

FEATURE

Dignity, Not Delay seeks to upend City's treatment of Black workers



Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Coalition Against Anti-Blackness founder Anthony Holmes and community raise their fists in the air outside of Long Beach City Hall after giving public comments during the Long Beach City Council meeting on May 5, 2026.

"The system is a complete failure," Holmes said of Long Beach's internal reporting systems. "It's there just to be there." He also points to leadership — councilmembers, the Equal Employment Opportunity Department and Mayor Rex Richardson, specifically — for allowing these ineffective systems to thrive with no consequence.

In early April, the Coalition Against Anti-Blackness, supported by the Long Beach Black Workers Center and Black Lives Matter Grassroots Long Beach, announced the Dignity, Not Delay: Justice for Black Workers in Long Beach campaign. The goal is to advance racial equity and economic opportunity for Black workers by dismantling the systemic racist practices they say has allowed these disparities to continue.

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Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

From an outsider's perspective, Long Beach is a beacon for progress. Its diversity is constantly touted as an asset, while public officials of ten speak highly of the city's values.

But for many Black residents, this isn't their experience. And the data backs them up.

Black workers make up roughly 11% of the City workforce across all departments, yet they are overrepresented in the lowest-paying jobs and make up only about 6% of higher-paying positions, according to the City of Long Beach Employee Dashboard.

For Anthony Holmes, these are more than numbers. It speaks to the last 12 years of his life working within the City's refuse collection services. Over the last few years he has filed formal complaints through human resources alleging discrimination, waited through numerous internal investigations, spoken about his experience at city council meetings and during it all, has faced retaliation at his workplace.

Last year, he founded the Coalition Against Anti-Blackness to empower others experiencing similar circumstances.

NEWS



Courtesy of the City of Signal Hill

The renovated Signal Hill City Hall comes with new flooring, restrooms, breakrooms, lighting and more.

Signal Hill City Hall gets a \$3.5 million facelift

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

After two years of construction, Signal Hill unveiled its newly renovated City Hall on April 16, featuring much-needed improvements to the nearly century-old building.

The project is the latest addition to the City's Civic Center Master Plan, passed in 2024. The City considered expanding the building to add space, but received feedback from the community to preserve the building as is due to its historic significance. The building has stood in the same spot since 1934 and was the former home of Signal Hill's first mayor Jessie Nelson.

Renovations to City Hall began in November 2024 and were overseen by the Department of Public Works. This decision saved the City a "considerable amount of money" as well as ensuring "the project reflected the attention to detail and pride of ownership" the project warranted, according to City Manager Carlo Tomaino.

Estate Design and Construction was the prime contractor on the project, which totaled \$3.5 million.

The renovations included:

- New energy-efficient windows
- New flooring and interior finishes

- Fully renovated restrooms, breakrooms and common areas
- New lighting and electrical systems throughout the building

The building also received new workstations, seven offices, a conference room, monitors and a new layout. The City Council Chambers have updated acoustics, furnishings and audio-visual systems. Additional improvements include a new fire alarm and security system, room scheduling systems and integrated display monitors.

OP-ED

They asked us to build it. Now they're taking it apart.

Black families in Long Beach helped create something rare in a school district: programs that actually worked. Now, key parts of that work are being dismantled quietly, without transparency or meaningful community partnership.

By Melissa Morgan, Jerlene Tatum, and Dr. Kim Tabari

Melissa Morgan is an LBUSD parent and BSAI Advisory Member, and member of the LBUSD Equity Leadership Team. Jerlene Tatum is an LBUSD parent and Founding BSAI Advisory Member. Dr. Kim Tabari is a former LBUSD parent and Founding BSAI Advisory Member.

In late April, after more than 15 months of Black families raising persistent concerns and community calls for accountability through meetings, public comments, restorative processes and direct advocacy, Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) removed Norma Spencer as Director of the Center of Black Student Excellence.

Many Black families across the city hope this marks a turning point.

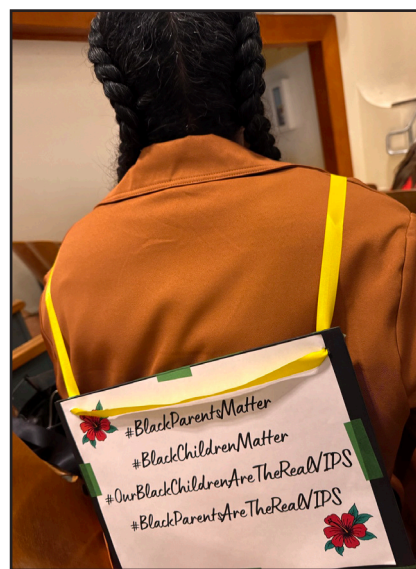
This spring, families should have been preparing for the 5th Annual Black Student Achievement Initiative (BSAI) Symposium, a vibrant gathering we co-created. Parents connected across packed rooms. Students saw Black educators, leaders and families affirming their worth and potential.

Instead, the event was silently removed from the LBUSD calendar. No public notice. No community forum. No explanation from district leadership. No acknowledgment of what this gathering meant to the families who helped build it.

What We Built and Why It Matters

This ecosystem of support began with accountability. A 2018 legal settlement required LBUSD to redirect misallocated funds toward mental health services, tutoring and family engagement for its most underserved students.

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The programs introduced under the Black Student Achievement Initiative resulted in a greater sense of belonging and confidence in Black students, parents have said.

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Pet of the week: Mia

Mia is enjoying a yogurt cone to mark her official tenure as a Long-Stay Legend. We say "mark" instead of "celebrate" because Long-Stay Legends are the dogs who have been at Long Beach Animal Care Services for more than a year, and Mia is one of them.

That's no cause for joy, so the volunteers decided to add a little delight to her day. (Mia finished that cone in no time flat!) Mia is a 4-year-old husky mix with eyes like blue diamonds. Like most huskies, she loves to move, explore, and keep busy. She's happiest when she's around her favorite shelter people. Mia thrives with gentle guidance and would do well with someone who can help channel her energy with a balance of structure, adventure and snuggles when she winds down. Mia also requires some additional care – she recently began to have seizures, but they've been successfully controlled with meds. She'll likely always need medication, but she'll otherwise lead a long, happy life with someone who'll just look at that as part of Mia's normal day. Long Beach Animal Care Services is over capacity with dogs, so speed the process to adopt or foster Mia or any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Our shelter hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). Ask for ID#A740567.

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The issue is far-reaching, they say, from hiring and pay to promotions and everyday workplace conditions. As are their solutions, which include establishing an independent reporting system and accountability commission, creating pathways to promote Black workers, strengthening anti-retaliation protections and more.

The City of Long Beach has taken multiple actions that are similar to these demands, such as the Framework for Reconciliation, the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative and the Equity Toolkit for City Leaders and Staff, all passed in 2020 following national unrest due to the murder of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers. Most recently, the city council requested a workforce analysis on Feb. 10, which is expected to become public in early June. The City's most recently available Workforce Diversity Report was published in 2020.

However, Black community leaders say these policies have created empty promises and resulted in very little change.

A System that Fails its Black Employees

"A lack of consistency has brought us together," said Dr. Lydia Hollie, who co-authored the 2013 "State of Black Long Beach: A Call to Action" with Dr. Alex Norman. The report was funded by the California Endowment's Building Healthy Communities Initiative, and offered a snapshot of the Black experience in Long Beach, from infant mortality rates, unemployment rates, graduation rates, life expectancy and more.

The "State of Black Long Beach" found that Black City government workers were often afraid to speak up at work in fear of repercussions. "We thought the city would look at it and see where to improve and that didn't happen," Hollie said.

Holmes said he began experiencing discrimination in the Public Works Department in 2017, when his supervisor began telling him to clean up entire alleys not regularly a part of his route. According to



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Founder of the Coalition Against Anti-Blackness, Anthony Holmes, is frustrated with Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson after his timer for public comment began before he started speaking at the Long Beach City Council meeting on May 5, 2026. Holmes ceded his time and walked out irritated as supporters yelled, "Protect Black workers."

Holmes, he was the only worker being asked to do so, even though this type of work falls under the Long Beach Go app services. He was also told multiple times to clean up items that his coworkers had left behind for weeks.

When he brought this to his superintendent's attention, Holmes was told to "just do what he [his supervisor] said." He began asking his coworkers if they were being told to do the same tasks, but they were not. Afterwards, Holmes then began receiving derogatory marks on his evaluations he said were unjustified, such as not knowing how to use a tablet that wasn't installed in his truck, and being told to be more efficient on his routes even though he completed them everyday.

Holmes has filed multiple discrimination complaints with Long Beach's Equal Employment Opportunity Office (EEO), and said each report returned months later marked as "unsubstantiated."

After trying and failing through the City's internal systems multiple times, Holmes began going down to city council meetings a couple of years ago to talk about the treatment he's facing. He said this hasn't helped either. What it has done though, is encourage other

Black workers from other City departments to reach out to Holmes, both offering and needing support.

"I don't know how they get my number," Holmes said. "They just call me and let me know what's going on. I try to guide them. I try to encourage them. But I also have to keep it real with them. Like when they file a complaint with the EEO. I just let them know off top that the EEO is not going to do nothing."

He tells workers to file the complaints anyway in order to make a paper trail as soon as possible, knowing their case will likely be unsubstantiated. It will help in court, if it gets to that, he tells them.

"I've heard the stories, and I haven't heard successes. And that's not because the individuals aren't doing what they can to speak up for their own rights," said Dana Nickerson, who has worked at the non-profit Long Beach Black Workers

Center since 2023. Her job consists of doing intakes on individuals who are facing discrimination in their workplace and need support on how to fight back.

One aspect both Holmes and Nickerson point to is the lack of accountability from the EEO Office, which handles complaints from workers through their respective department.

"It's very concerning to me that our Equal Employment Opportunity department is a City department, governed by the City, because how could it really be effective?" Nickerson said.

The Demands of Dignity, Not Delay

The Dignity, Not Delay campaign calls for the City of Long Beach to:

• **Deliver a 120-day workforce analysis** and release transparent, public data on hiring, pay and promotions by race.

• **Adopt and reinforce a Workplace Equity Policy** with clear definitions, timelines and consequences.

• **Establish an independent Truth, Reconciliation and Accountability Commission** outside of internal City systems.

• **Strengthen anti-retaliation protections** and create safe, independent reporting systems for workers.

• **Invest in pathways for Black workers** into higher-paying roles and leadership opportunities.

• **Fully fund and support the City's Office of Equity and the Health Department's health equity work**, including the implementation of the Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative.

Read the full story online at SigTrib.com

What You Can Do:

- The Dignity, Not Delay campaign is currently gathering signatures as a sign of support for Black workers. You can sign the petition online.
- Black workers dealing with discrimination of any kind in their workplace can get support to organize from the Coalition of Anti-Blackness, or can join the coalition to support other Black workers. Learn more about the coalition at @coalitionagainstantiblack on Instagram or by emailing jackie@jackieraetv.com or ant.holmes80@yahoo.com.
- The Black Workers Center can assist with filing a claim, learning your rights in the workplace as well as other resources. You can also get in touch with the National Black Worker Center's Working While Black hotline by texting BLACK to 628292.

Corrections

- The cover artwork for the *A Better World: Begins With Us* issue was created by Kenedy Fuller
- In *Surfrider Foundation works to conserve the 'Beach' in Long Beach*, the foundation was stated as 70 years old. The foundation is actually 40 years old.

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The annual Long Beach Dyke March, a community protest that highlights LGBTQIA+ empowerment, returns this Friday at 6 p.m. beginning at Bixby Park.

This week brings meditative experiences, local concerts and the yearly return of Long Beach Pride.

Sound baths can be explored at The Mom-Up Shop Friday night and during the swap meet and south bath event hosted by Roots Next Door and She is Limitless Saturday morning. Community kindness can be found in spades through Sunday's Spanish Social Club, as well as Project X LB's P.E.A.C.E. in the Park and the Big Gay Picnic at Bluff Park, both happening Saturday afternoon.

Enjoy live music during Port City Tavern's Nickchella Saturday afternoon, Jug Band Coffee & Tea's weekly Bluegrass Night Wednesday and the Long Beach Pride Festival, happening all day Saturday and Sunday at Marina Green Park. Pride festivities will also include the 43rd Annual Long Beach Pride Parade, which will roll through downtown Long Beach Sunday morning.

15 FRIDAY

LONG BEACH DYKE MARCH

6 p.m. The annual Dyke March invites LGBTQIA+ community members and allies to march in protest, bringing visibility and community power to the streets. The march will begin at Bixby Park (First Street and Junipero Avenue). Free.

SOUND BATH

8:30 p.m. The Mom-Up Shop is hosting The Frequency Witch for a healing sound bath at the shop (60 E. Fourth St.). Attendees should bring yoga mats, pillows, crystals that need charging and blankets. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for those who want to shop vintage goods. Tickets are \$25 ahead of

time and \$30 at the door and can be purchased through Venmo, Zelle or Cash App, with payment information available on Instagram.

16 SATURDAY

SWAP MEET + SOUND BATH

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Roots Next Door and She is Limitless are hosting a swap meet where people can swap gently-used, clean clothing and enjoy healing sounds at Ocean and Temple. You do not have to participate in the swap to enjoy the sound bath. RSVP online. Free.

LONG BEACH ANTIQUES GRAND OPENING

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Explore over 12,000 feet of vintage treasures like decor, collectibles, furniture, clothing, records, art and more at the grand opening of Long Beach Antiques (3588 Palo Verde Ave.). The grand opening celebration will also take place Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be coffee and prizes. Free to attend.

P.E.A.C.E. IN THE PARK

Noon to 4 p.m. Project X LB invites local families to this day of connection, community and protection at Silverado Park (1545 W. 31st St.) with healing workshops, peace-centered art activities, a healing drum circle, resources and more. Free.

LONG BEACH PRIDE FESTIVAL

Noon to 10 p.m. See two days of hip-hop, Latin and pop music performances this Saturday and Sunday at Marina Green Park (386 E. Shoreline Drive) during the Long Beach Pride Festival. Tickets include single-day general admission (\$40), single-day VIP (\$75) and weekend general admission (\$75).

BIG GAY PICNIC

12:30 p.m. The LGBTQIA+ community and allies are invited to a day of sunshine, community and friendship at this picnic at Bluff Park (Junipero Avenue and Ocean Boulevard). Residents are invited to come with blankets, chairs, drinks and food. Free.

NICKCHELLA

4 p.m. Dress in your best festival attire to hear a lineup of local musicians and bands at Port City Tavern (4306 E. Anaheim St.) during the second annual Nickchella. Free.

17 SUNDAY

RUNNING SUCKS RUN CLUB

8 a.m. Join Running Sucks Run Club and Pueblita Tortillas for this 5K where you can walk, run or jog, purchase handmade corn tortillas and support immigrant families. The event is free, but a \$5 donation is suggested, with all proceeds going to ORALE. Proceeds from tortilla sales will also go to ORALE. The run will begin at Sazon Pilates Studio (9750 Flower St.). Purchase your ticket online.

LONG BEACH PRIDE PARADE

10 a.m. Beginning at Ocean Boulevard and Lindero Avenue, the 43rd Annual Long Beach Pride Parade will march along the city's coastline. This year's parade carries the empowering theme of "Fearless and Free," and will feature 11 grand marshalls, including musician xB-Valentine and Signal Hill councilmember Keir Jones. Free.

FREE HAIRCUTS

2:45 to 4 p.m. Local hairdressers, in partnership with Long Beach Community Table, are offering free

haircuts to those who need it at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.). Free.

SPANISH SOCIAL CLUB

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Practice your Spanish skills in a fun, welcoming environment at this club meetup at Good Time (1322 Coronado Ave.).

18 MONDAY

TAI CHI

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Seniors ages 55 and older can join instructor Angie Sierra for gentle, flowing movements of Tai Chi at Signal Hill Park Community Center (1780 E. Hill St.). Register by calling 562-989-7330.

BOOK CLUB

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join local mutual aid group Care Culture Collaborative for its weekly book club "Practical Anarchism: A Guide to Daily Life" at Vine LB (2142 E. Fourth St.). Author Shuli Branson provides practical examples of anarchism in everyday life, through history, theory and tips that include mutual aid and collective liberation. You do not have to read the book to participate in discussion. Free.

19 TUESDAY

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Celebrate one year of Community Land Trust meetings at Studio One Eleven (245 E. Third St.), featuring art, conversation, food and ice cream as well as a reflection on what belonging and community stewardship can look like in Long Beach. Free.

LB COAST WATCH PARTY

6 p.m. Watch the opening game of Long Beach Coast's inaugural season at Trademark Brewing (233

E. Anaheim St.) among other fans. Free.

20 WEDNESDAY

BLUEGRASS NIGHT

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Every Wednesday evening at Jug Band Coffee and Tea (2771 E. Broadway) is Bluegrass Night. This week, visitors will be able to see Silver Linings with David Fetchet, the band's final performance before their hiatus. Free.

YOGA

8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Join Liza every Wednesday evening at Kubo LB (3976 Atlantic Ave.) for trauma-informed, healing and restorative yoga. Mats are provided but you can also bring your own. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Register in the link in the bio of @kubo.lb on Instagram.

21 THURSDAY

PRISON LETTER WRITING

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Local mutual aid group Care Culture Collaborative are hosting this meetup at Vine LB (2142 E. Fourth St.) where attendees write letters of encouragement to people in prison. The group is also accepting donations for stamps. Free.

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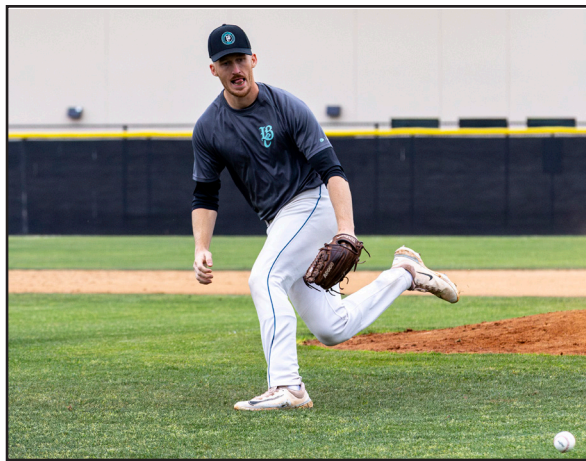
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In Photos: Long Beach Coast breeze through first spring training practice

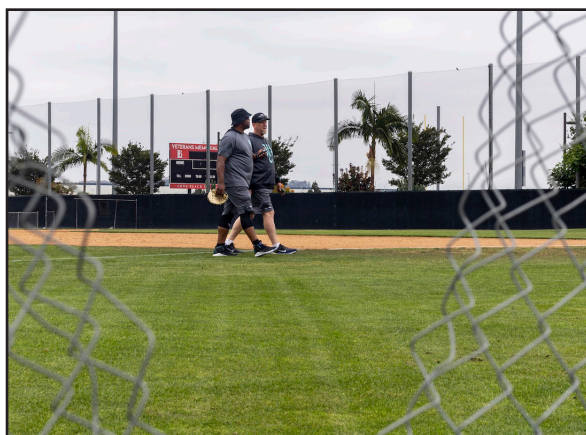
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Long Beach Coast outfielder Thomas McCaffrey (left) and infielder Patrick Roche (right) practice base running and ground ball scenarios during the team's first day of spring training on May 12, 2026.



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Clockwise from top left: Infielder Tyler Young, southpaw Matthew Kavanaugh, pitcher Mason Bryant and shortstop Anthony Mata work on fundamentals during the Long Beach Coast's first spring training practice on May 12, 2026.



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(Left) Long Beach Coast manager Troy Percival spoke with the team inside the dugout just before spring training ended on May 12, 2026. (Right) From left to right: Long Beach Coast Assistant Coach Jerome Williams and Manager Troy Percival walk across the diamond during the Long Beach Coast spring training on May 12, 2026.

Samuel Chacko

Photo Editor

On a cloudy Tuesday morning in mid-May, Long Beach's only professional sports team, the Coast, opened its first-ever spring training.

Thirty-four players were seen stretching, warming up and laughing with one another at 9 a.m. while the coaches were giving pointers and taking off the tarps on Joe Hicks Memorial Field at Long Beach City College. Just a few miles south, the Coast will play its first home game at Blair Field on June 2.

This marked the first time media saw synergy between the players and coaches. Similarly, it's the first time the coaches were able to see the players all together and begin preparing with the season opener on May 19 against the Yuba-Sutter Freebirds at Bryant Field.

They started with the basics — fielding groundballs, practicing pick-offs, swinging in the batting cage, all while the pitchers warmed up.

The loud, satisfying sounds of bats cracking and baseballs whooshing into gloves reverberated inside the stadium.

Following a brief team meeting to kick off spring training, the players didn't waste any time getting to work. The field-side primarily focused on infield plays on different areas of the diamond for the majority of the practice.

The groundball drills focused on the shortstop getting the ball to first base and having two teammates rush to the ball at the same time to communicate mid-play.

The Coast coaches had multiple infielders practice double play scenarios with runners on first and second, helping each player improve their decision-making within seconds.

After batting practice, where players each took turns using the batting cage in the bullpen and inside the diamond, the coaches gave a final speech to the players and the team packed up for the day.

While the Coast are playing catch-up to more established teams in the Pioneer Baseball League, the attention to detail within those three hours Tuesday morning showed a glimpse of what this team can accomplish in its inaugural season.

The Long Beach Coast will open its spring training to fans this Saturday, May 16 at 2 p.m. at Joe Hicks Memorial Field (5018 E Lew Davis St.)



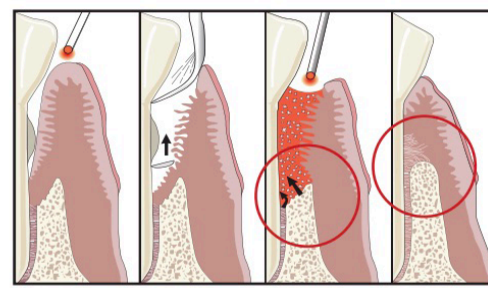
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Long Beach Coast players took turns practicing their swings inside the Long Beach City College batting cage on May 12, 2026.

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PROJECT: Adoption of Citywide Impact Fee Nexus Study and Fee Schedule Update and Adoption of Citywide Impact Fees Capital Improvement Plan

DESCRIPTION: Consideration of a resolution adopting the Citywide Impact Fee Nexus Study, which was prepared by the City and Harris & Associates and includes a Citywide Impact Fees Capital Improvement Plan, in compliance with Government Code section 66002, and an updated fee schedule for the Citywide Development Impact Fees

LOCATION: Citywide

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Warehouse Lien Sale

Debtor: American Pillowcase LLC (St. Louis, MO 63146) Cargohouse Logistics Inc., as warehouseman, is enforcing its warehouse lien for unpaid storage, handling, and related charges pursuant to California Commercial Code §7210. Goods: Pillowcases, sheets, blankets, bedding covers (used/new) Location of Goods: 2710 E. El Presidio St., Carson, CA 90810 Auction: 05/15/2026 ~ 05/21/2026 Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM daily Location: 2710 E. El Presidio St., Carson, CA 90810 Sale will be conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Goods may be sold in bulk or in lots to the highest bidder for cash or acceptable terms. Debtor may redeem the goods at any time prior to sale by paying all amounts due, including accrued charges. Proceeds will be applied to the lien and costs of sale. Any surplus will be handled in accordance with California law. If no commercially reasonable bids are received, goods may be disposed of and all related costs charged to the debtor. Pub. The Signal Tribune: May 1, 8 & 15, 2026

TST8115 / 2026 088524
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. ENCORE TECHNICAL SERVICES, 2. ENCORE TECH SERVICES, 2900 EAST 29TH STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ENCORE WELDING AND INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY LLC, 2900 EAST 29TH STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SHELLEY MANN, VICE PRESIDENT. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 4/22/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the

rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: April 24, & May 1, 8, 15, 2026

TST8116 Case No. 26TRCP00145
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 825 MAPLE AVE., TORRANCE, CA. 90277 PETITION OF: Lucy Alyssa Alexandre for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Lucy Alyssa Alexandre has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Lucy Alyssa Alexandre Proposed Name: Lucy Alina Kee 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: June 26, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. E, Room: 500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. April 24 & May 1, 8, 15, 2026. //ss// Alan B. Honeycutt, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: Apr 20, 2026

TST8109 / 2026 022960
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: READY RESET HAUL, 2655 ST LOUISAVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GARAGE-METHOD LLC, 2655 ST LOUIS AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA. 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: VIVIANNA DOMINGUEZ, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 01/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/30/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it

was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: April 24, & May 1, 8, 15, 2026

TST8111 Case No. 26LBCP00113
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 25 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Ellen Xiao Li Moody for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ellen Xiao Li Moody has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Ellen Xiao Li Moody Proposed Name: Elle Xiao Li Moody 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: May 22, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. 27. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. April 24 & May 1, 8, 15, 2026. //ss// Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 6, 2026

TST8110 / 2026 081416
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: JR'S LANDSCAPING, 197 E. HULLETT ST., LONG BEACH, CA. 90805. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: FERNANDO-CARRILLO DAVALOS, P.O. BOX 18813, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: FERNANDO CARRILLO DAVALOS, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 04/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Apr 13, 2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: April 24, & May 1, 8, 15, 2026

TST8118 / 2026 089006
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: BUENA VISTA PROPERTY, 4167 WARNER AVE NO 205, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA. 92640. County: ORANGE. Registrant: CHERYL GARLAND, 4167 WARNER AVE NO 205, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA. 92649. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: CHERYL GARLAND, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 04/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 4/23/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

TST8119 Case No. 26lBCP00138
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: DARLENE A. WHITNEY for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: DARLENE A. WHITNEY has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: MALLORY Proposed Name: DARLENE ANN MALLORY 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall

appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: June 5, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. S28, Room: 5300. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. //ss// Sabina A. Helton, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 24, 2026

TST8125 Case No. 26CMCP00001
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90220 PETITION OF: Patricia Acevedo Reveles for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Patricia Acevedo Reveles has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Patricia Acevedo Reveles Proposed Name: Patricia Reveles 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: June 30, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. A, Room: 904. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026. //ss// Elizabeth L. Bradley, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 20, 2026

TST8132 / 2026 092870
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: PIXEL AND EMBER STUDIOS, 4142 EMENDEZ STREET UNIT 433, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: LISA KASPER, 4142 E MENDEZ STREET UNIT 433, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: LISA KASPER, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 4/28/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

TST8142 / 2026 092352
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: GATA MATCHA, 4504 NORTH BANNER DRIVE APT 1, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ASHLEY CASTILLO, 4504 NORTH BANNER DRIVE APT 1, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ASHLEY CASTILLO, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 04/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 4/28/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: May 15, 22, 29 & June 5, 2026

TST8120

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice SecureSpace Self Storage Signal Hill located at 3177 California Avenue Signal Hill CA 90755 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.

storage-treasures.com on 5/27/2026 at 4:30 PM. Nina Luke; Shelly Arnwine; Joseph Henry; Miriam Faido; Robert Neder; Corey Reynolds; Monica Olivas; Desirae Llanas; Shaun Herrmann; Brandee Carter. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Pub. The Signal Tribune: May 8, 15, 2026

TST8137/Order No: 4718
Auto Lien Sale

On 05/28/2026 at 4931 MASON ST SOUTH GATE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2024 HONDA VIN: 1HGKY2F70RA083895 STATE: CA LIC: 9NJU922 at 9AM

TST8138/Order No: 4784
Auto Lien Sale

On 05/28/2026 at 10344 S WESTERN BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 MERCE VIN: WDDSJ4EB7HN466536 STATE: CA LIC: 8PSB639 at 9AM

TST8139/Order No: 5183
Auto Lien Sale

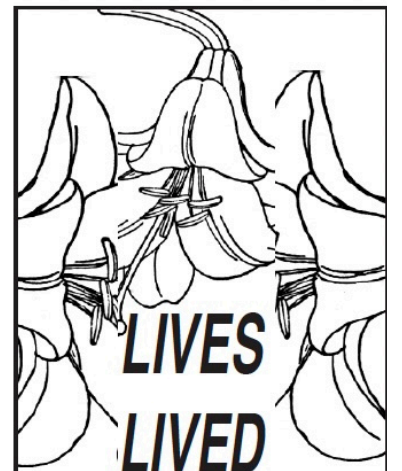
On 05/28/2026 at 8000 S FIGUEROA ST LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2023 KIA VIN: 3KPF24AD9PE676882 STATE: CA LIC: 9JIE704 at 9AM

TST8140/Order No: 5376
Auto Lien Sale

On 05/28/2026 at 637 E MANCHESTER LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2024 CHEVROLET VIN: 1G1ZD5T4RF157663 STATE: LIC: at 9AM

TST8141/Order No: 2879
Auto Lien Sale

On 05/31/2026 at 8806 NORWALK BLVD WHITTIER, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 NISSAN VIN: 1N6ED0EA2MN707862 STATE: CA LIC: 69718Y3 at 9AM



Glenn Alton 101
Cassidy Gurske 27
Jess Gibson 52
Michael Rivera 33
John Hopton, III 82
Santiago Flores 85
Godwin Ogbuenyi 61
Basilisa Garcia 93
Sur Bay 65
Jay Shipley 74
Colleen Levulis 62
Matthew Achilefu 83
Julian Kowey 68
Steve Magdelino 82
Embert Anderson 63
Francisco Salcido 66
Deborah Gormley Picone 67
Brant Smith 76
Laurie MacIntosh 62

The families were assisted by McKenzie Mortuary. For more details on service dates and times, contact (562) 961-9301

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Metric	Black Students	District Average	Disparity
ELA Standards Met/Exceeded	34%	49%	-15%
Math Standards Met/Exceeded	20%	36%	-16%
Suspension Rate	9.3%	2.7%	3.4x higher
A-G College Eligibility	46% (Grade 11)	66%	-20%

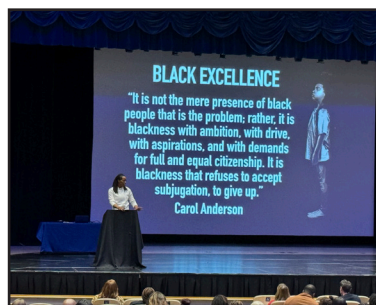
Courtesy of LBUSD

Long Beach Unified School District data from the 2025-26 school year indicates a sizable disparity between Black students' A-G college eligibility and English and math standards and the district average. The data also shows Black students' suspension rate is 3.4x higher than the district average.

Then, amid the 2020 COVID-19 crisis and national reckoning after the murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd, Superintendent Dr. Jill Baker's administration adopted an Equity Policy. This policy was co-developed by parents, guardians, staff, educators and community members, and endorsed by all but one board member.

From that foundation emerged the BSAI, a growing ecosystem of support that included the Sankofa Parent Village, Sankofa Saturdays, Sankofa Summer Academy, school-site Sankofa Parent Groups, the Black Literary Society, and an BSAI Annual Symposium. For many families, these were the first district spaces where their Black child's success, brilliance and identity was centered rather than pathologized.

Parents who had never met became allies. Families left the Symposiums equipped with A-G college requirements, social-emotional resources and knowledge of their rights. Parents and community volunteers donated hundreds of unpaid hours planning, facilitating, outreaching, mentoring and helping families navigate systems that have historically failed them. This was not just programming. It was hard-earned trust between Black families and a school district. And trust like that is rare, fragile and difficult to rebuild once broken.



Courtesy of Melissa Morgan

The programs introduced under the Black Student Achievement Initiative resulted in a greater sense of belonging and confidence in Black students, parents have said.

The Gaps Persist and We Demand Action

LBUSD's own 2025-26 data (shown at the top of the page) underscores why the BSAI remains urgent:

These numbers are not abstract statistics. These are our children. These disparities are exactly why Black family engagement, culturally grounded programming and sustained accountability structures matter. Weakening them now moves the district in the wrong direction.

What's Happening Now and Why It's Failing

In May 2025, the Center of Black Student Excellence opened and was grounded in research and the district's "10 Elements of Black Excellence."

The Center was supposed to expand and institutionalize culturally grounded support and accountabil-



Courtesy of Melissa Morgan

The Black Student Achievement Initiative included several programs such as the Sankofa Parent Village, Sankofa Saturdays, Sankofa Summer Academy, school-site Sankofa Parent Groups, the Black Literary Society, and an BSAI Annual Symposium. Now, parents are calling for greater transparency and guaranteed structure going forward.

ity structures for Black students. It has not done that. At the same time, the district's own 2025-26 LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) allocates approximately \$2.6 million toward BSAI-related staffing, programming, partnerships and support. Yet the public still has no clear accounting of how those funds are specifically being spent, what outcomes they are producing or whether they are meaningfully reaching students and families.

Core programs like Sankofa Saturdays and Summer Academy remain inconsistently supported, with staff sometimes forced to secure outside venues because of internal coordination breakdowns. The BSAI Advisory Committee, a group of parent volunteers providing community expertise, has been sidelined. Parents who once helped shape the BSAI now describe feeling excluded from meaningful decision-making and informed only after major decisions have already been made.

In Superintendent Baker's final months before retirement, this year's symposium vanished without replacement or notice. Community concerns, raised via internal channels, restorative circles and board comments, met no substantive response. One parent described the situation plainly: "They asked us to build it. Now they're changing everything without us." That statement reflects a growing concern across the community that partnership has been replaced with centralized decision-making and diminishing transparency.

A Defining Moment for LBUSD's Next Leader

As Dr. Baker departs, her successor inherits more than a leadership transition. They inherit a decision about whether LBUSD's commitment to Black students and families will continue in practice or slowly disappear through neglect and inaction. **We are calling for immediate action and accountability:**

- 1. Restore the BSAI Advisory Committee** with formal charter, monthly meetings and authority over program changes.
 - 2. Release transparent public data** related to Black student success quarterly, including outcomes (e.g., GPA/suspension trends), A-G progress, program participation and detailed budget line-items tied to BSAI and the Center of Black Student Excellence for accountability.
 - 3. Appoint a dedicated, compensated leadership** structure for the BSAI, including full-time coordination accountable both to the district and to families.
 - 4. Reinstate the Annual BSAI Symposium** with a confirmed annual date, venue, budget and parent engagement plan.
- Equity is a practice, not a phase.** Parents and caregivers show up, month after month and year after year. LBUSD must keep its word. **Our community built this infrastructure.** **We are still here. We are still watching. And silence is no longer an option.**

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TST8136
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Request for Proposals (RFP) # 2526-019
ELO-P Packaged Meals Service

The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide **ELO-P Packaged Meals Service**. The intent of this RFP process is to select a Bidder or Bidders and establish a contract with an option to extend based on satisfactory service/performance per Education Code §17596.

Bids are due by 2:00 pm (PT) on June 1, 2026.

More information available at:
<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>

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LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TST8143
NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Request for Proposal No. 2526-016-RFP
ICS System Support & Maintenance (Bell & Clock Systems)

The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide **ICS System Support & Maintenance (Bell & Clock Systems)**. The intent of this RFP process is to select qualified Bidders and establish contracts with the option to extend based on satisfactory service/performance per Education Code §17596.

Proposals are due by 2:00 pm (PT) on June 5, 2026.

More information available at:
<https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>

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EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

- Wednesday, May 6**
6:56 a.m., Auto burglary, 3000 block California Ave.
11:16 a.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block Gundry Ave.
12:07 p.m., Petty theft, 700 block E. Spring St. (citation issued)
5:45 p.m., Robbery, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)
- Thursday, May 7**
7:50 a.m., Injury traffic collision, California Ave./E. Willow St.
10:35 a.m., Grand theft, 2600 block E. 28th St.
12:10 p.m., Battery, 1900 block Cherry Ave.
4:26 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
10:18 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Lemon Ave. north of E. 25th St.
- Friday, May 8**
4:37 a.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block California Ave. (suspect arrested)
7:19 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2300 block Cerritos Ave.
9:27 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block Obispo Ave.
11:07 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2800 block E. PCH
6:46 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 900 block E. 33rd St.
- Saturday, May 9**
7:12 a.m., DUI, Cherry Ave./E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
1:27 p.m., Petty theft, 3000 block California Ave. (suspect arrested)
- Sunday, May 10**
N/A
- Monday, May 11**
10:01 a.m., Identity theft, 2200 block Gaviota Ave.
12:51 p.m., Indecent exposure, 3300 block Olive Ave.
8:10 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. 32nd St./Orange Ave.
- Tuesday, May 12**
12:34 a.m., Burglary, 3300 block Orange Ave.
7:48 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)

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TURKEY OR HAM SANDWICH
Sourdough, lettuce, tomato, and mayo served w/ your choice of soup, salad, or fries
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Toasted rye, cheddar, and tomato served w/ your choice of soup, salad, or fries
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Texas toast served w/ your choice of soup, salad, or fries
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- 


PENNE PESTO
penne pasta served w/ creamy pesto sauce served w/ garlic bread
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SPAGHETTI MARINARA
house-made marinara on a bed of spaghetti pasta served w/ garlic bread
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TACOS
2 tacos w/ your choice of chicken or steak served w/ chips + salsa
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FISH SANDWICH
fried cod, lettuce, tomato, and tartar on a brioche bun w/ your choice of soup, salad, or fries
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GYRO WRAP
spinach tortilla, gyro, tomato, onion, feta cheese and tzatziki served w/ your choice of soup, salad, or fries
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BUFFALO CHICKEN WRAP
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Villa Frizzoni elbow macaroni smother in our creamy four cheese sauce made up of a blend of Cheddar, Monterey Jack, Parmesan, and Smoked Gouda topped with Bacon

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