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A protester drives down Hughes Way in Long Beach on Aug. 5, 2020 while participating in a car caravan protest.

Teachers association protests 4-day extension to school year proposed by LBUSD

Briana Mendez-Padilla
Education Reporter

Amid contract negotiations between the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) and the Teacher's Association of Long Beach (TALB), the district's proposal to add four days of personal development to the school year has not gone over well with most teachers.

"Currently, the offer we are pressured to accept is disingenuously presented by the district as a raise," Woodrow Wilson High School teacher Keri McBride said during public comment at the board's Feb. 15 meeting.

According to the district's website, "because teachers would be paid at their regular rate for these additional days, the added compensation is equivalent to an additional 2.2% salary increase."

"Getting paid more because you're working more is not a raise," Los Cerritos Elementary fifth-grade teacher Mimi Kao said.

Kao said the proposal felt like "an ambush and a blindside," given that bargaining proposals started in September of 2022, and the proposal was introduced in December.

LBUSD math teacher Ron Harmon said the district is not listening to teachers and the community. He argued teachers already sacrifice a significant amount of time for students even when school is not in session.

"The district is not listening. You've now been informed; in order to listen effectively, you must be silent," said Harmon, who spent the remainder of his allocated three minutes for public comment in silence, as the chants from protesters outside the building filled the chambers.

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EXHIBIT

'Far From Home' will grapple with childhood memories, conflicting homes at Flux Art Space

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

How do you grapple with the idea of home, and the sporadic, wondrous, sometimes painful childhood memories that have shaped you?

Amanda Maciel Antunes is exploring the conflicting feelings of what home means and "the memories that we carry with us" in her newest exhibit at Flux Art Space in Long Beach next month. She has spent the last year and a half painstakingly perusing through old family memories and reimagining, reconsidering and healing while she cuts and stitches photographs back together.

"Either the memories that we carry with us are hash memories, or sometimes they are made-up memories. Sometimes they're recreated in order for you to survive," Antunes said. "For me, this whole project is about rescuing spaces in my home, in the past that I would like to remember, but at the same time converging and accepting that there are things about that home that I would like to forget."

Her exhibit "Far From Home" will grace the walls at Flux with over 200 photographs of memories from throughout her life, either taken by herself or from her family's archive. Over a large, checkered crafting board, she began cutting people and places from photo-

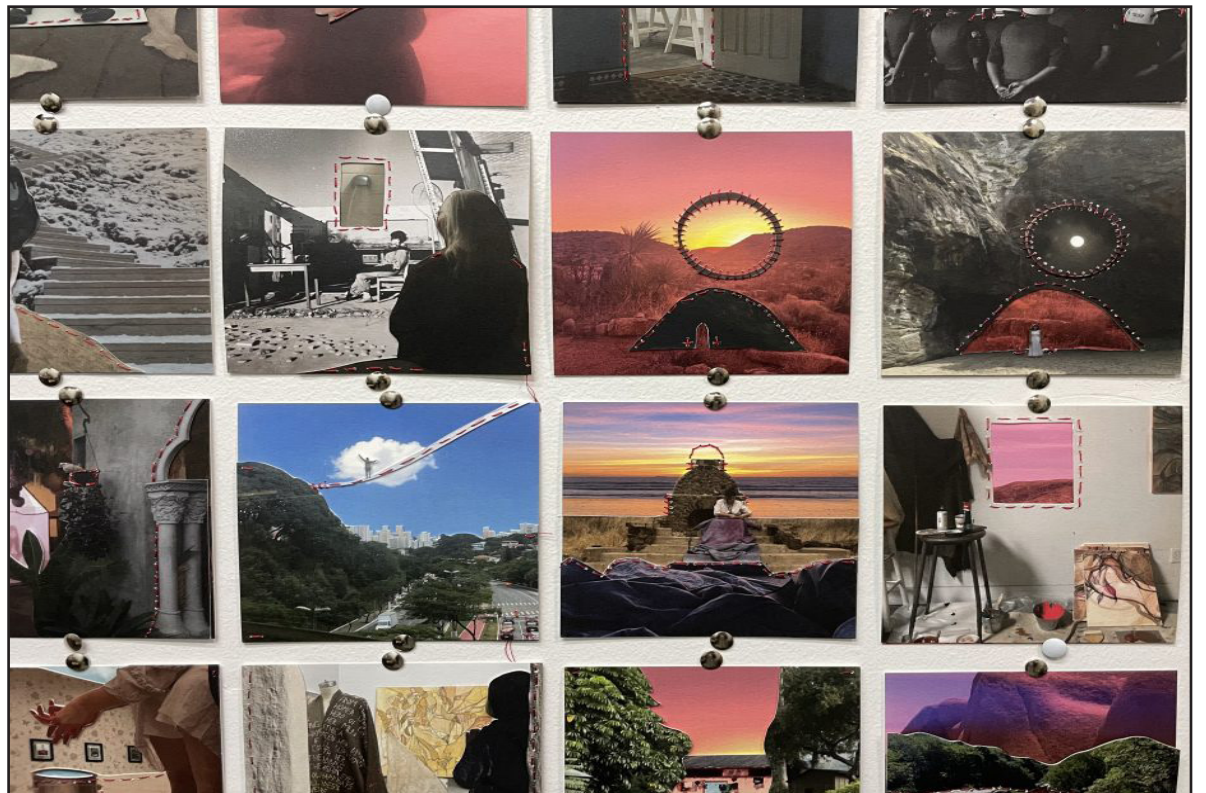


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A small piece of the collage in the "Far From Home" exhibit by Amanda Maciel Antunes. The exhibit will open to the public on March 4, 2023 at Flux Art Space.

graphs and merging them with others, using a needle and red thread to join different times and places together.

The surrealist images will take viewers through her wandering journey from the countryside of Brazil to bustling cities in Ameri-

ca; from loneliness and yearning to freedom, motherhood and eventually peace.

"Far From Home" is the idea of creating a home within two homes, and what does that look like if they merge or if they collapse," Antunes said. "[...] It's also the unification

of two pieces together. I wanted to make it visible so the only way for me to do that felt like a thread and the needle to go through it."

The title for her exhibit, "Far From Home" was influenced by Iman Mersal's poem "The Idea of

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COMMUNITY

West Long Beach residents contest winter homeless shelter at Silverado Park; community meeting to be held next week

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

West Long Beach residents showed up to Long Beach's City Council meeting Tuesday night to voice their protest about the new homeless winter shelter being planned at Silverado Park.

Mayor Rex Richardson announced plans earlier this month for the 84-bed winter shelter to operate inside Silverado Park's gymnasium through the end of March. It's one of many steps the city has taken in response to the local state of emergency regarding the homelessness crisis, which the city council declared on Jan. 10.

Residents claimed they were not

informed of these plans and insisted the city find another location that does not take away park space from an already underserved area.

"There's other places that need to be considered other than a public park that's used by children every single day," said west Long Beach resident Kalisha Jackson. "How does the city of Long Beach think that a homeless shelter directly across from a K-8 school is a good idea? It's not fair to the kids or the entire community."

Jackson pointed out that the John Muir Elementary School basketball team that uses the gym every day for practice will have to find a new location.

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Protest signs are taped to the newly erected frencing surrounding the Silverado Park gymnasium on Feb. 14, 2023.

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One in six seniors are abused. Long Beach will look into a safe home for them.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Long Beach is looking into ways to protect one of its most vulnerable communities from abuse: seniors. City staff will explore the possibility of creating a senior safe home in Long Beach to protect those ages 60 and older who may be suffering from elder abuse.

According to a 2022 study by the World Health Organization, one in six seniors will have experienced some form of abuse in the past year. This abuse can range from financial, emotional, physical, sexual or psychological and the same data shows it can lead to early death.

"Seniors are such an important part of our community and we already know how many seniors are facing abuse. [Last year] in Long Beach alone it was about 800," said Vice Mayor Cindy Allen, who brought forward the item with councilmember Mary Zendejas. "This abuse causes seniors to go into homelessness, they have early death, they have physical and psychological health issues and financial loss ... It's just hard to believe. All I can say is we're failing our seniors and we have to do better for them. It's not only necessary but it should be an absolute priority."

City Council unanimously approved the recommendation, and city staff will return within 90 days on the estimated financial costs of creating a senior safe home along with a list of government-owned



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Karen Reside (right) and Pat Lamis (left) of the Long Beach Gray Panthers share a laugh between speakers at the Long Beach May Day rally on May 1, 2022, at Cesar Chavez Park in Long Beach.

buildings where it could be established.

In 2021, Los Angeles Adult Protective Services (APS) recorded almost 29,000 cases of elder abuse and ten percent of those victims were in danger of losing their homes. The county has a lack of resources to combat the issue, as the 2018 Long Beach Age-Friendly Community Gap Analysis showed that for every 200 cases of reported elder abuse, there was only one APS worker available.

Karen Reside, president of the Long Beach Gray Panthers, a nonprofit that educates and advocates for older adults in Long Beach, told her own story of experiencing elder abuse at the hands

of her ex-boyfriend. Reside was locked out of their shared apartment past midnight and didn't know what to do or where to go.

"I had nowhere to go. I want no other seniors to go through what I had to go through. I had to spend the night walking around the city trying to find a safe place," Reside said. "A facility like this would provide resources for someone like myself. Luckily I was on a waiting list and I was only homeless for three months. Not everyone is so fortunate."

Seniors make up about 12% of Long Beach's population, according to the U.S. Census, though they accounted for about 30% of the

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CRIME

Pedestrian killed in hit-and-run, investigation underway



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A vehicle waits to turn left onto Spring Street from Walnut Avenue in Signal Hill on Nov. 24, 2021.

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A pedestrian was killed Tuesday morning in a hit-and-run in Long Beach, and an investigation was underway.

Officers were sent to Pacific Coast Highway and Harbor Avenue at about 9:15 a.m., the Long Beach Police Department reported.

"Upon arrival, officers located a male adult victim who had seemingly been involved in a traffic collision suffering from life-threatening

inquires," police said in a statement.

"Long Beach Fire Department personnel responded to the scene and determined the victim deceased at the scene," police said. "No vehicle remained on scene."

Information on the man's identity was not immediately released. Traffic was routed away from the area while an investigation was conducted.

Anyone with information on the case was urged to call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS.

NEWS

Man suspected of driving into apartment, killing father and toddler, still on the run

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

Nearly a year after a vehicle drove into the North Long Beach apartment of an unsuspecting family, killing a father and his toddler, police believe the suspect responsible for the crime has still not been caught.

Police said that on the night of March 1, 2022, 24-year-old Octavio Montano was driving northbound on Rose Avenue, near East Artesia Boulevard, in a 2014 Ram 1500 pickup truck when his vehicle veered off the street and crashed into the Palacios family's ground-floor apartment.

Montano escaped the scene of the crash on foot, according to the Long Beach Police Department.

42-year-old Jose Palacios Gonzalez died at the scene and 3-year-old Samantha Palacios was taken to a hospital, where she later died.

"The deaths of Jose and Samantha have had a devastating, lasting impact on our community," former Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia said in a statement.

In an effort to help locate Montano, the County of Los Angeles and City of Long Beach offered a combined \$25,000 reward for information that leads to his arrest and conviction.

Montano was described as being 5-foot 8-inches tall and weighing 160 pounds, with black hair, brown



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A memorial has been set up at the apartment of Jose Palacios Gonzalez, 42, and his daughter Samantha Palacios, 3, who died after being struck by a driver on March 1.

eyes and unspecified tattoos on his right forearm.

In the aftermath of the crash, neighbors told KTLA that they believed Montano had been drinking at the nearby Bottoms Up Tavern. Residents near the tavern said that the bar patrons repeatedly caused disturbances in the neighborhood.

After these concerns, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department opened an investigation into Bottoms Up Tavern. The investigation found that the tavern was running a "disorderly premises" and that the sale of numerous illegal drugs had

occurred at the establishment.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Department suspended the tavern's liquor license. The business then moved its location from Long Beach to Bellflower.

Anyone with information on Montano's whereabouts is asked to call LBPD Detective Kevin Johansen at 562-570-7355. Anonymous tips can be called in to Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 or submitted online at lacrimestoppers.org.

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

One of the best things about Long Beach and Signal Hill is that no matter where your interests lie, there are new ways each week to enjoy them with the community.

This week offers film screenings, book readings, multiple ways to get active outdoors, workshops ranging from candle-making to parenting, quizzes on Black history and “I Love Lucy” and of course, ways to get out of your comfort zone and learn something new.

Throughout the week there are ways to receive free food if inflation is stretching your budget. Residents can bring empty carts or bags and leave with healthy groceries on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday. Friday offers children’s crafts at the Bach Neighborhood Library, renovated soccer courts at DeForest Park, a candle-making workshop at EKP Creations and a musical at International City Theatre.

Residents are invited to multiple ways to embrace cultural heritage, either at the 2023 Lunar New Year Festival at Long Beach City College or a Black history month-themed farm to table event at the Organic Harvest Farm. There’s an opportunity to volunteer in nature at the Alamitos Beach clean up, a multilingual book reading at Casita Bookstore and a free community potluck at Willow Springs Park.

The week offers even more variety, whether your plans are to stay home and attend a city meeting or support a local business or library.

17 FRIDAY

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Noon to 2 p.m. Local nonprofit Adventures to Dreams (903 Fairbanks Ave.) and the Foodbank of Southern California invites individuals and families in need to receive groceries. Free.

ARTS FILM SERIES

3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the 2009 Sundance-nominated arts documentary “Jean-Michel Basquiat: the Radiant Child” at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W Broadway). This documentary follows the life and work of the famed artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. Free.

TICK TICK... BOOM

8 p.m. The opening night of International City Theatre’s (330 E. Seaside Way) performance of “Tick, Tick... Boom,” an autobiographical play by composer Jonathan Larson. Tickets for opening night cost \$55 and can be purchased online.

18 SATURDAY

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pools of Hope (6801 Long Beach Blvd.) will be distributing free groceries to individuals and families in need. Attendees should bring a cart or bag to carry their food home. For more information call 562-826-1608 or 562-624-5477. Free.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The nonprofit Help Me Help You will be giving free groceries to individuals and families in need at Philadelphian SDA Church (2640 Santa Fe Ave.) Attendees should bring a cart or bag to carry their food home. Both fresh and packaged food will be available. Free.

DEAD MAN’S PARTY

8 p.m. Enjoy the music of Oingo Boingo, performed by Dead Man’s Party at Gaslamp Long Beach (6251 E Pacific Coast Highway). There will also be performances from The Surfin’ Dead, a tribute band for The Cramps. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online.

19 SUNDAY

CEREMONIAL WORKSHOP

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. During this gathering organized by Soul Vision Healing Center (4645 E Anaheim St.) participants will imbibe ceremonial cacao, practice shamanic breathwork, meditate and more. To sign up for the workshop, call 562-682-5556 or email jules@soulvisionhealingcenter.com. Participation costs \$33.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FARM TO TABLE

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Organic Harvest will be serving “culturally appropriate cuisine” from recipes inspired by the famous, enslaved white-house chefs Hercules and James Hemmings at the farm (6751 Atlantic Ave.). Historical facts will be shared over cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and dinner. Tickets can be purchased for \$65 online.

20 MONDAY

PARENT WORKSHOP

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During this workshop at the Alpert Jewish Community Center (3801 E. Willow St.) parents will learn about positive discipline, which focuses on the positive behaviors of a child as well as building a relationship of mutual respect between parent and child. Childcare will be available for participants with children between the ages of 2 and 6 at a cost of \$25 per child. Participation in the workshop costs \$150. To sign up, visit <https://alpertjcc.org/event/positive-discipline-parent-workshop/>.



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A Long Beach Running Club member, makes his way up to Skyline Trail in Signal Hill, leading to Hilltop Park on March 21, 2022.

21 TUESDAY

I LOVE LUCY BINGO

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy a variety of I Love Lucy-themed activities, including bingo and button-making, at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Attendees are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite I Love Lucy character. Free.

LEGAL CLINIC

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach (2017 E Fourth St.) will be hosting a legal clinic with local lawyers from Long Beach Barristers and the LGBT section of the Long Beach Bar Association. Lawyers will provide advice and assist in drafting health care directives, simple wills and power of attorney for finances. There is a limited amount of spaces for this event. Registration for this event is required and no walk-in appointments will be taken. To register, call 562-433-8595 or email legalservices@centerlb.org. Free.

22 WEDNESDAY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH JEOPARDY!

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens are invited to test their knowledge of Black history, culture, and cuisine in this Black-history-themed Jeopardy! game at Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Free.

SANKOFA PARENT VILLAGE

5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Parents and caregivers of Black children attending LBUSD schools are invited to this support group organized by the Black Student Achievement Initiative in Houghton Park’s Community Room (6301 Myrtle Ave.).

Email Elyssa Taylor-Stewart etaylor@lbschools.net for more information. To register, visit lbsud.co/Sankofa. Free.

23 THURSDAY

A PRESENTATION ON ANCIENT EGYPT

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Author Legrand Clegg and Egyptian chronologist Enoch Hankerson will host a discussion on ancient Egypt at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). This event is appropriate for all ages. For more information, call 562-989-7323. Free.

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.

SILVERADO PARK COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 p.m. The community is invited to a meeting with public officials at 1545 W 31st St. to discuss “possible solutions” for the location of Long Beach’s second winter shelter, which is currently planned for the Silverado Park gymnasium. Free.

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Maegan Moo, a Stanford Elementary teacher, said she is against the proposed additional four days due to the struggle of having to find childcare. Her children will soon be LBUSD students and will be off from school during the allotted days.

“Many of my colleagues have children who are students in the district and finding daycare for all of them is going to be an added stress and financial burden,” Moo said.

Moo also pointed out that the added days would take away from her summer vacation, which is time she dedicates to spending time with her family.

According to results from a survey conducted by the association and sent to over 1,500 members, 66.7% of TALB members voted against the district’s proposal.

Some educators also felt like the personal development days would not be effective; 45.5% of survey-takers said the personal development days are “less than valuable” and 22.4% said it’s “not valuable at all.”

“For the last few years, educators in Long Beach have consistently said that the professional development offered by the district has mostly been disappointing. It’s been out of touch and not a productive use of time,” said Peder Larsen, TALB vice president.

“It isn’t that teachers don’t want



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An exterior view of the Teachers Association of Long Beach building on Atlantic Avenue on June 28, 2022.

to work,” said Jennifer Larsen, Mark Twain Elementary School teacher. “It’s just that teachers don’t want to waste their time doing something that doesn’t make an impact on student achievement.”

The association is advocating for more input from members and teachers and for the district to engage in further conversations with them.

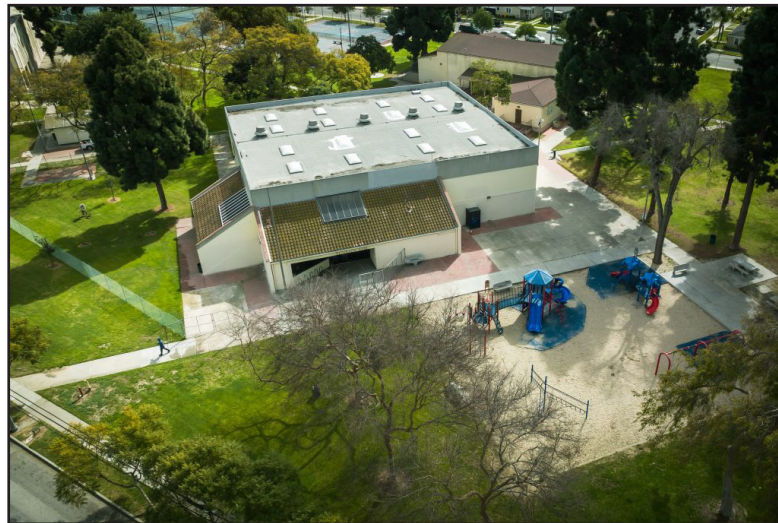
“Let’s get true input, let’s have a discussion, let’s figure out how we can work together,” said Susan Garcia, Powell Elementary teacher and secondary area director for TALB.

Since public comments were on non-agenda items, the board said it could not respond to or discuss the matter. However, Deputy Superintendent Tiffany Brown provided a brief comment on the district’s behalf.

“I’d like to say that we’ve listened to the comments made by TALB this evening and we have provided clarifying comments to what has been shared in a bargaining update that’s dated today,” Brown said.

The next negotiation date is scheduled for Feb. 24.

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An aerial view of the playground and gymnasium at Silverado Park, which recently had a gate erected around it for a planned winter shelter for people experiencing homelessness on Feb. 14, 2023.

Long Beach resident Tony Bell started a Change.org petition challenging the establishment of the winter shelter at Silverado Park. The petition began on Feb. 11 with the goal of obtaining at least 1,000 signatures. The petition has received 769 signatures as of Feb. 16.

Mayor Rex Richardson said that the City Council could not spend “too much time” addressing community concerns at the meeting since it was not on the agenda to be discussed.

“Right now we’re in a state of emergency as a city, and we’re all doing our part ... It seems like every year we declare an emergency and place a winter shelter [somewhere],” Richardson said. “I think we have to move away from that and think about a permanent location and that’s not easy, it takes time but I want you to know we’re working on a solution.”

Residents pointed out that West Long Beach already suffers from poor air quality due to the concentration of ports, industrial facilities, freeways, oil refineries and freight corridors in the westside.

Long Beach’s 2022-23 Strategic Plan for Parks, Recreation and Marine lays out the need for more park equity in West Long Beach, which has had “the needs of the port and industry prioritized over community needs.” This has caused a life expectancy of five years lower than the rest of the city on average, according to the plan.

“We aim to address the disparities between the different parts of Long Beach, most notably the limited access to public parks and nature in North, West, and Central Long Beach,” the Strategic Plan states.

The Silverado Park gymnasium holds frequent community events for teens, children and seniors in the area, which residents said improve the quality of life in the area.

“My concern is one of green space equity, insufficient community engagement and in my opinion, shortsighted planning,” said west Long Beach resident David Garcia. “There are four green spaces on the west side. Silverado is the biggest and most accessible ... Why encroach on a resource that already serves an undeniably underserved community? Taking from those who have some to give to those who have none is not equitable.”

Councilmember Robert Uranga, whose district Silverado Park resides in, invited the public to a community meeting at the park on Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. so the city can “work out solutions” with residents.

“Hearing from the public, I can hear that there’s a number of inaccuracies and discrepancies,” Uranga said. “As always communication is key to understanding and apparently the City did not do enough with its constituents for this program.”

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Multiple photos from Amanda Maciel Antunes' life are merged as part of her "Far From Home" exhibit opening at Flux Art Space on March 4.

Houses," specifically the lines: "Let home be that place where you / never notice the bad lighting, let it be a wall whose cracks / keep growing until one day you take them for doors."

Much like her past projects, "Far From Home" will also feature sound and performance elements, as well as community engagement. Antunes invited Long Beach residents of all backgrounds and ages to submit their own photographs that embody the idea of home for them and will include them in the exhibit alongside her own photos.

Though the project was "deeply personal," Antunes said that every time she would share her work with someone, they had their own similar stories and experiences.

Antunes has had a peculiar, yet relatable, journey in finding her place in the world. She grew up in a small town in Brazil, where generations of her family lived within walking distance of one another. Her mother's side of the family was part of a religious cult, Antunes said, which made for a "restrictive" upbringing.

Despite being surrounded by family, Antunes said she often felt imprisoned by expectations to be someone she didn't feel was authentically her.

"Leaving Brazil was a liberation, and I really didn't know myself when I left and moving to this country was my first act of freedom," she said.

Antunes is the first person in her family to pursue an artistic career, though she considers everyone in her family "makers," who hand-sewed clothing and crafted doll houses from cardboard boxes. She considers her grandfather her first mentor, who died while she was still in Brazil and was a great influence on her leaving.

Antunes began her "Far From Home" project while pregnant with her first child, who is now nine months old. She described the process of cutting up and stitching together photos as "healing," although she was filled with a rush of nostalgia.

"When you become a mother, all of your childhood memories come back," Antunes said. "All of your past, like how you were raised, questions you never asked yourself like, 'How the fuck am I supposed to do this?' And I wanted my mother, but I also didn't. It was confusing."

Antunes has had her art—and accompanying performance—shown in cities across Southern California. She was introduced to Betsy Lohrer Hall, the director and curator for Flux Art Space through social media and followed her work for months before building up the courage to ask if she would be interested in collaborating.

"She's been on the track that I've admired, showing the kind of work that I like to see in a lot of ways, often communities of women or non-binary artists ... So I've been a fan of hers for years," Antunes said about Hall.

Hall became enthralled with the way Antunes would mix different art forms—sound, performance, writing, photography, sewing—sometimes in unusual places to create a fully immersive experience for viewers. They collaborated on a number of projects and performance pieces before Hall invited Antunes to host an exhibit at Flux.

"I am a believer in fostering that kind of engagement and exchange so that the viewer isn't just passively viewing what someone else said, [but] that they feel a sense of connection, either through the content of the artwork, or the material of



Image courtesy of Amanda Maciel Antunes
Photos are laid out on top of a crafting board during Amanda Maciel Antunes' process to create "Far From Home."

the artwork or having actually contributed something to the project."

"Far From Home" will open to the public on March 4 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. with a live performance from Antunes. The exhibit will run through April 8 and residents can attend an open conversation about the project on March 18 at 1 p.m.

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**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

**TST6908 Case No. 23LBCP00044
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90806 PETITION OF: Graviela Sambrano for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Graviela Sambrano has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Graviela Sambrano Proposed Name: Gabriela Zambrano 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 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, February 10, 17, 24, & March 3, 2023 ___/ss/___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 3, 2023

**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 90756. 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

**TST6910 / 2023 033016
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. BERACOT ENTERPRISES, 2. WHEELS SERVICES, 8234 3RD STREET, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Registrant: CARLOS ROBERTO SANTOS, 8234 3RD STREET, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: CARLOS ROBERTO SANTOS, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on February 13, 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: February 17, 24 & March 3, 10, 2023

**TST6913 / 2023 033018
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: JALPA, ZAC. LANDSCAPING, 14037 ARTHUR AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. Registrant: URIEL ANTONIO ARROYO SILVA, 14037 ARTHUR AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: URIEL ANTONIO ARROYO SILVA, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on February 13, 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: February 17, 24 & March 3, 10, 2023

**TST6911 / 2023 033020
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: TORTAS Y HAMBURGUESAS GRESS, 3209 NAOMI AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. Registrant: RUBEN GRESS MAQUEDA, 3209 NAOMI AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: RUBEN GRESS MAQUEDA, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on February 13, 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: February 17, 24 & March 3, 10, 2023

**TST6912 / 2023 033014
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: TACOS Y QUESADILLAS LUPITA'S, 733 S CENTRAL AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90021. Registrant: MA GUADALUPE RIVERA DELGADO, 6600 GAGE AVE SPC2, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MA GUADALUPE RIVERA DELGADO, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on February 13, 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: February 17, 24 & March 3, 10, 2023

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EYE ON CRIME

**CRIMES REPORTED BY THE
SIGNAL HILL POLICE**

Wednesday, February 8

8:39 a.m., Grand theft, 1000 block E. Burnett St.
9:14 a.m., Missing/Found adult, 2600 block E. 20th St.
1:17 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 900 block E. Spring St.

Thursday, February 9

5:33 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 1800 block Gladys Ave.
6:37 a.m., Battery on spouse, 1800 block Molino Ave. (2 suspects arrested)
2:14 p.m., Identity theft, 3300 block California Ave.
7:10 p.m., Burglary, 2400 block Lewis Ave.

Friday, February 10

4:56 a.m., Burglary, 2900 block E. PCH
7:06 a.m., DUI, 1100 block E. Wardlow Rd. (suspect arrested)
9:18 a.m., Identity theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.
3:03 p.m., Shoplifting, obstructing/resisting Peace Officer, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
4:01 p.m., Grand theft, 3300 block Olive Ave.
8:00 p.m., DUI, 3300 block California Ave. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, February 11

9:53 a.m., Intoxicated person, 2200 block Ohio Ave.
9:05 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle; possessing burglary tools; make/pass fictitious checks, 1800 block St. Louis Ave. (suspect arrested)

Sunday, February 12

12:37 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2300 block Skyline Dr.

Monday, February 13

11:04 a.m., Robbery, E. 28th St. east of Orange Ave.

Tuesday, February 14

7:37 p.m., Forgery, 1600 block E. Willow St.
7:48 p.m., Non-injury traffic collision, 800 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)

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

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SENIOR SAFE HOME
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homeless population in the 2022 Point in Time Count. The proposed senior safe home will have 15 units for people, where they can receive case management and free meals for up to 90 days while they try to find somewhere permanent to stay.

Currently there is only one senior safe home west of the Mississippi. The safe home is in Sacramento and has only six bedrooms with a maximum stay of 30 days. The proposed center in Long Beach would more than double the amount of safe homes for seniors in California.

“As a city we have to make sure our most vulnerable are protected at all times,” councilmember Zendejas said. “As a city we need to step up and provide more care for Long Beach seniors. I think we can all agree that it’s heartbreaking seeing seniors neglected and abused and feeling stuck somewhere, so I hope that it’s the beginning of a really good thing we can bring to the city of Long Beach.”

The City previously had a Elder Abuse Prevention Team that was re-established into the Long Beach Senior Coalition. The coalition was integral in getting the item in front of the city council, Allen said.

Allen Goldstein, a member of the Long Beach Senior Coalition and



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune
A senior resident sits atop a motorized scooter holding a sign that says “We Deserve Better!” at the unveiling of the 2021 People’s Budget on Tuesday, June 22.

a founding member of the Long Beach Gray Panthers, said the facility could be a place that seniors “can walk out that same door no longer a helpless victim, but an empowered survivor.”

“Elder abuse we know is rampant ... it’s robbing our seniors of their dignity, wellbeing and sometimes their lives,” Goldstein said. “Elders have endured great harm and deserve a safe home with refuge and a life filled with dignity, purpose and peace.”

City staff will return to the City Council with a report on the feasibility of creating a senior safe home as well as possible locations and outside funding within 90 days.

SIGNAL HILL

Signal Hill to appoint new city clerk



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The Signal Hill City Hall building on Jan. 13, 2022.

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Feb. 14 the Signal Hill City Council voted to appoint a new city clerk, now that the current one is moving out of the city.

City Clerk Carmen Brooks is moving to Atlanta to be closer to family, and her last day in office will be March 1. She has served as city clerk over the last four years, and her term wouldn’t have ended until Dec. 2026.

Since neither the Signal Hill City Charter nor the Municipal Code stipulates what the city should do if the office of the city clerk is vacant, Signal Hill has to rely on the guidelines laid out in the California Government Code.

According to the California Government Code, when an elected public office is left vacant, local city councils can choose to hold a special election or appoint someone to serve until the next regularly scheduled municipal election.

According to Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Boles, appointing a new city clerk would cost the city \$20,000, whereas holding a special election would cost \$40,000.

Signal Hill City Council members

unanimously voted to appoint a replacement to the office of city clerk.

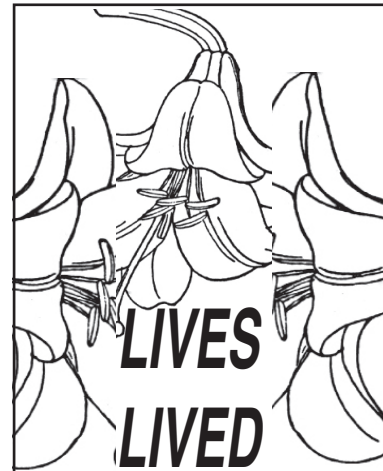
According to the city’s website, the city clerk is responsible for administering democratic processes (such as elections), organizing ceremonial and official events, managing public inquiries and relationships, as well as providing access to city records and legislative actions to ensure public transparency.

Boles shared a rough estimate of the timeline for appointing a new city clerk:

- On March 1, the city will begin accepting job applications for the position of city clerk
- On March 3 and March 10, the city will publicly publish that the city clerk position is vacant
- On March 31, the city will stop accepting job applications for the position
- On April 11, the city council will interview the applicants and select a new city clerk

The newly appointed city clerk will serve out the rest of Brooks’ term, until the next municipal election in Dec. 2026.

Signal Hill City Council is held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m.



- Sonia Gonzalez-Lopez 68
- Faramarz Heravi 85
- Jose Aguilar 65
- Robert Oatey 77
- Dolores Rivera 83
- Yvonne McLaughlin
- Evangeline Hurst 86
- Johnny Rouse 71
- Joseph Cecconi Jr. 89
- Marion Smith 78
- Carol Yagle 81
- Russel Martineau 59
- Michelle Jennings 59
- Chin Taing 71
- Jeffrey Ballard 64
- Kim Tran 36

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

NEWS

DeForest Park futsal courts to open to the public following renovations

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

To celebrate the recent repairs to DeForest Park’s asphalt soccer courts, the public is invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony that will be held at the park (6225 DeForest Ave.) on Friday, Feb. 17 at 3:30 p.m.

The courts were refurbished by the City of Long Beach in partnership with the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation, U.S. Soccer Foundation and Herbalife Nutrition.

The park’s asphalt soccer courts are intended for residents to play futsal. Futsal is a faster-paced version of soccer played on a hard court that provides a smaller and smoother surface than a traditional grass soccer field. This allows players to move the ball around more quickly and work on their technical skills while playing at a highly-energized pace.

The ceremony will include remarks from Mayor Rex Richardson and city councilmembers Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie and Al Austin, along with representatives from the Los Angeles Galaxy, U.S. Soccer Foundation and Herbalife.

“I cannot wait to see all the kids and families playing on these revitalized courts,” said Mayor Richardson in a statement from the City. “There’s always a demand for great spaces like this for sports in Long Beach, and this amazing project is going to be a benefit to our community for years to come. I thank our partners with the Los Angeles Galaxy Foundation, U.S. Soccer Foundation and Herbalife for their generous contribution.”

A soccer clinic facilitated by the boys and girls soccer teams from Jordan High School will be organized to teach attendees basic soccer skills at the courts following the ceremony. The Jordan High School marching band will also be participating in the ceremony.

The improvements made to two of the park’s three futsal courts in-

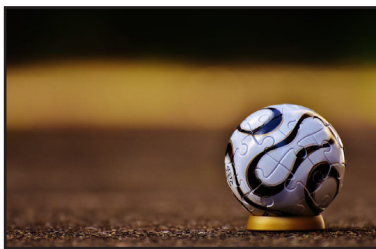


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A soccer ball sitting on the ground from Pexels.com

clude asphalt repair, acrylic resurfacing, new striping and new soccer goals.

Long Beach previously partnered with the U.S. Soccer Foundation in 2013 to convert a pair of underused tennis courts at DeForest Park into the futsal courts that are now being reopened.

A portion of the LA Galaxy Foundation and Herbalife Nutrition’s \$1.25 million donation to a Joint Community Partnership Fund paid for the court renovation project. The fund is intended to help promote soccer, healthy lifestyles and nutrition education in underserved communities.

“We’re thrilled to join our long-time partners at LA Galaxy to unveil two new mini-pitches in the Long Beach community,” said Ed Foster-Simeon, President and CEO of the U.S. Soccer Foundation in a statement from the City. “We know that soccer has the ability to bring people of all backgrounds and skill levels together, and we look forward to seeing how the community utilizes these pitches to do just that.”

Starting Feb. 17, the courts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for public use from dawn to dusk. Organizations with permitted access prior to the refurbishment of the courts will have priority over evening play during the week and morning play on weekends. Permit requests for the futsal courts may be made through the Athletic Fields and Beach Permitting Office in person or online.

CRIME

Homeless man found stabbed to death near encampment in Long Beach identified



Kat Wilcox | Pexels

City News Service
Southern California Local News

A 59-year-old man found stabbed to death near the homeless encampment in Long Beach where he lived was identified today by the coroner’s office.

Officers were sent to the area of Pacific Coast Highway and the Los Angeles River at about 6 a.m. Tuesday to assist Long Beach Fire Department paramedics with a man who was unresponsive with multi-

ple stab wounds to the upper torso, according to the Long Beach Police Department’s Media Relations Detail.

The paramedics pronounced Samuel Davidson dead at the scene, authorities said.

No suspect information was available.

Anyone with information regarding the stabbing is encouraged to call homicide Detectives Michael Hubbard or Donald Collier at 562-570-7244.

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