



IN PHOTOS



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The Rowland High School Spice girls begin plating their entree of pan seared steak with yuca mojo and sauteed vegetables for the 2023 ProStart Cup judges at the Long Beach Convention Center on March 8, 2023.

## In Photos: Sharpen those knives; the California ProStart Cup returns to Long Beach

Richard H. Grant  
Photo Editor

The frenzied sounds of knives chopping, whisks whipping and pans sizzling filled the Long Beach Convention Center for the 2023 ProStart Cup on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Students from 25 different high schools from across California came to compete in the youth cooking competition, where they had one hour to prepare and plate a three-course meal consisting of an appetizer, entree and dessert using only two butane burners for a panel of judges made up of professional chefs.

In addition to the cooking competition, some of the schools also had restaurant management teams that presented ideas for new restaurant concepts to a panel of judges, Shark Tank-style, for critique and constructive criticism.

Winners of the competition won medals and scholarships for first, second and third place. The top team will go on to represent the State of California in the national competition in Washington D.C., in May.

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CINEMA

# And the award goes to ... The Art Theatre for best Oscars watch party

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

Los Angeles is not the only city that will roll out the red carpet in honor of the 95th Academy Awards this Sunday night.

The Art Theatre in Long Beach is inviting residents to a live viewing party of the Oscars as well as a chance to dress in their finest garb and sashay down the red carpet during the theater's largest fundraiser of the year.

As the last independent, single-screen theater in the city, it's the perfect backdrop to commemorate the film industry and its talents.

"The Art Theatre is an institution that's been here for almost 100 years. It provides a sense of arts and culture to the community that's unique," said Marissa Pfeifer, special events coordinator for the Art Theater. "This is kind of a special place for the community to catch a movie and also kind of be part of history."

The Art Theatre was established in 1924 as the Carter Theater, as silent films had a strong hold over popular culture in the United States. To accompany films shown at the theater, an orchestra pit and pipe organ were installed in the room, which still remain today.

Ten years later, the theater changed almost as quickly as the film industry did. As new technology made talking and conversations possible in movies, the theater became even more popular and added a ticket booth as well as art deco-style changes to the interior and exterior. It was also renamed The Lee Theatre.

"The Art Theatre" got its current official name in 1947 and has undergone multiple style changes and renovations since its opening in 1924. Most recently, The Art Theatre became a nonprofit and increased its engagement and outreach in the community.

While theaters by and large were forced to shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Art The-



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The neon lights and marquee of the Art Theatre of Long Beach illuminate the sidewalks of 4th Street on Feb. 28, 2023.

atre remained alive and well by focusing on community engagement. They held virtual screenings of educational and foreign films and once people were back out in the world, they allowed classes and community groups to request the room for free screenings.

"I think it's still difficult to get people back into the theater; some of it's apprehension about lingering COVID and some of it's that people have gotten comfortable watching

films at home," Pfeifer said.

The Red Carpet Gala is the theater's largest fundraiser of the year, which helps them make up for the costs to donate or rent out the room, hosting parties and fundraisers for various community groups. Pfeifer said the theater does not have a number in mind for how much they need to raise.

"I think anything would be great," Pfeifer said. "Some of it is

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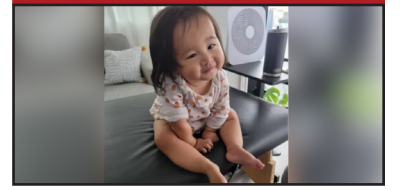


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Sedona Wan de Guzman's parents are raising funds for children with similar health conditions.

## In honor of their late daughter, local couple raises over \$113K for infants in need of specialized medical care

Kristen Farrah Naem  
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In the wake of the heartbreaking loss of their infant daughter, a local couple is channeling their grief into action.

Sedona Wan de Guzman was a cheeky, loving and clever baby that came into the world under difficult circumstances—she was born three months prematurely, immediately suffered a hemorrhage in her brain and was diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

Cerebral palsy is a motor disability that affects people's ability to control their muscles. Symptoms vary from person-to-person, and can include issues with posture, movement, vision, speech, hearing and more.

Despite the ongoing medical issues this caused, her parents remember that she was a remarkably easy going child.

When her mom would take Sedona along to pick up her older brother from preschool, she would blow kisses to his teachers. She loved pretending to be a lion, practicing her tiny roars on her loved ones.

Videos shared by Sedona's mom, Amy Wan, on YouTube, show the persistent baby learning to sit, crawl, roll over and stand with the help of dedicated medical professionals. Her parents spent large swathes of time researching any and all ways to help their daughter, shuttling her back and forth between specialized doctors and therapies.

Despite her health diagnosis, Sedona made strides in her development that doctors considered miraculous.

Although both Sedona and her family continued to work hard to reach new milestones, she still

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CITY COUNCIL

# Cambodian residents ask for Long Beach's Songkran celebration to be renamed 'Cambodian New Year'

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As Long Beach prepares for its first ever Songkran New Year celebration, many senior Cambodian residents are asking the city to consider changing the name and celebration to more closely align with the Cambodian New Year.

Songkran is a New Year holiday celebrated on April 13 by many Southeast Asian countries including Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and other countries that widely practice Buddhism. Long Beach has never recognized the holiday, but has celebrated the Cambodian New Year since 1976, a three-day celebration which falls on April 14-16.

Over 20 Cambodian residents protested during Long Beach City Council's meeting on March 7 to ask the city to reconsider the Songkran celebration and to keep the name as Cambodian New Year. Councilwoman Suely Saro announced plans for Long Beach's first ever Songkran at a Feb. 23 council meeting.

Many of the residents who spoke identified themselves as elders and survivors, who immigrated to the United States to flee from the Khmer Rouge regime.

"Our Cambodian community is gathering here this evening because it's very important for us to speak up," said Cambodian senior resident Sovanchan Pao. "As an elder I want to protect and preserve my traditional and cultural heritage by keeping the word 'Chaul Chnam Thmey.' Please be aware that we are not against change ... but change must be good and worthy and it must add excellence and value and increase what our community has."

Poa argued that it benefits the Cambodian community to distinguish itself from other Southeast Asian cultures so that the "young generation remembers that the elders can protect the culture."

Cambodian senior Charles Song, who helped organize the protest, said that the introduction of Songkran has "divided" the Cambodian community, specifically among elders and younger generations.

Saro told the *Signal Tribune* that during the three years when Long Beach was unable to celebrate the Cambodia Town Parade & Culture Festival she "heard from different people saying 'well, what about Laotians and Thai [residents]?"

"With a lot of conversations with community leaders ... and the committee that I pulled together, the majority of them had agreed to go with Songkran given that as an elected official, I wanted to make sure it was an inclusive term, that it was about culture, so that's where the [idea for] Songkran came from," Saro said.

According to Saro, the Songkran New Year celebration will include a Buddhist ceremony, performances from Asian American Pacific Islander groups, senior activities, dancing, cultural foods as well as "Latin and African American programming."

"The idea is really celebrating

it with the whole community and providing a space where everyone could come together and learn about this event, right? So we want to make sure it's inclusive, and it's welcoming to everyone," Saro told the *Signal Tribune*.

Another protestor at the city council meeting said that they felt the change is "an act of mistreatment and disrespect" to Cambodian seniors in the city, and again asked the council to change the name.

The dozens of protestors held signs up during public comment reading "No Sangkranta in Long Beach" and "Khmer New Year is originated in 7th century 237 AD."

"Councilwoman Suely Saro's decision to change the Cambodian New Year celebration to Long Beach Songkran 2023 destroys our unique cultural heritage of Cambodian Americans in Long Beach," Song said. "Suely Saro claims it's to be inclusive, but there is no justification that the name has to be changed to be inclusive because the participants in previous Cambodian New Year celebrations have been very diverse."

Song told the *Signal Tribune* that he would like the date for Long Beach's Cambodian New Year to be celebrated on April 14 rather than April 1 so it doesn't fall on April Fool's Day.

Saro explained that in recent years, the attendance for the Cambodia Town Parade & Cultural Festival has waned, in part because many Buddhist temples hold their own celebrations from April 14-16.

"So in my mind, I'm thinking what would be helpful for our local economy and increasing tourism is to do it on the first of April, so that people can come then, not just for Songkran, but they can come for Cambodia Town's Parade & Cultural Festival," Saro told the *Signal Tribune*. "So it makes it a weekend, people come all over [from] out of town, rather than having people



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come back and forth."

This will also act as a two-day celebration for Long Beach to "kick off the New Year month," Saro said.

"In a democracy, there are people who don't always agree with the majority, and they prefer it to be called Cambodia New Year. But the thing is that if they want to host it ... and do Cambodian New Year that weekend, I'm happy to support them to do that," Saro told the *Signal Tribune*. "I'm adding something new and I think that as somebody who is representing the public, you know, representative of the city, I want to make sure I'm inclusive."

A younger Cambodian resident suggested the council change the name to "Cambodian New Year's Songkran" in order to still acknowledge the Cambodian community.

"Changing it to Songkran would take away from this important cultural event," said Cambodian and Latino resident Anthony Guerrero. "If the holiday was changed, it would take away from the sense of community and belonging that comes with this holiday ... I would like to ask councilwoman Suely Saro to listen to community member's input and to seek a good solution to bring happiness on both sides."

Saro began to address the residents that attended the meeting in protest, but was told she could not discuss items that were not scheduled on the city council's agenda.

Long Beach Songkran 2023 is scheduled for April 1 at 8 a.m. at Long Beach City College.

NEWS

# Long Beach LGBTQ-owned or allied restaurants can apply for community grants up to \$25,000



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An exterior view of the Mine Shaft on Broadway in Long Beach on July 22, 2022.

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LGBTQ-owned or allied restaurants and bars that serve food in Long Beach will soon be invited to apply for Community Impact Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

The grants are being rolled out for the second year in a row from the food-ordering and delivery service Grubhub's Community Fund. Grubhub first announced the program to help LGBTQ-owned restaurants in 2021.

This year, the Long Beach chapter of LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce will be working with the national LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) to notify restaurants and bars in the area about the grant opportunity.

"I haven't heard of anybody in particular that has promised to apply, but I do know that there are several [establishments] in our community that I'm hoping will take advantage of this," said Ellie Dote, president of the Long Beach LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce.

Establishments can apply online beginning March 15 and applications will close on April 5. Awards are expected to be announced in June of 2023, and grants are planned to be distributed from June to August of 2023.

"This is a rough timeline and subject to change, especially as we plan events around the country spotlighting our 2023 grant recipients," said Jessye Grieve-Carlson, the manager of external affairs and affiliate relations for the NGLCC.

The grant funds can be used for updating security, purchasing new equipment, increasing community involvement, marketing, updating digital commerce presence, staff training and pay, maintaining infrastructure and more.

There is a total of \$1.5 million in funds that will be dispersed, with \$500,000 allocations going towards establishments on the East Coast, in the Central U.S. and on the West Coast.

An allied restaurant is "one that is promised to be a safe space for LGBT people in our communities," Dote said.

According to the National

Restaurant Association, as of December 2022, found that about 17% of restaurants were forced to close during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is no secret that restaurants are among the most vulnerable businesses in our communities, not only in the aftermath of the pandemic, but in today's current economic climate," Dote said in a statement from the chamber.

The Long Beach LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce was established in 1992 by a group of gay and lesbian local business owners to support gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses by having "a positive impact" and "increasing our visibility as a powerful economic force," according to its website.

"We often say at NGLCC that if you can buy it, an LGBTQ+-owned business can supply it," said NGLCC Co-Founder & President Justin Nelson in a statement from the organization. "That is especially true of the LGBTQ+-owned restaurants and establishments across America who kept our communities and first responders fed throughout the pandemic and have been so active in the recovery."

The national chapter, who will help choose the finalists for the grants, set a goal to allocate at least 30% of the funds to businesses that are owned by people of color, transgender or gender-expansive individuals. Any business that receives a grant will also have its membership in the national LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce paid for one year.

Business owners who wish to learn more about the Community Impact Grants can visit [www.nglcc.org/ghgrant](http://www.nglcc.org/ghgrant).

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



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An Indigenous dancer performs with a group during the 32nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Celebration on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020.

Spring is making its way around the corner, ushered in with sunny skies peeking through clouds and tons of outdoor activities in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

If you're in the mood for some premature spring cleaning, there is a Willow Springs restoration day Friday afternoon and a Willmore neighborhood cleanup Saturday morning. After cleaning Saturday morning and munching on free donuts, residents can make their way to Los Cerritos Park for a pet parade and chances to adopt a furry friend.

There's plenty of chances to celebrate various groups this week, such as the 50th annual Pow Wow Native American festival Saturday and Sunday at Cal State Long Beach, which will be going on all day. There is an International Women's Day celebration at Long Beach Exchange Saturday night, a St. Patrick's Day pub crawl in Bixby Knolls Sunday afternoon and a Hindu Holi Party at the CSULB rugby field 3 p.m. on Sunday.

## 10 FRIDAY

### CHESS CLUB

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Chess enthusiasts of all ages and skill-levels are invited to play together at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

### RESTORATION FRIDAY

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help clean and tend to Willow Springs Park (2745 Orange Ave.). Volunteers will be watering native plants, pulling weeds, spreading mulch, picking up litter and more. Free.

## 11 SATURDAY

### MARINE BOAT AUCTION

8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The City's Marine Bureau will be holding a boat auction at the Alamitos Bay Marina Office (205 Marina Dr.). Bidding will begin at 9 a.m. Cash, credit cards and debit cards will be accepted.

### NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

9 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help clean the Willmore neighborhood. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Coffee and donuts will be available for volunteers. All volunteers should meet at 347 W 7th St. Free.

### MINI-MAKERS POP-UP MARKET

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local business Adelita's Revenge (4007 E 4th St.) will be hosting various mini-businesses started by children. Free to attend.

### SKONDOVITCH: A LEGACY

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Greenly Art Space (2698 Junipero Ave.) will host an opening reception for its newest exhibit honoring the work of Alfred Skondovitch, an abstract expressionist who created art from 1927 to 2011. Free to attend.

## 12 SUNDAY

### LOVE LETTERS TO MY INNER CHILD

9 a.m. Therapist Cynthia Perez will be hosting a workshop to help participants connect to their in-

ner child through journaling and meditation. The workshop will be held at Casita Bookstore (1440 E 4th St.). Participants will receive a complimentary swag bag. Tickets cost \$55, and can be purchased at [linktr.ee/WellMamaLB](https://linktr.ee/WellMamaLB).

### ARTISAN MARKET

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shopping complex 2nd & PCH (6400 Pacific Coast Hwy.) will be hosting a community marketplace. Local vendors will be selling their products. Live music will be playing. This event is pet-friendly. Free to attend.

### HOLI PARTY

3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The South Asian Student Association will be holding a celebration of the Hindu holiday Holi on the CSULB rugby field (1250 North Bellflower Blvd.). Attendees will throw colorful powder on each other and enjoy food, drinks and music. Tickets cost \$10 for students and \$15 for everyone else, and can be purchased at [sacsulb.wordpress.com/](https://sacsulb.wordpress.com/).

### AUTISM FAMILIES NIGHT

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Aquarium of the Pacific (100 Aquarium Way) welcomes adults and children with autism, along with their families, for a special night at the aquarium. Attendees will be able to view all exhibits, excluding Lorikeet Forest. Advanced registration is required. To register, visit <https://pacific.to/autismnight> or call 562 590 3100, extension 0. Tickets cost \$7.

## 13 MONDAY

### AUTHOR TALK

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Long Beach Public Library is organizing a vir-

tual discussion by author David Epstein on his book "Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World." The book highlights the advantages of diverse skills and experiences in the working world. To register, visit <https://library.org/lbpl/upcoming>. Free.

### SPANISH STORYTIME

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children of all ages will be able to enjoy Spanish stories read by staff at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

## 14 TUESDAY

### SENIOR BINGO

10 a.m. Seniors are invited to play bingo together at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Free.

### RESUME WORKSHOP

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Local non-profit Pacific Gateway will be teaching job-seekers between the ages of 14 and 30 how to write an effective resume. The workshop will be held at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Free.

## 15 WEDNESDAY

### PICTURE THIS

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. A monthly art workshop for children will be held at Bay Shore Neighborhood Library (195 Bay Shore Ave.) Art projects will be geared towards elementary school students, but all ages are welcome. Children will get messy, so play clothes are strongly recommended. Free.

### CRAFT IT OUT

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. During this monthly crafting event for teens at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.), participants will learn how to make an artificial bouquet of flowers using pipe cleaners. All supplies will be provided. Free.

## 16 THURSDAY

### JOB INTERVIEW PREP

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Local non-profit Pacific Gateway will be teaching job-seekers between the ages of 14 and 30 different tips and tricks they can use in job interviews. The workshop will be held at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Free.

### CUPCAKE WARS

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Teens are invited to compete in a cupcake decorating contest at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E Anaheim St.). Competitors will have to create a cupcake design based on their favorite piece of technology. The winner will receive a prize. Free.

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just exposure itself, reminding people that we're there."

The seating capacity in the theater is 360, but they aim to cap tickets at 200-250 to make sure people have room to sit in their own groups. Over 100 seats have been reserved, and Pfeifer said they expect to sell "many more" at the door Sunday.

Along with a red carpet photo shoot and separate photo booth, there will be ballots handed out to guests where they can vote on their predictions on 10 categories for Oscar winners. After each category is announced, ballots will be drawn from a bowl and the first one drawn with a correct prediction will receive a gift card to local Fourth Street businesses such as Art Du Vin, Alder & Safe, Little Coyote, The Socialist, Lola's Mexican Cuisine and more.

Two of those prizes will also be raffled off for best-dressed attendees.

"Doing something like the Oscars party, where people get to see all of these award-winning films win awards, and get presented, it's really exciting because you get to see it on the big screen," Pfeifer said. "And all of a sudden you're like, 'Oh, yeah, that's right. This is really enjoyable, to watch in the theater with popcorn and candy and enjoying it in that way.'"

Larger prizes will be reserved for the silent auction, which is where most of the fundraising comes into play. Prizes auctioned off will include a weekend stay at Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, massage and chiropractic gift cards, gym



Image courtesy of Marissa Pfeifer

The single screening room in The Art Theatre, where residents will sit in their finest apparel to watch the 95th Academy Awards on March 12, 2023.

memberships, a family membership to MOLAA, aquarium tickets, a \$500 gift card to Outer Limits Tattoo, a private patio rental on a Sunday at the Wine Crush and over 15 other prizes.

The money raised from the Red Carpet Awards Fundraiser Gala event also helps the Art Theatre host cultural events throughout the year such as the Cambodia Town Film Festival and the Long Beach QFilm Festival, which is the city's longest-running film festival.

Doors will open at the Art Theatre at 2025 E. Fourth Street for the Red Carpet Awards Fundraiser Gala at 3:30 p.m., when the red carpet pre-show begins. The Academy Awards begin at 5 p.m.

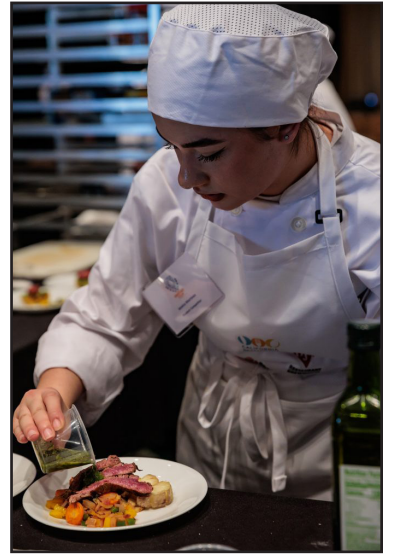
Tickets are \$50 per person, can be purchased online or at the door and come with a drink ticket for a soda, wine or beer. There will be sandwiches and cheese plates for sale and guests can bring in food from any restaurant on Fourth Street.

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Emmanuel Evelyn from Leuzinger High School culinary team gets close to the table while he carefully fillets a red snapper that will be used in an appetizer for the 2023 ProStart Cup at the Long Beach Convention Center on March 8, 2023.



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Jessica Martinez, team captain for the Rowland High School Spice Girls, adds yuca mojo to their entree of pan-seared steak with sauteed vegetables for the 2023 ProStart Cup judges at the Long Beach Convention Center on March 8, 2023.



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Ginewikwe Desjarlait (left) and Shantana Chavez of Sherman Indian High School pitch their restaurant idea of KINA, Keeping it Native American, to the panel of judges during the BJ's Restaurants Management Cup at the Long Beach Convention Center on March 8, 2023.



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Chef judges critique the entree made by the Rowland High School Spice Girls that they created for the 2023 ProStart Cup at the Long Beach Convention Center on March 8, 2023.



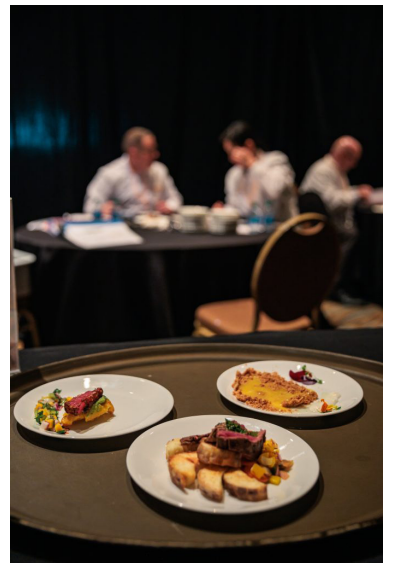
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Rowland High School students cheer on their team, the Spice Girls, as they use their allotted hour to prepare a three-course meal for the judges at the 2023 ProStart Cup at the Long Beach Convention Center on March 8, 2023.



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Supporters of the Leuzinger High School culinary team hold signs with the competitor's faces while they prepare their three-course meal for the judges for the 2023 ProStart Cup at the Long Beach Convention Center on March 8, 2023.



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The appetizer, entree and dessert courses of the meal the Rowland High School Spice Girls created for the 2023 ProStart Cup sit on a table for display in the curtained-off tasting and judging area of the Long Beach Convention Center on March 8, 2023.

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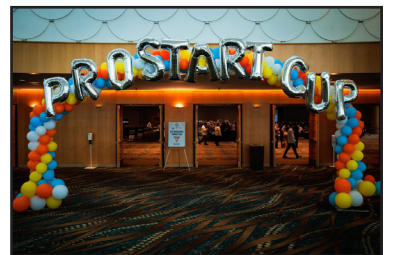
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A balloon arch is placed in front of the 2023 ProStart Cup entrance at the Long Beach Convention Center on March 8, 2023.

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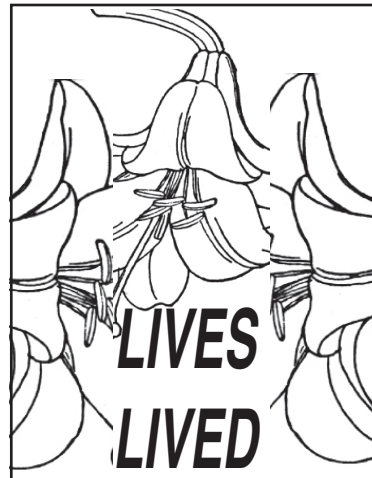
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struggled with her health. The medication Sedona needed to treat seizures left her immune system weakened. Although her parents did everything they could to keep her healthy, including pulling her brother out of preschool, she somehow caught meningitis.

The disease ended her life within 24 hours of becoming sick, and Sedona passed away on Jan. 23.

Wan and her husband Jonar de Guzman received an outpouring of support from their community after the devastating loss of Sedona. Within a day their home was filled with flowers—which de Guzman is severely allergic to.

“We had to put the flowers outside,” de Guzman said. “I’m like, ‘What are we doing? There’s so many flowers coming in. Let’s just tell people to donate.’”

In Sedona’s honor, her parents created a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for children with similar health conditions. Sedona’s parents recognize that the life-changing treatments and therapies they were able to provide for her aren’t accessible to many families. Wan still remembers the other families she met in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) during the first 6 months of Sedona’s life.

“I saw many other families, [...] there’s moms who couldn’t even be with their babies because they

had to go work, to put food on the table. There’s families where they don’t speak English,” Wan said. “And I live on a lot of these medical moms’ Facebook groups, and a lot of these women have been forced to become a stay-at-home mom, so they become single income. They live hours away from the nearest children’s hospital. And sometimes they just don’t have either the geographic or financial resources that we have been so lucky to have.”

Wan and de Guzman are looking at three different ways to use the money: either providing support and resources for families who are leaving the NICU, creating online training courses to teach parents physical therapy exercises they can do at home, or partnering with one of Sedona’s doctors to create an online space to train other physicians in the specialized treatments she benefited from.

“I think that channeling grief into something that is positive and something that can help other kids like [Sedona] is worthwhile,” de Guzman said. “And I’m not trying to take away from our grieving process, of course, we are still devastated. It’s still shocking to us that she’s gone. But, you know, there’s other kids out there that could greatly benefit from what Sedona experienced in her short time here.”

## ART

# ‘Hecho Con Ganas’ exhibit at Munzón Gallery closes Saturday

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

There’s only a few days left to see the latest exhibit at Munzón Gallery—an encapsulation of the work ethic of the Latine community. “Hecho Con Ganas” can be roughly translated as “made with passion,” and is meant to describe the hard work of Latines.

Five artists participated in this exhibit, all of whom are graduates of Cal State Long Beach’s art school. On the gallery walls, viewers can see their depictions of workers in a variety of roles—selling flowers, sewing, wearing a hard hat.

“I really want [viewers] to connect with the pieces,” Munzón said. “Especially as a Latina, I feel like a lot of the pieces are inspired by some of the things that our relatives or that our parents went through.”

That is the case for Estefania Ajcip, who contributed her three-dimensional paintings “The Red Truck” and “Cartas a Papi,” both of which center around her long-distance relationship with her father after he left Guatemala to go work in the United States.

One of the only possessions he left behind with his family was his red truck, which Ajcip cherished. Her family eventually had to get rid of it because they could not afford

the upkeep on the vehicle.

In “The Red Truck” a small girl lays in the truck bed, with a child’s drawings of the sun, mountains, clouds and balloons directly behind her. The little girl has a forlorn look on her face and has one hand extended in front of her, almost as if she’s caressing the truck bed. Ajcip said the work is meant to express that the child doesn’t want to get rid of the truck because of memories and connections tied to it.

The door to the truck is made of foam board, and sticks out from the painting. Real lights were attached to either side of the canvas for the truck’s tail lights.

In “Cartas a Papi,” which translates to “Letters to Papi,” a teddy bear comes out of the canvas, while nestled in the arms of a young girl. The girl stands in a cornfield in Guatemala, leaning against her father’s back as he works on an industrial sewing machine. The painting represents the limited communication her family was able to maintain across borders through letters.

“The only connection we had was letters,” Ajcip said. “We didn’t have the luxury to say, ‘Oh, let’s travel and go check out how Dad’s doing’ or things like that. So the only communication we had was through letters.”



Image courtesy of Elizabeth Munzón

“The Red Truck” Estefania Ajcip was inspired by the truck her father left behind in Guatemala after coming to the United States.

Ajcip wants people who see her work to think about what immigrants leave behind in an effort to make better lives for themselves and their families, and believes this message applies to immigrants from different backgrounds.

“For example, what’s happening in Ukraine—a lot of them are immigrating here and they’re leaving not only their country, but they’re leaving their spouse, they’re leaving a pet or something,” Ajcip said. “That’s the connection I want to make, what it feels like having that absence, of not having that person with you.”

“Hecho Con Ganas” will be on display at Munzón Gallery (1730 E Anaheim St.) from noon to 4 p.m. until Saturday, March 11.

## EYE ON CRIME

### CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

#### Wednesday, March 1

12:44 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block E. 21st St.  
3:49 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 600 block E. Willow St.  
4:20 p.m., Elder abuse, 1800 block St. Louis Ave.

#### Thursday, March 2

7:01 a.m., Grand theft, 1300 block E. 29th St.  
3:44 p.m., Elder abuse, 1800 block St. Louis Ave.

#### Friday, March 3

6:42 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Burnett St.  
11:41 a.m., Burglary, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

#### Sunday, March 5

4:00 a.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 1800 block St. Louis Ave. (suspect arrested)

#### Monday, March 6

2:36 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 700 block E. Spring St.  
5:42 p.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block Bay View Dr.  
7:44 p.m., Child abuse w/possible great bodily harm; possessing narcotic substance, 2600 block Myrtle Ave (suspect arrested)

#### Tuesday, March 7

4:48 a.m., Fire, 1700 block E. 28th St.  
9:01 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2000 block Freeman Ave.

## NEWS

# Keeping kelp alive: The Aquarium of the Pacific embarks on its newest conservation project

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

The Aquarium of the Pacific is taking a proactive approach to the rapidly warming climate and water temperatures that may one day threaten our way of life.

A pink illuminated refrigerator within the Aquarium holds 1,400 samples of *Nereocystis luetkeana* kelp, more commonly known as bull kelp, in a conservation project they are hoping will be able to restore local oceanic ecosystems and combat climate change.

Bull kelp is commonly found in Northern America and is on the coast of most California beaches. The average Californian probably knows bull kelp as the slimy, greenish orange-ish plant that washes up on shores or sticks to swimmers in the ocean, but its importance in our world cannot be understated.

Kelp forests, along with other marine plants, account for every other breath of oxygen that humans take. They also act as a home to thousands of ocean species, drawing wildlife to our coasts and contributing to the ocean’s food chain.

Coastlines with kelp in front of them have an extra level of protection against wave and erosion activity that occurs over time. This is especially important for cities like Long Beach, with neighborhoods like Alamitos Beach and Belmont Shore just off the coast.

Bull kelp has been rapidly declining in recent years due to climate change and other disruptions to the ocean’s food web. Since 2008, Northern California’s bull kelp levels have declined by 95%, according to the Aquarium, which they hope to fight with the help of national partners.

“This is an insurance or protec-

tion for future changes that might be coming,” said Jennie Dean, the Aquarium’s education and conservation coordinator. “So unlike some of our other work, where there is direct photogenic, exciting engagement with wild habitats, this one is a little bit more behind the scenes, but very important because of that future potential. We’re really thinking ahead to how we can be proactive to future changes.”

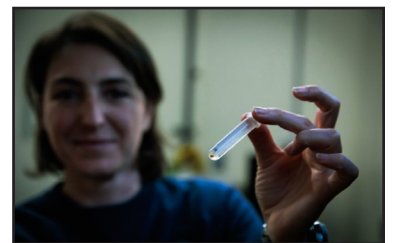
The Aquarium’s kelp conservation project is in partnership with the University of Wisconsin and the California Sea Grant. The goal is not only to help restore local diverse ecosystems, but to explore kelp’s genetic diversity to eventually breed plants that are more resistant to the warming waters.

Each day, two members from the Aquarium who received specialized training check on the 1,400 kelp babes held in small vials to ensure they are stored in the correct temperature and lighting conditions.

“Each of the collaborators serves a different role, and ours is in maintenance of these very important precursors to future kelp: the genetic staples,” Dean said. “Other facilities are able to source samples but other partners aren’t, and they might be serving in a role of analysis of the genetic material or in thinking about policy.”

The Aquarium started the project in 2022, when they received a facility to properly store the kelp. Adult kelp plants produce spores which settle onto the ocean floor. These spores can be male or female, and as they settle they eventually become male or female gametophytes.

This is the state that the Aquarium keeps the kelp in, after germination but before fertilization, Dean explained. They will be kept in this state “indefinitely,” so that



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Senior Aquarist J.J. Soski holds a vial of the living bull kelp that is being kept in a stasis-like environment at the Aquarium of the Pacific in a “seed bank” on March 7, 2023.

whenever the aquarium chooses to complete the fertilization stage “to create bull kelp adults,” they can choose to do so.

It’s a more “traditional” process than one would expect, Dean said, where the male gametophytes will produce a sperm and the female gametophytes will produce an egg, and then they combine.

The Aquarium bull kelp team anticipates that within a few days, the two gametophytes will combine and create fresh, new “baby kelp.” But until there is a need for the production of more bull kelp, they’ll stay in their current frozen state.

“I wouldn’t say that [the decline of kelp] needs to get worse, but maybe that our understanding needs to improve,” Dean said. “So what we want first is to have a better understanding of the type of diversity that will thrive under these changing conditions. Maybe there’s a certain genetic profile that is better suited to warmer waters, which we’re starting to see off of our coasts as one of the causes of decline.”

The Aquarium estimates it could be years of storing the material “before any sort of release would happen out into the wild,” Dean said.

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