



CRIME

Is there a cult operating in Long Beach?



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The front entrance of the Morningland Monastery compound in Long Beach on March 23, 2023.

Survivors claim sexual abuse, broken families and coerced divorces

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

Warning: The following story contains descriptions of allegations of child sexual abuse.

After decades of silence, a woman is sharing her story of growing up in Morningland, an alleged cult based in Long Beach, and accusing its leaders, some of whom are still in power, of sexually abusing her as a teen.

“Handmaid’s Tale’ got nothing on me,” said Frankie Tease, who preferred to use her professional name rather than her legal name.

Between the ages of 8 and 22, Tease’s life revolved around a religious sect in Long Beach—Morningland, which steadily grew following its inception in 1973 by founder Daniel Sperato, known as Donato to his followers.

Tease said her mother Judy was lured into the alleged cult in 1974, after attending a “parents without partners” event in North Long Beach purportedly meant to support single parents. Upon arrival, Tease, her twin sister and their mom were greeted by three women dressed all in white, who treated them to pizza and astrology readings.

Afterwards, Judy and her girls were invited by the women in white to visit their church. At the time, Judy said she was curious about spiritual paths free from traditional religion.

While visiting the church, Judy was enamored by its strong female leadership. She recalls being captivated by Patricia Sperato, Morningland’s soon-to-be leader, and the women clergy members dressed all in white, called gopis, who surrounded her.

“The most appealing thing that got me at first was all the women that were in charge and doing something with their lives,” Judy said. “Now, if you go back to the ‘70s you’ve got to think about how culture was back then. It was a little different, women definitely had a glass ceiling. This was new to me.”

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MUSIC

Local singer Calinnah writes songs for sad girls

The Long Beach-based artist combines her lived experiences and imagination to create songs centering relationships and the problems that arise from them.



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Long Beach-based musician Hannah Calimpusan, known by her stage name Calinnah, closes her eyes in the warm sunlight while at Hill Top Park in Signal Hill on April 9, 2023.

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Long Beach-based musician Hannah Calimpusan, known by her stage name Calinnah, is making her mark in the local music scene with her self-described “sad girl vibes.” Drawing on influences from her childhood, life experiences, relationships and heartbreaks, Calinnah’s songs contain lyrics filled with genuine emotion, sung with a soulful and ethereal voice.

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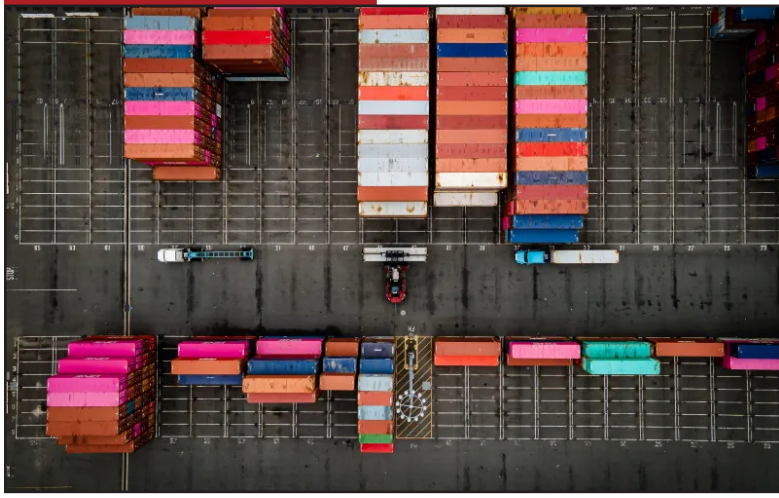
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Two trucks unload their cargo at the Port of Long Beach on Nov. 2, 2021.

City Council approves trucking and shipping site for port cargo in West Long Beach

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Overflowing cargo from the Long Beach Port will soon be stored and shipped from a westside Long Beach warehouse, as low-emission logistics company Cargomatic received approval for construction from city council Tuesday night.

The Westside Business Association filed an appeal with the City to decline the conditional use permit for the trucking facility, but was denied by a unanimous vote. Members from the Westside Business Association argued that West Long Beach already suffers from poor air quality and traffic, which will be worsened by more trucks traveling through the neighborhood.

Representatives from Cargomatic said that the company has “accommodated” the association’s concerns by transitioning to “green trucks” before it was a mandate. Residents argued that the trucks are not “green” since most of the trucks are not electric and will still produce emissions, just at a lower rate than the city’s “significant” threshold.

In its report on the facility, Long Beach Development Services cited a Port of Long Beach study that said, “transitioning to clean trucks is the best-known strategy for reducing environmental justice impacts in west Long Beach given that the port and cargo needs are not anticipated to change in the near future.”

Two adjacent vacant sites, one along Harbor Avenue and the other along 17th Street, will be demolished to create the trucking and shipping container facility. The 4.85-acre facility will have 231 stalls for 405 trucks and will be able to remove up to 1,000 boxes from the port within three days to help with congestion.

Westside residents said that traffic is already bad enough along PCH and Harbor Avenue, sometimes taking up to 20 minutes to make a right turn. Mike Lombardy, who runs Dion & Sons, a company that will be adjacent to the facility, said his employees already have a difficult time trying to leave the company driveway and turn onto PCH.

“It’s not a green truck facility... What it really is, is a way to take containers out of the Port of Long Beach and put them in West Long Beach,” said Westside resident Mac Collins. “I have no idea how Long Beach can say that 250 trucks into a two-block area will have no negative impact.”

According to staff reports, the

site is estimated to generate 254 vehicle trips a day. This number did not meet the requirement for the city to conduct a full traffic impact analysis, but Cargomatic agreed to one regardless. In response to the association’s concerns, Cargomatic has also agreed that the driveway onto PCH can only be used by emergency vehicles and to not transport overweight cargo through the site.

The company also agreed to include the maximum amount of solar panels possible, to include signage for residents with the company’s contact information along the fences during construction in case of issues and to use electric lawn and power equipment during construction to decrease the pollution caused.

“We’ve done these things at a higher cost than many people would be willing to do and we wanted to do that so we can leave a legacy, and not only have a model project for the city but attach conditions that make that generational moving forward,” a representative from Cargomatic said. “We wanted to give the city the opportunity to say that this is what logistics development should look like in Long Beach.”

Members of the multiple labor unions showed up to the city council chambers to voice their support for the project and the amount of jobs it will provide for Long Beach residents. Another condition Cargomatic agreed to is to make their “best efforts” to employ locally and provide internships through Pacific Gateway Workforce, a hiring agency that serves Long Beach and Signal Hill.

They also cited the community impact that Cargomatic has had with their years of supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach.

“Projects like this allow apprentices like myself the opportunity to receive on-the-job training close to home, as well as unique skills, wages and benefits to provide for my family,” said Anand Atlas with the Laborers International Union of North America. “It’s not very often developers like these go out of their way to include union labor, and we appreciate their continued consideration for the highest level of skilled and trained workers like my union brothers here tonight.”

The site will operate from Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. with eight to 12 employees. The trucking and shipping facility was approved unanimously by the city council.

HOUSING



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

Emergency homeless shelter being considered at former Long Beach Rescue Mission Thrift Store

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

As the city is preparing to end services at the Community Hospital emergency winter homeless shelter, a second location is being considered to take on the gap in services.

The Long Beach Rescue Mission Thrift Store in the Washington neighborhood is under consideration to begin housing homeless people at the end of April, when services at the current winter shelter will end. The thrift store closed in November 2022, but the non-profit organization is still in operation and provides housing and other services to homeless people in the city.

Long Beach opens an emergen-

cy winter shelter each year to help house people from the cold and rainy weather. The site at Community Hospital shelters more than 100 people a night and has been at full capacity since opening in late December.

It’s unclear how long the emergency shelter will remain open. Long Beach has been in a local State of Emergency due to the rapid rise in homelessness since Dec. 10.

The proposed site will immediately become available for those who are currently residing at the Community Hospital site, according to a statement from Councilmember Mary Zendejas’ office.

First to Serve Outreach Ministries will provide services, as the same organization that runs operations at the current winter shel-

ter. It’s estimated that the site will provide between 80-100 beds and shuttle people from the Multi-Service Center each day.

According to the city, there were 796 beds provided each night by Long Beach and partnering organizations for the 3,296 homeless people identified in Long Beach in 2022. There are also 60 additional beds set up at the MSC every night.

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An IndyCar comes around turn 2 close to the wall with the Pike Ferris wheel in the background at the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach on Sept. 25, 2021.

Downtown streets to avoid during the Long Beach Grand Prix

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

As Long Beach prepares for screeching tires and drifting vehicles, a number of streets downtown will be closed from April 12-17 for the Grand Prix of Long Beach. Below is a list of street closures and alternative access points for throughout the week:

Friday, April 14:

- 6 a.m. –
 - Access to the Hyatt, Shoreline Village and the Shoreline Marina from Ocean Boulevard and Pine Avenue will close.
 - Southbound Pine Avenue will close to all traffic.
 - Access to the south side of the track will be provided at the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue and will only be available to Grand Prix passholders and those with boat owner permits.
 - Closure of interior streets of The Pike, north of Shoreline Drive.
 - 7 p.m. –
 - Pine Avenue will open for traffic to access the Hyatt, Shoreline Village and Shoreline Marina tenants.
 - Valet parking will be available for guests dining at waterfront restaurants. Parking will also be available at Shoreline Village. All vehicles entering at Pine Avenue will exit to the east through the Marina Green parking lot and should follow the directional signage.
- 9:30 p.m. –
 - The Ocean Boulevard and Alamitos Avenue entry access route will close.

Saturday, April 15:

- 6 a.m. –
 - Access to the Hyatt, Shoreline Village and the Shoreline Marina from Ocean Boulevard and Pine Avenue will close.
 - Southbound Pine Avenue will close to all traffic.
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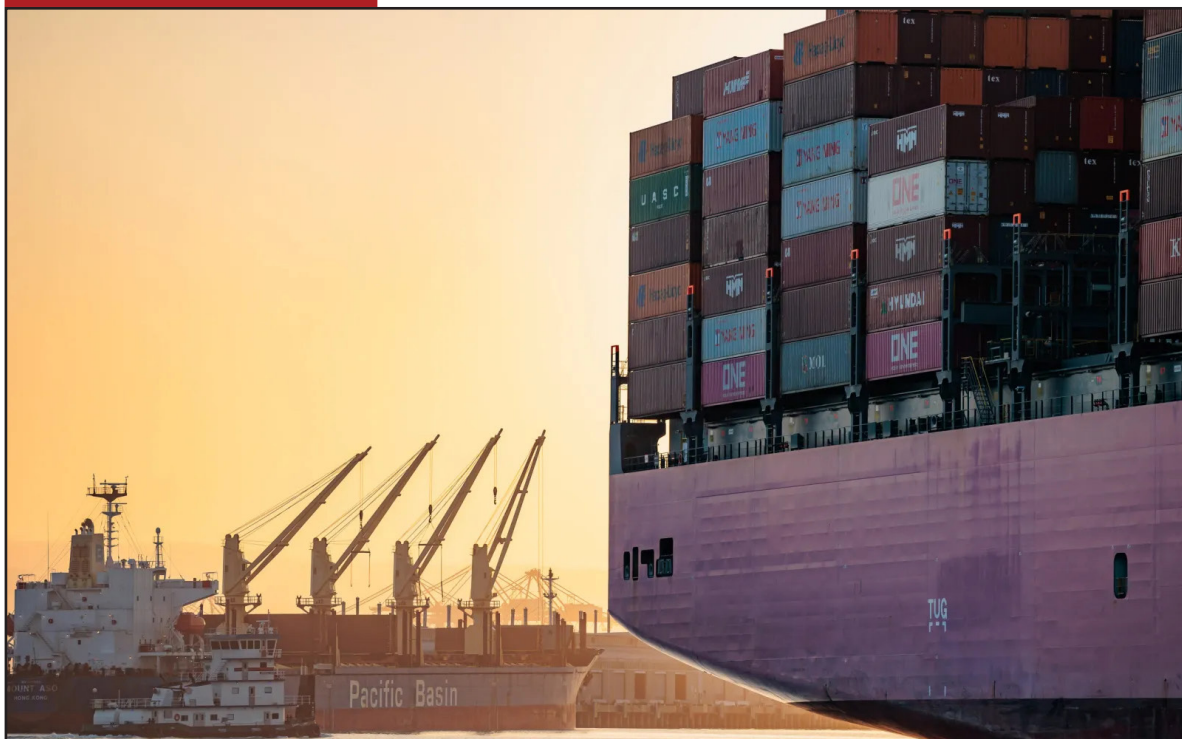
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- Monday, April 17
 - 5 p.m. – Traffic flow will be restored to:
 - Both east and westbound Shoreline Drive.
 - Northbound Queensway Bridge off-ramp, southbound Queensway Bridge on-ramp from Shoreline Drive, east and westbound Seaside Way.
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The setting sun is blocked by a Singapore-based Ocean Network Express (ONE) cargo ship at the Port of Long Beach on July 23, 2022.

Port of Long Beach up and running after worker shortage

City News Service

Southern California Local News

The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach were back in operation Saturday after a worker shortage shut down the country's largest port complex for parts of two days.

The shortage came amid protracted labor negotiations between the union that represents West Coast dockworkers and the industry group representing shippers. Both parties are negotiating a new contract with priorities in wages and the role of automation.

The old contract with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union expired July 1. The ports experienced shortage Thursday night and part of Friday, but workers began returning to the docks Friday afternoon.

A spokesperson for the Pacific Maritime Association, the industry group that represents shippers at the negotiating table, told *City News Service* on Saturday that "labor has been dispatched to the Ports of LA and Long Beach since second shift yesterday."

Sgt. Huang with Los Angeles Port Police told CNS that the Los Angeles port appeared to be operating at full capacity Saturday, and dispatcher at the Port of Long Beach said that facility was also operating normally Saturday.

The PMA said Friday that "the largest ILWU local on the West Coast has taken a concerted action to withhold labor at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, resulting in widespread workers shortages."

"A majority of the jobs for last night's shift went unfilled, including all jobs for cargo-handling equipment operators needed to load and unload cargo. The workers who did show up were released because there was not a full complement of ILWU members to operate the terminals," the PMA continued.

International Longshore Warehouse Union Local 13 also withheld labor Friday morning, effectively shutting down the twin ports, officials said.

But according to statement from the ILWU, longshore workers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach were still hard at work and remain committed to moving the nation's cargo.

The union attributed the dock-worker shortage to union members attending its monthly meeting and observing religious holidays.

"On the evening of Thursday, April 6, International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 13 held its monthly membership meeting as it its contractual right," the statement read.

At the meeting, outgoing President Ramon Ponce de Leon swore in incoming President Gary Herrera, with several thousand union members in attendance.

"On Friday, union members who observe religious holidays took the opportunity to celebrate with their families," the ILWU statement read. "Cargo operations are ongoing as longshore workers at the ports remain on the job."

However, the PMA accused the union's actions of threatening to further accelerate the diversion of discretionary cargo to ports on the East and Gulf coasts.

Port of Los Angeles officials issued a statement Friday regarding

the temporary San Pedro Bay Terminal closures, saying they were in communication with the ILWU and PMA, along with federal, state, and local officials, to support a return to normal operations in the ports.

"Resuming cargo operations at America's busiest port complex is critical to maintain the confidence of our customers and supply chain stakeholders," Port of L.A. officials said in a statement.

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Wednesday, April 5

10:11 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 3500 block E. PCH
3:53 p.m., Battery, 2700 block Junipero Ave.
5:42 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1600 block E. 29th St.

Thursday, April 6

4:32 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. Willow St.

Friday, April 7

8:28 a.m., Identity theft, 3300 block Olive Ave.
5:27 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Walnut Ave./W. Willow St.
8:37 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Lewis Ave./E. 25th St.
9:48 p.m., Battery, Stanley Ave./E. Hill St.

Saturday, April 8

7:41 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1500 block E. Hill St.
7:05 p.m., Inflict Corporal injury on Spouse, 1900 block Dawson Ave. (suspect arrested)

Sunday, April 9

1:09 p.m., Person with a knife, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
5:49 p.m., Outstanding misdemeanor warrant, 2300 block Dawson Ave. (suspect arrested)

Monday, April 10

4:56 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E 21st St.

Tuesday, April 11

10:18 a.m., Felon spousal abuse, 2200 block Walnut Ave.
11:29 a.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2700 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
3:18 p.m., Burglary, 2600 block E. 20th St.
3:21 p.m., Identity theft, 1000 block E. 32nd St.
5:19 p.m., Identity theft, 2600 block Panorama Dr.

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CITY COUNCIL

Daritzza Gonzalez appointed as Signal Hill city clerk



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

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The Signal Hill City Council appointed Daritzza Gonzalez as the new city clerk on Tuesday, April 11.

The council chose between two candidates, Gonzalez and Kiran Gidwani. Council members took turns asking both candidates questions, such as why they wanted the position and how they would handle issues with residents.

“I love Signal Hill,” Gonzalez said. “I’m applying here today because I love the city. I want to be involved in more ways than one.”

According to Gonzalez, she has lived in Signal Hill for 23 years and attended the local Alvarado Ele-

mentary School.

Councilmembers Ed Wilson, Keir Jones and Mayor Tina Hansen voted for Gonzalez, while Councilmember Lori Woods voted for Gidwani. Councilmember Robert Copeland was not present for the vote.

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.

Former City Clerk Carmen Brooks stepped down from the position because she is moving to At-

lanta to be closer to family. Brooks’ last day in office was March 1. Brooks served as city clerk for four years, and her term wasn’t due to end until Dec. 2026.

The city was able to choose between appointing a new city clerk or holding a special election. On Feb. 14, Signal Hill City Council members unanimously voted to appoint a replacement.

Gonzalez serves on the Civil Service Commission, and will be stepping down from the commission to serve as city clerk.

“I am always looking at different ways that I can be involved in the city,” Gonzalez said. “And I thought this was one way that aligned very well with my skills.”

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NONPROFIT

Playmakers gives those with disabilities a 'league of their own'

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Managing Editor

Ten years ago, Mike Gomez and Susan Graham took their kids to the park. Isabella, 4 at the time, was there to practice her tee-ball skills but instead wanted to play on the playground. Michael, 2 at the time, had just started walking.

Mike Gomez took his son out of the stroller to stretch his legs and to his surprise, 2-year-old Michael walked over to the field, put the baseball on the tee, swung the bat and joyfully ran straight down the third baseline. Even though Michael was born with Down Syndrome, he made it clear that day—it would be his first of many at-bats.

His parents would eventually create a nonprofit to make it possible.

"We didn't ask to be a special needs family, it was something that you know, as we look back at it, it was given to us and it was a blessing," Gomez said. "So that's where it all started, I was just trying to get my son to experience the joy that I had in playing baseball."

Michael, now 12 years old, is one of hundreds of kids and adults with disabilities who get to experience the joy of hitting a baseball in front of cheering fans, performing a choreographed dance or swishing a basketball through a hoop through the Long Beach nonprofit Playmakers.

Participants are divided into three age groups (4-8 years old, 9-18 years old and 19 years old and over) then moved around based on their specific abilities. The oldest group, however, has no age limit, so no one is turned away or aged out.

'Think Small And Big Things Will Happen'

In the three years since the organization was created, hundreds of parents have enrolled their children in the three sports they offer: baseball, basketball and dance. The next goal for Playmakers is to create a hub for these families—an adaptive park that will cater to people of all abilities.

"Just to have a field that these kids can call their home or their 'Field of Dreams,' so to speak," Graham said.

Graham and Gomez never envi-

sioned that getting their son to play baseball would result in helping hundreds of other families to do the same, but it's part of Gomez's mantra now: Think small and big things will happen. This is how they hope to build the first adaptive park in Long Beach and surrounding cities.

Playmakers originally grew from the family's love for their children and baseball. As soon as Isabella joined the Long Beach Little League, Mike Gomez began talking to the board about creating a Challenger's League—a little league team for children with disabilities.

In 2016, a handful of families participated in the Challenger's League. It slowly grew from the families already involved in little league, averaging about 50 kids per season for about five years. But kids were left without a place to play once they aged out of the program at 18 years old.

The husband and wife, along with Cynthia Brannon, started toying with the idea of breaking off and creating a league of their own with no restrictions on abilities or ages. In 2020, they began creating their own nonprofit with the help of Miracle League, another nonprofit that creates baseball leagues for kids with disabilities.

Counting On Community

The Long Beach Miracle League played two seasons before wanting to expand yet again. The founders had a vision of offering multiple sports, but knew they would have to break away from the national Miracle League affiliation.

Through the help of the community, Playmakers was quickly created and supported.

Each sport comes with changes that make it safer and more enjoyable for children with disabilities.

For starters, no one keeps score. There are no losses in Playmakers, and every player will get to interact with the game on every play, whether it's tossing a ball, running bases or swinging at a tee. There are also color-coded bases and pads for foot placement at the home plate, choices between metal or foam bats and a bright wiffle ball in place of a baseball, for those who struggle with fine motor skills.

"Being able to change the rules to accommodate these kids allows



A triptych of Annalyn Black posing for a picture with her bat and practicing throwing and catching with Wilson High baseball player Jose Urias during a Playmakers baseball game at J.H. McGaugh Elementary School in Seal Beach on March 25, 2023.

us to make sure that they have fun and allows us to ensure that they're in a safe environment and that they have something for them to look forward to when they come," Gomez said. "Your child may be in a wheelchair, but at this moment, your child is a baseball player, and I'm going to make sure that your child gets to experience everything that comes along with that game of baseball."

There are countless success stories that Gomez can rattle off in detail, ranging from a child finally getting comfortable on the field to one of the longest-participating players, Dean, winning a medal in the Special Olympics for pitching.

Dean's mother thanked Gomez for working with him on his pitching skills, telling him, "You're the one that did that."

"I took a step back and I said, 'No, I just showed him what he needed to do,'" Gomez said. "I just worked with him to show him that he could do it and that he was capable regardless of his diagnosis, whatever it may be, that he has the ability to do that. I just took a little

time to show it to him and just be compassionate with him and be patient with him."

Perhaps the most inclusive aspect of the program is the buddy system it entails. Baseball players from local high schools come out every Saturday to play alongside the kids and adults. Buddies not only keep players safe, but teach them baseball skills like how to hold a bat and throw a ball as well as running with them through bases or pushing a player's wheelchair so they can achieve a homerun.

"For us, inclusion is a big deal and that means for us, making sure that our kids can participate on the same fields as kids that are typical kids, that are baseball players and dancers," said Ron Krajniak, board chair of Playmakers whose son participates in the baseball league. "My son is 20 and his sister is 23, and she has friends here all the time and my son is at his best when he's included in the things that my daughter and her friends are doing."

Eventually, Playmakers wants to work with every high school in Long Beach and even the Long Beach State Dirtbags.

The 'I Didn't Know' Problem

For the past year, the Playmakers board has been meeting with the city of Long Beach to discuss building a truly inclusive, adaptive park for families in the surrounding cities.

Their "Field of Dreams" vision includes padded baseball fields so there are no bumps, rocks or holes in the ground that cause problems for people in wheelchairs or with motor functions. Dugouts will be wheelchair accessible and there will be a splash pad, also wheelchair accessible, so kids can play in

the water during or after games.

Playmakers also wants to have a building where people with disabilities can play basketball, dance or participate in other programs. Krajniak explained that since some people on the Autism spectrum can be sensitive to loud sounds, the basketball court will have a "baffled" floor to absorb the sounds of bouncing balls so "they don't get scared away or intimidated."

Their vision is to "make this place, this destination, an example for the rest of the country of what accessible park accessibility means," Krajniak said. As of now, Long Beach doesn't have an adaptive playground, but he said the city has been open to conversations about creating one.

"I came to realize very quickly that we don't have an 'I don't care problem,' we have an 'I didn't know problem.'"

Krajniak estimates that the four-acre park they envision will cost anywhere from \$15-18 million. Through grants and fundraising, Playmakers hopes to raise that money on their own, but obtaining that much land for park space in Long Beach isn't easy, even with the funds.

Playmakers hopes to create the park in Long Beach, but is open to building it in a neighboring city if necessary.

Those who are interested in signing their child up for a sport with Playmakers should visit <https://www.letsbeplaymakers.org/>. There will be a "Pack the Stands" fundraiser on May 20th at the McGaugh Elementary School Baseball Fields in Seal Beach from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



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Susie Haendiges (right) instructs Playmakers students like Riley Degan (left) and others in a stretch during a dance class in Long Beach on March 21, 2023.

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Patricia Sperato came to power in the alleged cult after the death of her husband in 1976. Donato was an employee of the Boys Club in North Long Beach who had amassed a congregation that viewed him as their spiritual teacher.

In 1976, shortly before his death, Donato purchased a synagogue building near the corner of Seventh Street and Molino Avenue in Long Beach. Throughout the years, Morningland has purchased surrounding storefronts, growing their compound to include nearly the entire city block. It was at this compound that Tease and her sister would spend the majority of their youth.

Tease said that when she was 10 years old, she and her family were given new names by Donato and pyramid-shaped medallions to wear. They began to dress in all white and pull away from their extended family.

Morningland after the death of Donato

By the time Tease was 11 years old, Patricia was leading Morningland, and Tease's family moved a block away from the Morningland compound to be closer to their place of worship.

"[Patricia] was a very charismatic leader," Tease said. "Sunday services were extremely beautiful."

But back then, no one in the family suspected that Patricia and the gopis' power disguised dark secrets about Morningland, which threatened to tear them apart. Tease would go on to accuse Patricia and three of her disciples of sexual assault and abuse.

Former member Lee Offenbauer recalled that with Donato gone, Patricia allegedly swiftly moved to take control of Morningland and crush any resistance to her absolute authority. Those who defied her were allegedly forced to go through "clearing sessions," during which other members would continuously verbally, and sometimes physically, attack them.

When they were 14 years old, Tease and her twin sister were



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An aerial view of the Morningland Monastery compound in Long Beach on March 23, 2023.

initiated into a Morningland order called the Daughters of Isis. Tease told the *Signal Tribune* that this was when Morningland clergy began to instruct the twin girls to watch pornography, grooming them for sexual abuse.

By the time they were 16 years old, Tease said that she and her sister were "fully submerged" into Morningland, living on the compound full-time. Her mother had been asked to do the same, but told clergy she had to continue working to provide for her children. Unbeknownst to their mother, Morningland leaders had pulled the girls out of high school.

Under Patricia's leadership, Morningland suffered its first major scandal in 1979, when Attorney General George Deukmejian (namesake for the Long Beach Courthouse) ordered a raid on the offices of Morningland's lawyer, Ed Masry (who is also known for his work with environmental activist Erin Brockovich).

Masry and Patricia were indicted on charges of attempting to bribe former California Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally to interfere with a government probe into Morningland and other religious sects. Because the statute of limitations ran out on the charges as the case was ongoing, the charges were eventually dropped.

Allegations of broken marriages and families

Patricia also allegedly broke up and arranged marriages among her members, according to Offenbauer. His marriage was among them.

Offenbauer would help perform music for the Morningland congregation, and was heading into the temple one night in the summer of 1982 when his then-wife informed him that they were getting dinner instead. He found this odd, but she told him it had already been cleared with Morningland leaders.

Offenbauer recalls that when his wife sat down at a restaurant, she began pounding back glasses

of wine—unusual behavior since she was never a heavy drinker. She then told Offenbauer that Patricia had approached her at the Morningland compound during one of his musical performances and told her they needed to divorce.

"My wife walks into the room, Patricia is in the back listening to us. And she calls her over and she says to her, about me up there, she says, 'Wouldn't you like to just see him grow and blossom?'" Offenbauer said his then-wife told him. "Now put yourself in my wife's situation, this is a question from the master about your husband, who you love dearly: 'Would you like to see him grow and blossom?' So your answer is, 'Yes, of course.' Patricia says, 'Do you want to know what's the one thing standing in his way?' And my wife says, 'Yeah, what is it?' And Patricia says 'You.'"

Even though his spouse made it clear she didn't want to divorce, Offenbauer and his ex-wife went through with Patricia's request.

Offenbauer continued associating with Morningland for six months until he couldn't stand it anymore and left. To his knowledge, his ex-wife is still a member.

Other members were excommunicated, cut off from everything they knew suddenly and without warning, and shunned by their loved ones still in Morningland.

This was Judy's fate.

Once her children reached legal adulthood at 18, Judy said she was kicked out of Morningland. One night around 1984, 25 members, Judy among them, were told they were no longer welcome at the compound without any explanation. She's still not sure exactly why.

Tease said that she and her sister, who had been indoctrinated since childhood, chose to stay at the Morningland compound rather than leave with their mother. They had a hard time deciding whether they should even say goodbye to Judy, and in the end, only Frankie opted to.

Accusation of sexual abuse by leaders

"They kicked her out and then they had full access to us," Tease said. "My sister and I became concubines at that point [...] It was extremely, extremely painful, though no blood was shed, it was extremely painful."

Tease claims that Patricia would order the twins to have sexual relations with her, as well as with other high-ranking clergy members. While Patricia has since died, Tease said three of her abusers are currently in charge of Morningland.

Morningland gives its members new names once they join. Besides Patricia Sperato, the *Signal Tribune* was only able to learn the legal or birth names of one of the individuals Tease said groomed her—Terry Smith, known as the Lama within Morningland. The Morningland names of the two others have been identified as Seravati and Chokru.

Judy said she spent the first three

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years after her excommunication trying to get the city of Long Beach to show concern about her daughters and other resident members of Morningland living on the compound, to no avail.

She went on to find a job at the post office, where she didn't hide the fact that her children were still in Morningland. In December 1986, concerned coworkers who delivered mail in the area around Morningland informed Judy that the entire compound had been locked down because a bomb had been discovered on the premises.

While her mother didn't know it at the time, Tease was upstairs in the building where the bomb had been planted. According to multiple media reports of the incident at the time, the man who planted the bomb accused Morningland of aggressively trying to recruit his sister.

It happened to rain that day, and the moisture caused the bomb to malfunction and fail to properly detonate.

Around the same time as the bombing, Morningland was drawing controversy after investigations by the media. In October 1986 the Long Beach Press-Telegram described how Morningland followers claimed Patricia could cure people of AIDs. Another October 1986 article by the Associated Press described accusations by former members who accused Morningland of pressuring them to have abortions and vasectomies.

Although Morningland was still shunning her, Judy said she would drive to the compound and sit inside her car every year on the twins' birthday, undeterred even when one year Morningland members came out and began to record and insult her. Among them was one of

her daughter's alleged abusers, the Lama, the same man who used to pick the twins up from school.

Judy reached out to the Cult Awareness Network, a former organization that aided people who want to get their loved ones out of cults. She was told that the Cult Awareness Network mostly focused on adults who had been lured into cults, and that it would be exponentially harder to convince someone who had been raised in a cult since childhood to leave.

At 22, Tease said she was subjected to her last, particularly brutal sexual assault at the hand of Patricia, which finally convinced her to leave Morningland in 1986.

Patricia eventually died in 2004, and her body was buried under an altar on the Morningland compound, where it remains to this day.

Breaking the silence

Having been pulled from high school by Morningland, Tease said she had no education and was unprepared to enter the outside world. She was able to start a career through exotic dancing and burlesque, and went on to start organizing shows in Las Vegas.

Tease and her mother were able to reconnect after a complicated healing process. When they first met again, Tease confronted Judy with her memories of sexual abuse in Morningland, which Judy had been previously unaware of. After that, Tease and Judy didn't talk for seven years.

But in 2021, mother and daughter were able to reconcile, and Tease is now coming forward with her story. She's been reaching out to local news outlets, started a podcast discussing Morningland, and is currently working on a memoir about her time in the alleged cult.

"This is a perspective I can

bring," Tease told the *Signal Tribune*. "I didn't get lured in, I was just there with my mom and conditioned. I was never responsible for being attracted to these ideas so I can speak with impunity [about] how stupid this is. This is the advantage the cult kid has."

Because her twin sister is not yet willing to speak publicly about the alleged sexual abuse, Tease and Judy are not sharing their full names, in order to protect her privacy.

Questions left unanswered

The *Signal Tribune* reached out to the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) to ask if the police had investigated or had any information that could be shared with the public regarding whether there are people currently living illegally on the Morningland property.

LBPD spokesperson Richard Mejia replied, "Unless you're inquiring about a specific incident that has a corresponding date/time and police response, I wouldn't be able to search the criminal history of a residence nor an individual."

According to Long Beach Development Services, the area can be used for a mix of commercial and residential uses. However, when specifically asked if the Morningland building, located at 2600 E 7th St., was able to be used as a residence, Development Services said "At this time, the Development Services Department is not able to readily access the historical records on the property to determine whether people have been allowed to live at the property."

Those who drive by the compound today will notice numerous security cameras on the outer walls, and that the large windows of each storefront have been completely covered, keeping anyone outside



Images Courtesy of Frankie Tease

(Above) A photo of Frankie Tease's twin sister and another Morningland member. (Below) A photo of Frankie Tease and her twin sister during their time with Morningland.

from peering in.

The *Signal Tribune* reached out to Morningland, which declined to comment on Tease's accusations.

If you or a loved one has information about the Morningland

compound, or would like to share a personal story about the religious sect, please send an email to kristen97naeem@gmail.com.



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Los Angeles-based rock band, *The Brobots* perform at Signal Hill Park on Aug. 3, 2022, as part of the *Concerts in the Park* series of summer events.

The Grand Prix isn't the only fun thing to do this week in Long Beach. Whether you're spending the weekend avoiding the loud noises of racing cars by quietly crocheting or drowning it out with live music, there are plenty of ways to have fun beyond the track.

The live music celebrations kick off Friday night with wine and piano tunes at District Wine, then continues Saturday night with a country music band at Jimmy E's, Rockabilly-themed music at The PCH Club and DJ performances at The Good Bar. For a more relaxed weekend, there is an author storytime for families Saturday afternoon at Casita Bookstore, a film screening about social justice Saturday evening at the Los Altos Methodist Church and an antique market early Sunday morning.

To celebrate Earth Month among fellow residents, nature lovers can flock to DeForest Park for a Earth Day celebration Saturday morning, attend an Eco Fair hosted by the city Tuesday evening or learn how to repot a plant at Plantiitas Thursday night.

14 FRIDAY

MOM'S NIGHT OUT

6 p.m. We Love LB Moms is holding a kid-free event for local moms at the Hangar (4150 McGowen St.), including drinks, dinner and desserts. Send a direct message on Instagram, @northlbmoms, for more information and prices.

SIP AND SING

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to sip wine and sing along with piano man Kevin Wood at District Wine (144 Linden Ave.). Free to enter.

15 SATURDAY

MI TIERRA CELEBRATION

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Conserva-

tion Corps of Long Beach and other organizations will be hosting an Earth Day celebration at DeForest Park (6255 De Forest Ave.). The event will include music, a drum circle, sound bath, interactive art installations, face painting and more. Free.

QUEER SPEED FRIENDING

Noon. Local couple Eden and Jay will be holding this event for queer couples and singles to make new friends. From 11 a.m. to noon, there will be a mixer specifically for single people. Later, couples and individuals will be matched up for short periods of time on a rotating basis. The concept is similar to speed dating, but for making friends. Tickets cost between \$15 and \$20, and can be purchased on Eventbrite.

AUTHOR STORYTIME

Noon. Casita Bookstore (1440 E 4th St.) will be hosting a reading by author Natasha Khan Kazi of her children's book "Moon's Ramadan." The book centers on Ramadan, the annual Islamic period of fasting, and how it is celebrated around the world. Free to attend.

BRUJITA MARKET

Noon to 4 p.m. Ten local vendors will be selling a wide range of products, including ceramics, crystals, accessories, incense, candles, pins and more at 1740 E 7th St. This is a family friendly event. Friendly dogs are welcome. Free to attend.

CROCHET 101

2 p.m. Dana Branch Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.) will host a crocheting workshop for beginners. Materials will be included. Free.

BROKEN DOWN & TIRED

7 p.m. Voices for Social Justice will be screening a short film about the exploitation of educators in the United States. The screening will take place at the Los Altos Methodist Church (5950 E Willow St.). Free.

COUNTRY VISION BAND

7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Jimmy E's Bar and Grill (2951 Cherry Ave.) will be hosting the local band Country Visions, who will be playing a selection of country music and classic rock, as well as taking requests. Free to attend.

ROCKABILLY SURF NIGHT

7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The PCH Club (6285 E Pacific Coast Highway) will be hosting musical performances by Three Bad Jacks, The Volcanics, The Bloat Floaters and Ukulele Hiro. This event is for those 18 and older. Admission will cost \$20 at the door.

ECLIPSE

8 p.m. DiPiazza's (5205 E Pacific Coast Highway) will be hosting a performance by six burlesque dancers, produced by Daphne Moon. Registration is required for this event. To register, visit <https://dipiazas.com/>. Tickets cost between \$20 and \$35.

SUPER SOUL NIGHT

9 p.m. The Good Bar (3316 E. 7th St.) will be hosting performances by DJ Christian Lopez and Wham Bam Band. This event is for 21 and older. Free to attend.

16 SUNDAY

LONG BEACH ANTIQUE MARKET

5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A wide variety of unique vintage items will be available at the weekly Long Beach Antique Market (4901 E Conant St.), including artwork, furniture, toys, games, clothing and more. Over 800 vendors will be present. General admission costs \$10.

ART OPEN HOUSE

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Ice House Arts Complex (625 Anaheim St.) invites the public to tour its galleries and meet the artists who work there. Free.

17 MONDAY

RESEARCH FOR STARTING, MANAGING AND GROWING YOUR BUSINESS

11 a.m. to noon. Entrepreneurs and business owners are invited to learn how to use Reference 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://www.longbeach.gov/library/digital-library/?resource=154>. Free.

SPRING MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jazz saxophonist Charlie Duran will be performing smooth jazz, R&B, and upbeat tempo dance music at the Signal Hill Library's Zinnia Courtyard. This event is family-friendly. Free.

18 TUESDAY

LONG BEACH ECO FAIR

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to celebrate Earth Month with the City's new Office of Climate Action & Sustainability in the Civic Center Plaza (411 W Ocean Blvd.). There will be music, food trucks, games, giveaways and more. Free.

19 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.

INDIE GAME NIGHT

6 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to play vintage video games at Ambitious Ales (4019 Atlantic Ave). Pizza will be available for purchase next door. Free to attend.

20 THURSDAY

AGAPE ART WORKS

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Long Beach Public Library and the Agape Children's Museum will be holding weekly interactive art activities for school-aged children at the Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E Hill St.). Free.

WINE & ROOTS

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Those 21 and over are invited to learn how to repot a plant while enjoying wine at local plant shop Plantiitas (2011 E 4th St.). This event is a collaboration between local businesses Plantiitas and Art du Vin. General admission costs \$40. To purchase tickets, visit Eventbrite.

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HISTORY

Long Beach recognizing historic establishments with Legacy Business registry



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Kari Barba, the current owner of the historic Outer Limits Tattoo, poses for a portrait near one of the original signs for the tattoo shop on Aug. 31, 2022. The walls around Barba are covered with photos and artwork produced by artists that have worked in the shop throughout its nearly 100-year history.

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Long Beach restaurants, shops and businesses with at least 35 years of history in the city will soon receive city-approved bragging rights and the title of a Legacy Business.

Along with a certificate to commemorate their decades of commerce, legacy businesses will be able to receive support from the city in the form of grants, lease renewal and acquisition aid, marketing assistance, eviction defense and more.

There are 16 businesses being considered for the City's Legacy Business registry including Joe Jost's, Outer Limits Tattoo, Long Beach Playhouse, Tuttle Cameras, Buono's Pizzeria, George's 50's Diner and others. Long Beach Heritage, a local nonprofit that focuses on historic preservation, created the program in July 2022 and brought it to the city earlier this year.

"This item expands on the idea to include a wider breadth of support services that will help us retain cherished historic businesses that make our community so special," said Councilmember Mary Zendejas, who brought the item forward with Mayor Rex Richardson and Vice Mayor Cindy Allen. "We can support the viability of our historic businesses and make sure that they are around for many more generations to come and continue to tell the story of Long Beach."

There are no qualifications to the services that a business must have, only that they have been in operation in Long Beach for at least 35 years. A business can also be considered if they have at least two of the following qualities:

- Has operated in Long Beach for at least 25 years
- Contributes to a sense of history in its surrounding neighborhood

- Has distinctive architecture, interior design or landscaping
- Supports the neighborhood's cultural life, diversity or identity

"The motion today is not just to start the process to recognize legacy businesses, but also to recognize the community of legacy businesses," said Manuel Valenzuela, acting director of Long Beach Heritage and one of the creators of the program. "It's almost a partnership when you start a business and work incredibly hard to get past the hurdles. I think these businesses wear it as a point of pride to exist as long as they do and support the community."

The existing list of 16 businesses are already in Long Beach Heritage's program and will be sent to the City's Arts, Culture, and Tourism Committee and Economic Development and Opportunity Committee for "input and discussion."

Richardson said that businesses that are not on the list, but meet the qualifications to be considered will be entered into discussions. There is no timeframe for how often the list will be updated. Other businesses can include the oldest Cambodian restaurant, a business that used to hold historical neighborhood meetings or has a cultural importance such as VIP Records "where hip-hop was created," Richardson said.

One of the main goals of the Legacy Business registry is to protect businesses from closure, in light of recent hardships due to COVID-19 and increased commercial rent and operating costs. Cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Antonio and Pasadena have created similar programs to aid their most cherished businesses.

Long Beach will expand upon the support services it already provides to local businesses and historic preservation. Services can include technical assistance in the form of lease negotiation, specialized



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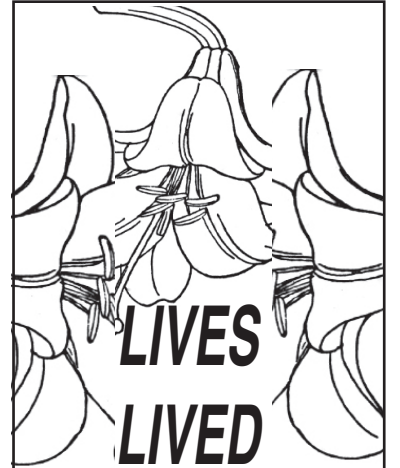
The Long Beach Playhouse marquis at 5021 E. Anaheim St.

grants, help with navigating City permits and project approval and help with transitioning to an employee ownership model if a legacy owner is looking to sell.

"Many of our neighborhoods throughout our city are changing rapidly and really struggling to prevent, not only longtime residents from being displaced, but also our

small businesses that are legacy businesses," said Councilwoman Suely Saro. "This is going to be a great item to talk about how we can prevent them from being displaced."

The creation of the Legacy Business registry was passed unanimously by Long Beach City Council.



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COMPTON COURTHOUSE, 200 W. Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90220 PETITION OF: Andrez Antonio Velasquez Molina for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: ANDREZ ANTONIO VELASQUEZ MOLINA has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: ANDREZ ANTONIO VELASQUEZ MOLINA Proposed Name: ANDRES ANTONIO VELASQUEZ MOLINA 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: May 18, 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, March 24, 31 & April 7, 14, 2023 ___/ss/___ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 9, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: MR. CONSTRUCTION, 15338 GUNDRY AVE 210, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. County: LOS ANGELES Registrant: MILTON O RAMOS CRUZ, 15338 GUNDRY AVE 210, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MILTON O RAMOS CRUZ, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in May, 2018. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 6, 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: March 31 & April 7, 14, 21, 2023

**TST6943 / 2023 067898
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: OVAL LEATHERS, 2601 E VICTORIA ST SPC 483, RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA 90220. County: Los Angeles. Registrant: OVAL LLC, 2601 E VICTORIA ST SPC 483, RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA 90220. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ALEXIS LOPEZ CANTOR,

PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in March, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 28, 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: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023

**TST6944 / 2023 067901
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ARCHILA CARS RESTORATION & PARTS, 3096 SPRINGDALE DR 320, LONG BEACH, CA 90810. Mailing Address: PO BOX 6013, LONG BEACH, CA 90806 County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: WILLIAN ALEXA ARCHILA SOLARES, 3096 N SPRINGDALE DR APT 320, LONG BEACH, CA 90810. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: WILLIAM ALEXA ARCHILA SOLARES, 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 March 28, 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: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023

**TST6945 / 2023 067903
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. HECHOS GIFTS, FLOWERS & EVENTS, 2. HECHOS, 7965 CLETA ST, DOWNEY, CA 90241. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: KATHERYNE MICHELLE BENAVIDES, 7965 CLETA ST, DOWNEY, CA 90241. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: (Get from form). I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: KATHERYNE MICHELLE BENAVIDES, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in January, 2020. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 28, 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: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023

**TST6946 / 2023 069531
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: FAMU CLEANING SERVICES, 13867 MCCLURE AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: FAMU CLEANING SERVICES LLC, 13867 MCCLURE AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MARIA D MUNOZ GARCIA, PRESIDENT. 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 March 29, 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: April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023

**TST6947 Case No. 23CMCP00057
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: Ramon Antonio Olazaba for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: RAMON ANTONIO OLAZABA has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: RAMON ANTONIO OLAZABA Proposed Name: RAMON ANTONIO OLAZAVA 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: June 20, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A, Room 904. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023 ___/ss/___ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 5, 2023

TST6953

**Case No. 23STPB03379
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: DENNIS M. OKUJI**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of DENNIS M. OKUJI 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by MICHAEL M. OKUJI in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that MICHAEL M. OKUJI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4. 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. 5. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain and 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. 6. **A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:** a. May 9, 2023 @ 8:30am, Dept: 2D b. Stanley Most Courthouse 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90802. 7. **If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objection or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. **If you are a creditor or 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 with the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of 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.** 9. **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: AMY R. HENDERSON 225642 LAW OFFICES OF EMILY J. BUCHBINDER 525 CAPITOLA AVENUE CAPITOLA, CA 95010 Phone: 831-462-1313 Fax: 831-562-1045** Pub. Signal Tribune, April 14, 21, 28, 2023

TST6948

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: ARTHUR K. MITCHELL
AKA ARTHUR JAMES MITCHELL
CASE NO. 23STPB03538**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ARTHUR K. MITCHELL AKA ARTHUR JAMES MITCHELL. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SILVIA P. GALAVIZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests

that SILVIA P. GALAVIZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/09/23 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 ALEX R. BORDEN - SBN 180301 STEPHANIE CHAO - SBN 294712 BORDEN LAW OFFICE 1518 CRENSHAW BLVD TORRANCE CA 90501 4/14, 4/21, 4/28/23 CNS-3688335# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

TST6949

**T.S. No. 17-48690 APN: 7211-004-033
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/16/2007. 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 a 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 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. 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. Trustor: KIMBERLY BLUE, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP fka Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 3/21/2007, as Instrument No. 20070636444, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 5/18/2023 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$554,572.21 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 2535 CALIFORNIA AVE, 1 SIGNAL HILL, California 90755-3306 Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust A.P.N #: 7211-004-033 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. 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. 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 (855) 976-3916 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 17-48690. 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 Web site. 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 (855) 976-3916, or visit this internet website tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 17-48690 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. Dated: 4/5/2023 ZBS Law, LLP fka Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606 For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920 For Sale Information: (855) 976-3916 www.auction.com Michael Busby, Trustee Sale Officer This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 36945 Pub Dates 04/14, 04/21, 04/28/2023

**TST6954 Case No. 23LBCP00121
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA, LONG BEACH, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Aeden Keffelew for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: AEDEN KEFFELEW has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: AEDEN KEFFELEW Proposed Name: AEDEN ANBESSAW KEFFELEW 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: May 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



**Pet of the week:
Steadman**

If Steadman looks familiar, it's because he was previously featured as Pet of the Week. He's been in our shelter since last May, and this is no way to celebrate an anniversary. Or put better, having a year's anniversary in an animal shelter, even one as good as Long Beach Animal Care Services, is no cause for celebration. Steadman's held it together mentally and physically, but he hasn't gone home yet and no one can figure out why. He's gorgeous, active, fun-loving and friendly—he'd be a great companion for any human who's familiar with this adventurous breed. Please—our shelter is out of room, and Steadman has to make it out in the only good way possible. If you know a husky rescue or would love to take him home yourself, you can speed the process to adopt or foster Steadman 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#A674834 to meet Steadman. We're over capacity, and everyone needs homes!

TST6950/Order No: 13620
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/25/2023 at 3291 CHERRY AVE
LONG BEACH, CA a Lien Sale will be held
on a 2020 SEDOO
HULL: YDV37961A020
STATE: CA CF#: 1794VT at 8AM

TST6951/Order No: 12658
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/25/2023 at 427 W FLORENCE AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be
held on a 2017 NISSAN
VIN: 1N4AL3APXHC194500
STATE: CA LIC: 8JMV111 at 10 AM

TST6952/Order No: 13597
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/25/2023 at 3225 W SUNSET BLVD
LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held
on a 2020 NISSAN
VIN: 1N4BL4BV4LC221240
STATE: IA LIC: 221240X at 10 AM

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, April 14, 21, 28, & May 5, 2023 ___/ss//___ Michael R. Vicenciaz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 10, 2023

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Long Beach-based musician Hannah Calimpusan, known by her stage name Calinnah, looks into the camera while lying in the grass at Hill Top Park in Signal Hill on April 9, 2023.

Calinnah stepped out of the studio on March 31 for an interview with the *Signal Tribune*. The singer had spent the day creating another one of her "alternative dreamy R&B" bops.

"I feel great. I mean, we worked on a song," Calinnah said. "I actually came up with all the lyrics while I was in the car on the way to the studio. But it's been a beat that I really wanted to work on for a while."

Calinnah began creating music while attending college, but has had a love of music since early childhood. She grew up in Bellflower listening to her family's collection of Motown, oldies and soft rock, and singing at church and with her cousins. She later became interested in pop, hip-hop and R&B during her time as a dancer in high school. Her father is also a singer, and the two would often harmonize or have singing duels in the car.

"That's when I really started enjoying music more and having fun with it," Calinnah said.

The Long Beach-based artist combines her lived experiences and imagination to create songs centering relationships and the problems that arise from them.

"I write a lot of sad songs," Calinnah said. "I think it comes from the relationships that I have with people, and [...] the words that I want to say that I can't say in person I say through my writing."

In her latest music video for her song "Mistake," released on March 24, Calinnah dances in an empty room with several TVs in the background showing only static on their screens. She sings of spending 24 hours in a room with someone, but wanting to be alone.

"I don't wanna wait no more, and I don't wanna talk no more, and I don't wanna fight no more, but I just want to be alone, but I'm here with you," Calinnah croons in "Mistake."

Calinnah told the *Signal Tribune* "Mistake" was inspired by a past relationship she had, and describes the tensions between two people in an enclosed space.

"It was influenced during COVID actually, because we were quarantining during that time. The song is based on being in a room with someone 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and all you want to do is kind of be alone," Calinnah said. "It's talking about how there's

so much sound coming out of the room. You're always fighting with this person. And the tension between you and this person is leading you to a place where you just want to be left alone, but you can't really leave because you're stuck."

"Mistake" is the first new song Calinnah has released in two years, but she said it's the start of a "domino effect." She has more new songs that will soon be released, and an upcoming performance in July organized by Be Here Now, a Long Beach-based event planning business.

"There's definitely a huge music

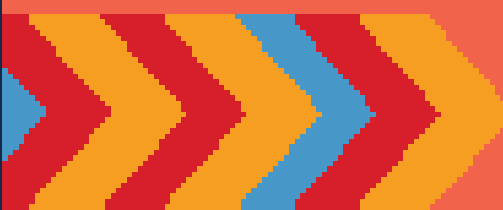
culture in Long Beach that is often overlooked," Calinnah said. "But Long Beach has so much amazing talent and I feel like everybody that I know is involved in music somehow. And I feel like Long Beach needs more recognition for its culture because there's definitely a really cool chill vibe here in Long Beach that I feel is different than LA."

To keep up with Calinnah, follow her on Instagram, @calinnah. Her music is available on YouTube, Apple Music, Spotify, SoundCloud, Deezer and more.



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