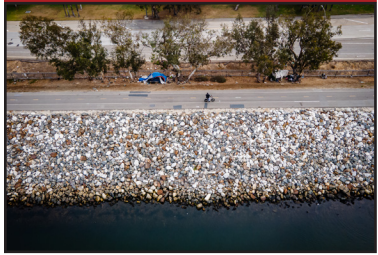


HOMELESSNESS



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On the LA River bike path, a bike rider looks towards tents that line the fence along Shoreline Drive in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2021.

How has Long Beach responded to its homelessness state of emergency—we broke it down

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

It's been almost a month since the Long Beach City Council declared a city-wide state of emergency due to the rising numbers of people becoming and suffering from homelessness.

The state of emergency streamlines the City's ability to approve zoning changes, allocate funds, approve affordable housing projects, hire additional staff and establish shelters and other resources. All city workers are classified as Disaster Service Workers, meaning their responsibilities are able to be reassigned in order to meet the demands of reducing homelessness.

Long Beach City Council must vote to extend the state of emergency every two weeks, when city staff will provide a report on progress.

The City Council declared a state of emergency on Jan. 10. Mayor Rex Richardson has given a small number of updates on actions the city has taken and is planning on taking to address the issue.

So far, city staff has not announced a budget or projected expenses on the homelessness response efforts.

Latest Announcements

Since the declaration was passed, the city has implemented an Emergency Command Center headed by the Department of Health and Public Works Department and staffed by over 100 city employees.

Long Beach has also started the Mayor's homelessness fund and established the Mobile Access Center, a mobile homelessness outreach program that travels around the downtown area and reduces barriers to a variety of services.

On Jan. 27, California State Senator Lena Gonzalez announced a

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UTILITIES

Long Beach discusses relief plan for residents unable to pay high gas bills

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

In response to the skyrocketing rate of natural gas prices last month, the Long Beach City Council called a special meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1 to discuss how to provide financial assistance to residents in need.

"I've got my senior mom at home in Long Beach, freezing, scared to turn her heater on because she can't afford the bill every month," Long Beach resident Heidi Kitchen said during public comment. "You know what I mean? My little 4-year-old daughter tells me, 'mommy I'm cold,' and then I'm scared my gas bill is going to be over \$500. I mean, that's pathetic. We're talking about a hot shower. We're talking about drying clothes or heating your home. It's 35 degrees outside. Isn't this basic human rights?"

According to Southern California Gas Co., the steep rise in gas bills was caused by higher wholesale prices for natural gas. Many residents across Long Beach and California received utility bills for January that were more than double or triple the usual rate.

"We have a crisis as [it] relates to



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An exposed natural gas line connected to a wall heater is seen through a hole in the wall of an apartment in Long Beach on Feb. 2, 2023.

high natural gas bills here in Long Beach and across California," Mayor Rex Richardson said. "We have skyrocketed to levels that we hav-

en't seen in the last 20 years. And it's a short-term, temporary spike but impactful nonetheless. We know that families are struggling

to make ends meet, folks are still working to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic."

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CONSTRUCTION

'Paving equity': Long Beach breaks ground on Great Artesia Boulevard project

Richard H. Grant
Photo Editor

Long Beach City officials gathered in the 9th district Wednesday morning to commemorate the groundbreaking of the long-awaited Great Artesia Boulevard project.

The more than \$36 million project will provide critical roadway improvements to a 3.2-mile stretch of Artesia Boulevard, beginning on the west end at Harbor Boulevard and culminating on the east end at Downey Avenue in North Long Beach.

"We're very proud of this work," said Mayor Rex Richardson. "We're literally transforming the community, we're paving equity into the very streets that we walk on."

The process began with changes to zoning laws in November 2020 as part of the Uptown Planning Land Use and Neighborhood Strategy (UPLAN) along the Artesia corridor. The zoning changes will allow for more commercial and residential mixed-use properties in the area.

The corridor itself runs through six different cities from Compton to Cerritos. Richardson helped build a plan for a comprehensive vision for the street when he was still a council member.

"Zoning is everything from the sidewalk into the privately held space," said Richardson. "And this is the public realm—the complete streets, sidewalks, medians,

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Ninth District Councilmember Joni Ricks-Oddie speaks with attendees near a small pile of dirt placed on Lime Avenue near Artesia Boulevard outside of Robert Earl's BBQ on Feb. 1, 2023, to commemorate the groundbreaking for the Artesia Great Boulevard project in North Long Beach.

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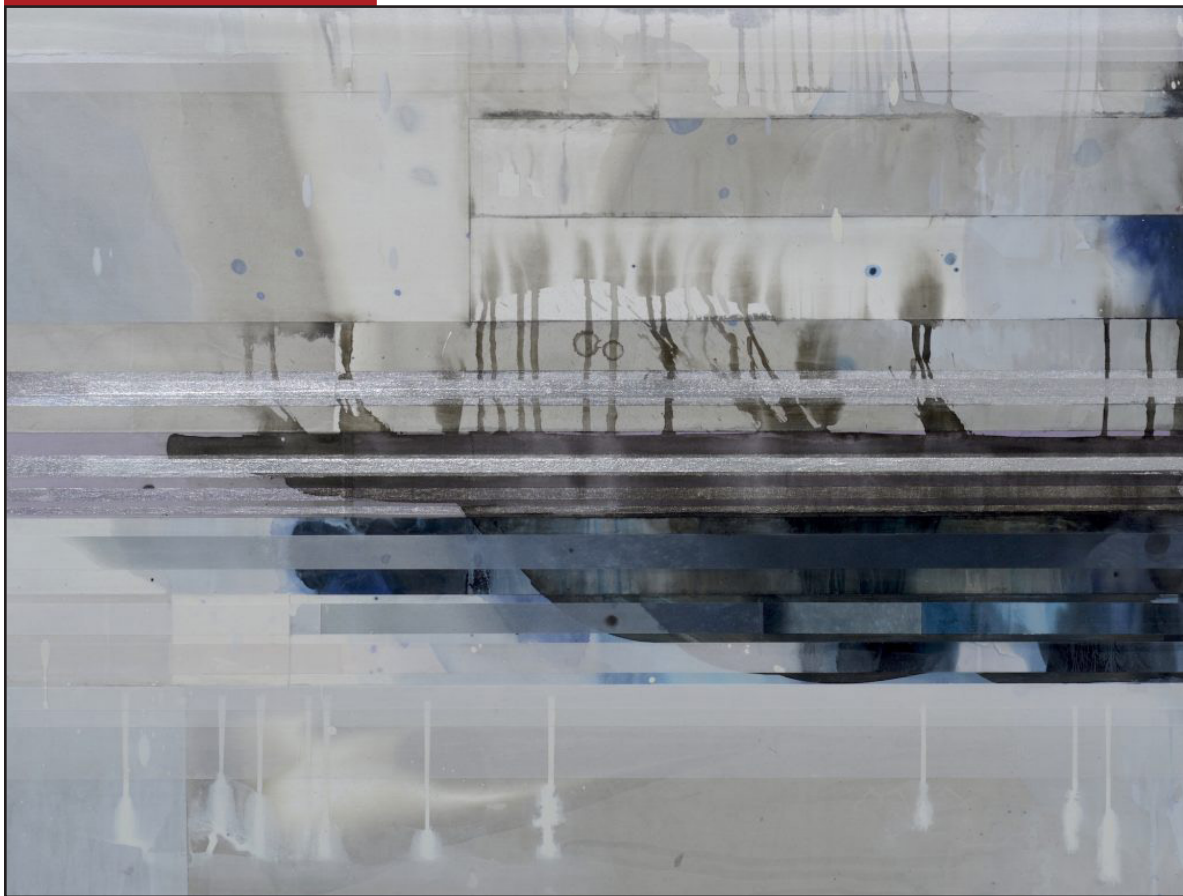


Image Courtesy of Cynthia Ona Innis

An abstract work of art by Cynthia Ona Innis that will be included in the "Inside - Out" exhibit at the Xela Institute of Art.

'Inside - Out' exhibit at Xela Institute of Art explores mentor-mentee relationship between two artists

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The newest exhibit at the Xela Institute of Art in Long Beach uses the relationship between a retired professor and her former student as an entryway to explore the art-work of both women.

"She mentored me. I'm a total fan of her work," said Cynthia Ona Innis of her former teacher, Katherine Sherwood. "She's just a total hero to me. I feel so lucky to be showing side by side with somebody I have looked up to for a good part of my life."

Sherwood taught both Innis and Walter Maciel over 30 years ago, at the beginning of her time as a professor at UC Berkeley. According to Maciel, Sherwood was middle-aged at the time, while he and Innis were around 19 to 20 years old. He eventually grew to professionally represent both Sherwood and Innis, and was the one who came up with the concept for the "Inside - Out" exhibit.

"She really was very invested in teaching and spent a lot of time with us as students," Maciel said of Sherwood. "Just the influence a mentor or teacher or professor can have on a student, I think that's important."

Though Sherwood had an early influence on Innis, the two artists' styles differ greatly, as Innis focuses on creating nature-inspired abstract work using paint and cloth.

"They both work in really unique ways with unusual materials and techniques," said Maciel. "So even though Cynthia's work is very abstract, and Katherine's work is extremely figurative and representational, there's still a really nice dialogue between the two artists."

Innis used two techniques to create the seven different works she contributed to "Inside - Out." For a number of her artworks, fabric was painted, air dried, cut and sewn to other pieces of fabric, before being stretched into a canvas. For other pieces, swatches of painted fabric were applied to a wood panel.

The exhibit is called "Inside - Out" because while Innis' work focuses on exterior surroundings and locations, Sherwood's work focuses on what happens within her own body.

Sherwood was still working as a professor at Berkeley in 1997 when she suffered from a cerebral hemorrhage that paralyzed the right half of her body. She refused to let this prevent her from making art, and not only adapted to her disability, but used her experiences as inspiration.

After losing the use of her dominant right hand, Sherwood taught herself to paint with her left. She eventually began including images of her own brain scans in her artwork. In her series titled "Brain Flowers," Sherwood digitally manipulated images of medical brain scans to look like flowers and other plant life before embedding them in still-life paintings.

"I think one thing everybody should know is that in America,

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EDUCATION



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Members of the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education listen to Dr. Juan Benitez during a meeting on Nov. 17, 2021.

Long Beach Unified one step closer to choosing student board member, recognizes five finalists

Briana Mendez-Padilla

Education Reporter

Francia Lopez knows firsthand what it is like to deal with the complexities of being a student in need of support.

Lopez said she experienced bullying and academic pressure while attending school in the Los Angeles Unified School District and that when reaching out for support, she was denied.

Now, as a senior at Jordan High School, Lopez is determined to bring positive change to the Long Beach Unified School District through her involvement with student leadership.

She is a part of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee and the lead ambassador for Jordan High School's Media and Communication pathway. Most recently, she applied to become LBUSD's first-ever student board member.

"I wish to bring more support for the future of LBUSD students because our mental health is really important," Lopez said.

The LBUSD board passed a policy back in September to create a more permanent and involved role for students by appointing a seated student board member. The selected student would attend board meetings alongside the rest of the board, learn about the process of civic engagement and essentially represent the 67,000 students in LBUSD.

Lopez is one of five finalists for the position, chosen by superintendent Jill Baker and board president Diana Craighead out of a pool of over 20 applicants.

Lili Leikam, a Lakewood High School senior, first heard about the position through her school's activities director and instantly applied. Leikam described herself as an action-driven individual and said she applied because she cares about her school community. She sees this position as an opportunity to address issues that prevent students from reaching their full potential.

"I am simply incapable of observing issues and complaining about them without offering or being part of a solution," Leikam said.

Giving back to the community is also why Sasha Johnson, a junior at Polytechnic High School, "jumped" at the opportunity to apply. Jonson

is the peer-elected student representative at Poly's School Site Council—a group of teachers, parents and administrators that overlook how schools spend federal funds.

"[In School Site Council] I'm really able to see the importance of having that student voice in a leadership council, whether it's in balancing a budget or implementing new educational initiatives," Johnson said. "I find that it is crucial that we have that student input going into decisions that affect the student body."

Two students from the California Academy of Mathematics and Science (CAMS) were among the finalists.

CAMS sophomore Corey Umamoto said he has always been interested in student leadership.

"I want to voice the opinions and concerns of various topics at the board meetings," Umamoto said. "This responsibility will help me expand my leadership skills beyond what I have ever done before."

For CAMS junior Parish Jain, the thought of being the sole representative of all 67,000 LBUSD students district-wide is "terrifying, but nonetheless, exciting." She said her experience in different events and school clubs has allowed her to meet diverse types of people and represent them.

"As a student board member, I would like to bring my unique perspective on the challenges the students are facing in this district. I am determined to enhance the quality of the learning experience," Jain said.

The student board member will be selected over the coming weeks and can begin their work as early as March.



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The jackrabbit mascot for Long Beach Polytechnic High School gestures towards the school's front entrance, seen on Nov. 2, 2021.

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NEWS



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COVID-19 precaution signs are seen through the bookshelves at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in North Long Beach on Jan. 4, 2022.

Dana Library will reopen in-person services on Saturdays

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Dana Neighborhood Library will bring back its in-person services once a week, beginning this Saturday, for residents to browse bookshelves, rent Chromebooks, register for new library cards or rent out meeting rooms.

The West Long Beach library is one of three branches in the city that transitioned solely to to-go services amidst staff shortages. Alamos Neighborhood Library, Brewitt Neighborhood Library and Dana Neighborhood Library have been closed to in-person services since summer 2022.

To-go services allow residents to place books, media and Chromebooks on hold to pick up and apply for and attain a library card. Dana Library will be open for in-person services each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering research assistance, public computer use, collection browsing, restroom use and meeting room rentals.

The schedule will operate as follows:

- Sunday and Monday: closed



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A selection of books in the teen section of the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in North Long Beach on Jan. 4, 2022.

- Tuesday and Thursday: To-go service from noon to 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday: to-go services from noon to 6 p.m.
 - Friday: to-go services from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Saturday: in-person services from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Alamos Library and Brewitt Library are expected to operate on a similar schedule in the coming weeks, the City announced. As library staff is recruited and trained, the City said it will attempt to restore full services at all three branches.

NEWS



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An aerial view of the Shoreline Gateway building that overlooks all of Downtown Long Beach with views of the marina and the Queen Mary on March 31, 2022.

SoCalGas says natural gas prices to drop in February

City News Service

Southern California Local News

There's good news for residents who were hit with shockingly high natural gas bills in January.

Southern California Gas Co. says the natural gas commodity price will drop by 68% next month compared to January's record-high prices, translating to dramatically reduced bills. SoCalGas projects that if a customer received a \$300 bill in January, that same usage would result in a bill of about \$135 in February.

However, prices in the western region are still higher than last year, when the average residential bill for February was \$99, according to the company.

"While we're relieved that prices have dropped significantly since last month, they remain higher than usual for this time of year," Gillian Wright, SoCalGas senior vice president and chief customer officer, said in a statement. "We know that many of our customers are feeling the impacts of high prices, and we hear their concerns. More than ever, we urge customers

to take advantage of conservation tips, programs, and financial assistance that may be available for eligible applicants to provide some relief."

According to the utility, the drop in consumer gas prices is primarily due to a corresponding drop in the wholesale price SoCalGas will pay for gas in February compared to January.

February's core procurement rate will be about \$1.11 per therm, compared to \$3.45 per therm in January. However, February's

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Wednesday, January 25

5:52am, Auto burglary, 2300 block Cerritos Ave.
8:35am, Stolen vehicle – recovered, E. 33rd St./Falcon Ave.
4:54am, Auto burglary, 2200 block St. Louis Ave.

Thursday, January 26

3:01 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 33200 block E. PCH
2:00 p.m., Identity theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
3:18 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block E. PCH
5:03 p.m., Prostitution, 2400 block Rose Ave. (citation issued)
8:57 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1300 block E. 28th St.

Friday, January 27

1:04 p.m., Possessing narcotic substance, 2700 block E. PCH (citation issued)
2:49 p.m., Grand theft, 2100 block E. 21st St.
3:17 p.m., Critical missing, 2200 block Walnut Ave.
7:15 p.m., Indecent exposure, 2000 block Stanley Ave.

Saturday, January 28

8:32 a.m., Grand theft, 2200 block E. 19th St.
9:12 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Grand St./Redondo Ave.
5:42 p.m., Grand theft, 1900 block Raymond Ave.
11:03 p.m., Disorderly conduct/alcohol, 1600 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
11:06 p.m., Inflict corporal injury on spouse, 2000 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

Sunday, January 29

12:03 a.m., Keep the peace, 2700 block E. PCH
2:22 p.m., Hit & run; property damage; assault with deadly weapon; violated parole, 2200 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)

Monday, January 30

8:39 a.m., Auto burglary, E. 20th St./Temple Ave.
10:55 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, E. 29th St./California Ave.
9:04 p.m., Battery, 1800 block Raymond Ave.

Tuesday, January 31

9:49 a.m., Burglary, 2600 block Gundry Ave.
10:01 a.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
6:09 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2500 block Cherry Ave.

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NEWS

Authorities identify victim of fatal crash in Long Beach



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The left-turn arrow street marking on Walnut Avenue that turns onto Spring Street in Signal Hill on Nov. 24, 2021.

City News Service

Southern California Local News

A 26 year-old motorist who was killed in a two-vehicle crash in Long Beach was identified Tuesday.

Officers were dispatched at about 4:05 a.m. Sunday to Magnolia Av-

enue and Hill Street, where a motorist was pronounced dead at the scene, the Long Beach Police Department reported.

The Los Angeles County coroner's office identified Roberto Rodriguez as the victim of the crash. Rodriguez's city of residence was

not immediately available.

Another motorist who suffered critical injuries in the crash was rushed by paramedics to a hospital, where he was listed in critical condition.

No further information was immediately available.

CRIME

Man shot and killed in Long Beach; suspect sought

City News Service

Southern California Local News

Authorities Thursday sought the public's help to find the person who fatally shot a man in an alley in Long Beach.

Officers were sent to the 700 block of Broadway Court about 5:55 p.m. Wednesday on a report that multiple gunshots were heard in the area, according to the Long Beach Police Department.

"Upon arrival, officers located a male adult victim suffering from gunshot wounds to his upper body," police said in a statement.

The wounded man died at a hospital, police said. His name was withheld, pending notification of his relatives.

"Detectives determined that an unknown male suspect approached the victim as he was in the alley," police said. "The suspect fired multiple gunshots toward the victim, striking him (and) resulting in the



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File Image: Long Beach Police Department.

victim's death. Detectives do not believe the incident was random. However, the investigation to determine the motive for the shooting remains under investigation."

Anyone with information on the

case was urged to call detectives at 562-570-7244, or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS. Tipsters may also use the website lacrimestoppers.org

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pedestrian lights, bulb-outs, signal synchronization—all the things that will make this a more livable, walkable corridor.”

The revitalization project was one of Richardson’s top priorities for his district when he became a city council member in 2014. He will now be overseeing the project during his tenure as mayor.

One of the first steps for the project will be removing the green bollard dividers along Artesia Boulevard that help separate the protected bike lane from the motor vehicle traffic, much to the delight of attendees and the ninth district’s new council member. The dividers will be replaced with permanent infrastructure with the aim of creating a faster and safer street for pedestrian traffic.

“I just wanted to say that I’m glad that the mayor has taken responsibility for the green buoys so you can blame him, and I can start afresh,” City Councilmember Joni Ricks-Oddie jokingly said of the colorful infrastructure.

Long Beach Public Works Director Eric Lopez apologized in advance for the frustration that residents might feel as construction commences over the next few months.

The project has been in various planning stages for nearly eight years, and construction is set to begin in a few days with funds from the voter-approved Measure A.

“Yes, it takes a long time, but we’re finally providing and delivering the corridor from a zoning standpoint and infrastructure planning standpoint, a corridor that the North Long Beach community deserves and that they’ve waited so very long to achieve,” Richardson said.



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Mayor Rex Richardson speaks with attendees near a small pile of dirt placed on Lime Avenue near Artesia Boulevard outside of Robert Earl’s BBQ on Feb. 1, 2023, to commemorate the groundbreaking for the Artesia Great Boulevard project in North Long Beach.



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Mayor Rex Richardson and other city officials turn over the dirt in a small pile placed on Lime Avenue near Artesia Boulevard outside of Robert Earl’s BBQ on Feb. 1, 2023, to commemorate the groundbreaking for the Artesia Great Boulevard project in North Long Beach.



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A green bollard is seen on Artesia Boulevard near Lime Avenue on Feb. 1, 2023. Mayor Rex Richardson mentioned during a speech to commemorate the groundbreaking for the Artesia Great Boulevard project in North Long Beach that these bollards will be coming down.

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COMMUNITY

Ground Education has plans to cultivate growing minds throughout LBUSD

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Fifteen years ago, Holland Brown volunteered to teach a gardening lesson in her kid's kindergarten class at Lowell Elementary School. There she met fellow kindergarten parent Karen Taylor, and after a few lessons with the children in the small garden bed outside of the classroom, they had an idea.

They created a curriculum where science, social studies, math and English topics were supplemented with nature and gardening. Today, their curriculum reaches almost 10,000 students a year through partnerships with 16 elementary schools throughout the city, and they have plans to spread their roots once again.

"She and I had a mind meld about how much of what's happening in the classroom can be reinforced in the actual world," Brown said. "We became really excited about this idea of an element of nature education to be an elementary school experience in every grade."

Ground Education has formalized a partnership with LBUSD to reach every elementary student in the district through lessons during the school day as well as pilot programs of after school gardening.

"What we're working on with the district is what growing faster looks like both in terms of building the gardens and bringing the education program along with it," Brown said. "The first thing that the district has asked us to do is develop a program that extends the garden learning beyond the traditional school day."

The Ground Education team has grown at an impressive pace. Along with Brown and Taylor, the 15-person team includes garden educators, horticulturists and interns of former teachers, farmers, herbalists and other environmentalists.

Lessons vary for the 9,500 students that benefit from the program, from kindergarten to eighth grade. Each classroom in the 16 elementary schools has a monthly opportunity to visit their school's garden, either revitalized or built from scratch by the Ground Education team, to get their hands dirty and brain working in different ways.

"There's a high excitement level to come into the garden and see what nature has to bring that day. It's a place where kids feel excited regardless of what else was happening in their school day," Brown said. "There's a sense of wonder and open endedness and curiosity that is just naturally fostered ... They are empowered to do the work of the garden."

Educators are sent to different schools everyday, as long as it takes to get each classroom in the garden once a month. One lesson for kindergarten classes is to watch how vegetables decompose and further enrich the soil that they came from. Other lessons involve animals that are often seen around gardens, as students learn how birds build their nest out of items they find in nature and are encouraged to explore the garden to build their own nests.

Lessons for older students connect ideas of caring for the environment and reducing waste in their homes. Fifth grade classrooms are shown how to make a pesto sauce out of garden scraps that usually



Image Courtesy of Garden Education

LBUSD children take a look at their crops during a garden day taught by Garden Education.



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Students hold up bags of garden scraps taken from a Ground Education gardening lesson.

get thrown out, creating a tasty and memorable lesson.

"It creates memories and a real connection that extends back into the classroom and through the rest of the day," Brown said. "It's really gratifying to have the district understand the impact of the program and be excited to partner with a Long Beach nonprofit like ours to make this a reality."

Ground Education is working with the district to create a master plan "of how to get a garden in every elementary school," where some gardens will have to be built from scratch. Brown estimated it will take about four years to reach the almost 50 schools in the district and roughly 29,000 elementary students.

The 16 elementary schools that Ground Education has already been working with will be the pilot locations for the after school programs. The program already has after school directors who work with The Boys and Girls Club and Franklin Middle School.

"Our reason for being was ... to eventually partner with every elementary school in the district. It is always the goal," Brown said. "That's really where we want to put our time and talent. And now the more we've grown, the vision still feels like a stretch vision, but it feels like something that's going to happen."

In a survey conducted by Ground Education, 96% of teachers said that they saw an increase in their



Image Courtesy of Garden Education

A Ground Education teacher guides two students through a gardening lesson.

student's excitement for learning and 100% of teachers said that the program supports their student's emotional and social wellbeing.

"So that was a gratifying statistic because we want to not only be reinforcing and helping teachers in

science and social studies and English Language Arts, but we also want to help create a culture of excitement about being in school and about learning and recognizing people learn in different ways," Brown said.

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



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Artist Amy Tanaka paints the words 'Farmers Market' onto a wall for the community-made mural that will celebrate the Bixby Knolls Farmers Market on March 31, 2022. Tanaka has been working as an artist for ten years; this is the second of three murals she has planned.

There's something for residents of all ages in Long Beach and Signal Hill this week. Children can take advantage of library story times and free dental screening, teens can craft plushies and educate themselves about domestic violence, and the 21 and over crowd can enjoy a unique combination of comedy and burlesque at Harvelle's.

Residents will have multiple opportunities to stay up-to-date with what's happening in their local government from the comfort of their own homes, with virtual meetings being held to discuss the city budget, homelessness and zoning regulations.

Those looking for ways to celebrate Black History Month can attend a two-day event at the Expo Arts Center, or watch the emotional story of an African American family searching for the American dream during a screening of "A Raisin In The Sun" at the Billie Jean King Main Library..

03 FRIDAY

JOB FAIR

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Job seekers are invited to participate in this virtual job fair hosted by JobFairX. Participants will be able to interview with over 40 companies looking to fill entry-level positions. To register, visit Eventbrite. Free.

KIDS DENTAL HEALTH

Noon to 2 p.m. In honor of National Children's Dental Health Month, minors will be able to receive dental screenings at the Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E. Hill St.). Families will also learn about oral hygiene and children will be able to enjoy games and crafts. Free.

CLASSIC FILM SERIES

2 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the 1961 film "A Raisin In The Sun" at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W Broadway). The film follows the story of an African American family in Chicago as they decide what to do with a life insurance payment following the death of a family member. Free.

MORE THAN STORIES

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Parents and care-

givers are invited to bring children from transitional kindergarten to third grade to the Bach Neighborhood Library (4055 N Bellflower Blvd.) to enjoy stories and activities that help develop literacy, language and social skills. Free.

STRENGTH BEHIND US, GREATNESS AHEAD OF US

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The public is invited to this two-day celebration in honor of Black History Month organized by the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach at the Expo Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.). Attendees will be able to tour three different exhibits, shop at an African marketplace, take a drumming and dance workshop, listen to spoken word poetry and more. The event will continue on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free.

04 SATURDAY

HERON HIKE

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Join Los Ceritos Wetlands on its rainy season nature walk. Residents ages 7 years and older are invited to view the wetlands wildlife and look for migrating birds. Closed-toe shoes are required and attendees are encouraged to bring binoculars. Parking is located at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and First Street. For more information contact elizabeth@lcwlandtrust.org. Free.

RISE & ROSÉ

9 a.m. This Galentine's Day celebration at the LBX Hangar Food Hall (4150 McGowen St.) is organized by the Female Maker Market. Attendees will be able to enjoy one hour of outdoor flow yoga, a glass of Rosé, a tote bag and a bouquet of flowers. Over 40 vendors will be selling their goods. Attendees should bring comfortable clothes, a yoga mat and a sweater. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 on Eventbrite.

TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP

10 a.m. to noon. Christian Outreach In Action is in need of volunteers to help clean up litter and pass out supplies to people experiencing homelessness. As they go through the neighborhood to clean, volunteers will distribute jackets, blankets, gloves, hygiene kits and

more to people in need. Volunteers should meet at the corner of 3rd Street and Linden Avenue (515 E 3rd St.). For more information call (562) 432-1440. Free.

VALENTINES POP UP

Local business Dainty Disco (5659 Atlantic Ave.) will be hosting a Valentine's Day pop up featuring over 17 vendors selling art, accessories, home goods, coffee and more. Free to attend.

FUN-A-DAY LA ART SHOW

Noon to 4 p.m. The public is invited to the seventh annual rendition of this community art show hosted at the Firehouse Community Farm (6509 Gundry Ave.). The show will include a wide variety of art forms including edible art, illustrations, weavings, paintings, prints and more. This art show is appropriate for all ages. Free.

MOTORCYCLE DOCUMENTARY

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Backcountry Discovery Routes has created a new motorcycle trail in Oregon, and is screening a documentary about its creation at local business Long Beach BMW Motorcycles (2202 E 28th St.). To reserve a spot, visit Eventbrite. Free.

SYMPHONY CLASSICS

8 p.m. The Long Beach Symphony will be performing Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G minor and Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" at the Long Beach Terrace Theater (300 E. Ocean Blvd.). General admission costs \$32. To purchase a ticket, visit longbeachsymphony.org.

05 SUNDAY

COVID-19 TESTING

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The City of Long Beach will conduct COVID-19 testing at Cabrillo High School (2001 Santa Fe Ave.) for those who think they have been exposed to the virus or who are showing symptoms. Most test results are ready within 72 hours. To make an appointment, call 562-570-4636. Free.

COMMUNITY MURAL PAINTING

Noon to 4 p.m. The Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Associ-

ation is asking for volunteers to help paint the Expo Arts Center's (4321 Atlantic Ave.) new "gratitude wall." This volunteer opportunity is appropriate for all ages. Refreshments will be provided. Free.

06 MONDAY

INTRODUCTIONS TO REFERENCE SOLUTIONS

11 a.m. to noon. The Long Beach Public Library invites entrepreneurs and business owners to learn how to use Reference Solutions, 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.

2024 CITY BUDGET COMMUNITY MEETING

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Long Beach residents are invited by the City to give their input on the upcoming budget for fiscal year 2024, which designates how much money will be dedicated to various public services and programs. This virtual community event will be held on Zoom, and is the last meeting residents can attend. For more information, call 562-570-6465. Free.

07 TUESDAY

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to view a livestream of the City of Long Beach's meeting on the current response to the homelessness crisis. Mayor Rex Richardson and other public officials will speak on the issue. To watch the livestream, visit www.youtube.com/@LongBeachCityCA/featured.

COMEDY & BURLESQUE

8 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to enjoy a show by stand-up comedians and burlesque performers at Harvelle's Underground Long Beach (201 East Broadway). Attendees must purchase a minimum of two items. General admission costs \$15, and tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

08 WEDNESDAY

SENSORY STORY TIME

11 a.m. to noon. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring children to this inclusive storytime at the Bach Neighborhood Library (4055 N. Bellflower Blvd.). Children of all abilities will use their senses to read, create and learn through stories, songs and play. Free.

TEEN CRAFT

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. In anticipation of Valentine's Day, teens are invited to the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.) to create heart-shaped plushies. Free.

09 THURSDAY

BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The WomenShelter of Long Beach invites teens to the Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E. Hill St.) to learn about dating violence, the cycle of violence, power, control and healthy relationships. Free.

ZONE IN - WEST LB COMMUNITY MEETING

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The City of Long Beach invites residents to this online meeting about proposed updates to zoning regulations between Willow Street and Santa Fe Avenue in West Long Beach. To watch this online meeting, visit <https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/j/98568122056>. Free.

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HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE
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\$4 million award to Long Beach's Multi-Service Center (MSC), a hub located in District 7 that provides case management, a medical clinic, employment assistance, mental health support and more. The funds will be used to complete infrastructure improvements and to support the services the MSC offers.

In January, the MSC saw a total of 3,388 visits, 363 of which were first-time visitors, according to a report from the Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) on Feb. 1. The Center received 248 requests for outreach and conducted 136 points of outreach.

On Feb. 2, the Long Beach Utilities Commission voted to create a Recreational Vehicle sewer dumping station for those living in RVs. The project is expected to cost less than \$200,000 and will be funded by Long Beach Water and Sewage funds.

The site will be located at 32nd Street and St. Louis Avenue and individuals will have to obtain a voucher or another form of advanced permission in order to access the site, according to staff reports.

The lot may not be used for overnight parking and will be used strictly as a sanitation dumping and water refilling station. The proposed hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and will be staffed by one attendant and one security guard.

The City expects to add portable showers within the first six months of operation. There is no set date for when the RV station will be open, as Long Beach Utilities will have to construct the sanitation dump stations and sewer connections.

Plans in Motion

Long Beach has announced a list of actions the City hopes to take in the coming weeks and months to create more affordable housing, shelters and more accessible resources for the homeless population.

According to the HSAC, Long Beach is searching for a site to establish an additional winter shelter with at least 80 beds. The goal is to announce the shelter site within the next week, as well as an additional safe parking site.

In January, there were a total of 410 residents housed in shelters, safe parking sites and motels using housing vouchers, according to staff reports. This means only around 20% of the 2,034 homeless residents identified in the 2022 Homeless Count have been placed into temporary housing.

The 2023 Homeless Count was conducted on Jan. 26, and the results are expected to be shared in the late spring or early summer.

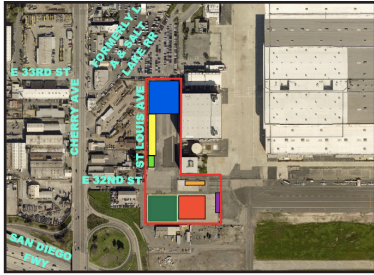


Image Courtesy of Long Beach Utilities Commission
Long Beach Utilities Commission approved a site at 32nd Street and St. Louis Avenue for an RV sewage dumping and water filling station. The green box on the map represents the approved site.

As of Jan. 29, only 65% of the issued emergency housing vouchers have been utilized, according to staff reports. The City is looking to incentivize landlords to accept housing vouchers in order to move more people into affordable housing.

The Mobile Access Center is expected to increase operations from three to five days a week in the coming months. At a Jan. 24 City Council meeting, District 9 council member Joni Ricks-Oddie asked how the City is choosing where to send the MAC.

Colopy said that the downtown area has been identified as a "hot spot" for homelessness, but that council members can report their own district's "hot spots" and the MAC will be sent out to those locations.

Ricks-Oddie also asked the council to address the disproportionate rate of Black individuals who escape and then fall back into homelessness. She said the percentage of Black people who fall back into homelessness is at 60%, while that number is at 20% for white people and 10% for the general population.

Colopy said that there is a Black Equity Health Collaborative looking into why this is happening and possible solutions.

In hopes of creating more temporary and permanent affordable housing, City Manager Tom Modica said they are looking into partnerships with Long Beach Harbor, Water and Transit, local colleges, LA Metro, Los Angeles County and Gateway Cities Council of Government.

"The mayor has been talking to educators, they have a ton of land and resources and maybe they'll be partners in housing solutions," Modica said. "We're going to be issuing formal letters of requests and they will have dollar amounts."

The next update on the state of emergency will be issued on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 11 a.m. Residents can stream the update on LBTV.com or the City's Youtube channel.

HEALTH

Dignity Health California named in Newsweek's list of America's most diverse workplaces



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Kathy Dollarhide, director of the Disaster Resource Center at St. Mary Medical Center, brings up the first group to the chemical disaster training simulation at St. Mary Medical Center on May 11, 2022.

Staff Report

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Dignity Health California announced Tuesday that the company was recognized in Newsweek's list of America's Greatest Workplaces for Diversity 2023.

Dignity Health is part of CommonSpirit Health, the second-largest nonprofit hospital chain in the United States, operating over 700 care sites and 142 hospitals in 21 states, including the St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach.

Newsweek and an independent firm looked at 1,000 companies and scored them based on publicly available data, interviews with HR professionals and the results of an anonymous online survey of a diverse pool of employees at companies with 1,000 or more employees.

Respondents to the survey were asked about corporate culture and working environment, which yielded over 350,000 company reviews in an attempt to get honest feedback about which employers are most committed to building a diverse workforce.

"We are honored that Newsweek has recognized our efforts to create a healthcare system that fosters belonging, respect and value for everyone who enters our doors," said Julie J. Sprengel, President and CEO of CommonSpirit Health Southern California Division, parent company of Dignity Health. "It's important that our physicians

and staff members reflect the diversity of the communities we serve, as we believe it builds trust among our patients which leads to improved outcomes."

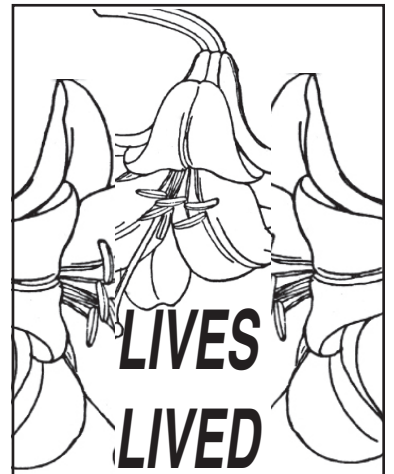
The two CommonSpirit Health California divisions represented in Newsweek's ranking employ approximately 43,000 individuals across various healthcare settings, including community hospitals, urgent care clinics and surgery centers. These facilities cover larger cities such as San Francisco and Los Angeles and smaller, suburban communities including Woodland and Camarillo.

"With the word 'diversity' attracting so much attention from companies, however, it can be tough for job applicants, customers and potential business partners to tell who is serious about supporting a diverse workforce," said Nancy Cooper, Global Editor in Chief of Newsweek.



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A team of trainees move a simulated patient through the decontamination tank during a chemical attack training at St. Mary Medical Center on May 11, 2022.



- Enriqueta Romero Luna 98
- Paul-Yuan Chen 81
- Josh Freeman 54
- Terrell Garret 43
- Robert Palomo 90
- Barbara Knapil 89
- Luis Gutierrez 96
- Anayo Onwunyi 65
- Thomas Redwine 81
- Patricia Frye 73
- Anna Nuno 58
- Lillie Farwell 74
- Margaret Wheeler 77
- Francisco Fernandez 94
- Jean Yannuzzi 83

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

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**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, GEORGIA 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 person-

al 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 NAVIDA. 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: Lisset Sandoval and Luis Jose Alcazar Estrada, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Lisset 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. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file

number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-911631-SH. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-911631-SH to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. 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

**TST6900
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

**TST6905 Case No. 23CMCP00009
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: Claudia Livier Perez Alvarado for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Claudia Livier Perez Alvarado has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Claudia Livier Perez Alvarado Proposed Name: Claudia Farias 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, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023 ___/ss/___ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 20, 2023

**TST6903/Order No: 13020
Auto Lien Sale**

On 02/20/2023 at 819 W ANAHEIM ST WILMINGTON, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 KIA VIN: 5XXGT4L33GG099358 STATE: CA LIC: 8SLV741 at 10 AM

**TST6901/Order No: 12552
Auto Lien Sale**

On 2/15/2023 at 5133 W WASHINGTON BLVD SUITE A LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 HONDA VIN: 5FNRL6H28KB029144 STATE: FL LIC: at 10 AM

**TST6902/Order No: 12321
Auto Lien Sale**

On 2/15/2023 at 2500 MARINE AVE REDONDO BEACH, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 SPYDER VIN: 2BXRDD24HV000980 STATE: IL LIC: at 10 AM

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RELIEF PLAN
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Long Beach Utilities will create the proposed Natural Gas Spike Relief Program, which will give the increased tax revenue caused by the price spike back to residents in need. The department addressed the City Council Wednesday to ask for discretion in deciding how much money will be allocated to the program.

According to Kevin Roper, the city's financial management director, when the budget for fiscal year 2023 was created, it was estimated that the city would receive \$5.3 million from the Utility Users Tax on gas.

Now that gas prices have spiked, the City would receive an estimated \$6.8 million from the Utility Users Tax on gas, according to Roper. However, that amount could change as gas prices fluctuate, meaning that the extra \$1.5 million used for the Natural Gas Spike Relief Program could also grow or shrink.

These funds would usually be placed into the city's general fund, which pays for services such as police, firefighters, public works, libraries and more. Due to the unexpected hike in gas prices, the City is trying to figure out how to distribute the estimated \$1.5 million back to residents most in need of relief.

"We would really like to use an equity lens as we approach this," City Manager Tom Modica said. "We know a lot of people are not happy about higher gas bills, but those who are low income, those who are disabled, those who are seniors on fixed incomes, have really no options to pay this bill and so they need the help the most."

District 5 councilmember Megan Kerr mentioned that residents who may not qualify for the Natural Gas Spike Relief Program will still struggle to pay their January gas bill.

"We know that there are families that might not qualify for reimbursement, and they might miss that mark by \$500 or \$1,000,

"We know a lot of people are not happy about higher gas bills, but those who are low income, those who are disabled, those who are seniors on fixed incomes, have really no options to pay this bill and so they need the help the most."

— Tom Modica,
City Manager

which is what their bill might be this month," Kerr said. "So I just wanted to acknowledge and put out there that there are folks who this is going to be really difficult for. This is a childcare payment, it's a car payment's worth of money that they'll have to reallocate in their budget, as the mayor said, in a time that they're already tightening their budgets and dealing with inflation and higher costs all around."

Utilities Department Director Chris Garner said that the extended payment plan option is open to all residents, regardless of income level. The extended payment plan allows residents to pay their gas bills over a series of months or even years.

"Right now, our call center is inundated with phone calls," Garner said. "As you can imagine, people are getting frustrated because there's long waits and they may hang up. I ask them to be patient."

The Long Beach Utilities will hold a special meeting to finalize the creation of the Natural Gas Spike Relief Program in the near future.

Long Beach residents struggling to pay their bills can call Long Beach Utility Services at (562) 570-5700 to arrange a payment plan. More information can be found at longbeach.gov/energyresources.

INSIDE-OUT
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The painting "After Josefa de Obidos" by Katherine Sherwood includes embedded images of brain scans.

one in four adults has a disability," Sherwood said. "For years, people hid themselves or their parents hid them. I was very, very privileged to work at UC Berkeley. That was the home of the disability rights movement. [...] But now, disability arts are finally on people's radar. And I think that is an extremely productive thing for the art world."

Sherwood said her work is reminiscent of the vanitas paintings created in 17th-century Europe by women artists who were barred from studying nude figures. These still-life paintings often depicted objects that symbolize mortality and other metaphysical concepts.

"They talked about the brevity of life," Sherwood said. "And they had ornate symbolism that people from the 17th century understood, like butterflies represented redemption, sunflowers represented turning your face towards God. And so that was a theme that really appealed to me."

In Sherwood's painting "After Josefa de Obidos," an intricate vase of flowers sits on a patterned surface against a black background. The bouquet seems to depict regular flowers at first glance, but looking closer viewers can see that the

petals of several flowers are small, overlapping scans of Sherwood's brain.

"It's very subtle. People are like, 'Oh, it's beautiful flowers,' which it is, but then brain scans are in the middle of all the flowers," said Alex Alexander, founder of the Xela Institute of Art. "It's really cool. It's very unique and original."

"Inside - Out" will be the second exhibit to ever show at the Xela Institute of Art. Alexander opened Long Beach's newest museum with an inaugural exhibit in Sept. 2022. The space is known as a kunsthalle, a museum that does not have a permanent collection.

Alexander said she opened the space "because it's important for artists to have a beautiful space to show their work."

"Inside - Out" will be on display from Feb. 2 to May 27 at the Xela Institute of Art, located at 2176 Pacific Ave. Members of the public can view the exhibit by appointment Thursday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. To make an appointment, visitors should email their name, phone number, and email address to info@xela.art. Admission is free.

SOCALGAS PRICES
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procurement rate is still more than 80% higher than it was a year ago, the company said.

The core procurement rate reflects the price SoCalGas pays for natural gas for residential and business customers. That rate changes each month, based on national and regional markets. According to SoCalGas, the utility bills customers for the gas with no markup and does not profit from the movement of gas commodity prices.

Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson announced this week that the City Council will hold an emergency meeting Wednesday to "establish a financial assistance fund for seniors and families struggling to make ends meet."

SoCalGas recommends the following tips to reduce energy usage:

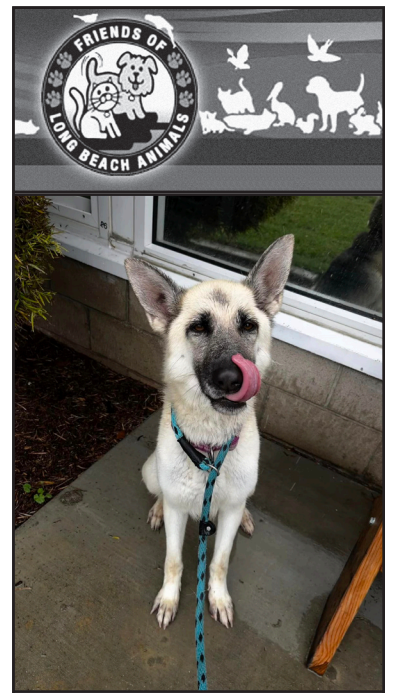
- Lowering the thermostat by three to five degrees — if health permits — which can save up to 10% on heating costs;
- Installing proper caulking and weather-stripping to save roughly 10 to 15% on heating and cooling bills;

- Washing clothes in cold water to save up to 10% on water heating costs;
- Considering turning down the temperature on water heaters; and
- Limiting use of non-essential natural gas appliances such as spas and fireplaces.

SoCalGas customers can also use the free Ways to Save tool that could identify ways of cutting gas bills. Ways to Save can be found at socialgas.com/WaysToSave.

Customers can also sign up for weekly Bill Tracker Alerts to monitor natural gas consumption, take steps to reduce usage, and avoid bill surprises.

Rising western region gas prices were caused by several events occurring simultaneously at this point in the season: widespread, below-normal temperatures, high natural gas consumption, reduced natural gas supplies to the West Coast from Canada and the Rocky Mountains, pipeline constraints, and low natural gas storage levels on the West Coast, officials said.



Pet of the week:
Anu

Anu is a 2-year-old mostly German shepherd, with maybe a pinch of husky. She's a shelter favorite who's right now licking her chops because she was snacking on falling raindrops. Anu can bring sunshine to a rainy day! Like most of our shelter pets, Anu hasn't been blessed with good luck. She was abandoned when her family moved—left on the property until she managed to escape (likely, that husky element!). She was found as a stray and brought to the shelter, where the volunteers got her decompressed and over her initial shyness. As one volunteer said, she's already been through a lot in her young life with people that didn't deserve her. She's been at the shelter too long. Anu will flourish with a patient, large-breed-savvy human. You can speed the process to adopt or foster Anu and any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Even better, stop by during our walk-in hours every Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Our shelter is located at 7700 E. Spring St. Ask for ID#A674004 to meet Anu. We're at capacity, and everyone needs homes!

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST6904
NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

The City of Signal Hill ("City") will receive electronic proposals only for qualified, certified public accounting firms to provide professional audit services, no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, March 3, 2023. The electronic bid management system will not accept late proposals. Proposals shall be valid for 180 calendar days after the submission deadline.

The project scope of work includes performing an audit of the City's financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, 2024, 2025 with an option to extend the term for two (2) additional years for a maximum of 5 years. There will be an option to perform other financial audits and reviews as specified in the contract documents.

These audits are to be performed in compliance and accordance with the standards set forth for financial audits by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), in the General Accounting Office (GAO), Governmental Auditing Standards, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of State and Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations, and the provisions of the Single Audit Act, as amended.

Proposals must be submitted on City's Bid Forms, available to registered vendors through the City's electronic bid management system, PlanetBids at:

<https://pssystem.planetbids.com/portal/36746/bo/bo-detail/101789>

Interested bidders may participate by selecting "Bid Opportunities" on the home page. The contract documents may be downloaded at no charge. Contract documents will not be available for sale at City Hall. Proposals must be submitted in electronic format through the City's electronic bid management system. The electronic bid management system will not accept late proposals. Electronic modifications or withdrawal of proposals may be made by the Respondent prior to the proposal closing deadline.

A contract shall be awarded, if at all, to the best qualified vendor. Determination of the best qualified vendor will be made solely by the City on criteria determined by the City. The decision of the City shall be final. In its discretion, the City may reject any proposal, abandon the purchase, or re-advertise. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal received by the City.

For further information, contact Sharon del Rosario, Finance Director, at (562) 989-7319 or sdelrosario@cityofsignalhill.org.

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