

FEATURE



New exhibit at Munzón Gallery explores connection between art and music

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Prints by local artist Chris Estrada wait on the floor of Munzón Gallery on June 7, 2023, before being placed for the June 10 opening day of the "What I See" exhibit.

Chris Estrada's new exhibit at Munzón Gallery takes inspiration from his biggest musical heroes

Kristen Farrah Naem

Staff Writer

The local brand Farewell Transmission is a synthesis of visual art, music and fashion created by a local printmaker and self-described "record nerd."

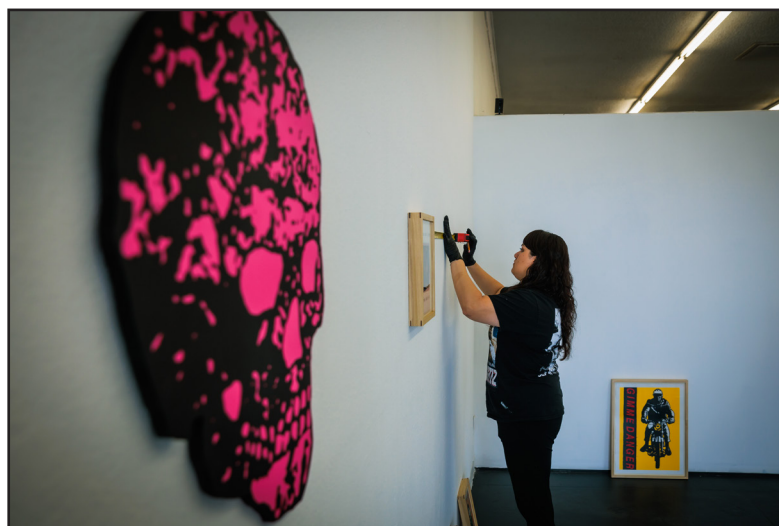
Walking into Chris Estrada's newest exhibit at Munzón Gallery in Cambodia Town, viewers can see prints inspired by the works of legendary artists and bands such as John Prine, Leonard Cohen, Black Flag, Misfits and more.

As a teenager, Estrada played guitar in punk and hardcore bands and taught himself screen printing to create promotional T-shirts. Since then, music has remained the main source of inspiration for his artistic endeavors.

Estrada's creative career took an unexpected turn during his time working at a bookstore. The store was frequented by a jewelry-making professor from a local community college, who pressed Estrada to take a printmaking class despite his initial reluctance.

"I didn't want to, it didn't really sound like what I wanted to do. She encouraged me and I ended up taking it," Estrada said.

Encouraged by his customer, he enrolled in a printmaking class



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Elizabeth Munzón, owner and curator of Munzón Gallery in Long Beach, measures artwork and the wall to place pieces from artist Chris Estrada in her gallery on June 7, 2023.

taught by Rick Reese. In Reese's class, Estrada learned new skills and discovered a shared love for punk music with his mentor. Their friendship continues to this day, and they still attend punk shows together.

After taking that first class taught by Reese, Estrada went on to earn his Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree at Cal State Long Beach.

"I never really thought I could be an artist. And he kind of helped me

understand that I could," Estrada said.

Estrada continued the musical references in his work by naming his brand "Farewell Transmission," after the 2003 track of the same name by Songs: Ohia. He can still clearly remember the first time he heard it—a coworker played it for him as they worked together in a record store.

"It was a rainy day, it was just the two of us in the record store.

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EDUCATION

LBUSD's 2035 Vision includes equity, inclusion for students



Mark Savage | Courtesy of LBUSD

Students walk towards the front doors of Millikan High School on the first day of in-person classes on April 26, 2021.

Briana Mendez-Padilla

Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District approved a 12-year plan to reimagine what the future for

LBUSD students will look like at their Wednesday, June 7 meeting.

The district partnered with Prospect Studio—a non-profit organization that works with school districts for long-term visioning and

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NEWS

City of Long Beach asks residents to take a survey about homelessness

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The City of Long Beach is asking residents to take a survey on their knowledge and perceptions of homelessness in Long Beach.

According to a statement by the City, the data gathered from the survey will be used to inform public services, resources and responses.

Homelessness has been steadily increasing in the local area. According to the City's annual Homeless Count, 3,296 people were identified as being homeless in Long Beach in 2022, compared to 2,034 people identified in 2020 and 1,863 in 2019.

In the survey, residents will be asked to rate the overall availability of affordable housing (for both rent and purchase), the variety of housing options and the City's response to homelessness.

Questions included in the survey include the following;

- In your experience, compared to other cities in the area, how does Long Beach address the issue of



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Tents line part of the LA River bike path under the Ocean Ave. bridge in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2021.

homelessness?

- How much should the city invest in addressing homelessness in relation to what is currently invested? (This question is required.)

- What are your top concerns associated with homelessness in Long Beach?

- In your opinion, what are the main causes of homelessness?

- In your opinion, what should be done in order to reduce the issue of homelessness locally in Long Beach?

The survey can be taken online on the community engagement platform Zensity.

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Wednesday, May 31

10:49 p.m., possessing controlled substance for sale; felony warrant, Hill St./Obispo Ave. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, June 1

4:36 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 3500 block E. PCH (suspect arrested)

5:40 a.m., Fire, 1700 block E. 28th St.

10:37 a.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Palm Dr.

6:11 p.m., Fire, E. Hill St./Temple Ave.

Friday, June 2

4:23 a.m., Grand theft, 1100 block E. Wardlow Rd.

11:28 a.m., Identity theft, 2300 block E. Spring St.

1:18 p.m., Grand theft; possessing controlled substance, 2200 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)

6:28 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block St. Louis Ave.

9:55 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2600 block E. 19th St.

Saturday, June 3

11:09 p.m., Throwing objects at moving vehicles, Skyline Dr./Ohio Ave.

11:56 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Gundry Ave./E. 21st St.

1:10 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2400 block E. 28th St. (suspect arrested)

3:35 p.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.

5:25 p.m., Auto burglary, 2000 block E. 21st St.

9:13 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2300 block Lewis Ave.

9:26 p.m., Robbery, 900 block E. 33rd St.

Sunday, June 4

11:02 a.m., Fire, E. Willow St./Lewis Ave.

Monday, June 5

2:37 p.m., Grand theft, 2500 block Cherry Ave.

4:23 p.m., Identity theft, 2400 block Lewis Ave.

4:33 p.m., Elder abuse, 2200 block Ohio Ave.

Tuesday, June 6

11:21 a.m., Battery, 700 block E. Spring St.

2:50 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 700 block E. Spring St.

4:54 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.

6:37 p.m., Possessing controlled substance, 2200 block Molino Ave. (citation issued)

7:06 p.m., Possessing paraphernalia; obstruct/resist Peace Officer, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)

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

You can use filters to select dates and types of crime.

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Students, parents and LBUSD staff shared their goals and aspirations for the district

strategic planning—to create Vision 2035. The document will serve as a framework to guide the creation of a strategic plan with strategies and action items to make these ideas and goals become a reality.

Vision 2035 is the product of extensive community engagement and feedback. According to the draft report, the district and Guiding Coalition held 82 community meetings, two Community Installation meetings and three surveys that were circulated.

The Guiding Coalition is a group of 103 students, family members, staff and community members who represent the district's diverse communities and helped design the Vision.

"Those most impacted by any change should take part in co-designing that change," Fiona Hovenden, strategic foresight lead at Prospect Studio said. "Power reinforces itself. So to create a more equitable system we need to keep interrogating the roots of power and really trying to undo and sort of expand the circle."

The Vision consists of four components: A graduate, adult and system portrait and a statement of core values. Each portrait has eight themes, chosen by the Guiding Coalition after looking over community feedback.

"They are the visions of our stakeholders but most importantly, they represent the voice of our students," Helen Keller Middle School Principal Dawn Lomeli said.

The graduate portrait reflects what an LBUSD graduate should look like, which includes being a/an:

- Future-ready adult
- Equity and inclusion leader
- Trustworthy and respectful human being
- Resilient, mindful and thriving self-advocate
- Adaptable lifelong scholar
- Ethical problem solver

Jackson Hogue, a SATO Academy sophomore, is one of the Guiding Coalition members who worked on the graduate portrait and said he is most excited about lifelong learning skills.

"Things are changing fast, and there's a lot of problems going into our future and the students now are faced with a difficult task of fighting climate change, other social and economical issues," Hogue said.

The adult portrait states that the adults involved in a student's education should be a/an:

- Champion for students
- Positive and resilient professional

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The system is perfectly designed to get the results we get. If we want to improve the outcomes for students and adults in the district, the system has to be redesigned to promote these outcomes.”

—Viva Mogi,
Strategic Programs and
Policy Development Director

- Adaptable and reflective lifelong learner
- Empathetic communicator
- Empowering facilitator of learning

Professional Learning & Curriculum Services Program Administrator Nader Twal recalled how his job description for LBUSD listed all the things he had to do, but not what he had to be.

"These are those things that we

hope for and want in an adult to cultivate the graduate [the plan envisions]," Twal said.

The system portrait represents a long-term strategy to dismantle broad inequity within the district. According to the plan, an equitable system should include characteristics like:

- Flexible, high-quality learning with real-world applications
- Global competence and connectivity
- A culture of inclusion, well-being and affirmation
- A culture of equity-centered innovation and creativity
- Future-focused facilities and technology infrastructure

"The system is perfectly designed to get the results we get," Strategic Programs and Policy Development Director Viva Mogi said. "If we want to improve the outcomes for students and adults in the district, the system has to be redesigned to promote these outcomes."

The coalition group also identified nine core values that intend to guide the district's actions over time:

- Centering students' needs and voice
- Authentic community engagement and collaboration
- Culture of innovation and creativity
- Diversity and inclusion
- Environment that fosters connection, respect and safety
- Equity and social justice
- Excellence and accountability through continuous improvement
- Fostering joy and commitment
- Integrity and responsible leadership

The Vision 2035 plan passed with 4 yes votes and one no vote from board member Maria Isabel Lopez who expressed that her feedback was not included in the Vision document.

COMMUNITY

Hof's Hut's summer community fundraiser raising money for school supplies

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Comfort food cafe chain Hof's Hut will be hosting a community fundraiser to benefit local low-income students at the restaurant's three locations in Southern California.

Partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of Long Beach, the Los Angeles Harbor and Greater Anaheim-Cypress, the fundraiser aims to raise donations for hundreds of new backpacks filled with school supplies for students returning to school this fall.

All June long, customers who dine in at any participating Hof's Hut location can round up their checks with a minimum donation of three dollars. With this donation to Round It Up America, those who donate will earn a "bounceback" coupon for a free individual pie or slice of pie.

Guests ordering online during the month of June who donate a minimum of three dollars with their online order will receive their



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Members of the Local Hearts Foundation stand behind the tables with backpacks that they will give out to students on August 14, 2021.

coupon when picking up their order. These coupons for dine-in and online customers are valid July 1-31.

Throughout the entire month of July, Hof's Hut will donate \$1 toward the purchase of school backpacks for Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach members for every

chicken pot pie or breakfast pot pie sold. Hof's Hut says they will match up to \$1,000 in funds raised.

The three participating Hof's Hut locations are located in Long Beach (2417 Bellflower Blvd.), Torrance (23635 Crenshaw Blvd.) and Seal Beach (12480 Seal Beach Blvd.).

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AROUND TOWN

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

While the official start of summer is still weeks away, businesses and organizations across Long Beach and Signal Hill are already ramping up with fun events throughout the week. Residents don't have to venture far to learn a new skill, attend a festival, support a worthy cause or wind down with some karaoke.

For those looking to connect with their community, Willow Springs Park is in need of volunteers on Friday afternoon. Residents can help clean up their neighborhood by meeting at Franklin Middle School Saturday morning. Signal Hill residents can learn about the Hillbrook Park redesign at the city council meeting Tuesday night and the community is invited to learn how to compost through a virtual lesson Thursday afternoon.

Each week is set to be filled with LGBTQ+ Pride Month events, such as the pride-themed loteria game at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library Friday night, the Gay Time Pride Party Saturday night at Goodtime Long Beach and the drag story hour at Casita Bookstore Sunday morning.

09 FRIDAY

FATHER'S DAY DIY CELEBRATION

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Residents can create Do-It-Yourself gifts for Father's Day at MacArthur Park (1321 E Anaheim St.). Children can create aprons, fridge magnets and more while enjoying music and food. Entry is free, but reservations are required on Eventbrite.

WEST AFRICAN DANCE CLASS

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All ages and levels of experienced dancers are

invited to learn West African dance moves at the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach (4321 Atlantic Ave.) Entry is free, but donations are encouraged.

PRIDE LOTERIA

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Residents of all ages are invited to play a Pride-themed loteria game at Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.) in celebration of Pride month. The event will include a photo booth, coloring and dancing. Refreshments will be served. Registration through the city's calendar is encouraged as space is limited. Free.

10 SATURDAY

CAL HEIGHTS FURNITURE SWAP

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Point by Point Studio is hosting this community furniture swap at Roxanne's (1115 E Wardlow Ave.) where residents can buy, trade and sell pieces of furniture in good condition. There will be a silent bidding period, and attendees can decide if they want to sell their furniture or trade it for another piece. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online through June 9 or at the door, with all proceeds going to ABLE ARTS Work.

LA INDEPENDENT BEER FEST

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 75 breweries will be serving their beer at ShoreLine Aquatic Park (200 Aquarium Way) during this annual festival. The event will feature food and music. General admission costs \$60. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

GAY TIME PRIDE PARTY

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Goodtime Long Beach (1322 Coronado Ave.) will be hosting this Pride-themed event

featuring food, vendors, performers, raffles and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring cash to tip performers. Admission is \$10 to \$20.

11 SUNDAY

WALK4HEARING

9 a.m. This walk planned by the Hearing Loss Association of America will raise funds for those with hearing loss. The walk will start at Shoreline Park (200 Aquarium Way). To register, visit walk4hearing.org.

26TH ANNUAL DIA DE SAN JUAN FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. This Puerto Rican festival will feature live music and DJ sets at Rainbow Lagoon Park (400 Shoreline Drive). Residents can bring blankets, chairs and ice chests to enjoy a picnic while listening to music. Tickets are \$42 online or \$55 in-person the day of the festival. Children ages 11 to 14 are \$30 to enter and children under 11 are free.

DRAG STORY HOUR

11 a.m. Residents are invited to attend this drag story hour at Casita Bookstore (1440 E Fourth St.), where Pickle will be reading children's books aloud to celebrate Pride Month. Free.

CELEBRATION OF THE SEAS

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Long Beach Chorale and Chamber Orchestra is returning to the Honda Pacific Visions Theater at the Aquarium of the Pacific (100 Aquarium Way) for its annual concert. The chorale will perform light-hearted music that celebrates the ocean and its inhabitants. The show is open to all ages. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3 to 11, and can be



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Councilmember Cindy Allen and a member of her staff walk across the repainted pride flag-themed crosswalk at the corner of Junipero Avenue and Broadway in Long Beach on June 30, 2022.

purchased online.

12 MONDAY

SPANISH STORY TIME

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring children to enjoy stories told in Spanish at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

AUTHOR TALK

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aaron H. Aceves, author of "This is Why They Hate Us," will be discussing his debut coming-of-age novel at Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). This event is for those 12 and older. Refreshments will be provided. Free.

13 TUESDAY

VEGAN TACO TUESDAY

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. During this pop-up by Green Roots LB at 235 E Broadway, attendees can enjoy vegan tacos and conchas. Bottomless tacos are available for \$25. Register on Eventbrite.

HILLBROOK PARK COMMUNITY OUTREACH

7 p.m. Signal Hill City Council will be giving a presentation on the upcoming redesigning of Hillbrook Park at its bi-weekly meeting at Signal Hill City Hall (2175 Cherry Ave.). Free

14 WEDNESDAY

ADULT ART CLUB

Noon to 1 p.m. Participants will learn the ancient art of paper quilling at Brewitt Neighborhood Library (4036 E. Anaheim St.). All materials will be provided. Free.

KARAOKE

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Residents who want to belt out a tune to a room full of tipsy strangers can head to Dutch's Brewhouse (4244 Atlantic Ave.) every Wednesday night for Bixby Karaoke. Free to attend.

15 THURSDAY

LEARN TO COMPOST

Noon to 1 p.m. During this virtual workshop participants will learn how to turn food scraps into nutrient rich compost for plants. The workshop will teach how to create and maintain a backyard compost bin as well as what materials can and cannot be composted. To register for the virtual event, visit the city's online calendar. Free.

NIGHT MARKET

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy this combination of a street fair and farmers market in downtown Long Beach (300 N Promenade.) The event will include vendors, live music and more. Free.

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ART

Peer into the personal beauty of the Mid-City Studio Tour

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1. Sue Ann Robinson

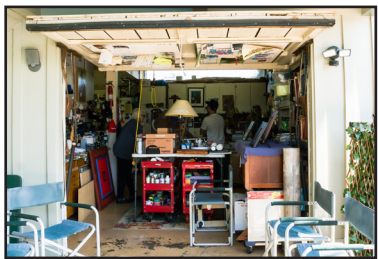


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Seconds after dipping a blank piece of paper in a tray of colored dye, marbles and water, Sue Ann Robinson holds up a finished piece of artwork from her workshop.

3. Carol Roemer

The third stop on the tour took me to Carol Roemer's garage studio. Roemer has been teaching art in Long Beach for years and uses various pieces of trash, antique items and anything else she has around her home to create her mixed-media art.

"What I want to do is teach everyone that they can make art because it's fun and it's all around you," Roemer said.



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Carol Roemer's art studio, where she creates mixed-media pieces and paintings, is housed in her garage in east Long Beach.

Over 25 artists across Long Beach opened up their studios, gardens and homes to the community for the final Mid-City Studio Tour. Though the tour included 15 locations, my hopes to visit each spot were quashed by my desire to soak in the personal affections and warm conversations with artists at each of their homes.

Here's a peek inside some of the artist homes and studios in the final Mid-City Studio Tour:

2. Judy Chan & Gail Werner

The next stop on my journey took me to east Long Beach, and the home of Gail Werner. She's one of the founders of the tour and said although she will miss the event, she's relieved to get a break from the work of hosting and planning.

Werner has two studios in her backyard and invited her friend Judy Chan to house her art in the second studio. Chan said she hasn't participated in the tour in years, but felt compelled to join in the final iteration of the event.

"It's been years since I've had my art shown so I'm seeing friends I haven't seen since college," Chan said.



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One of the best parts of the Mid-City Studio Tour is seeing the various tools used by local artists, such as the used paint brushes and paint-smattered containers in Judy Chan's gallery.



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Half-used paint tubes, clean brushes and various holding containers—including an empty tub of yogurt—sit inside Gail Werner's backyard studio.

4. Joan Skosberg Sanders



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Joan Skosberg Sanders poses by one of her many vibrant paintings during the final Mid-City Studio Tour.

The next tour stop was a three-minute drive to the beloved artist Joan Skosberg Sanders, where her daughter and other family members hosted the community as they walked through Sanders' home. Her vibrant paintings were surrounded by colorful vases, green couches, a white Christmas tree and many other bright decorations.

5. Jaye Whitworth

Another east Long Beach stop took me to Jaye Whitworth's home, which was filled with her many intricate lovely dollhouse-themed pieces.



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A dollhouse framed piece of artwork was one of many intricate creations at Jaye Whitworth's home and studio.



Samantha Diaz | Signal Tribune
Long Beach artist Jaye Whitworth poses by some of her many, many dollhouse art pieces that fill her home.

6. Greenly Art Space

My final stop of the day was at Signal Hill's one and only nonprofit art gallery, Greenly Art Space.

Owner and curator Kimberly Hocking displayed some of her original art that has never been seen before, along with two Long Beach artists who passed away since the last tour (Slater Barron and Pia Pizzo) and two other local artists (Ellen Butler and Anne Kupillas).

View the full gallery of the Mid-City Studio Tour at SignalTribune.com

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The following person is doing business as: 1. FUNERARIA PALACIOS, 2. PALACIOS FUNERAL HOME, 5150 CANDLEWOOD ST. #6D, LAKEWOOD, CA. 90712. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: FUNERARIA PALACIOS INC, 5150 CANDLEWOOD ST. #6D, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ROCIO PALACIOS, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in January, 2015. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on May 19, 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: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

ciation. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Los Angeles Superior Court of California, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90402 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Gregory C. Pylfrom, Sr., Gregory C. Pylfrom & Assoc., Inc., 1534 N. Moorpark Rd., #324, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 (818) 433-3666. Date: (Fecha) December 30, 2022, Clerk by (Secretario) SHERRI R. CARTER Executive Officer / Clerk of the Court, M. Young II, Deputy (Adjunto) Published Signal Tribune 6/2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

pursuant to the provisions of the Address Confidentiality Program 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: July 13, 2023; Time: 9:30a.m., Dept. 1, Room 534. 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, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023 ___/ss/___ Michelle Williams, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: May 17, 2023

**TST6979 Case No. 23LBCP00193
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Ernesto Alejandro Bracamontes for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ernesto Alejandro Bracamontes has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Ernesto Alejandro Bracamontes Proposed Name: Ernesto Alejandro Estrada 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: July 7, 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, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023 ___/ss/___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: May 22, 2023

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST6981

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
AND CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, the Planning Commission of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission will consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 23-01

**A REQUEST TO OPERATE THE LONG BEACH FIREFIGHTERS
ASSOCIATION CLUB AS DEFINED BY THE SIGNAL HILL MUNICIPAL CODE AND TO ALLOW LIMITED LARGE EVENTS AND USE OF
THE ADJACENT PRIVATE CITY PARKING LOT PURSUANT TO AN
EXECUTED LICENSE AGREEMENT**

Agent: Kevin Scott of the Long Beach Firefighters Association
Property Owners: Long Beach Firefighters Association Local 372
Recommendation: Staff is recommending approval.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are hereby invited to participate in this public hearing to present written information, express their opinions, or otherwise present evidence on the above matter.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE and provide comments during the Public Hearing in one of the following ways:

To view or listen to the meeting live at 7:00 p.m.

- You may participate in-person: 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 860-0994-8336, press # when prompted to provide participant ID, and enter passcode 636831;
- You may participate via Zoom.com. To join the meeting via Zoom, enter the following meeting ID 860-0994-8336 and passcode 636831 when prompted;
- You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org, or by mail to the attention of Colleen T. Doan, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda (on or before Wednesday, June 14 at 5:00 p.m., City staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 will be provided electronically to the City Council and attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not be read into the record;
- The City is not responsible for meeting disruptions or technical difficulties; however, if you are disconnected, please repeat the steps above.

You are encouraged to provide written comments in advance of the publication of the agenda as well as participating during the meeting, to ensure that the Planning Commission has ample time to consider your comments and that the applicant has the opportunity to respond to comments prior to finalizing the project for City Council review. When the City Council public hearing is scheduled, you will receive a second notice.

THIS PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303 Class 1 as an Existing Facility (Class 1 Exemption), consistent with the provisions of CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15300.2. The proposed project consists of the continuation of event and office uses in an existing commercial building and does not involve expansion of the existing building or require offsite utility improvements. The subject site is located in an urbanized area where all necessary public services and facilities are available, and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive.

IF YOU WISH TO LEGALLY challenge any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City prior to or at the public hearing.

THE FILE and associated documents for the proposed project may be reviewed publicly on the City's website at www.cityofsignalhill.org. If you have difficulty in accessing the documents, please contact Community Development Director Colleen T. Doan, at (562) 989- 7344 or via email at cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org.

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**TST6977 Case No. 23LBCP00211
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Kanika Pen for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: PRINCETON LEANG KARONA PEN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: PRINCETON LEANG KARONA PEN Proposed Name: PRINCETON PEN 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: July 12, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: May 31, 2023

TST6969

**CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso):
22MCV02965
SUMMONS**

(CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Ramon Cartznes dba Precision Construction Experts, Inc.; Precision Construction Experts, Inc., a California corporation; Defendant Elias [Last Name Unknown], individually and dba Precision Construction Experts, Inc.; Stephen Andrew Meyers dba Precision Construction Experts, Inc.; David [Last Name Unknown], individually and dba Precision Construction Experts, Inc.; and DOES 1-50, inclusive. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Samantha Coker, an individual NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar asso-

**TST6971 Case No. 23LBCP00186
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Jennifer Teegardin for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: JENNIFER TEEGARDIN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: JENNIFER JEAN STARR TEEGARDIN Proposed Name: JENNIFER JEAN STARR 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 28, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S26. 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, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: May 17, 2023

**TST6972 Case No. 23LBCP00186
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 PETITION OF: Priscilla Cano on behalf of her son, Ezra Salinas for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: PRISCILLA CANO ON BEHALF OF HER SON, EZRA SALINAS has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Ezra Salinas Proposed Name: confidential on file with the Secretary of State's Office per provisions of the Safe at Home Program

**TST6966
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: RONNIE LEE JONES
CASE NO. 23STPB05215**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RONNIE LEE JONES. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RONNIE LEE FRANK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RONNIE LEE FRANK 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 with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/20/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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 MATTHEW C. YU, ESQ. - SBN 256235 THE LAW OFFICE OF MATTHEW C. YU 3620 PACIFIC COAST HWY #200 TORRANCE CA 90505 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/23 CNS-3701615# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

TST6982/Order No: 15342
Auto Lien Sale

On 06/23/2023 at 821 SOUTH MAPLE AVE MONTEBELLO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2006 BMW VIN: WBABV135X6KX34300 STATE: CA LIC: 6HSF728 at 8AM

TST6983/Order No: 13494
Auto Lien Sale

On 06/26/2023 at 7856 S WESTERN AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 NISSAN VIN: 1N4AL3AP1HC474161 STATE: CA LIC: 8TOA515 at 10 AM

CHRIS ESTRADA
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A skull printed onto stone is on a display inside Munzón Gallery before the opening day of the "What I See" art exhibit of Chris Estrada's work on June 7, 2023.

It was kind of gloomy, and they put that album on and it was just like, 'Oh man. This is so impactful and so heavy.' And the funny thing is I didn't even know who it was the first go around, and I had to ask a little bit later like, 'Hey, do you remember you put this album on? It had an owl on the cover.' I bought a copy for myself and just sat back and listened to it and kind of soaked it up."

Through Farewell Transmission, Estrada releases his artwork as prints on paper and apparel. One print included in his exhibit "What I See" at Munzón Gallery, and previously released on a t-shirt, is an homage to musician John Prine.

The piece depicts coffins of servicemen covered with United States flags being loaded into the cargo bay of a military aircraft, along with the title of the song "Your Flag Decal Won't Get You Into Heaven Anymore." The version displayed at Munzón Gallery was printed using red and blue ink on a white background.

The exhibit is titled "What I See" in tribute to the Black Flag song of the same name, and includes artwork inspired by the band. In one

print, lyrics from the song "My War" are printed alongside a depiction of a woman in a spacesuit made using black and fluorescent ink.

It's difficult for Estrada to explain how exactly he chooses the quotes and makes corresponding artwork for his prints, but he said he focuses on communicating the emotions behind moments in his life.

"Predominantly, in my show that's coming up, it's just dragging from a lot of different inspirations that went into me becoming the person that I am, and artist that I am, [...] trying to pay homage to that and kind of explain an almost intangible feeling—like the first time when I saw something or heard something, and trying to get those feelings that are in my head out on paper," Estrada said. "So sometimes it's kind of a tough one, to explain this is why this is important to me, because it doesn't always translate."

"What I See" opens to the public on Saturday, June 10 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Munzón Gallery (1730 E Anaheim St.). Munzón Gallery is open from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays.

LBUSD



LBUSD enrichment programs help create community spaces for Black parents and students

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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.

Briana Mendez-Padilla
Education Reporter

What Luther Burbank Elementary third grader Harper Jones loves the most about Sankofa Saturdays—an enrichment program for Black kindergarten through fifth-grade students—is that no one said anything mean about her hair.

"They didn't pull on it or ask me questions either; some of my new friends said, 'Your hair is cute,'" Harper said.

Harper is one of the over 75 students who enrolled in the seven-week session of Sankofa Saturdays, a program that focuses on social-emotional learning skills and academic achievement for Black students.

Sankofa is a term deriving from the Akan people of Ghana that loosely translates to "go back and get it."

Advisory Committee Lead Elysa Taylor-Stewart said that over the past year, the Black Student Achievement Initiative (BSAI) adopted the principles of Sankofa, emphasizing that in order to move forward it is important to go back to one's roots.

The BSAI is funded through the 2021-22 Learning Acceleration and Support Plan which allocated \$750,000 to develop an initiative advisory committee to recommend additional support for Black students. One of the main goals of the initiative is to create programs that enrich Black students' experiences as well as look into and analyze data to identify specific areas of need.

"BSAI looks forward to a future where our Black students are not just surviving but thriving," Taylor-Stewart said.

Taylor-Stewart said that "in the spirit of Sankofa" the BSAI will reflect on the past two years to establish how they address educational inequities and outcomes for Black students moving forward.

"We look forward to building out a more intentional pathway to academic success and social-emotional well-being for our students," Taylor-Stewart said.

The BSAI hopes this pathway will lead to improved test scores and A-G completion rates as well as create a greater sense of belonging and college and career readiness.

Some of the strategies to achieve this include strengthening existing projects as well as expanding and creating others like the high school mentoring program that will be offered at Lakewood and Woodrow Wilson High School starting in the fall.

The BSAI Advisory committee also recommended the district create a Black Parent Resource Center, a Black Student Achievement Initiative Webpage and eventually a Black Student Initiative Department.

During the initiative's first year, Taylor-Stewart led the Coalition of Involved African American Parents which held parent engagement and informational sessions.

Other events held during the first year include a discussion panel on historically black colleges and universities, a virtual black history celebration and the first annual Black Student Achievement Initiative Symposium.

In year two, the BSAI launched Sankofa Parent Village to offer care and support to parents and caregivers of Black children. Taylor-Stewart said around 60 people would show up each month to learn and uplift each other.

Eugene Nah, a Stanford middle school teacher and adoptive father of a Black son, has been attending Sankofa Parent Village to learn more about raising a child in a transracial family.

"I am grateful that the district has provided this avenue to hear feedback and respond to needs as well as for the Black community to share knowledge and to uplift each other," Nah said.

A Father's Voice is the latest program under the Sankofa Parent Village and is meant to provide resources and community to fathers and male guardians of Black children to learn together and socialize.

At the school site level, \$1,500 was allocated to LBUSD Black student organizations across middle and high schools like the Black Student Unions and the Young Black Scholars program.

The advisory committee also recommended the district hire additional staff under the BSAI umbrella as well as designated staff per school site to serve as communication support for BSAI.

"You cannot imagine how many times I hear, 'I didn't know about that.' 'When did that start?'" Taylor-Stewart said. "No principal, no teacher [and] no parent in this district should be unaware."

Board member Erik Miller emphasized the importance of contextualizing BSAI achievements with data.

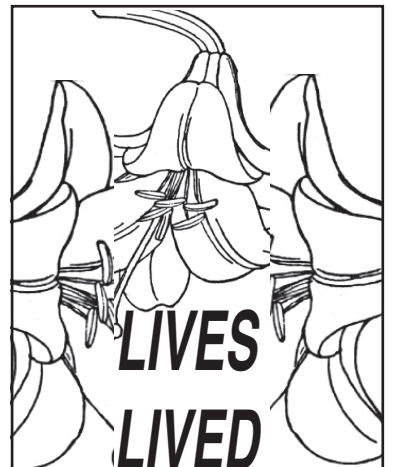
"As we continue to work on this space and improving the quality of education for our Black students in particular, I think that it is important for us to capsulize the impact of our efforts as we continue the quality work," Miller said.



Pet of the week: Pineapple

Ask for ID#A542375. Look at those ears! She can hear for miles and miles! Pineapple is one of 14 cats removed from a hoarding situation, all of whom were named after fruits. She's now ripe for the picking and would love to show you how sweet she is behind the rough and spiky shell of her past. She's a little shy but gets into the groove quickly, enjoying the love and being held and massaged. Pineapple is a shelter cat, but she's on display at the Paw Shoppe, 6416 E. Spring St. in Long Beach! To make Pineapple your princess, email PetAdopt@longbeach.gov to speed the process for adopting or fostering. Ask for ID#A695717).

(This rescue encouraged by the usual suspects.)



- Bert Sistoni 92
- Sylvia Thomas 89
- Yvonne Marshall 73
- Vivian Gotschall 93
- William Lambrecht 69
- Karen Mendell
- Bruce Wills 28
- Javier Hernandez 29
- Theresa Lebel 92
- Herbert Abel 80
- Joe Andazola 84
- Ellen Lang 98
- James De Mask 81
- Melvin Kaplan 97

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