

LOCAL BUSINESS

## This movie lover is trying to keep Long Beach's last video store alive

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

After 43 years of providing movie recommendations, posters and popcorn to Long Beach residents, Broadway Video is in danger of shutting off its neon "VIDEO" sign for the last time.

Much like the protagonists in the classic films that the store offers, owner Steve Tsepelis is not going down without a fight. Broadway Video has been a staple on the corner of Redondo Avenue and Broadway Boulevard for over 26 years, and he has plans to keep it around.

"To just lose it and close it down and walk away would be very devastating. That's tough, it's a very hard thing to endure, especially after that amount of years," Tsepelis said. "I know the neighborhood, I know so many people around the neighborhood and they know me."

As streaming companies have become the go-to for movie viewers, Broadway Video has relied on movie fanatics who crave the strange and antiquated films that can't be found anywhere online in order to stay open. The store has hundreds of old animated movies, foreign films, productions in the Criterion Collection and of course, posters and candies they sell in order to stay afloat.

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Steve Tsepelis, owner of Broadway Video, stands among the ranks of DVD and Blu-Rays inside of his video rental store that he has dubbed, "The Last Video Store" in Long Beach on Jan. 24, 2023. Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

NEWS

## 'This is a crisis': Long Beach Utilities addresses spike in gas prices

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

Most Long Beach residents received an unwelcome surprise in their mailbox this month—huge spikes in their natural gas bill, ranging from \$300-800 bills in some cases.

Long Beach Utilities addressed the City Council Tuesday night to explain the cause of the dramatic increases and share its plans for mitigating the costs to residents. The average gas bill for a single-family home in January 2022 was \$60. That price has now risen to roughly \$250.

"We want to make sure that we

don't sugarcoat this. This is a crisis and we want to make sure the public knows that," said Chris Garner, general manager for Long Beach Utilities.

The increase coincided with the City's transition to combine gas, water and sewage under one department, Long Beach Utilities, which oversees the operations and purchasing of natural gas. Voters approved the change in November, 2022.

Long Beach gas bills are broken up into five categories:

- \$5.10 fee for a daily service charge
- 74 cents per therm (the quantity of heat it takes to increase tempera-

tures by one-degree Fahrenheit) of Tier I usage

- \$1.07 per therm of Tier II usage
- Assembly bill 32, Global Warming Solutions Act fee, which rises and falls with the price of gas
- Cost of gas, set by the market price index

Garner said that the increase is due to the "largest price we've ever paid" for imported natural gas from West Texas, the Rocky Mountains and Canada. This price follows the market price index for all of California, and doubled from November to December, then tripled from December to January,

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A picture of the LONG BEACH sign located in the Long Beach Civic Center, in Downtown Long Beach. Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune



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HOUSING

# Council approves plans for renovations and expansion for The Villages at Cabrillo



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(Above) Aerial view of The Century Villages at Cabrillo. (Below) A residential building in The Century Villages at Cabrillo.

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

The Century Villages at Cabrillo, one of Long Beach's largest affordable housing developments, was approved for renovations and expansions throughout the next decade on Tuesday night by City Council.

Currently, the Villages at Cabrillo house roughly 1,500 individuals on any given night who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. It sits slightly west of Signal Hill and Northwest of Downtown Long Beach and is surrounded by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo High School, a Cal State Long Beach Research Center, Long Beach Job Corps Center and Terminal Island Freeway.

"The Villages at Cabrillo has been an awesome development. They've been doing great work with homeless veterans and homeless individuals over the years," said Councilmember Robert Uranga, whose

district houses The Villages.

After receiving the 27-acre property from a former U.S. Naval housing facility in 1997, the Villages at Cabrillo nonprofit was created to provide affordable housing. The Century Villages at Cabrillo Specific Plan was created in April 2022 and outlined goals and strategies for the City to demolish and redevelop portions of The Villages in order to meet the increasing demands of homelessness.

The Planning Commission recommended the City Council to approve zoning changes to the Cal State Long Beach Research Center and other areas of the campus. Council will return within 60 days to approve the changes.

One goal is to demolish 235 of the existing 865 residential units and build a new 750 units. By the end of developments, The Villages will contain 1,380 housing units along with convenience stores, a cafeteria, a weight-training room,

faith services and a senior center.

The developments will also expand amenities, educational facilities, commercial/retail buildings, administrative services and 460 parking spaces.

Uranga said that there have been concerns in the community with The Villages being an open campus, meaning there are no encompassing structures and no time frames when the residents are asked to remain on the premises.

The Century Villages at Cabrillo works with over 30 community organizations and nonprofits to provide case management, life skills training, substance abuse treatment, affordable childcare, a homeless education program, an employment and career center, a food service program and a veteran's medical clinic.

Council approved The Century Villages at Cabrillo Specific Plan 7-0.

CITY COUNCIL



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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.

## Signal Hill to use federal funds on senior food distribution and ADA street repairs

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Staff Writer

The Signal Hill City Council voted on Tuesday to use funds it will receive from a federal grant to continue distributing food to seniors and to improve street and sidewalk accessibility.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are given to cities by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop urban communities and expand economic opportunities for low-income and moderate-income residents, according to the HUD website.

According to Community Services Manager Alison Dobay, the Los Angeles County Development Authority has estimated that Signal Hill will receive \$86,180 from the grant.

Of the \$86,180, City staff recommended that Signal Hill use \$17,238 to continue its food distribution program for seniors. This program provides groceries for 35 seniors in need once a month.

City staff recommended that the remaining \$68,952 be used to improve the accessibility of streets and sidewalks to better comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

According to Dobay, City staff identified 10 locations that need ADA-compliant ramps in the residential neighborhood east of Cherry Avenue between 19th Street and 20th Street.

Dobay said City staff anticipates putting out a call for bids for the project, so that contractors can submit their proposed prices to complete the sidewalk and street improvements. The City would

then choose the cheapest contractor that can responsibly finish the work, Dobay said.

Dobay said she believes all the CDBG funds will be used this year. However, if any of the money is left over at the end of the year, it will become unallocated funding that can be used on future city projects.

The Signal Hill City Council unanimously voted to approve city staff's recommendations for CDBG funding.

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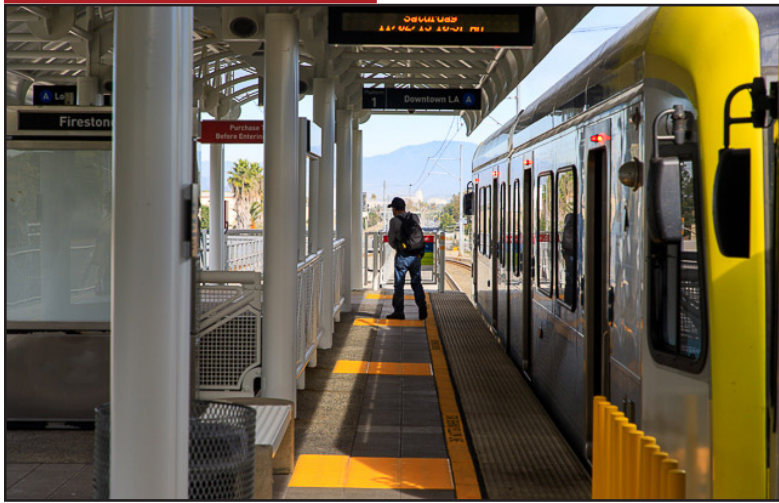


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NEWS



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A Metro A Line rider exits the train at Firestone Station along the route from Long Beach to Los Angeles.

## Woman wins over \$12 million in suit over son's train station death

City News Service  
Southern California Local News

A jury has awarded more than \$12 million to a woman who sued the city of Long Beach and one of its police officers for negligence and wrongful death in the 2017 death of her 23-year-old son, who was pinned between a Metro train and a train platform during a confrontation with the officer.

On Friday, the Los Angeles Superior Court panel awarded Rosa Moreno, the mother of the late Cesar Rodriguez, \$12.2 million for her pain and suffering and another \$6,000 in economic damages. Two days earlier, the same panel found Officer Martin Ron negligent in the confrontation with Rodriguez at the Wardlow Station of what was then known as the Metro Blue Line in Long Beach.

Attorneys for Moreno maintained that Ron intervened while Rodriguez was being given a citation by a Metro fare inspector and that the officer and Rodriguez ended up in a struggle after the decedent was asked by Ron for identification shortly after 8:45 p.m. Aug. 29, 2017.

The officer knew there was a danger of getting hit by a train if they were too close to the edge while he was searching Rodriguez, but when

a train arrived Rodriguez's lower body nonetheless was caught between the train and the platform, dragging him several feet, Moreno's attorneys stated in their court papers.

Rodriguez's body twisted up to six times as he was dragged by the train and he suffered injuries that proved fatal at a hospital later that evening, Moreno's attorneys stated in their court papers.

In their court papers, defense attorneys stated that Ron was searching Rodriguez when the latter bent his knees, lowered his hips and lunged toward the tracks, pulling the officer toward the tracks as well.

The defense lawyers maintained in their court papers that Ron attempted to regain control of Mr. Rodriguez and pull him back toward the middle of the platform, but the momentum of Rodriguez's movements caused both of them to fall onto the platform and Rodriguez landed stomach-down with his legs partially hanging over the edge of the platform.

Despite Ron's alleged efforts to pull Rodriguez's lower body back onto the platform, the northbound train struck Rodriguez, pinning his lower body between the platform and the train. The Metro Blue Line is now the A Line.

NEWS

## Annual count of LA County's homeless population begins

City News Service  
Southern California Local News

The 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, a point-in-time snapshot of homelessness in Los Angeles County that helps determine the distribution of funding and services to the unhoused, began Tuesday night.

This year's count could bear extra significance, given the priority that new Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass has placed on addressing the crisis since taking office in December. She declared a state of emergency over homelessness as her first official act and has stressed collaboration with the county and LAHSA, a joint powers authority coordinated by both the city and county.

Long Beach's Mayor Rex Richardson declared a similar state of emergency as his first official act as Mayor. Long Beach City Council recognized and passed the state of emergency at its meeting on Jan. 10.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors quickly followed Bass' announcement with its own state of emergency declaration.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's count will be conducted with the help of thousands of volunteers, with the results expected by late spring or early summer. It will begin in the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys



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Tents line part of the LA River bike path under the Ocean Ave. bridge in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2021.

on Tuesday, followed by counts in West and East Los Angeles on Wednesday.

Thursday's count will take place in South Los Angeles, the Metro area and Antelope Valley. Wendy Greuel, chair of LAHSA's commission, said at a briefing on Monday that volunteers are still needed to help count. People can register at theycountwillyou.org.

"We want to make sure that we have the most accurate count," Greuel said. "Oftentimes, our funding is determined upon the count, where we know exactly what kind of services are needed, in what geographic area. So it's a really important number. We never really know what is going to happen."

The 2022 homeless count by LAHSA revealed 41,980 unhoused people in the city of Los Angeles, up 1.7% from 2020. In the county, there were 69,144 unhoused peo-

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NEWS



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An overhead view of the three-story Hanson Aggregates facility in construction near Willow Springs Park in Signal Hill on Nov. 24, 2021.

## Former North Neighborhood Library will become affordable housing

Staff Report  
Signal Tribune

The former North Neighborhood Library site in Long Beach has been granted to the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (Habitat LA) for the purchase and construction of eight townhomes that will be available to low-income, first-time homebuyers.

"I'm so proud that this property will continue to serve the community, now as much-needed affordable housing," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a statement from the City. "This move is another step in uplifting our residents by providing more opportunities of home ownership and getting them on the path to generational stability."

In a decision by the Long Beach Development Services Department, Habitat LA was given exclusive negotiating rights for the former library site located at 5571 Orange Ave.

The organization plans to build eight two-story townhomes, which will be sold to low-income first-time homebuyers. The project is expected to break ground in the fall of 2023. The Habitat homes will be sold to residents using affordable loans and down payment assistance—Habitat's unique homeownership model.

Habitat LA recently completed the Millenium Homes development project in Long Beach, which features 10 two-story townhomes in Midtown.

"Habitat LA is looking forward to continuing our 30-year relationship with the City of Long Beach and The LBCIC through this development," said Habitat LA President and CEO, Erin Rank in a statement from the City. "Combined with 36 townhomes we just started in the Washington neighborhood, Habitat LA will soon have 44 new homes in Long Beach for sale to first-time homebuyers."

On Jan. 10, 2023, Long Beach City Council declared a state of emergency pertaining to the local homelessness crisis in order to expand the City's resources and services for those struggling with homelessness.

A work group has been assigned to focus on increasing permanent and temporary housing opportunities that provide greater access for people experiencing and at risk of homelessness.

Community members who are interested in learning more about the City's affordable housing and assistance can visit [longbeach.gov/lbds](http://longbeach.gov/lbds).

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# EYE ON CRIME

## CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

### Wednesday, January 18

12:08 p.m., Identity theft, 2000 block St. Louis Ave.  
4:32 p.m., Forgery, 2700 block Cherry Ave.

### Thursday, January 19

10:51 a.m., Critical missing, 700 block Walton Ave.  
1:23 p.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. Spring St.  
3:37 p.m., Auto burglary, 2500 block Walnut Ave.  
8:02 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, E. Burnett St./California Ave.  
11:46 p.m., Burglary, 3300 block E. PCH

### Friday, January 20

4:24 a.m., Auto burglary, 2600 block E. PCH (citation issued)  
7:25 a.m., Auto burglary, E. 20th St./Ohio Ave.  
1:53 p.m., Threatening phone calls, 2000 block Cherry Ave.

### Saturday, January 21

7:26 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2200 block Walnut Ave.  
10:17 a.m., Person with a knife, E. Spring St./Cherry Ave. (citation issued)  
10:53 a.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. Spring St.  
12:44 p.m., Intoxicated person, 2500 block Cherry Ave.  
4:59 p.m., Critical missing, 2400 block California Ave.

### Sunday, January 22

12:06 p.m., DUI, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)  
8:46 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, Cherry Ave./E. 27th St.

### Monday, January 23

6:18 p.m., Petty theft, 1900 block Stanley Ave.

### Tuesday, January 24

1:25 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block California Ave.  
3:35 p.m., Battery, 1900 block Cherry Ave.  
3:47 p.m., Trespassing; possessing paraphernalia, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)  
6:46 p.m., Shoplifting; possessing burglary tools, 1800 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)  
9:26 p.m., Burglary; possessing burglary tools, 2300 block Orange Ave.

## COMMUNITY

# Love Beyond Limits offers free swim classes for babies

Kristen Farrah Naeem  
Staff Writer

Long Beach-based nonprofit Love Beyond Limits will be introducing 10 babies to the wonders of water with swimming lessons in the public pool at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, starting during Black History Month.

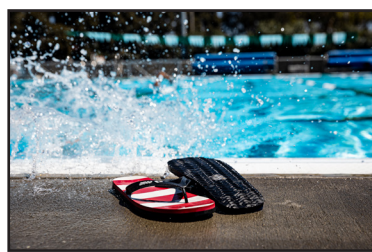
“Statistics of Black [people] drowning are really high so I definitely want to be a part of addressing that,” said Maleka Chris, founder and executive director of Love Beyond Limits. “And I want kids and parents to have that love and joy of going into the water.”

Love Beyond Limits’ new “My Baby Can Swim” program is geared towards Black families with babies between 9 months and 3 years old. Caregivers have to accompany their child in the water during the classes. Families and their babies will learn about water awareness and water safety as their little ones get comfortable being in a pool.

According to a 2021 report by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), an analysis of nation-wide drowning deaths in people 29 or younger between 1999 and 2019 found that Black individuals died from drowning at 1.5 times the rate of white individuals in the same age group.

“I love the water,” Chris said. “I love everything from shower water to ocean water, pools, jacuzzis and everything in the middle. I didn’t realize that so many African American kids didn’t know how to swim.”

According to a 2021 study conducted by the USA Swimming



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Water splashes up while swimmer Ryan Smith flips to kick off the wall at the Belmont Plaza Pool in Long Beach on August 3, 2021.

Foundation at YMCAs across the nation, 64% of Black children cannot swim, compared to 40% of white children.

The classes will be held for eight Saturdays from Feb. 4 to March 25 at the pool in Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The classes are free, however space is limited to 10 babies and their caregivers. Spaces are given on a first-come, first-served basis. As of Jan. 17, there were three spots left for the class.

Chris founded Love Beyond Limits in 2009 to provide educational enrichment and leadership development to young people. According to Chris, the “My Baby Can Swim” program is hopefully just the beginning, and the nonprofit is looking for ways it can start to encourage young Black people to become lifeguards.

To register for “My Baby Can Swim,” call Maleka Chris at (562) 377-4857. To learn more about Love Beyond Limits, visit their website or Instagram page, @lovebeyondlimits13.

## CRIME



Kat Wilcox | Pixels

# Long Beach teen Khalil Saleem killed in Silverado Park shooting

City News Service  
Southern California Local News

Police Sunday, Jan. 22 were searching for the occupants of an SUV who drove up to a basketball court in Long Beach and opened fire, killing a 17-year-old boy and wounding two men.

Officers responded to a report of gunshots at 1:51 p.m. Saturday at Silverado Park, in the 1500 block of West 31st Street near John Muir Elementary School, according to the Long Beach Police Department.

Police identified the deceased as Khalil Saleem of Long Beach. Paramedics rushed him to a hospital with a gunshot wound, where he later died from his injuries.

The two men suffered non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

“An unidentified subject who was also on the basketball courts returned fire at the suspect vehicle,” police said. “The suspect vehicle immediately fled the scene prior to officers’ arrival.”

The motive for the shooting was unknown and police had no additional suspect information.

Long Beach police homicide detectives urged anyone with information about the shooting to contact them at 562-570-7244 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222- 8477 or www.lacrimestoppers.org.



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sitting at \$47 per 100 cubic feet of natural gas as of Jan. 3.

Market prices have increased throughout California due to colder weather than usual, repairs to the interstate pipelines which transport natural gas across the country and the ongoing drought, which has reduced the supply of hydroelectricity.

Garner said that Long Beach Utilities “is not making a single dime” off the natural gas price increases, explaining that SoCal Gas—California’s main natural gas supplier—saw similar increases. Since the start of January, natural gas prices have dropped by about 50%, “which is still much higher than usual,” Garner said.

Long Beach only gets 5-10% of its gas locally, and California’s natural gas reserves are at a five-year low, according to Garner.

In order to prepare for future increases, Garner said the department is looking into purchasing more gas locally and from reserves, which is lower than market rate prices. Utilities applied \$1.3 million from its reserves in January in hopes of mitigating the impact on residents.

The department will also look into buying cheaper gas during warmer months and keeping it in local storage, as well as negotiating local gas contracts and price hedging.

“We’re at the end of the pipeline system,” Garner said. “We have a huge demand in California and you combine that with having to import 90% of our gas supply, we’re pretty much captive to the marketplace.”

Residents who saw large increases in their bill and may struggle to pay it can call Long Beach Utilities at 562.570.5700 to sign up for a payment plan, which can span as long as three years. Seniors and disabled residents also qualify for a 20% discount on their bill, which they can sign up for by calling Long Beach Utilities.

Long Beach has a moratorium on gas shutoffs, so no resident should be in danger of losing their natural gas supply in their homes.

Resident Dave Shukla urged the City Council to automatically apply the discounts to seniors and disabled residents, who may not be aware of the program.

“Don’t wait for low-income people to call you,” Shukla said.

Councilmember Al Austin asked if the utility user’s tax, which is applied to resident’s gas, water, electricity and phone bills, can be refunded back to customers instead of going into the City’s general fund. The four utility taxes make up 7.8% of Long Beach’s general fund, roughly \$38.9 million.

City Manager Tom Modica said that staff would have to look into that possibility and report back to

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ple, an increase of 4.1%.

Last year’s count was followed by criticism from some officials, including members of the City Council, who pointed to issues with accessing data related to the count and inconsistencies in communication between the agency and council districts. Some council members called for a third party count of Los Angeles’ unhoused population and a multi-year audit of authority’s previous counts.

In response, LAHSA announced changes for this year’s count that include using a new app, and ensuring that those counting have access to paper maps and tally sheets for counts if there are issues with connecting to the internet. Agency officials said earlier this month they also plan to hire a demographer and two data scientists for data analysis.

In November, the council voted to explore creating liaison positions for LAHSA in an effort to improve communication and collaboration.

Last year’s count may have been affected by the surge of the coronavirus variant omicron, especially the youth count with many youth centers closed, LAHSA officials said. Officials collected around 1,780 fewer surveys from youth between the ages of 18 and 24, and nearly 2,000 fewer surveys from families compared to 2020. LAHSA did not conduct a count in 2021 due to the pandemic.

Officials also warned that the system was in a unique situation last year, with more one-time federal pandemic assistance programs ending. That could lead to more housing insecurity and fewer resources for rehousing systems to respond—sparking larger tallies in the future, according to Kristina Dixon, then the acting co-executive director of LAHSA.

“Because homelessness is a lagging indicator, it is possible that future homeless counts could show significant increases,” Dixon said.

One discrepancy saw the number of tents, vehicles and makeshift shelters increase by 17% from 2020, but just a 1% increase in unsheltered homelessness. Dixon explained that officials paused encampment clean-ups during the pandemic, leading to more tents on the streets. And as more people moved inside shelters, some left their tents and belongings behind in encampments.

This year’s count began a day after Va Lecia Adams Kellum, president and CEO of St. Joseph’s Center, was confirmed by the LAH-



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A woman living in an unhoused encampment under the Ocean Ave. bridge that crosses the LA River looks over as Long Beach Parks, Recreation, and Marine workers removed items from an encampment along Shoreline Drive on Nov. 18, 2021.



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A man who goes by the name JQ packs his possessions into his tent after being informed he needs to leave the area under the Ocean Ave. bridge that crosses the LA River in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2021.

SA commission as the authority’s next CEO. LAHSA officials said this year, they will deploy make-up count teams to make sure every census tract is counted, and consider tracts that do not have data to be uncoun-

will encompass the 4,000 square miles in the county. Volunteers will work in groups of four to count the number of unsheltered individuals, tents, vehicles and makeshift shelters in their census tract.

“With the efforts being made by the City and the County, we hope we will continue to see a decline in those numbers going forward,” Greuel said.

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**CRIME**

**Victim suffers non-life-threatening injuries in Long Beach shooting**

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Southern California Local News

A man was shot early Monday in Long Beach but was expected to survive, and two suspects remained at large.

According to police, the victim was approached by two male suspects in the 400 block of Long Beach Boulevard around 2:45 a.m., and they pointed weapons at him.

“As the victim began to flee, he was struck by gunfire and the suspects fled the scene prior to officers arrival,” police said in a statement.

At this time, the motive for the shooting is unknown and the inves-



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tigation is ongoing.

The victim was shot in the lower body, but his injury was considered not to be life-threatening, police said.

No description of the suspects was immediately released.

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## LAST VIDEO STORE

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Tsepelis says it's not enough, and announced in February 2021 that Long Beach and Orange County's last video store would soon be forced to permanently close, mostly due to forced closures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The community responded with its support through GoFundMe donations which were able to keep Broadway Video open for another year and a half.

"They were quite shocked and overall mostly just sad. There was a lot of emotion," Tsepelis said. "People came into the store and we got kind of busy all of a sudden with people coming in to buy DVDs and buy souvenirs ... and sharing stories and letting us know how sad they were that we were leaving and it was very emotional at times."

The community response and donations through GoFundMe have helped to pay Broadway Video's cost of rent and utilities. However, Tsepelis had been waiting on COVID relief grants from the City for nearly a year before he was told he didn't qualify because the store's zip code, in Belmont Heights, was not considered an underserved location.

Now, Broadway Video is facing possible closure again and Tsepelis has a new idea to keep it open.

If able to receive funding and investors, Tsepelis plans to transform the store into "Neighborhoods," a community gathering spot for movie nights, live music, an ongoing gallery space, community events, restaurant pop-ups and an office space for hybrid businesses.

The store would still sell its vast collection of CDs and DVDs along with paintings from local artists.

"When I sit and I assess the bigger picture, I think that it's just time that rentals are over," Tsepelis said. "The only time we would get people coming in is if there are titles we had that you could not find on any streaming companies ... but it's not enough to keep the doors open when somebody comes in once every couple months just to pick up that one film."

Tsepelis has already begun clearing out sections of the store for

what he envisions as a "loungy" space for residents to use as they need. He said there has been interest in business owners who need a place for holding meetings, artists who want to display their art and restaurant owners who are interested in intimate tastings.

None of this will come into fruition however, if Broadway Video is unable to find investors in the project. Tsepelis said that donations have mostly stopped coming in and he's only been able to find one partial investor, with little help from the City.

"I need to clear out things because if I can't make this new venture happen, I can't keep the store. I don't have the income, the money to just keep paying rent on this space to keep it going," Tsepelis said. "If I don't get the rent paid by the end of January, we'll definitely lose the space ... I'm really trying to frantically talk to people about this idea and find money to make it happen."

Broadway Video's GoFundMe has raised a little over \$6,000 in the past two years, all of which have gone towards rent to keep the space.

Tsepelis said that he has three more years on the lease; enough time to transform the spot into a community gathering location. He plans to keep portions of the video store intact for sentimental reasons, including the large neon "VIDEOS" sign hanging in the back which has invited residents into cinematic adventures for decades.

"I would sell the movies still and have movie nights and that keeps a little piece of it. That's a memory of it staying alive," Tsepelis said. "If I could transform it I'm excited about that. I think the change is good ... of course the video store after being there so many years, there's a sadness to see that go, but if I have [Neighborhoods] to replace it, I'm excited about that and making that transition happen."

To donate to Broadway Video's GoFundMe, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/broadway-video-relief-fund>.



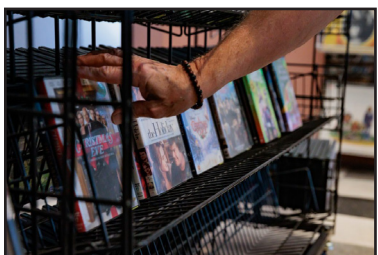
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A sign on an awning reads "The Last Video Store" in front of Broadway Video on Jan. 24, 2023. The video store struggled during the COVID-19 pandemic and with the influx of new streaming services might not be able to retain its title.



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Posters, many of which are for movies, sit in racks near the movies at Broadway Video on Jan. 24, 2023. Much of the store's current business comes from the sale of movie posters as the video rental marketplace has dwindled in recent years.



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Steve Tsepelis, owner of Broadway Video, moves the Christmas movies back onto their rack on Jan. 24, 2023.



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Art by Long Beach artist Robert Senke adorns a back wall of Broadway Video on Jan. 24, 2023.



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Steve Tsepelis, owner of Broadway Video sets out a sandwich board sign in front of Broadway Video on Jan. 24, 2023. The windows used to be decorated with colorful movie posters, but currently has signs for videos on clearance and yoga mats for sale.



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# AROUND TOWN

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



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Jennifer Hill, owner of Songbird Boutique, peeks out from her office that is separated from the rest of the shop with a curtain that says "Welcome to the Freak Show" on Oct. 19, 2021.

This week boasts many ways for Long Beach and Signal Hill residents to explore new passions and support community members through the opening of new shops, beach and neighborhood cleanups and local teams.

Celebrate the harvest season for the Filipino delicacy ube at Kubo LB with cultural desserts Friday morning or watch the Oscar-nominated film "The Banshees of Inisherin" with residents at the Billie Jean King Main Library. Residents can take in various shows at Plantitas open mic night or Friendzone's 21 years and older comedy show at Ficklewood Ciderworks.

Get in your vitamin D for the weekend by planting and watering new trees at Houghton Park Saturday morning, supporting Long Beach's women's rugby team or connecting with neighbors at a s'mores night. The city is hosting a community meeting on sidewalk vending laws where residents can give their opinions on the matter before it goes before City Council.

Those wanting to learn new skills can attend a donation-based tai chi lesson Sunday morning or learn how to reduce waste at home Thursday night. There is no limit to the lessons one can learn in Long Beach this week; get out and explore!

## 27 FRIDAY

### GRAND OPENING

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to the grand opening of new salon Amber M Aesthetics (509 E Broadway). The celebration will include food, beverages and music. Free to attend.

### THE UBE HARVEST FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Food lovers are invited to attend this celebration of the Philippines' ube harvesting season at Kubo LB (345 E Carson St.). Ube is a purple yam often used to make desserts. Fifteen vendors will

be selling ube-based treats. General admission costs \$5, and tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite. Admission is free for children ages 12 and under.

### COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The nonprofit organization Whole Systems Learning will be hosting a community festival at 161 W Victoria St. with food, games and prizes. Whole Systems Learning will also be connecting those who have been formerly incarcerated with resources, and assisting individuals with obtaining a legal identification card. Free.

### WORLD CINEMA SERIES

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the 2022 Irish dramedy "The Banshees of Inisherin" at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). The film explores the end of a decades-long friendship in a remote Irish town. Free.

### FOURTH FRIDAYS

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public is invited to this monthly celebration on Fourth Street to enjoy live music, food specials, local artist pop-ups, wares from small businesses and more. Songbird Boutique (2240 E Fourth St.) will be hosting an array of local vendors inside its location. Free to attend.

### VULNERABILIDAD OPEN MIC

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. This open mic at Plantitas (2011 E Fourth St.) is an inclusive space for poets, writers, artists, musicians and more to share their work with their community. Free.

### THE FRIENDZONE COMEDY SHOW

7 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to enjoy hard cider and stand up comedy during this show at Ficklewood Ciderworks (720 E Broadway). Multiple talented comedians will entertain the crowd. To register for this event, visit Eventbrite. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served

basis. There is no cover charge for this event, but there is a two-drink minimum for attendees.

## 28 SATURDAY

### I DIG LONG BEACH

9 a.m. to noon. The City of Long Beach needs volunteers to plant and water new trees at Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.). All supplies will be provided. No previous experience is needed. Free.

### LAND SHARKS VS. PASADENA ROYALS

10 a.m. The public is invited to watch two local women's rugby teams compete on the CSULB rugby field (1250 Bellflower Blvd.). Free.

### EMPOWERING HOMEOWNERSHIP EXPO

1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. During this event at the EXPO Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.), first-time homebuyers will be able to listen to a variety of educational presentations and learn about homeownership resources. This event has been organized by the Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion, the Affordable Housing Clearinghouse, the Black Resource Center and Farmers & Merchants Bank. Free.

### A NIGHT IN THE GARDEN

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sowing Seeds of Change invites friends and families to enjoy roasting marshmallows and making s'mores in a community garden (620 San Francisco Ave.). Space is limited for this event. To register for the event, visit Eventbrite. Free.

## 29 SUNDAY

### SWAP POP

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Individuals are invited to bring a bag full of unwanted clothing to 2741 E Fourth St. and swap their used clothes with each other. Live music will be pro-

vided by Moroz, Twisted Exhibition and Sueño Estelar. There is a \$10 flat rate to participate.

### SUNDAY SERVICE BEACH CLEANUP

11 a.m. to noon. The International Imperial Court of Long Beach is asking for volunteers to help clean Alamitos Park Beach (7203 E Ocean Blvd.). Volunteers will meet in the parking lot. Free.

### TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in learning how to practice Tai Chi is invited to 5608 E Los Santos Dr. for a lesson taught by Angie Sierra. Free, but donations are accepted.

## 30 MONDAY

### VIRTUAL SIDEWALK VENDING COMMUNITY MEETING

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The City of Long Beach is asking for residents to give their feedback on possible changes to local laws concerning sidewalk vending. To register for the meeting, visit <https://bit.ly/lbsvJan30>. Free.

### DISCOVER ROCKS, MINERALS AND FOSSILS

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society will be hosting a hands-on education program for rockhounds of all ages at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Space for this program is limited and registration is required. To register, visit the Signal Hill Public Library or call (562) 989 7323. Free.

## 31 TUESDAY

### JOB FAIR FOR VETERANS

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Veterans and their spouses are invited to participate in this virtual job fair organized by MilitaryX. To register for

this job fair, visit Eventbrite. Free.

### ANIMATION FILM SERIES

3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The public is invited to this screening of the 2011 animated film "Rango" at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W Broadway). The film follows the story of a pet chameleon who gets lost and becomes the sheriff of a frontier town. Free.

## 01 WEDNESDAY

### THE COLLECTIBLES SHOW

2 p.m. The first day of a four-day expo featuring collectible coins, banknotes, sports cards, stamps and memorabilia at the Long Beach Convention Center (300 E Ocean Blvd.). General admission costs \$10, and tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

### FOOD PANTRY

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) and Help Me Help You will be distributing groceries to families and individuals in need. Both drive-thru and walk up service will be available. No registration or appointment is needed. Free.

## 02 THURSDAY

### REDUCE WASTE AT HOME

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. During this virtual workshop organized by the City of Long Beach, residents will learn tips to reduce food waste and packaging waste in their kitchens. To register for this online event, visit [https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RT-JfjDmBTtpm5Kb9OekxA](https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RT-JfjDmBTtpm5Kb9OekxA). Free.

### READING BUDDIES

3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Parents and caregivers can bring children to the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) where a teen volunteer will give them up to 30 minutes of one-on-one reading practice. Free.

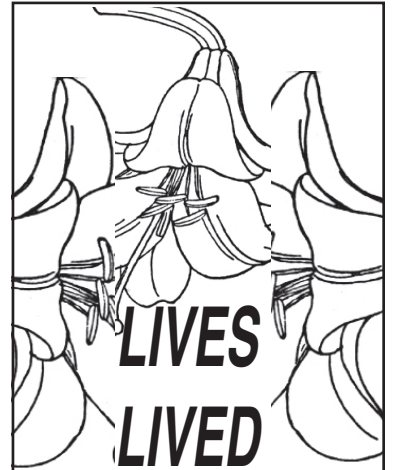


# BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SIGNAL HILL



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The City of Signal Hill will host a series of events honoring Black History Month during the month of February. The community will kick off the beginning of the month with the raising of a commemorative flag on Feb. 1 at Signal Hill City Hall, followed by a range of educational and entertaining events.

According to the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Black History Month originated from a week-long celebration of Black history and literature in 1924 organized by Carter G. Woodson and the fraternity Omega Psi Phi. In the late 1960s, this was gradually replaced by Black History Month.

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, co-founded by Woodson, chooses a different theme each year for Black History Month. The theme for 2023 is “Black Resistance: Building Bridges and Navigating Barriers.” Every president since Gerald Ford has recognized and endorsed the theme for Black History Month.

## 01 WEDNESDAY

### FLAG RAISING

9 a.m. Mayor Tina Hansen and the Diversity Coalition Commit-

tee invites the public to watch the raising of the Black History Month flag in front of Signal Hill City Hall (2175 Cherry Ave.). Public officials will give short speeches. Light refreshments will be available. Free.

## 02 THURSDAY

### FILM SCREENING

2:30 pm to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the 1963 comedy drama film “Lilies of the Field” at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). The film follows the story of a jack-of-all-trades who assists a group of Eastern European nuns trying to build a chapel in Arizona. Free.

## 07 TUESDAY

### WE WERE THERE

Grammy award-winning storyteller Diane Ferlatte will host a presentation on stories of shared cultures and history in the Signal Hill Public Library’s Community Room (1800 E Hill St.). Ferlatte’s website describes the program as “not Black History, but Blacks in American History.” Free.

## 09 THURSDAY

### FILM SCREENING

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the 2014 documentary “Through A Lens Darkly” at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). The documentary explores Black history through the work of Black photographers. Free.

## 16 THURSDAY

### FILM SCREENING

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the Marvel movie “Black Panther: Wakanda Forever” at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). The movie follows the story of the Wakandan royal family after the death of King T’Challa. Free.

## 18 SATURDAY

### IT’S IN YOU

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children’s author Sharifa Anozie will host a reading of her book “It’s In You” at

the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). The story follows a butterfly’s life cycle to inspire children to dream big and persevere. There will be an opportunity to ask the author questions. Children will be able to complete a craft. Free.

## 23 THURSDAY

### ANCIENT EGYPT

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Author Legrand H. Clegg will give a presentation about ancient Egypt, the African origin of the human race and more at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

### FILM SCREENING

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the 1989 documentary “Ida B. Wells: A Passion For Justice” at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). The documentary tells the story of journalist and activist Ida B. Wells during the post-reconstruction period in the United States. Free.



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**TST6880 Case No. 22LBCP00475  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA, LONG BEACH, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Elizabeth Libby Clare Huff, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Elizabeth Libby Clare Huff has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Elizabeth Libby Clare Huff Proposed Name: Elizabeth Sinclair 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: February 17, 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, January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 29, 2022

**TST6882 Case No. 22CMCP00214  
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: Maccaia Denise Jones, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Maccaia Denise Jones has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Maccaia Denise Jones Proposed Name: Maccaia Denise Perkins 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: March 7, 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, January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 23, 2022

**TST6886 / 2022 280169  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: VOLLMER-GRAY ENGINEERING LABORATORIES, 2421 N PALM DRIVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registrant: BRIGNOLA ENGINEERING INC., 2421 N PALM DRIVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: CHRISTOPHER BRIGNOLA, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in December, 2022. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on December 30, 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: January 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 2023

**TST6889 / 2023 006520  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: TELCAST, 22517 GUADILAMAR DR SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91350. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Registrant: ANDRES CASTRO, 22517 GUADILAMAR DR, SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91350. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ANDRES CASTRO, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in January, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on January 11, 2023. 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: January 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 2023

**TST6890 Case No. 23LBCP00006  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Juan Manuel Barragan Jimenez, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Juan Manuel Barragan Jimenez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Juan Manuel Barragan Jimenez Proposed Name: Juan Manuel Barragan 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: February, 22, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26. 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, January 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 11, 2023

**TST6895  
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF: LORRI ANN PETERSON  
CASE NO. 23STPB00311**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LORRI ANN PETERSON. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LEAH R. PETERSON AND KATHRYN L. HENDERSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LEAH R. PETERSON AND KATHRYN L. HENDERSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 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: 02/16/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 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 JOHN W. CHANG - SBN 248999, PATINELLI & CHANG LLP 2355 CRENSHAW BLVD., SUITE 185 TORRANCE CA 90501 1/20, 1/27, 2/3/23 CNS-3660951# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

**TST6897 / 2023 008205  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: TACOS AL CARBONN ESTILO SINALOA,

14030 ORIZABA AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Registrant: 1. JAVIER GUILLERMO MORALES PERAZA, 14030 ORIZABA AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. 2. CARMEN YANELY PEREZ NAVIDAD. 14030 ORIZABA AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This business is conducted by: a Married Couple. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JAVIER GUILLERMO MORALES PERAZA, HUSBAND. 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 January 12, 2023. 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: January 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 2023

**TST6899 Case No. 23CMCP00006  
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: Ipo Kanaka'ole Taitague Tagab-Cruz, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ipo Kanaka'ole Taitague Tagab-Cruz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Ipo Kanaka'ole Taitague Tagab-Cruz Proposed Name: Ipo Kanaka'ole Taitague Cruz 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: March 30, 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, January 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 18, 2023

**TST6896 Case No. 22LBCP00007  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA, LONG BEACH, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Lissett Sandoval and Luis Jose Alcazar Estrada, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Lissett Sandoval and Luis Jose Alcazar Estrada have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing their child's name as follows: Present Name: Neida Maite Sandoval Proposed Name: Neida Maite Alcazar 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: February 23, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26. 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, January 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 12, 2023

**TST6898**

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

**TS No. CA-22-911631-SH Order No.: 220158981-CA-VOI**  
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/21/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title,

possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): MARY ANN S. GARMA, A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 4/28/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0935545 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 3/21/2023 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$440,206.79 The purported property address is: 6241 CORBIN AVENUE, TARZANA, CA 91356-1012 Assessor's Parcel No.: 2153-022-002 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. 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If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other

common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. TS No.: CA-22-911631-SHIDS-Pub #0183428 1/27

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF: ROLF D. WARNER AKA  
ROLF DENIS WARNER AKA ROLF  
WERNLI CASE NO. 23STPB00453**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROLF D. WARNER AKA ROLF DENIS WARNER AKA ROLF WERNLI. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBYN GORDON PETERSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBYN GORDON PETERSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (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: 02/21/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 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 JOANN FITZPATRICK - SBN 193962, LAW OFFICE OF JOANN FITZPATRICK 444 W OCEAN BLVD #1514 LONG BEACH CA 90802-4516 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/23 CNS-3664749# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

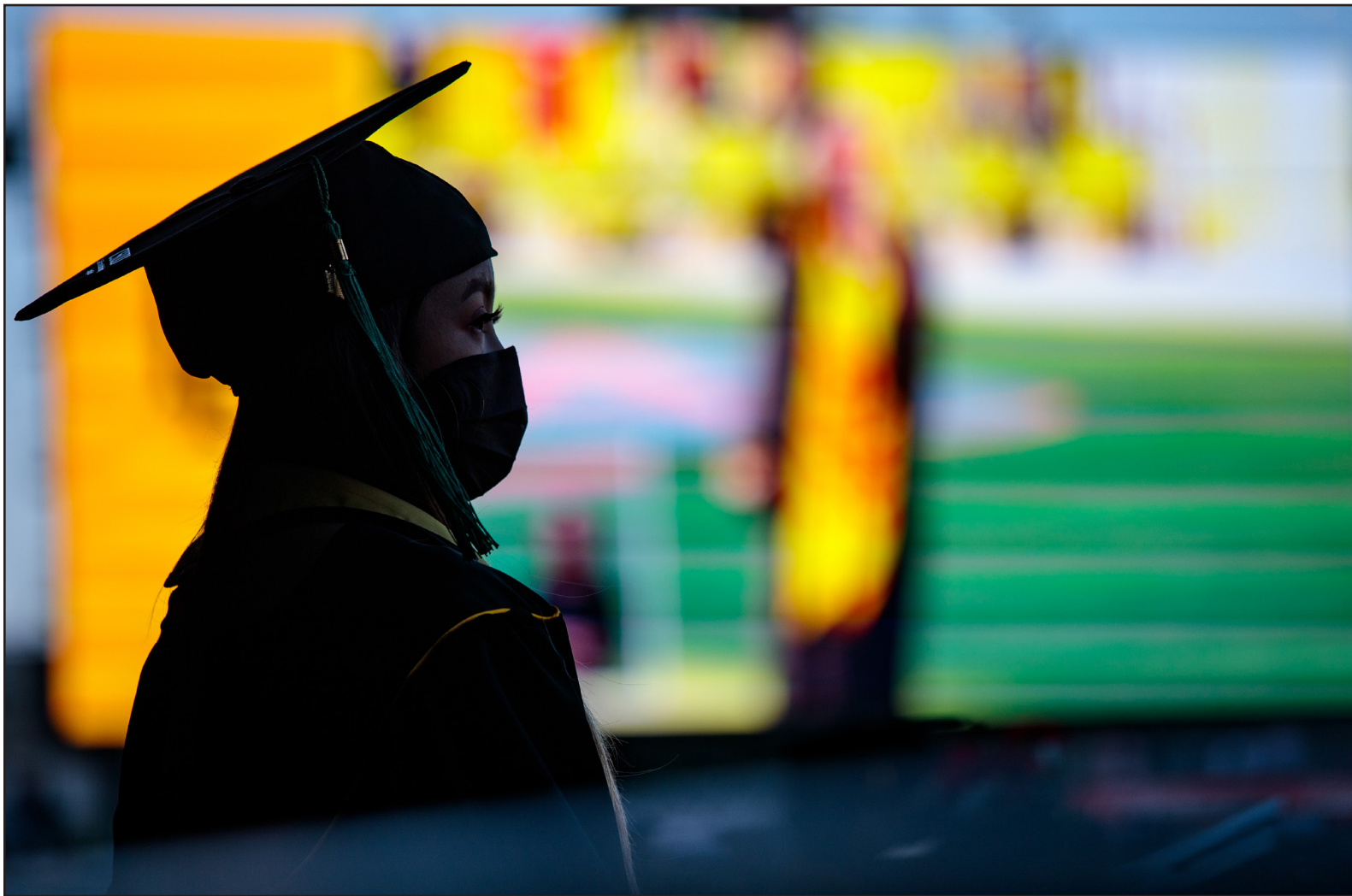
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EDUCATION

# LBUSD data reveals lower college success rates for Black students



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A student looks towards the stage while Nancy Lee Morgan performs the CSULB Alma Mater song at the dual 2020 and 2021 commencement ceremony at Angle Stadium on May 30, 2021.

**Briana Mendez-Padilla**  
Education Reporter

Despite successful college enrollment rates for students overall, college graduation data discussed during the Long Beach Unified Jan. 18 board meeting revealed Black students continue to be underrepresented among college graduates.

According to data presented by assistant superintendent of research Chris Brown, about two-thirds of LBUSD graduates enroll in college immediately after high school. However, of the 84% of Black students who graduated high school and enrolled in college, only 24% graduated, whereas 88% of white graduates enrolled in college and 46% graduated.

“These are gaps that exist and that colleges are working to remediate, but it also speaks to us about readiness, and how [the district can] help with readiness,” Brown said.

The data also revealed that a majority of LBUSD graduates enroll in two-year institutions. Although, there has recently been a decrease in the gap between students attending two-year universities and those attending four-years as well as a greater percentage of college-enrolled students overall, according to Brown.

The majority of LBUSD graduates enroll at Long Beach City College or the California State University of Long Beach after high school—43% go to LBCC and 20% to CSULB.

Forty percent of Black students attend a two-year institution and 25% attend a four-year college compared to the 34% and 43% of non-Black and non-Hispanic students that attend two and four-year institutions, respectively.

About a third of Black and His-

panic students don’t attend college after high school, yet for non-Black and non-Hispanic students, the percentage is only 23%.

“There is definitely a discrepancy in attendance patterns there between two-year and four-year universities as well as between attending and not attending,” Brown said.

College success is also a bit more difficult to track according to Brown since college enrollment and success data is collected after students leave the district; it is considered a lagging indicator.

Board member Erik Miller said the data presented was “quite disappointing.”

“This type of statistic is the exact type of information that I think we look at and build upon from one meeting to the next time that this comes up,” Miller said. “These are the kinds of numbers that I think we should continue to hold ourselves accountable to and compare ourselves against.”

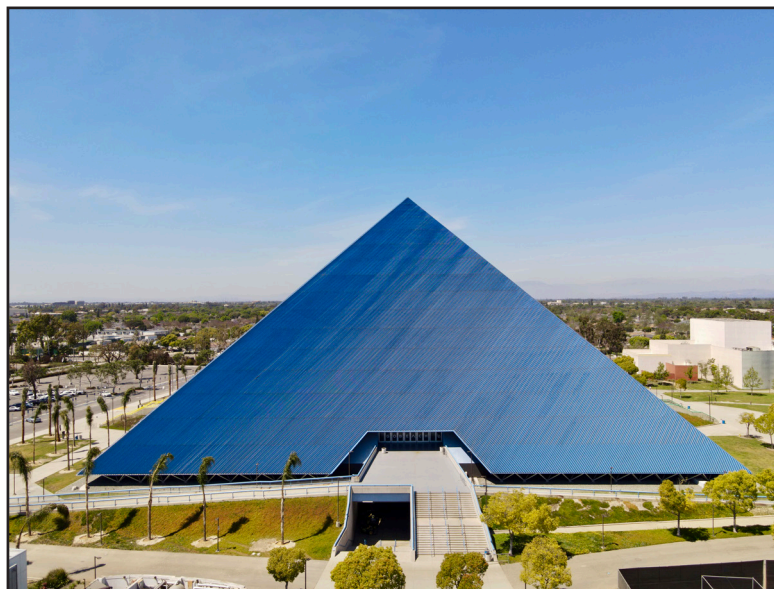
**Black and brown students are also underrepresented in Long Beach College Promise**

Another college enrollment pattern Brown highlighted was the percentage of students who take advantage of the Long Beach College Promise.

The Long Beach College Promise is an initiative meant to provide all Long Beach students with the opportunity to go to college by offering two tuition-free years at LBCC.

According to the LBUSD website it “extends the promise of a college education to every student in the Long Beach Unified School District to create a more vibrant community.”

However, a greater percentage of white and Asian students take advantage of the College Promise



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An aerial view of the Walter Pyramid at California State University, Long Beach on April 30, 2021.

compared to Black students, according to Brown. Only 6% of Black high school graduates participate in the Long Beach College Promise compared to the 26% of white and 18% of Asian students who do.

Brown said a potential reason for this could be lack of awareness. He also pointed out the pattern that Black students have a higher rate of choosing to attend college outside of Long Beach and California.

Board member Juan Benitez said that although the original intent of the College Promise was to guarantee admission to CSULB to any LBUSD high school graduate that met A-G requirements, the specific major requirements make it more difficult to do so.

“I just can’t bear to see data and know that that is not Long Beach Promise students that are getting into CSULB or our LBCC partner,” Benitez said, adding that students who do not meet the Long Beach

Promise eligibility criteria can still enroll in these institutions but without the tuition-free advantage.

Superintendent Jill Baker said the district is working on furthering conversations around the Long Beach College Promise and how to make it more effective.

“There is an appetite among the three institutions to bring this data to the table and to further talk about the commitment that the Long Beach College Promise has made to centering equity,” Baker said.



**Pet of the week:  
Miss Daisy**

Don’t let the solemnity fool you—Miss Daisy is a 2-year-old love!. She was nervous when she got to the shelter, but volunteer Susan, who combines “determined” and “loving,” brought her to the point of purring and biscuit making, especially when it’s done with a back scratcher. She wiggles all over the place! Miss Daisy would love someone to drive her home. 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 Miss Daisy. Ask for ID#A676122).

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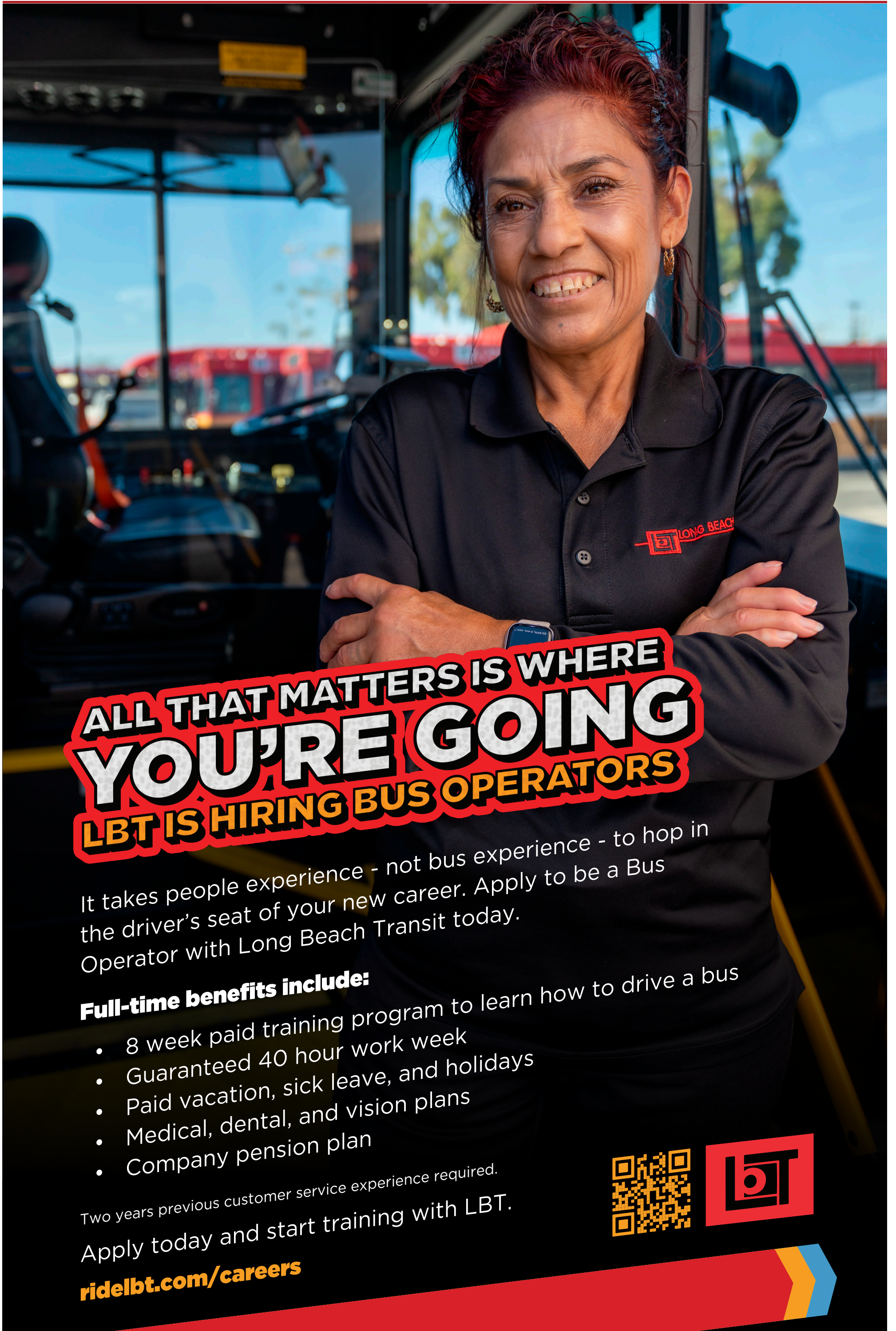
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