

COMMUNITY



Long Beach Disability Pride returns for second year

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Ryann Mason, a dancer with Infinite Flow, masterfully incorporates her chair in a dance routine performed for the second annual Disability Pride celebration at Harvey Milk Promenade Park on July 26, 2023.

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Photo Editor

Wednesday marked the 33rd anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and with that, also the second annual Long Beach Disability Pride celebration.

The event was hosted by Long Beach Citywide ADA Coordinator Jennifer Kumiyama, who founded the event and was attended by much of the Long Beach City Council and around 40 guests at Harvey Milk Promenade Park.

"As we reflect on the past 33 years, let us celebrate the achievements, honor those who fought tirelessly for this legislation and reaffirm our dedication to building a future where individuals with disabilities can thrive and live their best life," said Councilmember Mary Zendejas during the event.

During the event, organizations from around Long Beach handed out information, while Black Sheep Salon provided free haircuts and attendees munched on free hot-dogs provided by the Long Beach International Association of Firefighters.

Infinite Flow, a professional non-profit dance company based in Los Angeles that highlights dancers both with and without disabilities to foster inclusion, performed a series of dances. Performers included two Infinite Flow members, Ryann Mason and Lionel Taplin, as well as



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Ms. Wheelchair California winner Candis Welch speaks to the crowd gathered during the second annual Disability Pride celebration at Harvey Milk Promenade Park on July 26, 2023.

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ART

Exhibit at Loiter Galleries in Long Beach explores creative intersection of skateboarding and art



Image Courtesy of Loiter Galleries

Two skateboard decks painted by Steve Saiz that are included in the "Long Beach Calling" exhibit at Loiter Galleries.

Six members of the Us Angeles art collective are showcasing their SoCal skateboarding styles at Loiter Galleries

Kristen Farrah Naem

Staff Writer

Brought together by their shared love of skateboarding and art, multiple artists from the collective "Us Angeles" are showcasing their unique and diverse styles at the latest exhibit hosted by Loiter Galleries in the heart of Downtown Long Beach.

The gallery walls display an eclectic array of artwork, featuring paintings of skulls and snakes adorning skateboard decks, eyeballs on canvases, and vibrant, multi-colored abstract creations on fabric. Each piece bears the distinctive style of one of the six artists who took part in the "Long Beach Calling" exhibit.

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1:55 p.m., Trespassing, 2000 block Stanley Pl, (suspect arrested)
8:21 p.m., Battery, 2400 block E. 21st St.
9:06 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

Thursday, July 20

6:41 a.m., Auto burglary, E. 25th St./California Ave.
2:30 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.
3:41 p.m., Lewd act on Child/dependent, 1700 block E. Hill St.
4:02 p.m., Forgery, 1500 block E. 33rd St.
4:06 p.m., Fire, E. Willow St./Lemon Ave.
8:43 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. Hill St.

Friday, July 21

7:39 p.m., Elder abuse, 2000 block Stanley Pl.
3:03 p.m., Grand theft, 1400 block E. Burnett St.

Saturday, July 22

5:29 p.m., Intoxicated person, E. 33rd St./Cerritos Ave.

Sunday, July 23

6:25 a.m., Grand theft - motor vehicle, 3300 block Lewis Ave.
8:39 a.m., Identity theft, 1800 block Orizaba Ave.
10:06 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2100 block Gaviota Ave.
2:02 p.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block Gaviota Ave.
9:51 p.m., Criminal threats, 1900 block Stanley Ave.

Monday, July 24

4:18 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. 28th St./Cherry Ave.
7:41 a.m., Auto burglary, 2000 block Junipero Ave.
11:08 a.m., Elder abuse, 3200 block Lemon Ave.
4:06 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2900 block Obispo Ave.
5:19 p.m., Robbery, 700 block E. Spring St.
11:13 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 800 block E. Spring St.

Tuesday, July 25

4:18 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. 28th St./Cherry Ave.
7:41 a.m., Auto burglary, 2000 block Junipero Ave.
11:08 a.m., Elder abuse, 3200 block Lemon Ave.
4:06 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2900 block Obispo Ave.
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CRIME

New bench in Pan American Park honors murder victim Frederick Taft; family continues call for justice

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Staff Writer

Residents, activists and family members of the late Frederick Taft gathered in Pan American Park on Saturday, July 22 to honor his life and continue calling for justice in his murder. A new bench was unveiled in the park, bearing a portrait of Frederick Taft by artist Noah Frazier.

Frederick Taft was a local grandfather who was fatally shot from behind in the bathroom of Pan American Park during a family reunion in July 2018. The suspect, described as a white man in his 50s, was never found.

“Hold the person accountable, whoever did this,” said Corie Taft, Frederick’s daughter. “I really feel like, to be honest, that my dad’s case got swept under the rug to be honest with you. It’s been five years, no justice. It’s kind of hard to believe.”

Frederick Taft’s niece Allison Flanigan said, during a 2020 protest, that the killer was hiding in a bathroom stall when Frederick entered, then emerged from the stall in the men’s room and shot Frederick nine times from behind, including once in the back of the head, killing him while he was still exposed.

Flanigan said in 2020 that the Long Beach Police Department left his body in plain view for hours and did not make any efforts to place a sheet over Taft or obstruct the public’s view. People began to gather and take photos of the scene on their phones, Flanigan said.



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Community members, activists, and family members of Frederick Taft stand in front of a bench dedicated to him in Pan American Park.

Since the murder, the Taft family has been asking the City to install cameras in the park. According to Corie and Black Lives Matter Long Beach chapter co-founder Audrena Redmond, the City has declined to do so, citing funding issues.

“The pandemic should have taught all of us that when the City and governments need to find resources for things, they have no problem finding the resources for what they need,” Redmond said. “And the City of Long Beach has a huge police budget.”

The family, activists and City staff are also in the process of reinstating the reward for any information that may lead to the arrest of Frederick’s killer.

“We’re living in a recession, where times are hard,” Corie said. “Maybe before people felt they

didn’t want to talk because they were scared. But I feel like since it’s five years now, you’d be surprised what people might say now.”

Members of Frederick Taft’s family, including his young grandchildren, gathered around the park bench as the plastic covering was removed, revealing a painted portrait by Frazier of Frederick’s face on a multicolored background.

“It’s important to have the face there so people can walk by and say, ‘What happened?’ and then turn around and read ‘Frederick Taft,’ and maybe hop on their phone and Google it, and then get the explanation,” Frazier said. “So it’s not just, ‘Oh, this is beautiful’ and ‘Frederick Taft, beloved father,’ and they keep passing and don’t really understand why the bench is here.”

NEWS

Harbor Scenic Drive slated for weekend repairs

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Harbor Scenic Drive in the Port of Long Beach will temporarily close for multiple weekends starting the evening of Aug. 4 as work crews repair the roadway, officials announced Wednesday.

The closures between Harbor Plaza and Ocean Boulevard will potentially impact drivers headed to Piers G, H and J at the Port of Long Beach, the Queen Mary, the Carnival Cruise terminal and nearby hospitality businesses.

Detours will be available using a combination of Pico Avenue and Harbor Plaza for heavy duty vehicles. Cars and pickup trucks will also have the option of using Queensway Bridge to access the area of downtown Long Beach.

Port officials advise motorists to use caution while traveling through the work zone, heed the direction of Harbor patrol officers and follow designated detour routes.

Northbound Harbor Scenic Drive will be closed from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Aug. 4-6 and again on Aug. 26.

Southbound Harbor Scenic Drive will be closed from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Aug. 18-20 and again on Aug. 27.

Port officials will set the northbound detour to head west on

Harbor Plaza from Harbor Scenic Drive and continue around to Pico Avenue to the Long Beach (710) Freeway northbound on-ramp. Cars and pickup trucks can also take Harbor Plaza to the on-ramp to Queensway Bridge, and access downtown.

Port officials will set the southbound detour to exit 710 South/Harbor Scenic Drive at Pico Avenue just south of Ocean Boulevard. Drivers will be able to turn left at Harbor Plaza either to the continuation of southbound Harbor Scenic Drive or to the hospitality businesses—hotels, restaurants, Queen Mary and the Carnival Cruise terminal.

Cars and pickup trucks can also take the Queensway Bridge south from downtown to the Harbor Plaza east exit, then turn left on Harbor Plaza to reach their destination.

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The Carnival Radiance cruise ship sits in its harbor in Long Beach next to the Queen Mary on Jan. 28, 2022.

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AROUND TOWN

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



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The blue number seven dragon boat crew narrowing wins as they cross the finish line at the Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival on July 30, 2022.

Put off the back to school prep and instead grab some family and friends to enjoy the many fun, mostly free ways to spend the week in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

Long Beach is prepping for the annual Pride celebration next weekend with a myriad of community events. Residents can celebrate the trans community at a celebration at Recreation Park Saturday or enjoy a pride-themed art pop-up with performances at the Black Bar Sunday.

Soak in the sun at one of many outdoor gatherings this week such as the annual Dragon Boat Racing Festival at Marine Stadium Saturday morning, a group run through Signal Hill Monday night or one of many outdoor movie screenings and concerts.

28 FRIDAY

COMEDY & JUGGLING

11 a.m. to noon. Juggler and comedian Michael Rayner will be performing for visitors of all ages at El Dorado Neighborhood Library (2900 N Studebaker). Free.

NEW WORKS FESTIVAL

7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Long Beach Shakespeare Company will be celebrating its 2023 season with a weekend long festival. Residents can watch three plays and listen to a discussion following at the Helen Borgers Theatre (4250 Atlantic Ave.) Tickets are \$15 for the public and \$13 for students.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the movie "Toy Story" at Whaley Park (5620 Atherton St.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

29 SATURDAY

DRAGON BOAT RACING FESTIVAL

8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. This event will feature dragon boat races, traditional Chinese art demonstrations, acrobats, traditional dance, music and martial arts performances at Marine Stadium (5255 E. Paoli Way). Free.

HOMELESSNESS DRIVE

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents are invited to donate clothing, hygiene kits, pet supplies, food items and more to those experiencing homelessness during this city-run donation drive. The event will take place at the Department of Health and Human Services Main Facilities Center (2525 Grand Ave.). Free.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER PARTY

noon to 10 p.m. Dog lovers can flock to Trademark Brewing (233 E Anaheim St.) for the brewery's first-ever dog-centric party. All day pups and their people can enjoy dog costume contests, caricature drawings, dog-toy vendors and food stands. Free to attend.

TRANS PRIDE CELEBRATION

1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Long Beach will celebrate the trans community at this celebration at Recreation Park (4900 E Seventh St.) featuring live music performances, DJs, speakers, a clothing giveaway, food trucks, drag queen story time, a family fun zone and more. Free.

FILM TRIVIA

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Art Theater of Long Beach (2025 E Fourth St.) invites film snubs and enthusiasts to their second trivia night. Questions will cover blockbuster hits,

cult classics and everything in between, with a prize for the winning team. Free.

30 SUNDAY

PSYCH ROCK YOGA

12:30 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to practice yoga asanas while listening to psych rock songs at Alex's Bar (2913 East Anaheim St.). Afterwards, drinks and vegan food will be available for purchase. Free to attend.

LONG BEACH PRIDE ART POP-UP

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Residents are invited to this Long Beach Pride kick-off at the Black Bar (1800 E. Broadway) to enjoy a drag show, clothing drive, specialty drinks, art and raffled off prizes. Free to attend.

WILLOW SPRINGS EXPERIENCES

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friends of Willow Springs Park is continuing its inaugural Willow Springs Experiences series with a photography class at the garden (2745 Orange Ave.) Participants will explore the garden, take pictures, edit their photos and upload them to a private Facebook page for the group to see. Free to attend, but reservations are required through WSPExperiences@gmail.com

31 MONDAY

TECH GIRLS WORKSHOP

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the first day of a week-long STEM day camp for middle and high school girls at the Salvation Army (3092 Long Beach Blvd.). Participants will be introduced to engineering and computing, as well as hear

from women working in STEM fields. Registration costs \$25, but if a child attends all five days of camp the registration fee will be returned.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the PG-13 movie "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" at Somerset Park (1500 E. Carson St.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

01 TUESDAY

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN SIGNAL HILL

ted to Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.) to meet the members of the Signal Hill Police Department while enjoying music, games, presentations, giveaways and more. Free.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

6:30 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy a concert by the Long Beach Municipal Band at the Bixby Annex Park (Intersection of Cherry Ave. and Ocean Blvd.) featuring songs by Glen Miller, The Beach Boys, Stan Kenton and more. Free.

02 WEDNESDAY

LONG BEACH 2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION

9 a.m. Long Beach officials will present the proposed 2024 fiscal year budget, detailing how the city plans to spend \$3.2 billion. The city will also present an updated five-year infrastructure plan during the conference at the Admiral Kidd Park Community Center (2125 Santa Fe Ave.) Free.

LB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PETTING ZOO

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Local kids are invited to touch, interact with and try different musical instruments at the Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W Willow St.). The event is meant to foster an interest in playing music. Free.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

6:30 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy a concert by the Long Beach Municipal Band at Los Cerritos Park (3750 Del Mar Ave.), featuring songs by Glen Miller, The Beach Boys, Stan Kenton and more. Free.

03 THURSDAY

BULLET JOURNALING

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens and tweens are invited to practice bullet journaling to prepare for the new school year at Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.). Supplies will be provided. Free.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the movie "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" at Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.) Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

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Long Beach Councilwoman Mary Zendejas (left) and event organizer Jennifer Kumiyama pose together for a photo during the second annual Disability Pride celebration at Harvey Milk Promenade Park on July 26, 2023.



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Lionel Taplin and Ryann Mason, both with the Infinite Flow dance troupe, dance together on the stage at Harvey Milk Promenade Park in a performance for the Disability Pride celebration on July 26, 2023.

founder Marisa Hamamoto.

After a solo dance, Mason spoke to the crowd about her struggles fitting in as a dancer with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, which is a genetic condition that affects collagen and often leads to hyper-flexible joints and or skin.

Despite the diagnosis, Mason never gave up on dancing and refused to let society put her into a 'box.'

"We don't fit in boxes; human beings don't. We are beautiful and amazing and we can create and suc-

ceed and do whatever we want, no matter how your body works," Mason said.

The event comes on the heels of the city unanimously approving the month of July as Disability Pride and Empowerment Month and each July 26 as ADA Day in the city.

The ADA was a landmark legislation that guaranteed rights and protections for people living with disabilities by enshrining into law protections for employment and educational opportunities as well as access to transportation and

public and private spaces.

Around 46,000 people with disabilities and more than 9,000 students with disabilities called Long Beach home in 2017, according to the Long Beach Disability Community Resource Guide.

"Our community has come such a long way, but we have so much further to go," Kumiyama said. "But today, we rest from fighting, and we celebrate us; the uniqueness of our beautiful bodies, our limitless possibilities and the strength of our entire community."

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LOITER GALLERIES
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Six members of the collective are participating in their new show at Loiter Galleries: brothers Steve and Marco Saiz, Andy Jenkins, Gino Perez, The Art of Chase, and Kris Klara.

The members of Us Angeles were brought together by their mutual love of art, design and skateboarding, said curator Steve Saiz. The group debuted their first exhibit last year at the former Beastie Boys studio in Glendale, and have continued working together on their shared passions since then.

"[Skateboarding] is just something we all did and it's very self expressive. You really have to concentrate on what you're trying to learn, and then you start developing these other facets of your creativity I think, and it helps," Steve Saiz said. "And I love that that's where we came from."

Curated by Steve Saiz, a professional skateboarder with deep roots in Long Beach, the exhibit titled "Long Beach Calling" promises to be a vibrant celebration of both skateboarding and artistic expression. Saiz's extensive background in the sport includes being a member of the Bones Brigade, where he skated alongside Tony Hawk and other famous skateboarders.

Steve Saiz and the other members of Us Angeles are multi-talented creatives finding success on and off the ramp. He's contributed his artistic talents to television, advertisements, branding, fashion and P!nk's 2010 music video for the song "F**kin' Perfect."

Steve's brother, Marco Saiz, followed a similar path, becoming a talented amateur skateboarder for Vision Skateboards in the '80s before going on to pursue his art career in the mid-to-late nineties. In 2003, Marco began painting



Image Courtesy of Loiter Galleries

The circular labyrinth-like paintings of Marco Saiz can be seen hanging on the walls of Loiter Galleries.

circular labyrinth patterns, which can be seen in his new 4 feet by 4 feet works included in "Long Beach Calling."

Us Angeles member Andy Jenkins has had an ongoing artistic relationship with skateboarding, co-founding Homeboy Magazine, a lifestyle publication that focused on skateboarding, music, fashion and more, and creating art for the skate brand Vans.

Gino Perez, the son of two painters, started skateboarding professionally at the age of 11, and began seriously pursuing art when he was around 19. Now 46, Perez said his original paintings created for the show explore what it's like growing up as a skateboarder, family dynamics, and living in poverty in Los Angeles.

Perez said he wanted viewers who see his work to get a sense of

encouragement, inspiration and hope, especially when coming from nothing

"My work is very colorful, but my subjects are very dark. It's very real," Perez said.

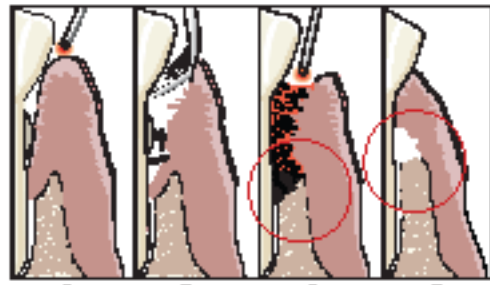
Perez was introduced to Steve Saiz through the skateboarder and artist known as The Art of Chase, who has worked with brands including Vans and Flip Skateboards. According to his website, The Art of Chase began doing street art in the '90s, after moving to Los Angeles from Belgium, and is easily recognized by his signature paintings of trippy eyeballs.

"Long Beach Calling" will be on display until Saturday, Aug. 5 at Loiter Galleries (9425 Promenade N). Loiter Galleries is open Thursdays through Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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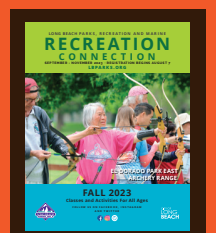


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The following person is doing business as: 1. CARE2TEACH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, 2. CARE2TEACH, 2108 N ST STE N, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816. County: SACRAMENTO. Registrant: CARE2TEACH EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES LLC, 1780 PARK AVE APT G, LONG BEACH, CA 90815. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SHANNON MARTIN, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in June, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 6, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: July 14, 21, 28 & August 4, 2023

**TST7021 Case No. 23NWCP00285
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 PETITION OF: Preston Scott Jeffrey Frost for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Preston Scott Jeffrey Frost, by and through Valarie A. Frost, mother, has filed a petition with

this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Preston Scott Jeffrey Frost Proposed Name: Presscott Jeffrey Frost 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: September 25, 2023; Time: 9:30a.m., Dept. C, Room 312. 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, July 28 & August 4, 11, 18, 2023 ___/ss/___ Olma Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: July 25, 2023

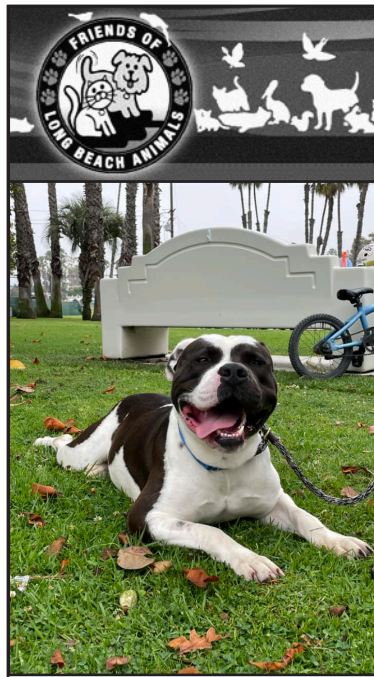
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The following person is doing business as: CUTTING EDGE OUTDOOR LIVING, 1868 PACIFIC AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: BUILDER BOY INC., 1868 PACIFIC AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JEROME JAMES, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in July, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 14, 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: July 28, & August 4, 11, 18, 2023

**TST7023
Case No. 23STPB08115
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: FRANCIS
EDWARD ARNOLD**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of FRANCIS EDWARD ARNOLD 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by KIMBERLY T. LEE in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that KIMBERLY T. LEE be appointed as administrator of the estate of the decedent. 4. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 5. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain and very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. 6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. August 30, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 9 b. Stanley Most Courthouse 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90802. 7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objection or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court with the later of either (1) four months from the date of issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the Court

clerk. PETITIONER: KIMBERLY T. LEE74-916 HIGHWAY 111 INDIAN WELLS, CA 92210 Email: kimberly@desertlawgroup.com Pub. Signal Tribune, July 28 & August 4, 11, 2023



**Pet of the week:
Franky**

He's listed as a Staffie terrier at Long Beach Animal Care Services, but frankly, a couple of volunteers don't think that's what Franky (ID#A695989) is. We'll just call him a handsome cow-spotted pittie something, wearing a Phantom of the Opera mask and bearing a little red streak across his back. Franky's just 2 years old and is focused on pleasing humans—he's not distracted by other dogs. He knows a couple of commands but prefers to perform them with an audience, likely a factor of that theater mask. He's a moderate leash puller and loves to smell everything, flowers included, and once he's tucked out, he splats down on the grass and asks for pets. Think Ferdinand the Bull. Franky has a tendency to jump on people, and while his jumps are friendly, he weighs 80 pounds, so he needs an experienced human. He needs to be out of here by Aug. 11, and you know what that could mean. You can speed the process to adopt or foster Frank and any of our other pets by emailing Pet-Adopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Even better, stop by during our new open 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#A689065 to meet Franky.

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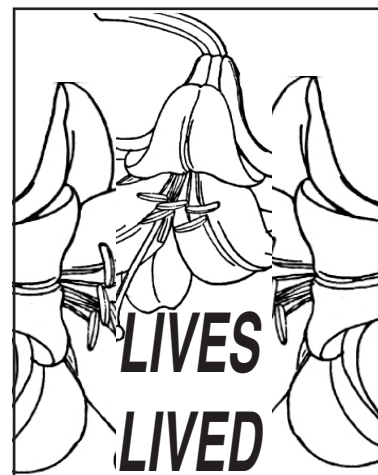
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NEWS

Long Beach Homeless Services to receive first-ever performance audit

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Long Beach's Homeless Services Bureau is gearing up for its first-ever performance audit, which will be conducted by City Auditor Laura Doud, the City announced Wednesday, July 26. The audit is expected to be completed by early 2024, according to Doud.

The audit will not explore the inner workings of the Homeless Services Bureau, but rather the contracts between the city's Homeless Services Bureau and three specific service providers.

Long Beach's Homeless Services Bureau operates under the city's Health and Human Services Department and awards contracts with nonprofit and community organizations to offer a wide range of services.

The purpose of the performance audit is to "ensure best practices are being implemented as homeless services are being expanded," Doud said in a statement from the City.

The audit will evaluate the contracting process between the City and its service providers as well as explore "whether service providers are fulfilling the requirements outlined in their agreements," according to a statement from the City.

In 2022, Long Beach spent more than \$18 million through contracts with independent service providers, according to a statement released by the City.

Over the past three years, Long Beach's Homeless Services Bureau's budget has increased from \$10 million to nearly \$50 million, according to an April 24 memo from the City. Staffing in the department has increased from 25 employees to 90 when fully staffed.



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Long Beach Homeless Services Bureau Manager Paul Duncan remarks on the importance of remembering those who have lost their lives to homelessness during a candlelight vigil at Forest Lawn Mortuary on Dec. 21, 2022.

Paul Duncan has been the manager of the Homeless Services Bureau for two years.

Doud told the *Signal Tribune* in an email that the three service provider contracts being audited include those that offer "permanent supportive housing, intensive case management, and rapid rehousing."

The City Auditor's office did not want to disclose which service providers will be audited specifically. Communications Director Meghan King said that the audit has no associated cost since it falls within the normal scope of duties for the office, though it's the first audit within the Homeless Services Bureau, Doud said.

The 2023 homeless Point in Time Count found 3,447 people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach, more than half of whom became homeless in 2022.

Long Beach declared a local

state of emergency due to the rising number of people experiencing homelessness within the city on Jan. 10. The state of emergency removes certain bureaucratic processes that the City normally has to follow in order to approve funding, contracts and other services.

At a Feb. 7 City Council meeting, Long Beach allocated \$13 million in one-time funds from 2022 budget toward the emergency.

Doud told the *Signal Tribune* in an email that all three service providers being audited "were already engaged" through contracts with the City prior to the local emergency declaration.

Long Beach currently has at least 19 ongoing contracts with homeless service providers, five of which received funding from the Mayor's Homeless Fund in the last two years, according to the City's website.

SIGNAL HILL

Signal Hill to develop plan for new civic center

Kristen Farrah Naem
Staff Writer

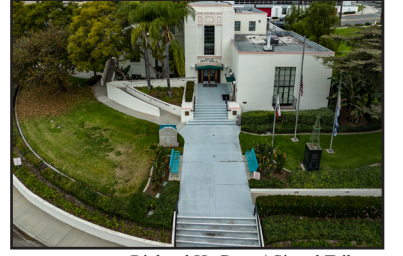
The Signal Hill City Council approved a contract with an architectural firm to prepare a plan for the creation of a new civic center on Tuesday, July 25.

The City Council voted to enter into a contract with John Kaliski Architects, Incorporated (JKA Inc.) to develop the Civic Center Master Plan, which will guide changes made to the area including the existing community center, a community garden, City Hall and its parking lots, Signal Hill Park, Signal Hill Public Library, Spud Field and certain properties along 21st Street.

The City has set a budget of \$218,915, for the contract, with a contingency of up to \$31,085 in case of unforeseen circumstances or costs. The contingency funds would only be used with the approval of the City Manager.

City staff said that over the next few months JKA Inc. and the City will be gauging what the community wants the new civic center to look like by collecting feedback through public meetings, presentations and surveys.

The Signal Hill City Council ap-



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An aerial view of the Signal Hill City Hall building on Jan. 13, 2022.

proved the development of a Civic Center Master Plan in April, which will include an intensive evaluation of the area to come up with changes and additions to amenities, public art, landscaping and more.

One of the main goals of the plan is to provide an improved and aesthetically pleasing space for community activities. Among the proposed updates to the area is the creation of a new amphitheater, city staff said.

The City wants the construction of the new civic center to take 10 years.

Signal Hill City Council meetings are held biweekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and can be watched online live or as a recording on Granicus.

CRIME

Two suspects arrested in killing of Long Beach gas station employee

City News Service

Southern California Local News

Two men suspected of killing an employee of a Valero gas station in North Long Beach during a confrontation in its parking lot were arrested Wednesday.

Officers went to the 6900 block of Atlantic Avenue, near the Artesia (91) Freeway, at about 10:05 p.m. Tuesday on a report of a man suffering from gunshot wounds to his upper body, according to the Long Beach Police Department.

"Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive male adult victim in the parking lot of a local business, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds," police said in a statement.

"Officers rendered medical aid until being relieved at the scene by Long Beach Fire Department personnel," police said. "The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased."

Authorities withheld the man's name, pending notification of his relatives.

"Through their preliminary investigation, detectives determined the victim confronted the suspect in the parking lot," police said. "During the confrontation, the suspect shot the victim and fled the scene in a vehicle prior to officers' arrival."

Police said a motive for the shooting was not known.

A witness told ABC7 that he heard at least five gunshots at the gas station. Police were seen searching a Nissan sedan for possible evidence



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A vintage Long Beach Police Department vehicle drives along Anaheim Street during the 15th annual Cambodia Town Parade on April 2, 2023.

outside the business.

LBPD detectives announced Wednesday at around 5:15 p.m. that 35-year-old Wilmington resident Russell Nieto and 37-year-old Long Beach resident Eloy Lobato Jr were both arrested in connection with Tuesday's killing.

Both suspects were located in the 4000 block of Long Beach Boulevard, about five miles from the station and near Atlantic Avenue, and were taken into custody, police said.

Lobato was arrested and booked on suspicion of murder and possession of a firearm. His bail was set at \$2 million.

Nieto was arrested and booked on suspicion of possession of a firearm and accessory to murder. His bail was set at \$35,000.

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

LBUSD

With AC upgrades still years away, LBUSD explores severely limited cooling options

Briana Mendez-Padilla
Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) is continuing its improvement and modernization efforts of its school's air conditioning systems, but is looking at different strategies to address heat mitigation in the meantime.

"We saw the weather last year, and we all knew how difficult it was to even do our daily jobs. To ask our students to perform in these kinds of temperatures is unfair," board member Erik Miller said.

During a facilities update presentation to the board on July 26, Executive Director of Facilities Development and Planning David Miranda said that following last year's heatwave, the facilities team conducted an analysis of electrical loads that revealed the electric systems of LBUSD campuses are near or over capacity.

"We first [need to] embark on an electrical upgrade because we can't even install the HVAC units or the things that come with it unless we first have more electrical capacity," Miranda said.



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School student, prepares to raise her hand and tell State Superintendent Tony Thurmond that her dream is to be a lawyer on Aug. 31, 2021.

be done any sooner than established in the updated timeline, the facilities team has begun incorporating other heat mitigation measures including:

- Chilled water dispensers
- Classroom and hallway fans
- Classroom window coverings
- Main entry window tinting

Miranda said that the maintenance team will continue to explore other options.

"We're not content. We're not satisfied with just that list of heat mitigation strategies," Miranda said.

He added that shade structures are another opportunity to provide "cool zones" for campuses that have not received renovations yet.

Board member Maria Isabel Lopez advocated for the potential installation of portable, battery-operated AC units, which Miranda said the facilities team would look into.

"Just keeping in mind that temperature impacts student outcomes ... I think our students or teachers or parents would be very happy if we can make that happen," Lopez said.

In November 2022, the district's timeline for facility renovations was updated to prioritize Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) projects. Thanks to the allocation of state one-time funds for facilities projects, HVAC projects across the district were pushed one to two years forward.

Despite the shortened timeline, repairs are still not predicted to be finished until 2025 at the earliest for some schools. All HVAC renovations are scheduled to be completed by 2027.

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