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ERICGREGORY BROWN

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Family of Eric Gregory Brown III, a 12-year-old that was shot and killed in Long Beach, speak to the crowd of rally attendees outside of Long Beach City Hall on May 16, 2023.

Peace rally held in honor of 12-year-old shot in Long Beach, suspects still on the loose

Community members gathered outside City Hall on Wednesday to mourn Eric Gregory Brown III while police continue searching for his killer

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

ommunity members gathered to denounce the recent killing of 12-year-old Eric Gregory Brown III during a peace rally held outside Long Beach City Hall on Wednesday, May 16. "It's a sad time for the city," said Jessica Quintana, executive director of nonprofit Centro CHA. "What we need to do as community advocates and leaders is to ensure that we provide the safety to ensure that we have justice and peace in our community."

On Tuesday, May 9, officers with the Long Beach Police Department responded to the 2200 block of Lewis Avenue, between Martin Luther King Jr. and Orange avenues, around 11:30 p.m.

At the scene, police located two children who had been shot: Eric and a 14-year-old girl. Both were transferred to a hospital, where Eric died due to his injuries. The girl's injuries were not life-threatening.

According to police, the two victims were walking with another 13-year-old girl on the sidewalk when a vehicle occupied by at least two males drove up to them. Then an unknown number of people inside the vehicle opened fire on the children.

The 13-year-old girl walking with the two victims was unharmed.

Community organizers, city officials, clergy and members of Eric's family took turns speaking to the crowd, many holding signs with the words "Peace," "Enough is Enough," and more.

"The time has come for us to hold hands, to look at each other, to have love in our hearts and a true care and feeling for each other," Reverend Leon Wood said.

Eric's cousin, Levinia Brown, told the crowd that she wanted them to know Eric as more than a

child victim, describing him as a joyous and fearless boy with a radiant smile.
"When you hear [of] a child dying, you just hear how old they are [...]," Levinia Brown said. "But

"When you hear [of] a child dying, you just hear how old they are [...]," Levinia Brown said. "But it's deeper. It's the life and the gifts that that person had inside of them."

As of Thursday, May 18, a GoFundMe campaign created by Eric's family to help pay for his funeral had reached \$27,542 of its \$50,000 goal.

Anyone with information on the shooting is urged to call Dets. Michael Hubbard or Jesus Espinoza at 562-570-7244, or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS. Tipsters may also use the website www.lacrimestoppers.org.

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FEATURE

This photographer is sharing his passion with community through monthly night walks

Kristen Farrah Naeem & Richard H. Grant

Staff Writer | Photo Editor

round a dozen photographers looked through their viewfinders as the sun began to set around Norse Way on May 10. Their lenses pointed toward flowers, shops and interesting architecture along the way.

During the monthly meetup, Long Beach Night Walks, photographers ranging in experience from first-time amateurs to professionals gather in different areas of Long Beach to take photos together.

"One of my favorite things is just going out and doing something that I love, and being around people that love the same thing that I do," said Sirley Ramirez. "It's really exciting."

Long Beach Night Walks is the brainchild of local photographer Travis Stock-Tucker. After living in Long Beach for 13 years, Stock-Tucker set a goal to meet other creatives while giving back to the community.

Stock-Tucker inherited his love of photography from his grandmother, who bought him his first 35mm camera when he was 7 years old, and captured the moment he unwrapped it on her own camera.

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9-year-old Julien Del Solar poses for a picture that his father Alex takes of him along a wall of a business on Norse Way in Long Beach on May 10, 2023.



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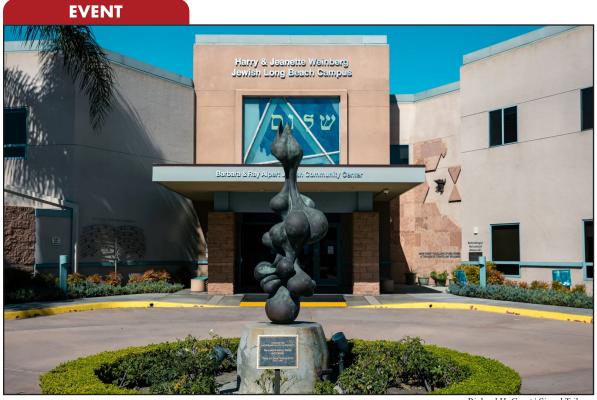
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A front view of the memorial sculpture and front entrance of the Alpert Jewish Community Center in Long Beach on Oct. 25, 2022

Jewish Long Beach will share results of years-long study at Alpert Jewish Community Center

The study was conducted over a two-year period to survey the roughly 40,000 Jewish people living in the Long Beach area

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

For the first time in almost 70 years, the Jewish community in the Long Beach area has been given a chance to share their thoughts, experiences and identities through a study commissioned by Jewish Long Beach.

The results of this comprehensive study, conducted over the course of the last two years, will be shared with the community through a panel and discussion at the Alpert Jewish Community Center on Monday, May 22.

Results and data gathered as part of the process will help local Jewish organizations better understand the wants and needs of the roughly 40,000 Jewish people living in or around Long Beach, and will provide insight on how to improve programming and outreach.

"This data helps inform how we program, how we prioritize our spending, how we target our activities, even how we develop our leadership training as we move across generations," said Richard Marcus, president of Jewish Long Beach's board of directors.

So far, Marcus said that the data has helped point out gaps in their programming for Jewish teenagers and those between the stages of college and starting a family. He said although Jewish Long Beach aims to provide many senior programs, there was still room to improve programs for that age group as well.

Data showed that Jewish people are becoming more diverse. Of the 40,000 Jewish people in the Long Beach area, almost 30% of those people identified as non-white. Marcus said that another aspect that's becoming more diverse is the way that Jewish people express their identity.

While it may be more common for those 65 years old and older to visit a synagogue or community center to worship or engage in activities, the younger generations of Jewish people "tend to get a much more personalized experience," Marcus said.

"So that means what we need to do is to shift focus," he said.

Jewish Long Beach is made up of three Jewish organizations in Los Angeles county—The Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Foundation and the Alpert Jewish Community Center. The Jewish Federation started the process for the study in 2021 and Marcus is one of the people who oversaw the process of the study.

The three organizations officially merged last year to "empower ourselves to use the funds from a foundation, the leadership and capacity from a federation, and the programming and operations of a JCC to really innovate what we're doing," Marcus said.

Data and results gathered in the study will be crucial in the strategic plan for Jewish Long Beach as they move forward in the community, Marcus said. Brandeis University, in partnership with the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, was hired to conduct the study, gather the data and write the report.

Marcus said that it took the group over a year to come up with questions for the interviews and choose a method of surveying, several months to conduct interviews, and several more months to look over the data and write a report on it.

The panel on Monday, May 22 will go over the results of the study. Panelists will include Richard Marcus from Jewish Long Beach; Alpert Jewish Community Center and Jewish Long Beach CEO Zach Benjamin; and professor and principal researcher from Brandeis, Janet Aronson.

Jewish Long Beach plans to conduct a comprehensive study "

Jewish Long Beach hopes that this project raises the tide for every local Judaic institution in fostering identity and continuity for generations to come."

- Press release from Jewish Long Beach

like this every decade for the Long Beach area. This study cost more than \$150,000 total to conduct, much of which came from grants.

Now that the data is gathered in a comprehensive report, Jewish Long Beach plans to share the raw data results as well as the finished report with other Jewish organizations so they can use it to modify, update and improve their programs.

The group will also give out grants to interested organizations so they can better look into any data points that apply to their specific needs

The panel discussion and Q&A on the comprehensive study's findings will be held at the Alpert Jewish Community Center on May 22 at 6 p.m. on the Weinberg Jewish Long Beach Campus at 3801 E. Willow St.

Those interested in attending can RSVP at https://alpertjcc.org/event/long-beach-jewish-community-study-panel/.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Signal Hill to redesign street medians, asks residents to take survey



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune ter the Interstate 405 Freeway

Drivers on the left exit while drivers on the right enter the Interstate 405 Freeway at the 32nd Street entrance in Signal Hill on Nov. 23, 2021.

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The City of Signal Hill is developing design plans to update its street medians.

Redesigns will include changes to the landscaping, hardscaping and irrigation of 45 street medians in Signal Hill, including over a dozen medians along Willow Street.

Updates will include adding new shrubbery and trees, replacing damaged or missing signage, removing possible tripping hazards for maintenance workers and more.

A representative from Landscape Architecture Firm SWA Group, which the City has contracted with, told the Parks and Recreation Commission that not all medians in Signal Hill can have landscaping, as some are completely made of stone or concrete and it wouldn't be feasible to create new irrigation lines for them.

The Street Median Project will overlap with the Street Tree Master Plan, as the City is also considering replacing and removing some trees that are not thriving in the medians with native and climate-ready

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trees, such as Netleaf Hackberries, Australian Willows, Crape Myrtles or others.

The City of Signal Hill is asking residents to take an online survey to gauge the top three new tree species and three new shrubbery species they'd like to see planted in street medians.

The survey will close in one to two days, and the data gathered from residents will be compiled and presented to the City Council next week.

The survey is available on the Signal Hill City website.



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Cameron Kude (right), and Juan Fernandez (left) of Cafablanca, a donation-based coffee cart, rolled into the unionized Starbucks location on 7th Street and Redondo to help give strikers and customers coffee while the Starbucks location was closed on Nov. 17, 2022.

Long Beach considers regulations for street and sidewalk vendors

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Tensions rose between restaurant owners and street vendors during Tuesday's Long Beach City Council meeting, where the council went over a report on possible regulations for street and sidewalk vendors.

The report includes long lists of requirements for permits, locations, hours of operation and fees, and is just the first step in the city creating its own set of rules for street vendors. Lisa Wise Consulting created the report over the course of a year while consulting with City departments and over 2,000 community survey responses.

Many street vendors and supporters told the council that the list of regulations are too restrictive, making it effectively impossible to legally conduct a street vending business. Conversely, restaurant owners from throughout the city urged the council to add even more requirements, and asked the City to restrict street vendors from selling in front of or near brick-and-mortar restaurants.

"A policy is going to be passed, the question is does it strike the right balance and reflect Long Beach," said Mayor Rex Richardson. "We've got our work cut out for us so that we grow our local economy, that we play to our strengths, our culture, our identity, who our communities are—Latinos, Blacks, Cambodians."

The City Attorney's Office is going to draft an ordinance based on the feedback from city council and residents and send it to the Planning Commission for more input. The street vending ordinance will return to council two more times before anything is made part of the City's municipal code.

A 2018 California law—The Safe Sidewalk Vending Act (SB 946)— was passed to decriminalize the act of sidewalk and street vending, and limits the way in which cities can regulate street vending.

The proposed regulations included five pages of distance and location requirements, prohibiting residential areas, certain parks, some city properties, as well as restrictions from vending near public restrooms, bus stops, driveways, ATMs, building entrances and ex-



Kristen Farrah Naeem | Signal Tribune A protest was held on July 2, 2020 in response to the attack on street vendor Bililfo Fernández.

its, outdoor dining areas, beach access points, schools, swap meets, farmer's markets and more.

Other regulations set operating hours, depending on location, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. in some areas.

"I'm usually for government regulations, but that list is really long," said Gabriel Perez with Long Beach Forward. "The ordinance recommendations are unreasonably restrictive and stand to make it damn near impossible for street vendors to operate successfully in the city that they contribute to."

A group of restaurant owners came to the city council chambers wearing matching shirts that said "Save Our Jobs. Long Beach Strong" and argued that street vendors still don't have enough requirements, such as insurance and running hot water. Many argued that street vendors are taking business away from their brick-and-mortar restaurants.

"There's a lot of concerns, mainly that it does take business away from brick-and-mortar businesses and it's taken a lot for us to survive the last few years," said Pamela Beetle, co-owner of the Breakfast Bar.

Any sidewalk or street vendors in the city will require a \$300 business license fee.

Vendors selling food or beverag-

•\$253 for tricycles

•\$300 for food service carts without plumbing

• \$730 for food service carts with plumbing

• Food service carts must also pay plan check fees ranging from \$250-1,165 based on the risk levels associated with their food.

Long Beach is still working out the enforcement fines and revocation of a health permit, which will be presented to city council at a

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ANNIVERSARY

St. Mary Medical Center rings in 100 years of health care in Long Beach with summer festival



Image Courtesy of St. Mary Medical Center

The St. Mary Hospital—now called the St. Mary Medical Center—on opening day on August 26, 1923.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

To celebrate 100 years of providing health care in Long Beach, the St. Mary Medical Center is throwing a huge birthday party—and the entire city is invited.

This summer, St. Mary is hosting a myriad of celebrations to ring in a century of health services focused on underserved and vulnerable communities. As primarily a safety net hospital—meaning the center mainly provides care for people with Medicare or without insurance—health equity has long been one of the main focuses for St. Mary.

Many programs at St. Mary aim to serve diverse and disenfranchised communities, such as the CARE Center, Families in Good Health and the Low Vision Program. The medical center has come quite a long way from being the first Catholic Hospital south of Los Angeles, with 360 beds, a trauma level II program, robotic surgery, a heart care unit and maternal child health services.

Through masses, group barbecues, a gala and a community block party, St. Mary will give thanks to its workers and patients beginning in August.

"For 100 years, people have been coming to us because they're vulnerable and they need help and on that day, we're inviting them to come for a different reason, to come and help us celebrate our 100th anniversary," said Michael Neils, Foundation President with Dignity Health-St. Mary.

History of St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach

The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word purchased the then-St. Mary Hospital from a doctor in Long Beach for \$160,000. Mother Lacidus, one of the sisters, approved the purchase of the hospital and the sisters put another \$140,000 into renovations to open the medical center two months later.

At the time, the sisters only had medical centers in Houston, Tex-



Image Courtesy of St. Mary Medical Center

Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word work in the St. Mary Hospital in the early days of the Medical Center.

to purchase the St. Mary Hospital, Mother Lacidus said, "St. Mary will make Long Beach better for everyone." "We really think that's our lega-

as. When asked why they wanted

"We really think that's our legacy," Neils said. "That's our heritage. That's our ongoing commitment."

By opening day on August 26, 1923, the St. Mary Hospital was able to accommodate 100 patients with an emergency room, laboratory, pharmacy and operating room.

Ten years later, a devastating 6.4 magnitude earthquake destroyed the St. Mary Hospital, along with many other buildings in the city, according to the Historical Society of Long Beach. The sisters rebuilt the center and expanded to include even more services.

even more services.

By 1974, two more renovations occurred and the hospital became known as the St. Mary Medical Center, with double the number of patient beds, all-private patient rooms, a larger emergency room, an intensive care unit, a heart care unit and maternal child health services.

In 1996, St. Mary Medical Center joined Catholic Healthcare West, which was later named Dignity Health in 2012.

"One of the things that we're focusing on as we prepare for our centennial is striving to make sure

that everyone has health equity," said Carolyn Caldwell, CEO of the St. Mary Medical Center.

The St. Mary Medical Center opened the CARE Center in 1986, the nation's first managed network to provide comprehensive care to patients living with AIDS and HIV. Today, CARE provides HIV treatment, PrEP and PEP, social services, dental care, health education and housing assistance to the LGBTQ community regardless of someone's ability to pay.

"That was a very scary time, you know, for so many and St. Mary stepped to the forefront and created the CARE program, and it's still going strong today," Caldwell said.

The CARE Program now helps about 1,600 clients on a regular basis.

The Medical Center has many programs geared towards families of Southeast Asian, Latino and other backgrounds. Its Families in Good Health programs include an advocacy and health education program for young men, a home visitation program for parents of newborns, infant massage workshops, parenting workshops and more.

The Families in Good Health program was created for Cambodian families emigrating to the U.S. in the '80s, Caldwell said. The cen-

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CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, May 10

3:44 a.m., Burglary report, 2600 block E. 20th St.

5:41 a.m., Auto burglary, 1800 block Temple Ave.

7:03 a.m., Burglary report, 2300 block Cerritos Ave.

9:05 a.m., Burglary, 2200 block St. Louis Ave.

9:50 a.m., Grand theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.

3:23 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, E. Hill St. west of Walnut Ave.

5:09 p.m., Disorderly conduct/alcohol, misdemeanor warrant, 2300

block Lewis Ave. (suspect arrested) 6:43 p.m., Burglary, 2200 block St. Louis Ave.

6:48 p.m., Grand theft - motor vehicle, 900 block Las Brisas Way

7:19 p.m., Threaten crime with intent to terrorize, 2600 block Wall St. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, May 11

7:40 a.m., Auto burglary, 1800 block E. 20th St.

7:53 a.m., Grand theft, 2300 block Cerritos Ave.

8:12 a.m., Vandalism, 2700 block E. PCH

10:31 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. Willow St.

Friday, May 12

8:22 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block California Ave. 8:43 a.m., Carrying concealed dagger; robbery, resisting Peach Officer; felony warrant; 3 misdemeanor warrants, 2500 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

10:15 a.m., Identity theft, 1600 block E. Spring St.

12:17 p.m., Elder abuse, 2700 block E. 20th St.

7:12 p.m., Battery, 1800 block Dawson Ave.

Saturday, May 13

1:37 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 700 block E. Wardlow Rd. 3:50 p.m., Auto burglary, Gaviota Ave./E. Hill St.

Sunday, May 14

2:25 a.m., Assault with deadly weapon, Cherry Ave/E. 21st St. (suspect arrested)

12:49 p.m., Auto burglary, 1800 block E. Hill St.

7:05 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. PCH/Redondo Ave.

Monday, May 15

8:18 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Obispo Ave./E. Hill St. 12:57 p.m., Forgery, 3200 block E. Willow St.

8:39 p.m., Trespassing, obstruct/resist Peace Officer, 90 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Tuesday, May 16

No information available at time of print

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A section of crime scene tape surrounnding a blocked-off section of the road.

Authorities identify victim in Long Beach fatal shooting

City News Service

Southern California Local News

A man who was fatally shot—allegedly by the ex-boyfriend of the woman he was living with in Long Beach—was identified Monday.

The Los Angeles County Coroner's office identified the 44-yearold victim as Mario Gallegos.

The shooting was reported about 6:30 a.m. Wednesday in the 6200 block of California Avenue, about a block east of Houghton Park, according to the Long Beach Police Department.

"Upon arrival, officers located a male adult victim with life-threatening injuries to his upper body," police said in a statement. "The suspect fled the scene before officers arrived."

The wounded man died at a hospital, police said.

Oscar Alejandro Chan of Long Beach was arrested later that day and booked on suspicion of murder, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and illegal possession of ammunition, police said. He was being held in lieu of \$2 million bail.

According to police, "Homicide detectives responded to the scene to investigate and determined the suspect ... arrived unannounced at the home of the victim and his former girlfriend. He entered the home, got into a physical fight with the victim, shot the victim and left the scene by unknown means prior to the officers' arrival."

Chan was arrested about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Santa Fe Springs, police said.

"Detectives believe that the shooting was related to a dispute involving Chan's former girlfriend and the victim," police said. "However, the motive for the shooting remains under investigation."

Anyone with information on the case was urged to call Detectives Sean Magee or Juan Carlos Reyes at 562-570-7244. Tipsters may also call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS, or use the website www.lacrimestoppers.org.

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Beach's rich history in mind; on

the contrary it will further disen-

franchise even more working-class

residents from participating in our

economy," said resident Diane Bur-

around decriminalizing and I think

the conversation today around cita-

tions and enforcement of citations

is criminalizing," said Erik Garcia.

"Even though the misdemeanor

penalty isn't there, in practice what

is happening is still very much de-

criminalization. There's a fine and

there's a group that's going to be

Garcia, along with other resi-

dents, asked city council to issue a

moratorium protecting street ven-

targeted by that fine."

"Overall [SB 946] revolved

A street vendor sells Mother's Day gifts outside of a Rally's location at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Cherry Ave. on May 9, 2022.

later date. City staff said that violations cannot be punishable as an infraction or misdemeanor.

Under SB 946, the maximum fines for a permitted vendor are:

- \$100 for first violation
- \$200 for second violation
- •\$500 for third violation
- \$500 and possible rescinding of permit for any additional violations
 - For an unpermitted vendor:
 - \$250 for first violation
- •\$500 for second violation •\$1,000 for third violation and
- any additional violations
 The bill states that the city must

take into consideration the person's ability to pay the fines.

"These recommendations do not seem to be in keeping with Long dors from citations while the ordinance is being considered.

Starting last year, Long Beach gave two "educational visits" to vendors operating without a health permit, where a sidewalk vendor would be informed of the regulations and need for a permit instead of being cited with a fine.

Beginning on May 17, the city will be giving only one education visit before enforcing regulations. Immediate action will be taken if there is an imminent health safety hazard, according to city staff reports.

The City Council agreed that the report put forward was not clearly stated, but unanimously passed the report along and appointed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for future consideration. Multiple friendly amendments were made to remove some regulations while adding others.

The street vending regulations will return to council at a later date. Regulations surrounding food trucks will be presented to the city council this summer.



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Enedelia Aguilar sells elotes or corn as well as raspados or shaved ice on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021.

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Nellie de la Cruz and Arlene Ramirez donated 80 care packages to nurses at Dignity Health – St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach.

ter moved many of its programs to virtual visits and workshops during the COVID-19 pandemic, which Caldwell said brought the network of care centers, hospitals and departments in Long Beach even closer as they leaned on each other for support and resources.

"St. Mary has been such a great supporter of our community and has, for years, looked for ways to give back and live our true mission of providing health and support for those that are vulnerable or disenfranchised," Caldwell said.

Centennial Celebrations

The first of the summer celebrations hosted by St. Mary is a centennial mass on Aug. 23 on the St. Mary campus. The Archbishop of Los Angeles, José Gomez will be attending, as well as eight members of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word who have worked at St. Mary in the past.

Following the mass St. Mary will host a picnic-style barbecue for all of its staff members with food trucks and tables lining the lawn.

The sisters will be honored for all of their work in Long Beach and beyond at a celebration that is invitation-only on Aug. 24. Current and former board of directors will be present, as well as major donors from over the years to honor the sisters' legacy.

The entire community will be invited to a block-party-style festival on St. Mary Medical Center's 14-acre campus on Sept. 30. from noon until 7 p.m. The festival will feature local food vendors, an ar-

tisan market, children's activities, live music and more.

Music performances will take up the main stage with a rotating cast of bands throughout the day, while anyone who wants to showcase their talents will be invited to perform on a community stage.

Attendees will be able to purchase a wristband that gives them access to a "taste of Long Beach" section of the festival where they can sample food from various local restaurants. Local nonprofits who have worked with St. Mary will be highlighted in another section of the festival.

On the morning of the festival around 11 a.m., all religious groups and denominations are invited to a time of "blessing and thanksgiving."

"It's a privilege to do what we do ... You look to us, and you invite us into your life in a special way," Neils said. "So our first goal, or goal number one was to say thank you to Long Beach for allowing us to be a part of your life for 100 years."



Image Courtesy of St. Mary Medical Center Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word work in the St. Mary Hospital in the early days of the Medical Center.

PICS FROM PEEPS

Pictures from the People ... At Night!

The *Signal Tribune* thoroughly enjoyed going through pictures of our reader's cuddly, happy rescue dogs. This next photo prompt is for the more adventurous photographers who roam their city at all hours of the day. Earlier this week, our reporter and photographer went on a nighttime photo walk hosted by a local photographer (read about it on pages 1 & 6). Thus, our new photo prompt was inspired.

We're inviting our readers to view their neighborhood in a new light—the moonlight. Grab your camera and send in your best photos of Long Beach and Signal Hill at night, whether you see bright neon signs illuminating the street, sidewalk vendors selling food to latenight customers, or the odd coyote darting through the neighborhood.

Send your entries through email to Newspaper@SignalTribune.com or to our Instagram page @SignalTribune. Please include your name, city and a short caption.





Image Courtesy of Lorena Rodriguez
Bean, a.k.a. Lady Beansley, from Lorena Ro-



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



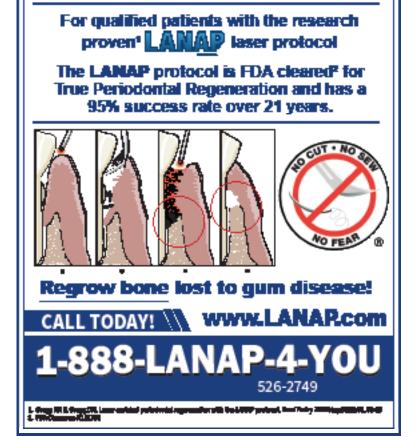
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A view of the historic Art Deco style Hotel Metropolitan building on the corner of East Broadway and Linden Avenue in Long Beach during the night on June 7, 2022.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

Motorists drive past the Long Beach sign near Shoreline drive near the I-710 freeway exit is lit up in yellow and blue to mimic the colors of the Ukrainian flag in support of the country as they fight against invading Russian forces.



FREE Gum Disease Treatment

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His grandmother could always be seen on the periphery of family events clicking away on her camera. Throughout her life, she amassed a personal collection of thousands of

Inspired by his grandmother's passion, Stock-Tucker has continued taking photos and building his unique style for over 20 years, and is now sharing the art form with others. Stock-Tucker said his photos are typically darker night shots using long exposure.

During the last Long Beach Night Walk on May 10, participants formed a loose circle as Stock-Tucker explained the guidelines for the evening, which included announcing the monthly theme, "service," and instructions to respect local business owners who may not want their establishments photographed. In line with the theme, some photographers focused on tables where people could be served, with others peeking through shop windows to take photos of the services offered within.

At each Long Beach Night Walk, photographers are invited to take photos based on the theme and submit them to Stock-Tucker, and the best one is recognized. Last month, Ramirez took the best photo for the theme "pastels," with her photo of the Aquarium of the Pacific during sunset.

Stock-Tucker said Ramirez is a new photographer using her first camera, and has become a regular fixture at Long Beach Night Walks.

Among the other burgeoning photographers at May's Long Beach Night Walks was 9-year-old Julien Del Solar, who was still wearing his elementary school uniform as he walked along Norse Village Way taking photos with his father.

"For me to help somebody that's brand new, that's probably my favorite part," Stock-Tucker said.

Long Beach Night Walks take place on the second Wednesday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. To learn the location of each meetup, visit @happilybeardedafter on Instagram.



Travis Stock-Tucker (@Happilybeardedafter on Instagram) who leads the monthly night photo walks, poses for a picture outside of a picture framing store on Norse Way in Long Beach on May 10, 2023.





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(Above) Travis Stock-Tucker (blue hat) gives the members of his photo walk some safety tips before they navigate around the various businesses on Norse Way in Long Beach on May 10, 2023. (Below) Stock-Tucker, who leads the monthly night photo walks, takes a picture through a glasses-themed bike rack on Norse Way in Long Beach on May 10, 2023.



Rigel Gutierrez crouches to get a shot of some blooming red flowers during a photo walk on May 10, 2023.



Sirley Ramirez lines up a shot through a window of a shop on Norse Way during a photo walk on May 10, 2023.



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A worker at Wolf's Brew Coffee cleans the glass window of the coffee shop after closing on May 10, 2023.

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AROUND TOWN

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



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A pride-themed RV made to resemble a '60s Volkswagen bus drives down Ocean Avenue on July 10, 2022.

T's Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Senior Citizens Month, and Friday morning starts with a showcase of Cambodian music and dance at McBride Park meant to uplift both groups.

Start Pride Month early with the entire family: bring your pets to a march and picnic at Bach Neighborhood Library on Saturday, or stop by the beach on Sunday to enjoy music and food trucks.

Local residents looking to learn a new skill can stop by Crochet Club at the Signal Hill Library on Friday, or take a composting workshop at Houghton Park on Saturday morning.

19FRIDAY

CAMBODIAN MUSIC AND DANCE CELEBRATION

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seniors are invited to watch a showcase of Cambodian music and dance at McBride Park (1550 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.). There will be dance lessons, food, drinks, vendors and more. Free.

CROCHET CLUB

11 a.m. to noon. The public is invited to the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) to crochet together for an hour. This event is appropriate for all skill levels. For more information, call (562) 989-7323. Free.

20^{SATURDAY}

PAWALK FOR PRIDE

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to celebrate Pride Month with their furry friends at the Bach Neighborhood Library (4055 N. Bellflower Blvd.). The event will start with a walk around the block, followed by an author talk and a Polynesian dance performance. Free.

LEARN TO COMPOST

10 a.m. to noon. During this workshop at Houghton Park Community Center (6301 Myrtle Ave.) participants will learn how to turn food scraps into nutrient-rich plant

compost. The workshop will teach residents how to create and maintain a backyard compost bin as well as what materials can and cannot be composted. To register for the event, visit https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dYLrmOYlTciog6CQajInFw. For more information, call (562) 570-2869. Free.

GRAND OPENING

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Local business British American Motorcycles (1940 Freeman Ave.) invites the public to celebrate the opening of its new location. There will be food, beer, raffles and giveaways. Free to attend.

RIB COOK-OFF

5 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Long Beach Rod and Gun Club (3333 Pacific Ave.) will be holding a rib cookoff competition, with the proceeds benefiting SoCal Youth Boxing. Barbecue plates will be available for purchase. This event is for those 18 and older. Free to attend.

21^{SUNDAY}

YOGA BASICS

9 a.m. Port Town Yoga (4850 E Livingston Dr) will be hosting a class where participants can practice basic asanas. All levels are welcome. To register for the event, visit meetup.com/porttownyogaLB. The class costs \$10.

TURKISH FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. This festival at Shoreline Aquatic Park (200 Aquarium Way) will celebrate Turkish culture with food, music and entertainment. Everyone is welcome. Free.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS Market

Noon to 4 p.m. The Birthworkers of Color Collective will be hosting a marketplace at Goodtime Long Beach (1322 Coronado Ave.), including local vendors, food, drinks, workshops and more. Free to enter.

BIG GAY BEACH Takeover

Noon to 6 p.m. The public is invited to the Rainbow Lifeguard

Tower (intersection of E Ocean Blvd. and 11th Pl.) to celebrate Pride Month with music, food trucks, beach games, art, dancing and more. Free to attend.

SILENT DISCO

5:30 p.m. So We Are Silent Disco invites the community to surrender themselves to the music and tune into their bodies by the beach (3998 E Allin St.). All participants will be given a pair of headphones and encouraged to try "ecstatic dance" while listening to a curated playlist. General admission costs \$30. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

22^{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://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/7538683153703267600. Free.

TRIVIA NIGHT

7 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to the Auld Dubliner (71 S Pine Ave.) to participate in a weekly trivia competition hosted by America's Pub Quiz. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Free to attend.

23TUESDAY

BOOK CLUB FILM SERIES

3 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the award-winning 2018 romantic comedy, Crazy Rich Asians, at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). There will be a brief introduction before the movie and a discussion afterward. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Free.

MANGA CLUB

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens who love manga and anime are invited to the Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E Hill St.) for discussions, activities and screenings every fourth Tuesday of the month. Free.

24 WEDNESDAY

BABY & TODDLER Storytime

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Babies and their caregivers are invited to Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.) to enjoy stories and playtime. Free.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Local nonprofit Help Me Help You will be holding a walk-up food distribution for people at Lincoln Elementary School (1175 E. 11th St.). Attendees should bring a personal shopping bag or cart to carry their food home with. Food will be available on a first-come first-served basis. Free.

25THURSDAY

MAKE YOUR OWN Mandala

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The public is invited to the Brewitt Neighborhood Library (4036 E. Anaheim St.) to make mandalas. Participants can color in a provided mandala or make their own using mixed media. Snacks from across the Asian continent will be available. Free.

AAPI ARTLAB

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Artist Maria Maea will be teaching a workshop on the Samoan art of palm weaving at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). This event is appropriate for people 8 years old and older. No experience is necessary. All materials will be provided. Free.

SINISTER SHOWCASE

7 p.m. Supply & Demand Co. (2500 E Anaheim St.) will be hosting a death metal and thrash metal concert for those 21 and older. The concert will feature six different artists and bands. There will be a \$5 cover charge at the door.

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POLICY

LBUSD will update retention policy based on new data

Data reveals that students held back do not perform better the following year

Briana Mendez-Padilla

Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District is considering updating its promotion and retention policy to better serve students and reflect data findings.

Board Policy 5123 was first adopted in 1998 and initially had district reading benchmarks as the sole measure for deciding whether students were held back or moved on to the next grade. That assessment was phased out in 2018-19 because it didn't align with the Common Core standards and expectations at that time.

There have been revisions throughout the early 2000s to add different benchmarks like grade levels and math proficiency.

According to district data presented at the May 17 board meeting, almost 10,000 LBUSD students were retained between 2007 and 2019.

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Brian Moskovitz said that given the board's policy, this retention had "good intentions" and that interventions were put in place to support students and help them do better next year.

However, district data reveals that despite interventions, retained students don't perform better than students who qualified for retention but were not retained.

During the 2019-20 school year, the district had begun the process of considering revisions to the policy, but it was interrupted by COVID-19. Moskovitz said that the recommendations the district had been working on before the pandemic were put on hold to focus on acceleration instead.

"[We were] not worrying as much about promotion and retention and worrying more about 'how do we make sure all of our students are reading and all of our students are doing well in mathematics?"



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Students walk across the playground after recess at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School for the first day of school on Aug. 31, 2021.

Moskovitz said.

The graduation rate for retained students from 2007-2019 was 73% compared to the 80% graduation rate of non-retained students. Not-retained students also have a higher A-G completion rate (48%) than retained students (27%).

"At the moment, we were following code. We're thinking 'We're doing what's right by kids' and now we're looking at data years later and seeing that maybe it didn't have the impact that we would hope and we hadn't maybe considered the long-term impact," Moskovitz said.

However, despite the negative

impact of retention, the district still needs to have a retention policy, as per the state education code.

"We've engaged with a lot of our community, including parents and teachers and administrators, to think about what might it look like to do something that still aligns to our [education] code, but actually allows us to be more intentional and look at ways to support our students," Moskovitz said.

The proposed revisions to the policy mainly attempt to ensure that if a student needs to be retained, there has to have been extensive work and interventions provided before that decision, according to Moskovitz.

The district worked alongside teachers, principals and parents to get feedback and recommendations on how to improve the policy.

Some of these recommendations include:

• Updating criteria to include multiple measures and include historical and diagnostic data

•Moving from one reading benchmark assessment to multiple measures of student achievement

• Following the Education Code and retaining only in grades 2-5, not first grade

monitoring
The board will vote on whether to revise the retention policy at their next meeting on July 7.

·Increase data collection and

"I think this is a great improvement and I look forward to seeing a policy being brought for us to consider," board President Diana Craighead said. "It also underscores the fact that we need to be monitoring our policies to make sure that they are up to date and still serve the needs of our students."

ART PROGRAMS

State funding for the arts allows LBUSD to update curriculum and hire more staff

Briana Mendez-Padilla

Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District is expanding its art curriculum across all K-12 schools to align with state requirements.

During the November 2022 election, California voters passed Prop 28, also known as the Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act, which is meant to increase arts education funds across the state.

Prop 28 requires the district to establish a new ongoing program that supports visual and performing arts (VAPA) instruction in schools for the 2023-24 school year and beyond.

LBUSD will receive approximately \$10.7 million per year starting in July 2023 to expand its arts programs and opportunities across the district; 70% of this funding is based on enrollment and the other 30% is based on a share of low-income Title 1.

Schools get to decide how to spend their allocated funds based

on student needs. However, 80% of these funds need to be spent on new certificated staff—art teachers, classified personnel and teaching aids—while the remaining 20% can be used on supplies, equipment and training.

Some of the current challenges for arts at the elementary level include waitlists for instrumental music instruction, music teachers being split across many sites as well as uneven opportunities for enhancement due to costly programs. With the new funding, each site can expand its programs as well as hire more personnel.

"The spirit is to provide additional access, not supplanting existing programs we already have," Christine Whipp, VAPA curriculum leader, said.

According to Whipp, all LBUSD schools already submitted proposals for their arts staffing for the 2023-24 school year based on estimated funds.

Some of the changes made possible by Prop 28 funding include greater access to art, dance, theater

and music to all elementary school students and increased access to VAPA electives for middle and high school students. New VAPA classes include costume design, script writing, digital animation and more. Existing art programs will also recieve additional staffing and support.

"We are in the space of helping our students have all of the academic skill sets to go on and be the best version of themselves that they can be, but there's a component of it that are soft skills, and the arts helped do a large part of that," board member Erik Miller said. "So nothing makes me more excited than to see us emphasizing the importance of that within the Long Beach Unified School District."

Board member Juan Benitez pointed out that funding arts opportunities outside of school usually depended on fundraising from the Parent-Teacher Associations (PTA) and emphasized the importance of accounting for schools whose PTA may not be as active.

According to Program Adminis-



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Allison, a Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School student, prepares to raise her hand and tell State Superintendent Tony Thurmond that her dream is to be a law-yer on Aug. 31, 2021.

trator of Professional Learning & Curriculum Services, Nader Twal, Prop 28 funding will help "take the burden [of funding arts opportunities] off of the PTAs."

"I do know that every kid, regardless of the activity in the fundraising of their PTA, deserves that

kind of caliber of an arts education, not only for the outcomes that it provides but for the culture that it preserves and the opportunity that it gives us to become more culturally responsive," Twal said.



Pet of the week: Obe-Wan Kenobi

Obe-Wan Kenobi has one of the best curly tails ever, and he can't wait to show it off to his forever family! He's only 2 years old and is a medium-size white pit bull mix. Look at that smile! He'll win your heart with it! Obe's a spunky little guy and gets excited to see other pups.

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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#A692261 to meet Obe. We're at capacity, and everyone needs homes!



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST6965

NOTICE OF A WORKSHOP May 25, 2023 6:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 25, 2023, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill, California, will conduct a public workshop at 6:00 p.m. in-person and via video/teleconference to discuss the Biennial Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

You are encouraged to participate and provide comments during the public workshop in one of the following ways:

- You may participate in-person at the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California
- You may participate via teleconference: call (408) 638-0968 (audio only) and enter meeting ID: 837-9692-9236, press # when prompted to provide participant ID, and enter passcode: 760317;
- You may participate via Zoom.com. To join the meeting via Zoom, enter the following meeting ID: 837-9692-9236 and passcode: 760317; or
- You may submit comments by email to the City Clerk at <u>cityclerk@cityof signalhill.org</u> no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2023. Written comments will be attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not be read into the record.

For further information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (562) 989-7305.

All interested persons are hereby invited to attend.

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TST6968 Case No. 23LBCP00180 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 275 MAG-NOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Louis David Macias for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: LOUIS DAVID MACIAS has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: LOUIS A. MACIAS Proposed Name: LOUIS DAVID MACIAS 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 23, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 27. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, May 19, 26 & June 2, 9, 2023 ___// Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: May 12, 2023

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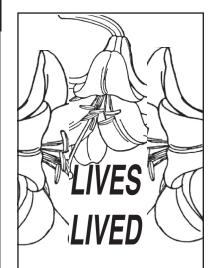


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ERIC GREGORY BROWN III RALLY

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Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune 14-year-old Sean Tatum holds a sign saying "Peace" while attending a rally after the death of 12-year-old Eric Gregory Brown III due to gun violence on May 16,



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune Rev. Dr. Gerald Johnson leds a crowd outside of Long Beach City Hall in a song of prayer and peace during a rally to oppose gun violence on May 16,



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune Family of Eric Gregory Brown III, a 12-year-old that was shot and killed in Long Beach, speak to the crowd of rally attendees outside of Long Beach CIty Hall on May 16, 2023.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune Rally attendees hold signs while outside of Long Beach City Hall during a rally to oppose gun violence on May *16, 2023.*



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune Jessica Quintana, executive director of nonprofit Centro CHA speaks to the crowd outside of Long Beach City Hall during a rally to oppose gun violence on May 16, 2023.



Levinia Brown, cousin of Eric Gregory Brown III, speaks to the crowd of rally attendees outside of Long Beach CIty Hall on May 16, 2023.









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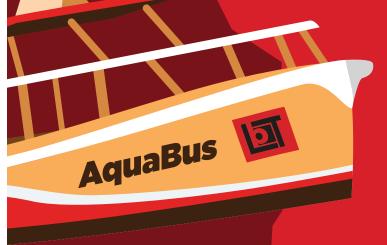
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