflict, like seeking approval, avoiding discomfort or chasing status. Where's the motivational misalignment? Self-honesty gives you the agency to course correct.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Now the territory feels unfamiliar. You might get turned around, but in doing so, you stumble into serendipity. Shifts in perspective as delicious as this don't come every day. Fresh eyes equal new possibilities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's easy to be mad at those who reflect endlessly about making a difference and don't actually help anyone else. Empathy demands more than just performance. The one doing hard, practical, daily emotional labor with no audience will give help that improves.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your charisma doesn't quit, and you don't even have to think about it. At this point, it's ingrained. You don't chase attention; you design it. You're in rare form - keeping intrigue high without saying too much. The slow drip of self-reveal keeps people on the edge of their seats.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a cost to waiting. Things may be easier later - but not everything should be easy. Decide now. Deciding is power. You're dealing in a part of life that is best served raw, real, awkward and quick.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may flub a note here and there, but these are not mistakes. You are learning the instrument, refining the song, practicing how to be fully yourself. Also, it's OK to take rests and let silence set up the next refrain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Haircuts, clothes, style... it can all be genuine expression - or protective disguise, depending on how it's wielded. Today brings a chance to see yourself more clearly. What are you saying without words?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't always need to be producing. There are enough products in the world. Today it's more important just to bring your being to the situation. Keep following the interesting. Keep watching. Keep letting life reveal itself to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your creativity is coming in hot, and you're fast on your feet. It's not about having all good ideas; it's more a matter of saying, acting out or recording the ones that come to mind, to find what works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The work you once offered as outreach now can be offered as a strategy, only because not everything you make should be offered as a gift. Some things are investments. Some are sacred. Some are just yours until you decide otherwise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even in chaos, your life is rich. You are loved. You are freer than many. You're making choices. Big, brave, consequential ones. And you're not missing your life - you're in it. And it's beautiful.

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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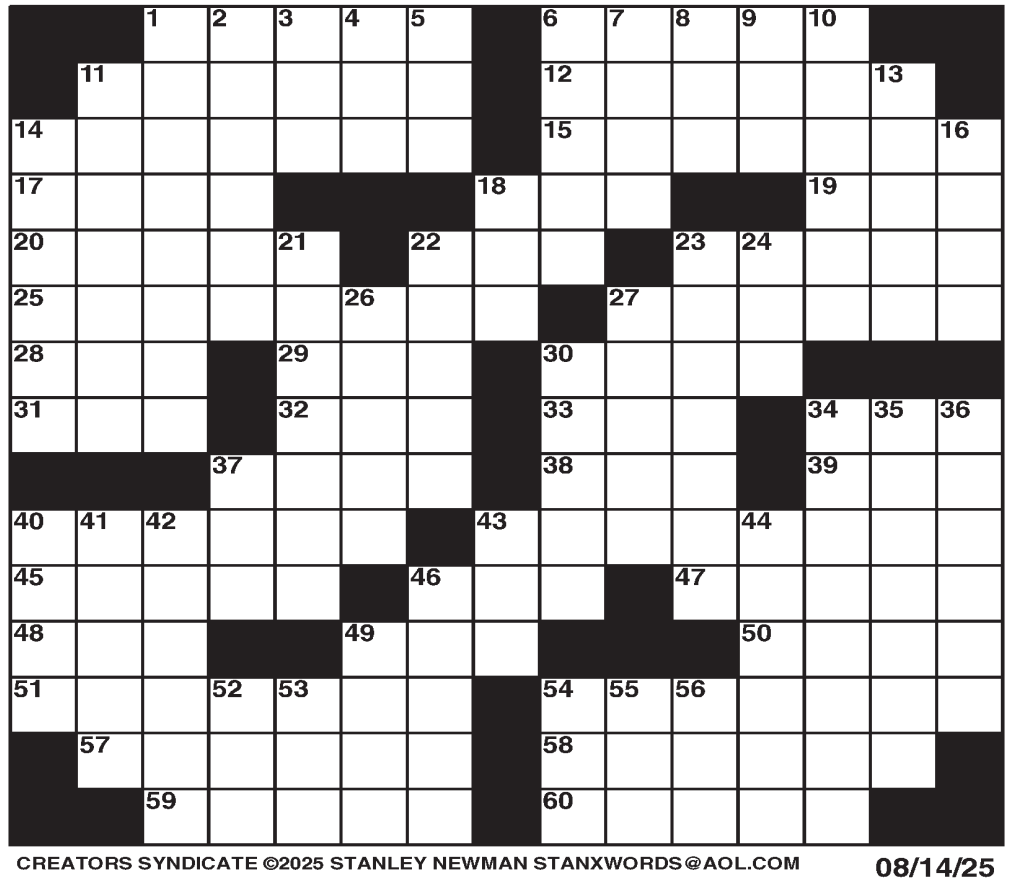
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17 Barbadian singer, to fans
18 Title like Mrs.
19 Partook of
20 Partaking of
22 Family member, familiarly
23 Family member, familiarly
25 With 43-Across, Oscar film for '36 (with William Powell)
27 Quit
28 Bucks and bulls
29 *Little Women* girl
30 Marvel guy you shouldn't get mad
31 Former JFK lander
32 Speak ill of
33 GPS calculation
34 Pseudonym, for short
37 Pilot prefix
38 Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer
39 Noteworthy epoch
40 Sydney Zoo favorites
43 See 25-Across
45 Boardroom accessory
46 Associate (with)
47 Quilt filling
48 NHL or NBA stats
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60 Too high to buy

DOWN

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5 ABA member
6 Gossip column twosomes
7 Appoint
8 Bit of advice
9 52-Down "she"
10 NFC West team
11 Scams via spam
13 Claim of innocence
14 The Declaration's axioms
16 Pored over
18 Stanford alternative
21 Bit by bit
22 Final authority
23 Potpourri
24 Fine flooring
26 Sends out
27 Little doll
30 Sign of spring?
34 Offer of assistance
35 Joan of Arc siege city
36 It's northeast of Seville
37 Pint-size beverage
40 Didn't ditch
41 Trial rituals
42 Holdings of value
43 Nothing at all
44 Lacking loyalty
46 Pirate's pal
49 Olive oil amts.
52 Green land
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MOVE, Santa Monica: Think Coachella Meets Fitness. MOVE is a choreographed 2-hour movement session that will blend breath-work, self-love and yoga with low-impact training, contemporary movement, high-energy dance + HIIT together. Sunday, Aug. 17, 9a.m. - 1:30p.m., Santa Monica Pier https://www.sweatpals.com/event/move-santa-monica

CicLAvia: The group will host its 61st car-free open streets event, connecting Culver City, Mar Vista and Venice along a 6.75-mile route "to reimagine city streets as welcoming spaces for the day in one's favorite people-powered way for all ages and abilities." Always free, you can enjoy the day by walking, jogging, biking, skating, or simply spectating. Sunday, Aug. 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ciclavia.org

Venice Art Crawl: Enjoy a fun filled evening with local art, live music, pop-up experiences, and community vibes. Meet visionary artists, uncover hidden gems, and experience creativity at every turn. Thursday, Aug. 21, 6–10p.m. VeniceArtCrawl.com

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Night Market at The Bungalow (through 8/28); David Bowie Art Exhibit at Santa Monica Art Museum (through 8/31); Wellness & Waves (through 10/11); Penmar Sunset Sessions (through 10/31)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Gnocchi + Wine Night at AJA Vineyards: Learn how to make Gnocchi from Private Chef Joanna Barajas, while enjoying cheese, charcuterie, and 2 glasses of wine per ticket. $125. Sunday, Aug 17, 4 - 8p.m., 1417 2nd St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gnocchi-wine-night-tickets-1409361039809

Lunetta's Summer Grill Nights + Neft Vodka Cocktails: Chef Raphael Lunetta is serving up a Summer Grill Nights menu featuring premium meats, fresh-caught seafood, vibrant market sides, and two handcrafted Neft Vodka cocktails — Peachy Keen (white peach, lavender lemon, bitters) and Le Chèvre (Lo-Fi Vermouth, goat cheese stuffed olives). Wednesday, Aug. 13 through Saturday, Aug. 16, 2420 Pico Blvd. www.lunettasm.com

Wally's Summer Soirée - Midnight Sparkle: Think glamour, golden-hour glow, and a complimentary glass of Prosecco to toast the night. With DJ Nelson providing the soundtrack, it's an evening made to shimmer. Thursday, Aug. 21, 214 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1020850&restref=1020850&experienceId=514833

TimeOut Magazine Includes Sidecar Donut on its "Best Doughnut Shops in LA" List: It nabs the #2 overall spot praising their "small-batch, freshly made treats in unique flavors like huckleberry, blueberry pancake and Meyer lemon. Sidecar commits to frying doughnuts throughout the day, which means you're basically guaranteed a great product, no matter what time it is. Cake doughnut lovers will enjoy the Saigon cinnamon crumb and sprinkle-covered celebration cake, but if you're more of a yeast-raised person, order the butter and salt, which combines luxurious brown butter with fleur de sel." 631 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.timeout.com/los-angeles/restaurants/best-donut-shops-los-angeles-doughnuts

Multiple SaMo Shops Make The Infatuation's "Best Sandwich Shops in LA" List: Bread Head (1518 Montana Ave.), Bay Cities (1517 Lincoln Blvd.), Lady & Larder (828 Pico Blvd.), and Tre Mani (1620 Ocean Park Blvd.) all get recognition. Breadhead gets the highest ranking, stating "LA is flooded with fancy focaccia sandwiches. But it only takes one bite of the pork-stuffed Combo Grinder to know this spot is doing something special." https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-sandwich-shops-in-la

Further Afield: Miznon at Grand Central Market in Downtown LA: Chef Eyal Shani's celebrated Mediterranean street-food concept from Tel Aviv has opened its first West Coast location, serving its signature stuffed pitas—such as charred cauliflower with tahini, smash-burger-style cheeseburger, and a steak & egg version—alongside non-pita dishes like lamb kebabs and brisket platters. I went there last week and was blown away by the flavors! 317 South Broadway, 11a.m. – 9p.m. daily https://www.instagram.com/miznonusa/

Looking Ahead: Dog Daze of Summer on Montana Ave. (8/23); Red Bull Origin Venice Beach Open (9/5-7); A PIERfect Benefit (9/6); Thai Fest by the Beach (9/20-21); The Other Art Fair (9/25-28); Abbot Kinney Festival (9/28); Main St. Day of the Dog Festival (10/18); OTH Santa Monica Seafood Festival (10/19)

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UCLA

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applicant's race. But when the Supreme Court of the United States struck down affirmative action in 2023, the majority ruling allowed campuses to allow students to write about their race and identity in admissions essays.

The science foundation made similar accusations against Harvard University when it terminated that campus's grants.

The 800 grant suspensions followed a federal Department of Justice report last month that accused the campus of not doing enough to address antisemitism, particularly related to events during last year's pro-Palestine protests, which included overnight encampments erected by protesters. The report came months after UCLA commissioned a task force to investigate antisemitism on campus and come up with recommendations that UCLA leaders said they'd implement.

That report published the same day UCLA agreed to a $6.45 million settlement with four Jewish plaintiffs. That deal was opposed by several pro-Palestinian professors and students, some of whom are Jewish.

Last year a federal judge in the case sided with the Jewish plaintiffs who said that the anti-Israel sentiment displayed by protestors in the encampment violated their religious liberties because of their spiritual ties to Israel. "Jewish students were excluded from portions of the UCLA campus because they refused to denounce their faith," the judge, Mark C. Scarsi, wrote in his preliminary injunction.

Various Jewish groups debate whether anti-Zionism is inherently antisemitic. The UCLA encampment included Jewish participants.

About a week later, on Aug 8, the Trump administration sent UCLA a settlement proposal of $1 billion that the school would pay over several installments in exchange for getting back the suspended science grants, CNN first reported. The settlement also sought to ban overnight demonstrations at UCLA, but that was already campus policy before last spring's pro-Palestine protests; the UC reaffirmed those bans systemwide last fall.

HOW CALIFORNIA RESPONDED

Gov. Gavin Newsom said Trump "has threatened us through extortion with a billion dollar fine unless we do his bidding" at a press conference on Friday hours after CNN first reported Trump's settlement demand. Newsom said "we'll sue" last Friday when a reporter asked how California will respond. The state's attorney general has already filed 37 lawsuits against the Trump administration, including several tied to education funding.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said "bring it on, Gavin" at a press conference Tuesday.

"A payment of this scale would completely devastate our country's greatest public university system as well as inflict great harm on our students and all Californians," said UC President James B. Milliken in a statement about the $1 billion settlement demand. UCLA has also continued its media blitz highlighting the human benefits of the university's health and science research.

The settlement demand "does not make Jewish students safer," the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California said in a statement Tuesday. The advocacy group 39 organizations that offer family services, political advocacy, immigration legal aid and other nonprofit work.

The Jewish affairs committee pointed to several strides UC and UCLA made to curtail antisemitism and promote safer campuses. "Meaningful progress is already underway in California," the group wrote.

By Mikhail Zinshteyn. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

SLOAN

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the role, including 16 years serving Fresno as both assistant city attorney and city attorney from 2006 to 2022.

In his farewell remarks, Sloan reflected on the unique aspects of working in Santa Monica.

"I don't know if you growing up here realize how special Santa Monica is, but for three years, I've been able to live on the beach and walk three blocks to work," Sloan said. "That's been an absolute joy."

He praised the professionalism and integrity of the City Council members he worked with during his tenure.

"What I really appreciated most, though, is the ability to work with this council, the former council, and what professionalism, the integrity and the sense of public service that you all have," Sloan said.

As city attorney, Sloan served as chief legal advisor to the City Council, city manager and city departments, directing outside counsel on litigation, personnel and transactional matters. He brought expertise in economic development, real estate, eminent domain and code enforcement.

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