



MEMORIAL



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A rendering of the chosen design for Long Beach's COVID-19 memorial, "Twin Arches."

Council chooses design for COVID-19 memorial in Shoreline Aquatic Park

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

City council approved an \$850,000 design for a COVID-19 memorial, "Twin Arches" that will flank the two sides of Shoreline Aquatic Park in Downtown Long Beach.

The design was submitted by People's Architecture Office (POA) based in Long Beach, and was one of three submissions. The second and third place submissions were awarded \$2,500 by the COVID-19 Memorial Panel.

"It's very difficult oftentimes for art and artists to create something that will move people ... but when I saw this design ... it's so beautiful and it's such a striking memorial," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "The intention is to make it somewhere where people can honor those who have died and also to honor the heroes of COVID."

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LOCAL BUSINESS

Casita Bookstore: Long Beach's little house for little readers



Antonette Franceschi-Chavez poses for a portrait while opening the front door to Casita Bookstore on Dec. 7, 2022.

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Drew Filipski
Staff Writer

From the outside, Casita Bookstore boasts an endearing facade reminiscent of a cottage, with large, open windows that invite residents

in and give a peek into the warm and inviting space.

A sign on the front door reading "Bienvenidos, come on in," greeting guests inside creates a feeling similar to entering a family's living room, ripe with the possibility

of stories and heritage. The familial sentiment is exactly what this bookstore strives for.

"We chose the name Casita because the bookstore looks like a little home," co-owner Antonette Franceschi-Chavez said, "We try

our best to replicate that vibe inside. Having comfy seating for everyone, and an open space where guests can gather, read and feel a little piece of home while visiting was important when designing the

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LBUSD

English classes are the main barrier for graduation requirements, new data says

Briana Mendez-Padilla
Education Reporter

New data presented at the Long Beach Unified board meeting Wednesday Dec. 14, revealed that students are not meeting UC and

CSU requirements mostly due to English courses. Due to differences in requirements, some students can graduate even if they do not meet A-G standards.

A-G requirements are 15 courses students must complete with

a grade of C or higher to meet the minimum requirements to apply to CSUs and UCs. Between 2018 and 2021, 40% of LBUSD graduates did not meet the A-G requirements.

LBUSD's graduation requirements differ in that they require at

least a D to pass, require one more year of math and history and include a state requirement of two years of physical education.

According to Chris Brown, assistant superintendent of research and school improvement, it is im-

portant to break down the data by looking specifically at students who graduated but did not meet the A-G requirements.

Twenty five percent of students who graduated but did not meet

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Northbound traffic backs up to Burnett Street at the intersection of Orange Avenue and Willow Street in Signal Hill on Nov. 23, 2021.

Life in the slow lane: 104 Long Beach streets will receive speed limit reductions

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Residents in Long Beach have less than a year to practice slower driving before speed limits for over 100 streets will be reduced.

City council unanimously voted to lower speed limits throughout the city as part of its Safe Streets Long Beach Action Plan, which was adopted in July 2020. One of the goals of the plan was to reduce fatal car crashes to zero by 2026.

The plan will reduce 18 streets to 30 mph, 36 streets to 25 mph and 50 streets to below 25 mph.

A 2013 study on accident analysis and prevention stated that when a pedestrian is hit by a car traveling at 20 mph, they face a 13% chance of death. That number rises to a 40% likelihood of death when the driver is going 30 mph and a 73% chance of dying when the driver is going 40 mph.

Assembly Bill 43, which went into effect in January 2022, gives cities more discretion when setting speed limits. Previously, the City was required to record the speeds of passing cars and base the set speed limit on that data, with exceptions to school zones.

"All of our speed limits, for the most part, are based on prevailing speed," said Paul Van Dyke, a traffic engineer for Long Beach Public Works.

Van Dyke said that under AB 43, Long Beach can make those same exceptions for business districts and neighborhood streets. Those speeds are not subject to radar results and do not have to be restudied unless the road is widened to add lanes, according to the City's staff report.

Long Beach conducted speed surveys on 23 street segments, which allowed for limits set at 15-20 mph.

The staff report also states that the City plans to evaluate certain corridors that are deemed "high-in-

jury," including the Anaheim corridor, Market Street, Los Coyotes Diagonal, Pacific Avenue, Artesia Boulevard and more.

A study conducted by the City as part of the Safe Streets Plan found that pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists accounted for 14% of collisions in Long Beach, but 65% of traffic deaths and serious injuries.

The item also includes a measure to increase speed limits on the International Gateway Bridge, which was designed for higher speeds and more lanes than the previous Gerald Desmond Bridge.

Long Beach will begin public outreach and education on the speed limit reductions in early 2023, with

plans to implement the new speeds with updated signs by spring 2023. The estimated cost to replace signage is \$75,000, according to staff reports.



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The intersection on Orange Avenue and Spring Street in Signal Hill seen through a side mirror on Nov. 23, 2021.

NEWS



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Queen Mary Commodore Everette Hoard takes his captain's hat off in a salute toward the ship before taking guests on an educational tour of the ship's history during its reopening event on Dec. 15, 2022.

Queen Mary's long slumber ends as she welcomes the public aboard

Richard H. Grant

Photo Editor

After nearly two years of major repairs, the Queen Mary reopened for limited tours on Dec. 15.

Members of the media were invited onto the ship for the first tour of the vessel accompanied by Long Beach officials and were given a tour by Commodore Everette Hoard.

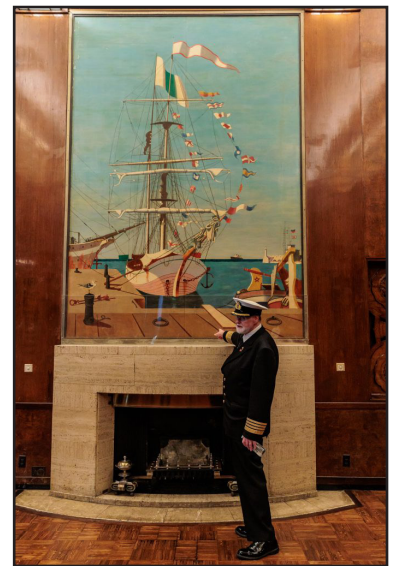
"On December the ninth of 1967, this vessel triumphantly steamed into Long Beach with more than 1,000 cruise passengers. It would become a defining moment for our city, for the Queen Mary's own indigenous magic would embrace the future of our beautiful city," said Commodore Hoard during a speech.

After the speeches, Commodore Hoard, whom Mayor Robert Garcia said "represents the Queen Mary in human form," led city officials and media members through an educational tour of the ship that passed through the iconic rooms that are often used for period filmmaking.

Guests looked through the Promenade Shops, Observation Bar, Queen Salon, Royal Salon and the smoking room as Hoard told stories about the ship's history.

The full ship will not reopen until 2023 as repairs will be continually made to the vessel. One of the milestones in the restoration was removing the dilapidated lifeboats attached to the ship's hull.

"So we took on that first challenge of removing the lifeboats, and in doing so we removed 100 tons of weight that alleviated significant stress from both sides of the ship



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Queen Mary Commodore Everette Hoard tells guests about the ship's history while inside the smoking room of the ship during an educational tour for its reopening event on Dec. 15, 2022.

and allowed our crews to move in and continue our work," said Public Works Director Eric Lopez.

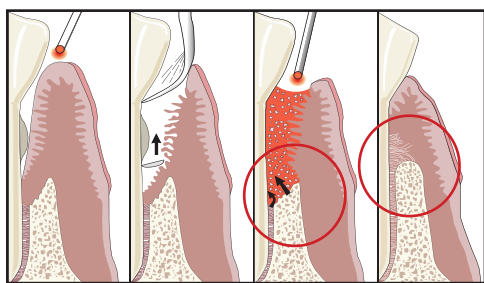
The next phase of the project involves restoring the ship's boilers and heat exchangers, which will allow for facilities to be fully operational for the Queen Mary to resume its role as a hotel and venue for events.

"We are keenly looking forward to ushering the great vessel back to a vibrant, successful life in 2023," said Commodore Hoard. "Dear Mary, the end of your long slumber is at hand. Your loyal subjects await your massive majesty. May your glory never fade and your life never dim."

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Long Beach moves into CDC's Medium Tier for COVID-19

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise throughout Los Angeles County, the City of Long Beach entered the Medium Tier of the CDC's COVID-19 Community Level on Dec. 9.

The Long Beach Health Department uses the CDC Community Levels to assess the impact of COVID-19 on health and health-care systems. The department considers new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations per 100,000 people in the past seven days, as well as the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients to determine community level.

As of Dec. 8, COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people were at 259.4, hospitalizations due to COVID-19 were at 4.9 per 100,000 people, and 6.9% of staffed inpatient beds were occupied by COVID-19 patients, placing Long Beach in the Medium (Yellow) Tier.

The Health Department advises residents to be vigilant and take preventative steps to slow the spread of the disease. Masking indoors is strongly recommended, especially for those who are at a higher risk for severe disease or have been in close contact with someone who recently tested positive. Safety strategies such as frequent hand washing, testing for COVID-19 when experiencing COVID-like symptoms and staying home when feeling under the weather are also encouraged.

Additionally, community members are encouraged to become vaccinated and boosted when eligible, since that is the best defense against COVID-19 and is most effective in preventing severe illness, hospitalization and death among cases of the virus. The updated bivalent boosters have increased protections against the most dominant strains of the virus, including



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Long Beach resident Jeff Bartholemy receives his Moderna COVID-19 booster shot at the Houghton Park mobile vaccine clinic on Nov. 22, 2021. His first two shots were the Pfizer vaccine, but he decided to mix-and-match for his booster.

omicron and its sub variants.

"We must do everything we can to limit the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses as we enter the holiday season," said Mayor Robert Garcia in a statement from the City. "With cases rising, it is more important than ever to get vaccinated and boosted, use masks and stay home if you're not feeling well. These steps will continue to help keep people safe, businesses open and, most importantly, save lives."

Since the start of the pandemic, Long Beach has had 156,560 COVID-19 cases and 1,341 deaths attributed to complications from COVID-19.

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, there were 4,211 new COVID-19 cases in LA County and 16 new deaths due to COVID-19. The number of people currently hospitalized with COVID-19 is at 1,304, with 29 currently hospitalized with the virus in Long Beach.

Various symptoms of COVID-19 such as congestion, sore throat, fever, cough, headache and nausea resemble those of a cold, flu or

allergies. However, anyone experiencing these symptoms are advised to get tested for COVID-19 or stay home. Appointments can be made at longbeach.gov/covid19testing or by calling (562) 570-4636.

Taking these precautions will also help residents avoid other respiratory viruses such as the flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) which are circulating at higher rates than usual for this time of year.

As of Dec. 8 there have been a total of 1,841 influenza cases, including four deaths, reported in Long Beach.

Everyone ages 6 months and older is recommended to receive a yearly flu vaccine. People may receive their COVID-19 vaccine or booster at the same time as their flu shot at any City-run COVID-19 vaccine site.

For further information regarding the City's COVID-19 strategy and updates related to COVID-19 cases and vaccines, visit longbeach.gov/COVID19 or follow @LongBeachCity and @LBHealthDept on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, December 7

- 5:23 a.m., Misdemeanor warrant, 2200 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
- 9:42 a.m., Burglary, 2400 block Maxson Ct.
- 11:58 a.m., Grand theft, 2500 block E. 21st St.
- 12:59 p.m., Identity theft, 1600 block E. Willow St.
- 1:01 p.m., Identity theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.
- 3:59 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, Cherry Ave./E. Willow St.
- 4:16 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, Orange Ave./E. Spring St.
- 7:55 p.m., Shoplifting; 3 misdemeanor warrants, 2700 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
- 8:39 p.m., Auto burglary, 3000 block California Ave.

Thursday, December 8

- 12:32 p.m., Auto burglary, 2700 block E. 19th St.
- 1:54 p.m., Identity theft, 2800 block E. PCH

Friday, December 9

- 2:40 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 3500 block E. PCH
- 10:37 a.m., Grand theft, 2300 block E. 21st St.
- 1:13 p.m., Grand theft, E. Hill St./Molino Ave.
- 3:09 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
- 7:45 p.m., Battery, 1800 block E. Willow St.

Saturday, December 10

- 2:46 a.m., Battery, spouse/Ex Spouse, 2300 block Dawson Ave. (suspect arrested)
- 4:39 p.m., Auto burglary, 2500 block E. Willow St.
- 7:29 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, California Ave./E. Burnett St.

Sunday, December 11

- 12:17 p.m., Burglary, 2000 block Alamitos Ave.
- 6:08 p.m., Burglary, 2600 block Panorama Dr.

Monday, December 12

- 10:35 a.m., Battery, 3300 block Gundry Ave.
- 12:27 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2800 block Cherry Ave.
- 2:22 p.m., Fire, Junipero Ave./E. Willow St.

Tuesday, December 13

- 2:12 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 3200 block E. PCH
- 9:15 a.m., Burglary, 900 block E. 27th St.
- 12:11 p.m., Forgery, 2200 block Cherry Ave.
- 12:21 p.m., Intoxicated person, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
- 2:08 p.m., Intoxicated person, Cherry Ave./E. 21st St. (suspect arrested)
- 7:31 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2200 block Obispo Ave.

LBPD reporting area is too extensive to report here, but you can go to their website: longbeach.gov/police. Once there, click on Crime Info, then Crime Incident Mapping Application. Click on Launch Crime Incident Mapping Application & type in an address.

You can use filters to select dates and types of crime.

CITY COUNCIL

Signal Hill City Council rotates again, Tina Hansen reappointed as mayor

Kristen Farrah Naem

Staff Writer

Signal Hill City Council has reorganized itself following the most recent election results, with Tina Hansen rotating into the position of mayor on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Unlike other cities, residents of Signal Hill don't vote for their mayor. Instead, the city council members take turns being vice mayor and mayor. Every two years, the council member elected in the most recent prior election becomes vice mayor, and the current vice mayor is elevated to the position of mayor.

Former mayor Keir Jones won his reelection campaign, and will now continue to serve as a council member.

Hansen said that Jones "served this office with authenticity, enthusiasm and dedication. And he's earned respect and admiration for his integrity and for his person-

al and professional dedication as mayor."

Lori Woods, who was elected into the city council in 2020, will now serve as vice mayor of Signal Hill.

Hansen said that during her next years as mayor she plans to focus on housing and small businesses in Signal Hill.

As a long-time council member, Hansen has served as mayor multiple times in the past. She commented on how she first served as mayor before her children were born, and that they are now teenagers.

"I would say for the last maybe four reelections there's always been a candidate who has talked about 'we need new blood, we need to reelect somebody new,'" Hansen said. "And my response has been, every cycle, I look at what I've done on the council and what I still want to do on the council and whether I think that I have a valid viewpoint,



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Signal Hill Vice Mayor Tina Hansen reviews some documents during a July 26, 2022, city council meeting.

things that I still want to do, am I reflecting the current state of our city. I really don't just run without really thinking through these things. And there will come a time, and maybe the next election, where I decide the things I set out to do are on the right path, it's time for somebody else to step in."

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Man suspected in Long Beach shooting and carjacking crashes

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Police believe a man suspected of shooting a man in Long Beach also carjacked a woman nearby and was injured Monday morning when he crashed the stolen vehicle in Downey.

The shooting occurred just after 11 p.m. Sunday in the 2000 block of Artesia Boulevard, according to Long Beach police Lt. Danielle Quinones.

A man on a bicycle approached a man on the street, shot him in the lower body and left the scene, Quinones said.

“At 11:22 p.m., officers were flagged down at the 6700 block of Paramount Boulevard by a female adult victim who stated she was carjacked,” the lieutenant said. “The victim further stated she was near her vehicle when she was approached by a male adult suspect who asked for a ride then produced a gun and threatened to shoot her.”

The woman ran away. The man took the vehicle and he was last seen driving northbound on Para-



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mount Boulevard, Quinones said. The woman was not hurt.

LBPB were contacted by their Downey counterparts at 1:22 a.m. Monday to inform them the carjacked vehicle crashed into a pole in their jurisdiction and the driver was taken to a hospital with unknown injuries, she said. A firearm was recovered from the vehicle.

“The suspect(s) in each incident share similar descriptions,” Quinones said. “At this time, detectives believe the same suspect may be responsible for each incident and they are currently working to gather additional evidence and information connecting the suspect to both incidents.”

CRIME

Inglewood man charged with killing year-old daughter

City News Service

Southern California Local News

A 22-year-old Inglewood father was charged with murder Wednesday for allegedly killing his year-old daughter, whose body was found in the Los Angeles River in Long Beach.

Jayveyon Burley, 22, was also charged with assault on a child causing death. He made a brief court appearance at the Long Beach Courthouse Wednesday, but his arraignment was postponed until Jan. 10, according to the District Attorney's Office.

He remains jailed in lieu of \$215,000 bail, according to county jail records.

According to police, Burley went to Long Beach on Sunday to pick up his two children, but he had only one child—his 3-year-old son—with him when he returned home to his mother's house in the 300 block of North Market Street in Inglewood.



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His mother grew suspicious and called police, leading to a search in which the year-old girl, Leilani Dream Burley, was found dead in the Los Angeles River near the Ocean Boulevard bridge. Burley was arrested Monday.

The mother of Burley's children, Lynisha Hull, told ABC7 Tuesday that the suspect normally picks up

the children on Sunday nights and brings them back on Wednesday. She said Burley was “angry” when he picked up the children on Sunday, but “he was normal.”

“He didn't look like he was panicked at the time at all,” she told the station. “My daughter was murdered by her father,” Hull said. “He threw her off the bridge.”

CRIME

Long Beach detectives identify teen found dead in 1978 cold case

City News Service

Southern California Local News

A teen boy who was found dead in Long Beach in 1978 but whose identity was unknown for decades was finally identified Wednesday, Dec. 14 by police who said he was a runaway from La Puente who had never been reported missing.

Long Beach police said advancements in DNA technology enabled them to identify the boy as 15-year-old Kenneth Nevada Williams, who had run away from home in 1978. Police—who worked on the identification process with the FBI, county coroner's office, the District Attorney's Office and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children—said the boy's identity has been confirmed by his family.

According to Long Beach police, Kenneth last attended Sierra Vista Middle School in 1977 and was enrolled in Fairgrove Academy on Oct. 18, 1977, but the last day he attended school was Oct. 27, 1977.

The mystery of his death remains unsolved.

“Justice delayed doesn't have to be justice denied in this case. Kenneth Nevada Williams is now a known victim and identifying his killer is the next step in solving this case,” Donald Always, the assistant director in charge of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office, said in a statement.

Kenneth's body was found on

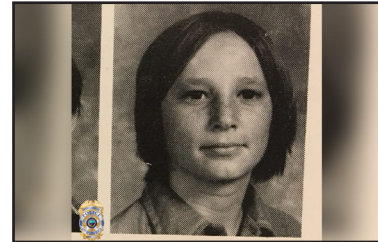


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A deceased body found in Long Beach in 1978 was identified as Kenneth Nevada Williams by the Long Beach Police Department on Dec. 14 2022.

June 3, 1978, on Division Street east of Corona Avenue in Long Beach. Authorities did not reveal an exact cause of death.

Investigators at the time were stymied in their attempts to find his killer. At one point, a convicted serial killer named Randy Kraft was believed to be linked to the boy's death, but he was “ultimately ruled out as a suspect,” police said.

Police urged anyone with information about the teen's death to come forward, saying the culprit “must be held accountable for their crimes so that Kenneth Williams and his family will get the justice they have long deserved.”

Anyone with information was asked to contact the LBPB Homicide Detail, Missing Persons Section at 562-570-7246. Anonymous tips can be submitted through LA Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Everybody eats: A holiday reflection on food equity



Kristen Farrah Naceem | Signal Tribune

A free food crate distributed by Ruth Crosthwaith's church in 2020. Groceries included vegetables, fruits, milk, yogurt, bread and packages of snacks.

Tony Damico

Co-Director of Long Beach Fresh

As the holiday season enters full swing, food is on our minds, and for good reason. Charities seek public support, while special meals are planned for families.

Food businesses aim to boost their revenue from home-based bakeries to local eateries. Meanwhile, the economic impacts of a lengthy pandemic continue to challenge our wallets and pantries.

I co-founded Long Beach Fresh in 2015 to support a more connected local food system. Using the Food Policy Council model, we have been the primary convener of over 100 local food organizations and businesses. We've sought to support local "eaters, feeders, and seeders" through advocacy, events, resource-sharing and consulting.

I've witnessed a local food revolution—a cultural shift in awareness about food justice, community health and climate adaptation. We've dug deep into the root causes of food inequity; reasons why households continue to be priced out of quality food, while diverse food entrepreneurs struggle to grow.

Rising costs and profit-skimming, food chain interruptions, a changing and empowered workforce, ambitious economic development and a proliferation of marketing for highly processed foods emerged as key symptoms of a floundering food system that makes fresh, wholesome and healthy choices difficult.

As complex as food systems can be, the root cause that underlies food inequity is simple—disconnect.

First, when we are disconnected from our food and lack control about our food choices, our health suffers. Reconnecting to our food is empowering, whether it's through a corner market that offers cultural ingredients, a small space to grow food, culinary learning opportunities or even a pop-up chef who inspires us to evolve our tastes.

Similarly, when those in positions of power are disconnected

from the communities that they serve, their impact dwindles and resources are wasted. I've seen some incredible community-driven programs in our network turned down by the City's Recovery Act grant program.

Throughout the pandemic, food security also became politicized, with officials clamoring to take credit for reducing hunger, while often neglecting to acknowledge community partners that made new developments possible. Our City must empower small organizations to harness the tenacity and creativity found in local communities.

Lastly, when we are disconnected from a sense of community, our wellbeing suffers and social ills multiply. Food is a great connecting point, because while everybody eats, we can also have diverse approaches to food.

Our Crop Swap in North Long Beach fosters a sense of belonging, alongside a platform that they create for locals to co-power food innovation. A curiosity and fascination with how our communities eat connects us to a life force that sustains us all.

Today, my organization is under threat of closure after nearly eight years of service. We have room to grow our team and deepen our work. Our city-wide food map, interest groups around nutrition security, food entrepreneurs and youth education; plus annual events such as the Foodways Summit are invaluable. I invite readers to learn more, support our cause and tap into the resources we've created at LBFresh.org.



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An ariel view of the community garden of The Growing Experience Urban Farm in the Carmelitos neighborhood of Long Beach on May 6, 2022.

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A Millikan High School teacher looks over their students on the first day of in-person classes on April 26, 2021.

A-G did so only in one area of study; 18% missed two areas and another 18% missed three areas.

“A lot of them are not missing wildly, they’re not missing in every area they take. They’re not getting D’s all the way throughout their careers,” Brown said. “It’s just one or two areas [that they’re missing].”

English was the biggest problem area for 63% of students who missed one or two areas.

English has a four-year requirement in both A-G and LBUSD graduation requirements, which means students must take an English course each year of high school. According to the data, most students are failing to meet the requirement during their senior year in English. About 46% of students who did not meet the A-G requirement did not get a C or greater in English 12.

The percentage is less among the other English classes as 17% missed English 9, 16% missed English 10 and 21% missed English 11.

According to Brown, this is not a result of students taking a course that doesn’t qualify for A-G their senior year since all LBUSD English courses align with A-G, so it’s not a scheduling issue.

“We have a lot more questions and we will continue to ask them in the research, [like] ‘Which English courses?’ ‘Which sites?’ We definitely want to do some work with students to figure out why they think this is happening,” Brown said.

One of the possible reasons, according to Brown, is that students who are planning to attend com-

munity college—which does not require them to meet A-G—and may struggle with English feel as if it is not necessary to get a C to be successful.

“I really do think we’ve done a really good job of supporting students who aren’t going directly to four-year universities and so, it’s okay to be a successful graduate who’s gonna go to LBCC and move on from there. We’ve messaged that very well,” Brown said.

Board member Juan Benitez said that regardless of the requirement, having options is still important.

“I agree it’s okay to go to LBCC, but we should have the opportunity if students want to go straight into a four year institution,” Benitez said.

Brown also said that another potential barrier to meeting the English requirement is that it is the only area that requires four years. Other areas like science and history have a bit more flexibility to retake or make up a course since they require fewer years.

Brown said that these are just speculated reasons based on the data presented.

“I think this is one of those presentations that as you learn more you’ll inform the board more, and six months from now start to formulate potentially what some of those support systems could look like for our students,” board president Megan Kerr said.

COVID-19 MEMORIAL
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- Rex Richardson,
Mayor-Elect

The COVID-19 Memorial Committee has been led by Ron Arias, former director of Long Beach’s Health Department. The other six members are made up by commu-

nity leaders in the arts, healthcare and education fields.

Committee members made their decision for the location of the memorial based on the following qualifications: access by transit, parking, public restrooms, ambiance and mood, security and site availability.

Funding for the project comes from \$600,000 of the General Fund and \$250,000 from Measure A funds. The maintenance costs for the memorial will be provided by the City and has yet to be estimated.

The memorial consists of two metal arches 20 feet high and 40 feet wide, whose incomplete form is meant to symbolize the “loss, disconnection and isolation that people experienced during the pandemic” as well as emphasize “the importance of human connection.”

The two arches contain a retractable structure that will expand to 200 feet of shade-providing canopy connecting the arches. The covered canopy can host events such as community workshops, dinners, exhibits and more.

“I think this is a very fitting final vote of this city council. We went through something together and it was a leadership moment for our city,” said Mayor-elect Rex Richardson. “This is also an opportunity to remember those heroes who stepped up: Nurses, farm workers, grocery workers, pharmacy work-

ers. I think it’s important that we’re inclusive of them as well.”

There will be reflective square panels on the ground leading up to the arches, “creating a landscape of missing pieces” alluding to the loss of lives due to the pandemic. Names of residents who were lost due to COVID-19 will be etched into the inside of each arch, while the outside will be a polished finish that reflects the changing skies.

According to POA’s submission, viewers are encouraged to touch the names and insert flowers into the engraved spaces.

“Upon careful reading, the disproportionate effect of the pandemic on ethnic minorities distinguished through surnames may become apparent,” the artist’s submission reads. The names of people are engraved up the walls of the arches until they become blank lines to represent, “unknown individuals, those whose death were not recorded and those we will lose to the next pandemic.”

“This memorial will be meaningful to so many in our journey of healing from the impacts and losses that was brought upon us by COVID-19,” said councilmember Mary Zendejas, whose district the memorial will be constructed in. “This project will be a cherished and needed memory of what we’ve gone through together and a reminder that it is together that we will move past this stronger and more united than ever.”

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AROUND TOWN

A WEEKLY LIST OF THINGS TO DO IN LONG BEACH AND SIGNAL HILL



Lissette Mendoza | Signal Tribune

Tito "Hood Santa" Rodriguez, president of the Local Hearts Foundation, poses with two children who received free gifts at the 10th Annual Diamond Christmas Toy Giveaway in December 2020.

This week boasts a myriad of ways to get into the merry spirit as various organizations and community members will be gathering for celebrations, toy drives and dance parties.

Ring in the 'holigays' with Adelita's Revenge at Viento y Agua Friday night with a party that will feature poetry, open mic performances, music and more.

There are multiple chances to get help during the holidays as food distributions and toy giveaways fill up the weekend for families in need. Saturday there will be food distribution for our neighbors experiencing homelessness and a toy giveaway hosted by Centro CHA for children under 12 years old. Food and toy distributions continue Sunday, as well as a night market and a fundraiser for a local furry friend.

Residents can also celebrate Christmas traditions Filipino-style at Saturday's Parol Lantern Festival or take part in a holiday dance party that night at Clancy's Irish Pub. Celebrations continue Monday night at the Alpert Jewish Community Center, where residents can watch the lighting of the first candle on the menorah by Rabbi Perelmuter.

As always, your local libraries have free events for residents of all ages including film screenings, a holiday wreath workshop and a holiday-themed story time for children and parents.

16 FRIDAY

ARTS FILM SERIES

1:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The public is invited to the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) for a screening of the 1971 film "Fiddler on the Roof," which tells the story of a Jewish milkman trying to find husbands for his three daughters in 1910 among the anti-semitism and oppression of czarist Russia. Free.

HOLIGAYS

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Speak Out LA and Adelita's Revenge invite the public to enjoy poetry, an open mic, performances and more at Viento y

Agua (4007 E 4th St.). Free.

17 SATURDAY

BREAD AND OIL

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help distribute food to their neighbors experiencing homelessness during this event by Sharifah Hardie and other nonprofits. Volunteers should meet at 1127 Olive Ave. Free.

PAROL LANTERN FESTIVAL

2 p.m. to 8 p.m. A holiday celebration honoring the Christmas traditions of the Filipino culture at 345 E Carson St. Attendees will be able to purchase Filipino food from vendors, admire an installation of parols (traditional lanterns made around Christmas), enjoy live entertainment and more. Free to attend.

DALMATION MEET UP

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dalmatians and their humans are invited to socialize together at Rosie's Dog Beach (5000 E Ocean Blvd.). Free.

A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

Noon to 4 p.m. Toys will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to children under 12 years old by Centro CHA and other nonprofits. COVID-19 and flu vaccines will be available for those 5 years old and up. Free.

LA POSADA DEL OESTE

3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. West Coast Glass Gallery invites the community to 1329 W 14th St. to enjoy live music, local vendors, giveaways and more. To enter, pay a \$20 fee or donate a \$20 toy.

CLANCY'S CHRISTMAS DANCE PARTY

9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Those 21 and over are invited to Clancy's Irish Pub (803 E Broadway St.) to enjoy drink specials, dancing, music, raffles, giveaways and more. Admission is free.

18 SUNDAY

CAVALIER KING CHARLES MEET UP

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cavalier King Charles and their humans are invited to socialize together at Signal Hill Dog Park (3100 California Ave.). Free.

4TH ANNUAL TOY GIVEAWAY

Noon to 3 p.m. Children in need are invited to 5919 Atlantic Ave. to receive holiday toys. Free.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Puente Latino Association will distribute toys and food to 150 individuals or families in need at Ramona Park (3301 E. 65th St.). Attendees are asked to bring their own shopping bags. Free.

DANI AND DAVE'S FUNDRAISER EVENT

4 p.m. to 9 p.m. This fundraiser will help pay for the vet bills of a local dog named Dave who was recently diagnosed with cancer. The Executive Suite (3428 E Pacific Coast Hwy) will charge \$5 for entry and a raffle will be held inside with all the proceeds going towards Dave's vet bills.

WINTER SOLSTICE NIGHT MARKET

Local storefront ReCircle Home (501 E Broadway) will be hosting multiple small business vendors selling art, plants, soap, teas, incense and more. Live music will be provided by local artist Joy Shannon. Free to attend.

19 MONDAY

RESEARCH FOR STARTING, MANAGING, AND GROWING YOUR BUSINESS

11 a.m. to noon. Entrepreneurs and business owners are invited to learn how to use Reference Solu-

tions, a free program available at the library, to help them start, manage and grow a business. Registration is required for this event. To register, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/6932781878054041870>. Free.

CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to watch the lighting of the first candle on the menorah by Rabbi Perelmuter at the Alpert Jewish Community Center in honor of Chanukah (3801 E Willow St.). Free.

20 TUESDAY

CITIZENSHIP 101

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Centro CHA will give a presentation on the process to become a United States citizen at the Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E. Hill St.). After the presentation, attendees will be able to ask questions. Free.

BOOK CLUB FILM SERIES

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) for a screening of the 2017 British biographical dramedy "The Man Who Invented Christmas," which tells the story of Charles Dickens writing his book "A Christmas Carol." Free.

21 WEDNESDAY

HOLIDAY STORY TIME

11 a.m. to noon. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring children to the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.) to enjoy holiday-themed stories and crafts. Free.

WINTER WELLNESS EVENT

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. People and families in need are invited by Project CAN to receive free personal protective equipment, toys, household items, food and more at 2025 E 7th St. To receive a toy, each child must

be present. Attendees are asked to wear a mask and register for this event. To register, call (562) 732-3201. Free.

22 THURSDAY

HIV TESTING

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. HIV testing will be provided at the intersection of 52nd St. & Atlantic Ave. Free.

HOLIDAY WREATH WORKSHOP

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sheena Langub of Rooted Harmony will teach a workshop on how to create holiday wreaths using flowers at Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Participants are asked to register for the workshop as space is limited to 15 participants. To register for the event, visit the city's website. Free.

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CASITA BOOKSTORE
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Books like “Antiracist Baby” decorate a wall near the cash register at Casita Bookstore in Long Beach on Dec. 7, 2022.

bookstore’s interior.”

The word “casita” translates to “little house” in Spanish, and perfectly reflects the snug and charming atmosphere this bookstore possesses in a bustling part of town.

This Latino-owned and operated bookstore is a labor of love for owners and spouses Franceschi-Chavez & Alex Chavez.

Franceschi-Chavez is a former teacher and employee with the Long Beach Public Library (LBPL), and holds a passion for bringing literacy to all communities. Her husband Alex offers experience in owning multiple small businesses throughout Southern California, including a barbershop in Long Beach.

“One of the driving forces of this bookstore are the diverse communities in Long Beach, and more specifically the area that Casita resides in. In this area, there are a high number of people that belong to many different communities, particularly the Latinx, LGBTQ and Indigenous communities, and we want to make sure that their representation is at the forefront for individuals walking by on a regular basis,” Franceschi-Chavez said.

Small businesses that act as community gathering spaces thrive on the Fourth Street Corridor in Long Beach, and its newest bookstore is no exception.

Upon entering, customers are greeted by a diverse collection of literature, ranging from children’s books, young adult fiction and non-fiction selections to poetry collections and lifestyle books, such as photography and cookbooks. Bookworms and educators alike have countless options to choose from when browsing Casita’s hanging shelves and bookcases.

“About 70% of our inventory is directed towards children, between



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Handmade gifts from Antonette Franceschi-Chavez’s children help decorate the cozy independent book store, Casita’s Bookstore, on Dec. 7, 2022.

[8th] grade and [12th] grade,” Franceschi-Chavez said. “But we do have selections geared towards young adults and adult readers as well.”

With a variety of selections to choose from, including titles in English and Spanish, it’s clear that diverse stories and representation is part of Casita’s origin story.

“Because I was a dual language teacher, I know that there is a struggle for families and caregivers to find high-quality, engaging books in Spanish for kids. Knowing that Long Beach Unified has a large dual language program, I want to make sure that community members have access to titles in other

languages, and know that they can come to us for that need.”

Franceschi-Chavez is also the co-founder and chief executive officer of Equity Through Literacy, a nonprofit charity in Long Beach that aims to provide parents and families with tangible resources to bridge the literacy gap.

Years as a teacher and librarian gave Franceschi-Chavez first-hand experience with how excited children get to visit the library and choose a book, and how much parents love witnessing the joy their children receive from choosing a book to read, she explained. Building a space for these moments and harboring a sense of community

around that exchange is what inspired the Chavez family to bring Casita Bookstore to Long Beach.

“With there being a bit of a renaissance in bookstores at the moment, you don’t often see bookstore’s specifically geared towards children. Often, the target audience for these new bookstores are young adults and adult readers,” Franceschi-Chavez said “Having a space that focuses on bringing the importance of literacy to little ones where they can come in, grab a big cushion and sit and read a book or attend a storytime and build a love of literacy is key.”

Some of Franceschi-Chavez’s favorite books available at Casita are

“Between Us and Abuela: A Family Story from the Border” by Mitali Perkins, and “Hey, Wall: A Story of Art and Community” by Susan Verde. The latter was the source of inspiration for Casita’s grand opening event “Cafecito y Cuentos,” which featured a children’s story time, an art station, coffee, conchas and an opportunity for the community to gather and enjoy the bookstore as it was intended.

Events like this are definitely in Casita’s future, Franceschi-Chavez said, with hopes to host art literacy-based workshops for youth, local author read-alouds, children’s story time and more.

With a focus on highlighting marginalized communities through literature, and creating space for youth and adults alike to come together to learn, grow and build empathy through the magic of books, Casita’s future as a communal space for readers in Long Beach is bright.

Casita Bookstore is located at 1440 E. Fourth St. and is open Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To view Casita’s catalog, visit their website at www.casitabooks.com.



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Antonette Franceschi-Chavez adjusts some of the books on display inside her independent bookstore, Casita Bookstore, on Dec. 7, 2022.

**TST6858 Case No. 22LBCP00433
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SOUTH DISTRICT, 275 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Trisha Lyn Henry, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Trisha Henry has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Trisha Lyn Henry Proposed Name: Trisha Lyn Deeter 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: January 6, 2023; Time: 8:30a.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, November 25 & December 2, 9, 16, 2022 //ss//___Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 21, 2022

**TST6860 Case No. 22LBCP00450
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMAJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Joe Santa Ana Jr., for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Joe Santa Ana Jr. has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Joe Santa Ana Jr. Proposed Name: Joe Santana Jr. 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: January 13, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 527. 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, December 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022 //ss//___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 2, 2022

**TST6861 Case No. 22CMCP00170
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COMPTON COURTHOUSE, 200 W. Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90220 PETITION OF: Madeline Sophia Pivaral by and through her mother, Naomi Eulalia Barajas, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Madeline Sophia Pivaral, by and through her mother, Naomi Eulalia Barajas, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her daughter's name as follows: Present Name: Madeline Sophia Pivaral Proposed Name: Madeline Sophia Barajas 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: January 20, 2023; Time: 8:30a.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, December 16, 23, 30, 2022 & January 6, 2023 //ss//___ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 28, 2022

**TST6859 NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARK
LENTZ CASE NO. 22STPB11974**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARK LENTZ. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JASON GEBER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JASON GEBER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/20/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 29 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner DANIEL B. HERBERT - SBN 149301, MANNING & KASS, ELLROD RAMIREZ TRESTER LLP 801 S. FIGUEROA STREET, 15TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES CA 90017 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/22 CNS-3650852# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

**TST6844 / 2022 240385
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: MOOWON CERAMICS, 351 1/2 HERMOSA AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registrant: WAYSTAR, LLC, 351 1/2 HERMOSA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MONICA KIM, MEMBER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in October, 2022. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on November 3, 2022. 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: November 11, 18, 25 & December 2, 2022

**TST6845 / 2022 238300
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: MAKE IT SPARKLE CLEANING SERVICES, 2682 EUCALYPTUS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90806. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registrant: WAYSTAR, LLC, 351 1/2 HERMOSA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MONICA KIM, MEMBER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in October, 2022. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on October 31, 2022. 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: November 11, 18, 25 & December 2, 2022

**TST6849 / 2022 244485
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: POINT BY POINT STUDIO, 1016 E 36TH ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90807. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registrant: GHERMAYN LLOYD BAKER & CHRISTINA ASHLEY POWERS, 1016 E 36TH ST., LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. This business is conducted by: a Married Couple. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GHERMAYN LLOYD BAKER, HUSBAND. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in November, 2022. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on November 9, 2022. 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: November 11, 18, 25 & December 2, 2022

TST6862/Order No: 12481
Auto Lien Sale

On 12/30/2022 at 12141 CORNISH ST
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TST6863/Order No: 12453
Auto Lien Sale

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AVE FRESNO, CA a Lien Sale will be held
on a 2018 JEEP
VIN: 1C4HJXFG8JW256849
STATE: AZ LIC: at 10 AM

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**TST6864
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be conducted using a hybrid format in which members of the City Council, members of the public, and City staff may physically attend the meeting or virtually participate by audio and/or video. City Council will receive the Annual and Five-Year Impact Reports for Fiscal Years ending June 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Annual and Five-Year Impact Reports are available on the City website:
<https://www.cityofsignalhill.org/151>

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are hereby invited to participate in this public hearing to present written information, express their opinions, or otherwise present evidence on the above matter.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953 (AS AMENDED BY AB 361) to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this will be a hybrid meeting with in-person, and video and teleconference participation options.

To view or listen to the meeting live at 7:00 p.m. :

- In-person: Council Chambers of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California;
- Call (408) 638-0968 (audio only) on the date and time of the meeting and enter the meeting ID **881-4793-6648**, press # when prompted to provide participant ID, and enter passcode **374778**. If you would like to make a public comment, please notify the meeting host by pressing *9 on the telephone keypad;
- Visit <https://zoom.us/j/88147936648> on your desktop computer or laptop and enter passcode **374778** ; or
- Download the app from the app store if you are using a smart phone and enter meeting ID **881-4793-6648** and passcode **374778** when prompted.
- You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org, or by mail to the attention of City Clerk, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda (on or before January 4, 2023), staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. If received after the publication date and before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 the written comments will be attached to the original meeting minutes, available in the City Clerk's office. Written comments will not be read into the record.
- The City is not responsible for meeting disruptions or technical difficulties; however, if you are disconnected, please repeat the steps above.

IF YOU WISH TO LEGALLY challenge any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City prior to or at the public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION and associated documents on this item may be on this item may be obtained from the City Clerk's office by calling the City Clerk at 562-989-7305 or by emailing cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org.

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Carmen R. Brooks
City Clerk

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CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**TST6865
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

Ordinance No. 2022-12-1542 was introduced by the Signal Hill City Council at their meeting of Tuesday, December 13, 2022. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 22-01, AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

The ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: MAYOR TINA L. HANSEN, VICE MAYOR LORI Y. WOODS, COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBERT D. COPELAND, KEIR JONES, EDWARD H.J. WILSON,
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website: www.cityofsignalhill.org

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COMMUNITY

In the face of rising hate crimes, AAPI nonprofits hold workshops to brace Cambodian elders

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

Two nonprofit organizations have teamed up to organize a series of workshops in Long Beach that will teach Cambodian elders skills they can use if they're targeted in a hate crime.

"Two years ago when COVID hit, I think everybody's aware there were a lot of negative actions, hate crimes and hate incidents against AAPIs [Asian American Pacific Islanders]," said Mariko Kahn, executive director at Pacific Asian Counseling Services.

The workshop will start with Pacific Asian Counseling Services teaching participants how to report a hate crime or a hate incident (a hateful act that is not necessarily a crime, such as yelling slurs at someone).

For the second half of the workshop, Cambodia Town Inc. will bring in martial arts instructor Kenya Prach to teach seniors over the age of 55 basic self-defense techniques to use in case they're physically attacked. Prach is bilingual in English and Khmer, as will be the majority of the support staff facilitating the meeting.

This series of workshops was made possible by a grant from the State of California's Stop The Hate program, which allocated \$20 million to distribute to various organizations in the state working to address anti-Asian hate crimes.

According to Stop AAPI Hate, 11,467 hate incidents were reported nationwide from March 19, 2020 to March 31, 2022. California had the most reported hate incidents, with 4,333 reported over the two-year period.

According to the Los Angeles County Commission on Human



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Community member Oota Poon holds a sign with a message of solidarity with Asian community members, condemning the rise of recent national hate crimes against the Asian community at a vigil at MacArthur Park on Friday, March 19, 2020. The vigil was held three days after eight people, including six of Asian descent were killed by a white terrorist in a mass shooting in Atlanta, GA.

Relations, 2021 saw the most anti-Asian hate crimes in LA County in the last 20 years. During 2021, there were a reported 77 anti-Asian hate crimes, and in a quarter of these crimes the perpetrator blamed Asian people for the pandemic.

"We know that there is that potential of violence against Cambodians. Although I have to say it's not specific to Cambodians because really, the people who are the attackers do not distinguish between the diversity of AAPIs, as long as you look Asian, you are someone they might attack," Kahn said. "And of course they tend to attack older adults because they're more defenseless. They can't run away as quickly. They don't have as much strength. So it's a perfect target."

Each of the six workshops will

cover the same information, so participants are asked to only choose one date to attend. The workshops can accommodate 15 people at a time, and the first three classes are already full. There is still space for people to sign up for a workshop on the following dates:

- Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To register for one of the workshops, call 562-850-2345 or fill out an online form at <https://forms.office.com/r/s95bqRgGCz>. The workshops will be held at the Salvation Army located at 3060 Long Beach Blvd.

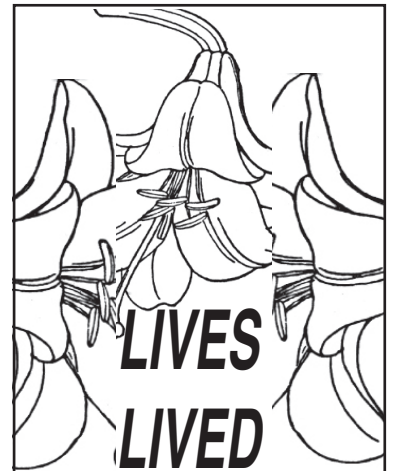


Pet of the week: Hemsworth

"All I want fur Christmas is outta here! I'm inna shelter for over a year!" Hemsworth is Long Beach Animal Care Services' longest resident.

He was abandoned at someone's house and found himself at the shelter when he was just a year old. Now, he's 2! The volunteers and staff adore him and have nicknamed him Frogman because of his resemblance to the animal! But they'd be happier to see him curled up under the Christmas tree or on the couch in a forever home. Hemsworth is affectionate toward most people. After his playtime, he settles down nicely to rest. He'd thrive with patient humans familiar with this breed in a home with adults and mature kids. Our shelter hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). You can email PetAdopt@longbeach.gov to speed the process for adopting or fostering Hemsworth. Ask for ID #A662968

(This rescue encouraged by the usual suspects.)



- Evangelina Morales 63
- Myma Wigod 89
- Lucy Romero 96
- Joseph Tchinski 74
- Norman Tuiolosega 61
- Simon Bueno Martinez 62
- Susan Tyler 65
- Diane Z 78
- Jaime Staana 66
- Robert Cash 90
- Anne Stephenson 98
- Richard Zumel 78
- Salimathar Nambi 81
- Margarita Hernandez 71
- Wynell Yow 71
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OBITUARY

Chica—a small, but mighty spirit

Zendrea Mitchell

Community Contribution

With a heavy heart, we had to say goodbye to our beloved Chica. Her departure has left a hole in our soul, our home and our hearts. Her body was small, but she had an expansive spirit.

It was a spirit that gravitated towards my daughter, who after immediately holding her, asked to take Chica home. I didn't know what compelled me to say yes; I was allergic to dogs. Yet, in time, I would know the reason. Her caresses brought comfort and her barks—security.

Her stares were from a place of unceasing love. She loved blankets and sleeping. She loved taking pictures and knew how to pose for the camera. She especially loved taking walks on the sidewalks of Signal Hill and California Heights.

She walked her runway with fierce confidence. She knew her favorite streets and would plant her feet at corner lights demanding to cross the street. She was my ears. Although not trained as a dog



Image Courtesy Zendrea Mitchell

for the deaf, somehow she knew I was Deaf. On our walks, she would straighten, stop, move her ears in one direction and then the next. I would know if there was another dog or another person approaching from the direction from where she would turn her head.

On our walks, I was able to meet my neighbors and their dogs. I learned their names. Without Chi-

ca, I would not have realized that I lived in a community that loved dogs. Without Chica, I would not have known that a dog is more than a pet. Without Chica, I would not have known how it is to love an angel.

You will always be in our hearts and minds. Chica, we love you and miss you. Chica is survived by Zendrea and Zamira.

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