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SoCal Restaurants Take Insurance Company to Court Over Pandemic Losses

Plus, Long Beach's first Black Restaurant Week, and spiny lobster season continues in SoCal

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In early January, a group of Southern California restaurants filed a lawsuit against Farmers Insurance alleging the insurer refused to compensate the businesses for losses accumulated throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The *Los Angeles Times* reports the suit was filed on behalf of Huntington Beach restaurants Black Trumpet Bistro Tapas and Wine Bar and Capone's Italian Cucina. Also included are Balboa Peninsula's Fly N Fish Oyster Bar and Grill, Starrs Products in Santa Clarita, and two San Diego restaurants. The law firms representing the plaintiffs state that Farmers Insurance denied pandemic-related insurance claims which "leave plaintiffs in dire financial straits — precisely the situation they sought to avoid when they obtained coverage for loss of business income."

Black Restaurant Week in the LBC

From Sunday until January 30, Long Beach launches its first Black Restaurant Week. It's locally run, with participating restaurants like [Georgia's](#), [Smokin' Crackers](#), and [Boujie Crab](#). Check [here](#) for the full list.

Spiny lobster season in SoCal

California's spiny lobster season is still underway, where San Diego and Santa Barbara fishermen catch the slightly sweeter crustacean from October until late March. While plenty of local restaurants feature spiny lobster on the menu, the Water Grill cooks it over a charcoal grill and serves it with a side of coleslaw.