

NEWS

Voters will get final say on wage increase for Long Beach hotel workers

The decision to raise hotel worker's minimum wage to \$23 will appear in the March 2024 ballot



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An aerial view of the Hotel Maya and part of the marina in Long Beach on Sept. 19, 2023.

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Managing Editor

Another local labor item has been added to the March 2024 ballot as the Long Beach City Council sent the decision to raise hotel worker's wages to voters on Tuesday night.

Long Beach residents will be able to vote on whether to raise the minimum wage for hotel and hospitality workers to a \$23 per hour minimum by 2024, with annual increases leading to a \$29.50 per hour minimum by 2028.

Hotel and hospitality workers minimum wage is currently at \$17.55 an hour, with voters passing the last increase through Measure N in 2013. Their minimum wages began at \$13 an hour and were raised each year through a "cost of living" increase, but workers insist that the increases were insufficient compared to the skyrocketing prices of rent, food, gas and other basic living requirements.

The wage increase, if passed, will only affect hotels that have 100 rooms or more. In Downtown Long Beach alone, 15 of the 27 hotels meet this threshold, impacting roughly 2,000 hotel workers.

Long Beach staff estimated 18,000 hotel workers in the city.

Hotel workers' unions and most of the supporters at the meeting were urging a \$25 an hour minimum with annual increases leading to \$30 by 2028, but the council ultimately decided on an option that was described as "a middle option" for hotel workers and owners.

"We plan to grow more revenue in our city, and that means we have to be inclusive and make sure ... that growth won't happen unless we make sure workers have a seat at the table and make a fair wage," said Mayor Rex Richardson. "When everyone has a seat at the table, when they're not making poverty wages it's better for our city and these are local workers."

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SMALL BUSINESS



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A skeleton decoration, caution sign and spray paint on plywood make up the scene that is now the front door of Magnolia and Willow antique shop in Long Beach after a speeding vehicle drove through the front windows.

Long Beach store owner grasps for solutions after two car accidents derail her shop

Though the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Willow Street are one of the most dangerous in the city, the process to install safety measures has been slow and difficult

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The owner of local antique shop Magnolia and Willow has found herself at a crossroads, and a particularly dangerous one at that.

The front portion of Emily Yep's store has been completely boarded up since a car screeched into her building on the Fourth of July, ruining thousands of dollars worth of merchandise and forcing her to close down a section of the antique shop.

On Sept. 2, another car crashed into the building, this time taking down a shelf and bending the metal front doors beyond repair. Large wood panels face the street now, with a skeleton holding up a "Please slow down" sign.

It's an accident Yep saw coming, as she's been asking the city since 2017 to install safety measures in the intersection out front of her shop.

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"They basically told me they didn't feel like I needed anything to protect the sidewalk or the interior from any accidents ... and that they were going to do a traffic study," Yep said.

As part of Long Beach's Safe Streets plan published in 2020, the City studied intersections for levels of danger. The intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Willow Street ranked as a "high injury corridor" for both Pedestrians and Bicyclists as well as Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles.

The *Signal Tribune* asked the Long Beach Police Department how many car accidents have occurred in recent years on the intersection of Willow Street and Magnolia Avenue and was directed to request the public records for such incidents. The report has not come back at the time of publication.

Joy Contreras, public information officer for Long Beach Public Works, said the City added extra seconds to the yellow lights on Willow Street in 2017, diagonal crosswalks after that, and lowered the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph in August.

Yep said that the City added an electronic speed limit sign in front of her shop on Sept. 18. City staff originally installed a 35 mph sign on Sept. 18, then lowered it to 30 mph after Yep sent them a picture.

The intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Willow Street ranked as a "high injury corridor" for both Pedestrians and Bicyclists as well as Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles.

Contreras told the *Signal Tribune* that the City is in the final design phase to add a protected left turning lane to Willow Street, and expects construction to begin in early 2024. The Willow Street corridor is on the "priority list" in the Safe Streets Long Beach plan, Contreras said, and the City has applied for federal funding to add new medians, curb extensions, improved traffic signals and "other amenities."

Yep told the *Signal Tribune* she still has not received any insurance money for the Fourth of July crash, as the parties are "going back and forth with the settlement."

Since much of her time on the job is spent searching for, cleaning and pricing vintage and antique items, it's difficult for an insurance company to accurately price the value of the items lost in the crashes, Yep said. She fears she won't recover the money lost in the crashes.

She finally received a response from the city on Sept. 6, when Mayor Rex Richardson and staff from Councilmember Robert Uranga's office visited her shop to talk about possible solutions.

The small business owner was told on Sept. 6 that "temporary barriers" would be installed "soon," and was assured a more permanent solution would be implemented down the line. Yep is still waiting to hear back about the temporary measures, and is being told to



Image Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

A map of data from 2013 to 2017 shows the levels of danger for various intersections in Long Beach, showing the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Willow Street ranking as dangerous for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles.

"keep checking back in" when she calls the mayor's office.

So far, the new 30 mph sign is the only measure taken by the city. As of now, Yep is raising money to install large planters outside of her shop, hoping to absorb some of the shock in fear of another accident.

Yep is hoping to get concrete or steel bollards installed in front of her shop, and a local business has already reached out to her offering to provide them for free.

It may prove more difficult than Yep had hoped, though.

Contreras told the *Signal Tribune* that "any modification in the public right-of-way must be approved by the City" via permit.

She added that permanent bollards "should only be implemented" to protect sensitive utilities such as gas meters, and can be installed by the City only. Contreras said "bulbed-out curbs or improvements which redirect errant vehicles rather than bringing them to a stop" are more typical solutions for intersections like Magnolia Avenue and Willow Street.

The *Signal Tribune* called and emailed the mayor's office on Sept.



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Cars speed by along Willow Street in Long Beach past the Magnolia and Willow antique shop, which has been hit by cars near the side entrance multiple times in a three-month span, on Sept. 19, 2023.

19 and 20 asking for an update on the temporary and permanent solutions for the store, but was directed back to Public Works.

Magnolia and Willow has started a GoFundme to help with the cost of repairs, which are estimated to be in the thousands. The store remains open for business in-person, online and through social media.

Magnolia and Willow is located at 490 W. Willow St. and is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

HEALTH



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Two Pumpjack style oil wells surround the entrance of Curley's Cafe at the corner of Cherry Ave. and Willow Street in Signal Hill, California.

Environmental group sues Long Beach over 5-year oil drilling plan

City News Service

Southern California Local News

An environmental organization sued the city of Long Beach on Thursday, Sept. 14, accusing it of approving a five-year plan for oil and gas drilling within the city without conducting an assessment to determine if the plan meets state requirements for environmental protection.

In its Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit, the Center for Biological Diversity contends the city has never completed an environmental review of drilling operations in the city, equating to a failure to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA.

"It's outrageous that Long Beach has never conducted an environmental review of its oil and gas operations," Emily Jeffers, an attorney for the Center, said in a statement. "California has a strong bedrock environmental and health protection law for good reason, and Long Beach has simply ignored it. The city needs to comply with the law and do its duty to protect Californians from oil and gas pollution."

A representative for the city told City News Service the city has not been served with the lawsuit, but once it is, it will "review the lawsuit and take/recommend appropriate steps to represent the city's interests."

"In anticipation of this matter being pending litigation, the city cannot provide further information

at this time," according to the city. "In the course of our duties as the trustee for the state of California in operating the oil field, the city takes our environmental responsibilities incredibly seriously and follows all state requirements for approving oil management plans and required environmental approvals."

The lawsuit stems from the City Council's March approval of a required five-year plan for oil drilling operations that was subsequently submitted to the State Lands Commission. According to the suit, the commission reviewed the plan and recommended a series of alterations, which were subsequently made, but the commission "asserted in its staff report that CEQA did not apply to the plans."

The Center insists, however, that given the environmental dangers presented by drilling operations, the plan should be subject to state review requirements. According to the lawsuit, more than 30% of Long Beach residents live within 3,200 feet of an operational oil and gas well within the city limits, and 72.4% of those affected residents are people of color.

"Drilling for oil and gas is a dirty business, and people in Long Beach have the right to know what these operations are doing to their air and their health," Jeffers said. "Long Beach claims to be moving toward a zero-carbon future, but the emissions that will come from this drilling are a huge carbon bomb that the city isn't acknowledging."

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Linda F. Tatum was appointed to her role as Assistant City Manager in June 2020 by current City Manager Tom Modica.

Assistant city manager announces retirement

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

After three years of service, Long Beach's Assistant City Manager Linda F. Tatum announced her retirement on Sept. 21.

Before taking up the assistant city manager position in June 2020, Tatum was previously Long Beach's director of Development Services. She also served in the public sector for cities such as Culver City, Santa Ana and Inglewood.

Tatum's last day will be in November.

"As Assistant City Manager, Linda has played an integral role in the operational and morale resiliency of our organization," said City Manager Tom Modica in a public statement. "She has led with compassion, dignity and inclusivity—she is a true public servant and dedicated leader. We are grateful for the influential impact she has made here in Long Beach and we wish her all the best as she begins an exciting new chapter of life in her retirement."

During her time as Assistant City Manager, Tatum managed Long Beach's \$40 million CARES Act Program, which provided critical funding for communities most impacted by COVID-19. She also led the City's transition to its new police oversight model after voters approved Measure E, which established an independent Police Oversight Director.

Tatum took the lead in coordinating the 2021 Emergency Intake Shelter, when unaccompanied migrant children were given shelter at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Another project led by Tatum was the Framework for Reconciliation, a plan passed in 2020 to address racial inequalities in tandem with the City Manager's Office.

Tatum's time in the Development Services department allowed her to oversee the development along the Downtown waterfront and an update on the Long Beach Land Use Element and Urban Design Elements.

As the director of Development Services, Tatum oversaw the planning, development and permitting of over 1,000 affordable housing units and 5,500 market-rate housing units as well as the new Civic Center.

"Serving the City of Long Beach has been the highlight of my 30-plus-year career in public service. I am proud to have been a part of this organization and the incredible work and accomplishments of the City team, who unfailingly lead with dedication, compassion, and a desire to make life better for those who call Long Beach home," Tatum said in a public statement.

She also served on the Board of Directors for the California Planning Foundation for over 12 years, eight of which as president.

Long Beach's Human Resources Department will conduct a recruitment process to permanently fill the position of assistant city manager, hoping to conclude the process by the end of the year.

The City is also searching for a new director of its Health and Human Services Department, as Kelly Colopy announced she is leaving for a similar role in Salt Lake County in October.

HEALTH

Long Beach health director leaving position in October



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From the left, Ronald R. Arias, Herlinda Chico and Kelly Colopy pose together for a photo with a recognition for Arias from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn during the opening of the Ronald R. Arias Health Equity Center on April 4, 2022.

City News Service

Southern California Local News

Long Beach Health Director Kelly Colopy, who guided the city through its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, will be leaving the city to take on a similar role in Salt Lake County, Utah, the City announced Wednesday.

"Kelly is an unwavering, motivational leader who has navigated us through an unprecedented pandemic, initiatives to end systemic racism, a homeless emergency, and many other critical public health crises," City Manager Tom Modica said in a statement.

"Her leadership and dedication as Health and Human Services director have made lasting impacts on Long Beach both as an organization and a united community. We wish her all the best in her well-deserved new role in Salt Lake County."

Colopy has led the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services since 2013. Long Beach and Pasadena both operate municipal health departments separate from the county Department of Public Health.

City officials credited her with dramatically increasing grant fund-

ing for the agency, opening the first municipal Office of Equity in Southern California, adding an Office of Youth Development, a Veterans Commission and adding services to address violence prevention and early childhood education.

"Leaving Long Beach is a bittersweet moment for me," Colopy said in a statement. "The city of Long Beach has been my home for 10 years and I have loved it. Serving as the city's Health and Human Services Director has been a real privilege. The members of the department team are truly committed, passionate about their work, caring and just so creative and innovative—they have made this work possible."

"I also truly appreciate the partnership of the city's leadership, other department directors and community members in coming together through the difficult times over these past few years to work toward a healthy and resilient city. I thank you all."

Her last day with the city will be Oct. 27. According to the city, she has maintained dual residency in Long Beach and Salt Lake City. She will become the director of the Salt Lake County Department of Human Services.

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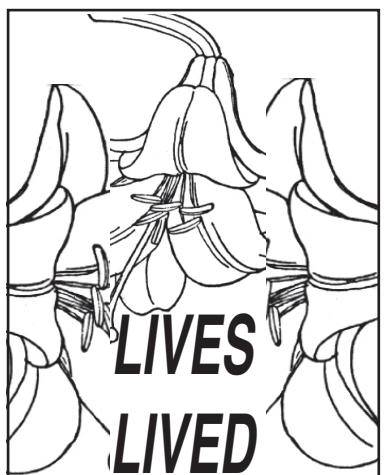
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CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, September 13

7:42 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2500 block Lemon Ave.
10:26 a.m., Auto burglary, 1800 block Raymond Ave.
5:32 p.m., Fight, 2800 block Walnut Ave.

Thursday, September 14

Friday, September 15

4:11 a.m., Auto burglary, E. 21st S/Junipero Ave.
6:19 a.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block Ohio Ave.
6:54 a.m., Identity theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.
8:08 a.m., Auto burglary, California Ave./E. Burnett St.
12:48 p.m., Identity theft, 2100 block Gundry Ave.
2:44 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.
4:53 p.m., Battery, 700 block E. Spring St.
6:46 p.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.
8:23 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Orange Ave. north of E. Willow St.

Saturday, September 16

12:01 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, Dawson Ave. north of E. 20th St.
2:45 p.m., Battery, 3000 block California Ave.
3:31 p.m., Indecent exposure, 2300 block Walnut Ave.
9:18 p.m., Battery, 900 block E. 33rd St.
9:40 p.m., Injury hit and run, Cherry Ave./E. Willow St.

Sunday, September 17

1:49 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2100 block E. Spring St.
3:48 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 2200 block E. Willow St.
4:01 p.m., Auto burglary, 1700 block E. Willow St.
5:58 p.m., Grand theft money; vandalism, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Monday, September 18

7:26 a.m., Burglary, 3100 block California Ave.
10:02 a.m., Auto burglary, Walnut Ave./Creston Ave.
1:01 p.m., Auto burglary, 700 block E. Spring St.
2:23 p.m., Rape report, 2300 block Dawson Ave.
10:40 p.m., Fire, 2400 block California Ave.

Tuesday, September 19

1:24 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3100 block E. Willow St.
9:15 a.m., Burglary, 2800 block Signal Point (suspect arrested)
1:08 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 2700 block E. Willow St.
2:56 p.m., Battery, 600 block E. 27th St.
5:54 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2100 block E. 21st St.
6:51 p.m., Fire, 1900 block St. Louis Ave.
7:11 p.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block E. 21st St.
8:05 p.m., Robbery, 900 block E. Spring St.

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Investigation continues into man's death at Long Beach elementary school

City News Service

Southern California Local News

An investigation was continuing Wednesday into the death of a man who was carrying a sledgehammer as he climbed over a fence at a Long Beach elementary school, where he was quickly confronted and detained by a group of bystanders.

Long Beach police said officers initially responded around 2:30 p.m. Tuesday to the 6700 block of Orizaba Avenue, between Paramount Boulevard and Obispo Avenue, near the Artesia (91) Freeway, on a report of a home invasion, but they were quickly redirected to McKinley Elementary School near Paramount Boulevard and 68th Street.

Police said a man a sledgehammer had climbed a fence and entered the school's parking lot.

As the suspect attempted to enter the campus, he was pulled down

and detained by a group of men, police said. Arriving officers found the suspect still being detained by one of the men, and placed the suspect in handcuffs.

According to police, the suspect became unresponsive moments after the arrest and officers began administering life-saving measures until the arrival of Long Beach Fire Department paramedics, who pronounced the suspect dead at the scene.

The cause of death will be determined by the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner, police said.

Police said because the suspect died while handcuffed, the situation is being investigated as an in-custody death by homicide detectives.

But police insisted there was no use of force during the arrest. It was unclear if he may have been injured prior to officers' arrival.

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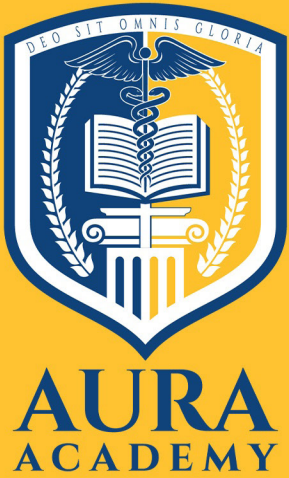
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He called the chosen option a “reasonable wage for the voters to consider.”

City Council asked its staff to study the feasibility of a \$25 an hour minimum wage at a July 11 meeting. City staff said this type of study would usually be done by an independent third party, but due to the short timeframe, the City had to conduct the study on their own.

Hotel and tourism workers have been on strike all summer, urging their cities to pass wage increases. The protests are resounded by similar movements across various labor markets, such as the writers and actors strikes, the auto workers strikes, University of California workers strikes, Starbucks and Amazon workers strikes and many more this year alone.

The Long Beach Port saw multiple days of stalled movement as unionized workers were on strike for higher wages.

“The council continuously mentions the need to prepare for a growing economy as the city welcomes the World Cup and Olympics, mainly focusing on infrastructure, yet has set aside a critical factor: hospitality workers and their wellbeing,” said Antonio Hernandez, a member of Long Beach Forward, a nonprofit organization that fights against racial and economic inequalities.

Over 60 residents spoke at Tuesday night’s City Council meeting, most of which advocated to push the choice to voters. A small portion of speakers asked the council to consider the loss in revenue the wage increase might cause, which was pointed out as one of the possibilities in city staff’s report.

Long Beach’s hotel industry currently produces \$23 million annually in revenue, according to staff

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- Antonio Hernandez,
member of Long Beach Forward

reports. Smaller hotel owners, who will not have to increase their wages, worry that increased room prices to offset higher wages will drive away tourism.

“This decision will make our beloved Convention Center not competitive and too expensive for future meetings and events to occur in our city. That ripple effect will travel down to area restaurants, retail tenants and hotels whose



An aerial view of the Hotel Maya and part of the marina in Long Beach on Sept. 19, 2023.

Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

business will be impacted by this ill-conceived ordinance,” said Jido Dinery, adding that he was not satisfied with an in-house feasibility study.

Following regional strikes, Los Angeles is currently considering a \$25 an hour wage minimum; Santa Monica is putting a \$30 an hour minimum on their 2024 ballot; Culver City is considering putting a \$25 an hour minimum on the ballot; while Anaheim recently opposed a \$25 an hour minimum.

Voters will also cast their ballot on the decision to raise the minimum wage for health care workers to \$25 in the same voting cycle, after the council passed the item

to residents at a November 2022 meeting.

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If Governor Gavin Newsom passes a state-wide wage increase for health care workers, Long Beach

residents will not vote on that issue. The hotel and hospitality workers wage increase is not on the governor’s desk.

“We urge the council to allow voters to decide whether Long Beach will cater to the will of capital, or prioritize the needs of the working women, immigrants, parents and communities of color that make up the lifeblood of Long Beach’s cultural identity and economy,” said Gabriel Perez with Long Beach For a Just Economy.

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SAFETY

20,500 roofie detection kits distributed under new Long Beach program; state may soon follow city's lead

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

Long Beach bars can now offer their patrons tests to detect whether their drinks have been spiked with drugs; this practice may become a state requirement due to a bill written by Long Beach's State Assembly Member.

The City of Long Beach has distributed 20,500 test kits to local establishments since the beginning of the month in an effort to combat illegal drink spiking. A list of 32 locations that have the test kits will be available on the City's website by the end of the week, the Department of Health and Human Services said in an email to the *Signal Tribune*.

These efforts are part of the SipSafe LB program, approved unanimously by the City Council in December 2022 and launched earlier this month. The program's goal is to combat the use of "date rape drugs" in Long Beach.

Common date rape drugs that the test kits can detect include GHB (gamma hydroxybutyrate) and ketamine.

District 69 Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal created AB 1013, a bill that would require establishments with a Type 48 liquor license, usually given to bars and nightclubs, to offer drink testing kits to their customers for sale.

"The under-reported epidemic of drink spiking or roofieing continues to plague California and the world. Unfortunately, drink spiking is often used to facilitate the commission of other crimes, such as sexual assault and rape. While anyone can have their drink spiked, the targets



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An exterior view of the logo for JP23 restaurant, bar and nightclub at 110 E Broadway in Long Beach on Aug. 24, 2022. A woman reported that she was drugged at the establishment's Fullerton location and later raped. The City of Long Beach rescinded the establishment's business license.

of this act are all too often women and LGBTQ+," Lowenthal said in a public statement.

"Although drink spiking can occur in almost any setting, it is more common in bars and nightclubs that serve alcoholic beverages. Type 48 licensees are the primary operators of these types of establishments."

AB 1013 has already been passed by both the state senate and assembly. It went to Governor Gavin Newsom on Sept. 12, and he has until Sept. 24 to approve or veto the bill.

A 2015 study of 390 patients admitted to a San Francisco hospital's rape treatment center found evidence that one third of the sexual assault cases involved the use of a date rape drug.

The concerns surrounding date rape drugs came into sharp focus for the local community in 2021, when local residents protested the opening of the bar JP23 in Long Beach after a woman told police she was drugged at its Fullerton location and later sexually assaulted.

The reported rape was followed by an outpouring of anonymous netizens sharing similar stories. The Long Beach City Council ended up denying JP23 a business license for unrelated noise complaints and criminal citations.

For more details on SipSafe Long Beach and to request drink safety test kits, visit longbeach.gov/SipSafeLB.

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AROUND TOWN

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



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Youth dancers from JD Dance Company perform an arrangement inspired by the movie "Encanto" at Signal Hill Park on Aug. 3, 2022, as part of the Concerts in the Park series of summer events.

Today marks the first official day of fall, coming off the heels of a pleasantly chilly week. Take advantage of the cooler weather by attending some of the fun and free events in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

Residents can kick off their fall season by taking in local sights and history at the fifth annual Rancho Walk Saturday morning, doing yoga and cleaning up the beach with friends a bit later in the day, or attending a cultural festival hosted by Signal Hill.

Support young musicians at a battle of the bands at Recreation Park Sunday evening or watch local comedians at a comedy show at Ficklewood Ciderworks Friday night or at a weekly round-up of comedians at Que Sera Wednesday night. If your New Year's resolution was to become an engaged community member, there's still time to attend some educational meetings like the LGBTQ+ Cultural District visioning meeting Monday night, or the Pride Lifeguard Tower meeting Wednesday night.

22 FRIDAY

PAJAMA MOVIE NIGHT

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Kids are invited to watch "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" in their pajamas at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.). There will be a 10-minute intermission half-way through the movie where everyone can get popcorn and drinks. Pre-registration is required, call 562-989-7323. Free.

COMEDY SHOW

8 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to Ficklewood Ciderworks (720 E. Broadway) to watch a series of stand up performances organized by The Friendzone Comedy Show. Outside food is allowed, and Dog Willing Pizza will be on-site. There is no cover charge, however there is a two-drink minimum. Friendly dogs are welcome.

23 SATURDAY

5TH ANNUAL RANCHO WALK

7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents will get the opportunity to exercise

while enjoying local history during the 9.4-mile annual Ranchos Walk organized by Walk Long Beach, Rancho Los Cerritos, Rancho Los Alamitos and the Historical Society of Long Beach. Registration will take place at Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Rd.) and then take participants to Willow Springs Park, Hilltop Park, Reservoir Hill, the CSULB campus and finally to Rancho Los Alamitos (6400 E. Bixby Hill Rd.). Free.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Long Beach residents are encouraged to drop off up to three file boxes worth of documents to be shredded by the City at the rear parking lot of Veterans Memorial Stadium (500 E. Lew Davis St.). Attendees will be asked to verify which zip code they live in. Free.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to help clean the WES-CA-Zaferia neighborhood. Participants are encouraged to wear face masks and gloves. Meet at 1435 Orizaba Ave. Free.

COMMUNITY YOGA + BEACH CLEANUP

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Algalita Marine Research & Education and Sanctum Yoga will be holding this event in honor of California Coastal Clean-Up Day. The event will start with a group yoga session at 72nd Place on the Long Beach Peninsula, followed by cleaning trash off the beach. Register for free on Eventbrite.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book lovers are invited to read a book of their choice silently together at Los Altos Park (5481 E. Stearns St.). Free.

GARDEN ADVENTURES

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adventures to Dreams and Ground Education invites children between 5 and 16 years old to spend an educational day in the garden (903 DeForest Ave.). Lunch and snacks will be provided. Free.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This festival's goal is to bring the community together to embrace and appreciate differences while enjoying a day

of entertainment and activities at Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.). The festival's lineup includes a diverse range of performers, including R&B and hip-hop musician "The Real Mr. Clark," the Cambodian Royal Ballet dancers, Spanish flamenco dancers, Hawaiian ukulele performances, African drumming and more. In addition to the performances, attendees can participate in Zumba and line dancing for a fun and healthy experience. Children's activities will include face painting, a bouncy house, and art and crafts. For those looking to satisfy their taste buds, the festival will have food trucks on-site offering a variety of options, including Cuban food and Thai food.

24 SUNDAY

FALL IN LOVE ADOPTION SERIES

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Long Beach Animal Care Services will be waiving adoption fees every weekend in September. Friday through Sunday, people can pick out a new best friend at the shelter (7700 E. Spring St.). Free.

HIGH SCHOOL BATTLE OF THE BANDS

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to watch six different bands formed by local teens compete with each other at the Recreation Park Bandshell (7th St. & Park Ave.). Awards will be given out for best cover song, best original song and best overall band. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own snacks and beverages. This event is organized by the Friends of the Rec Park Bandshell. Free.

25 MONDAY

NARRATED HARBOR TOUR

11:30 a.m. This narrated tour of the scenic Long Beach harbor will teach attendees about the history of the harbor, while they take in the views of the Long Beach skyline, California Sea Lions, the Queen Mary, large cargo and container ships and more. The boat will leave from 100 Aquarium Way, Dock #2. General admission tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite for \$20.

LGBTQ+ CULTURAL DISTRICT VISIONING PROCESS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Residents are invited to give feedback on the proposed plan for Long Beach's new LGBTQ+ Cultural District at an in-person workshop at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.). To learn more about the plans in place for the city's LGBTQ+ District, residents can visit longbeach.gov/LGBTQDistrict. For more pertinent information regarding the upcoming community outreach events, residents can email lgbtqvisioning@longbeach.gov. Anyone interested in attending the event is encouraged to RSVP online through the City's website. Free.

26 TUESDAY

RANCHO STORYTIME

10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring young children to listen to a story read out loud at Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Rd.). Attendees are welcome to bring blankets, strollers and snacks. Free.

LEGO CLUB

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. School-aged children 6 to 12 years old are invited to build with Legos at the Alamitos Neighborhood Library (1836 E. Third St.). Legos will be provided. Free.

27 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.

PRIDE LIFEGUARD TOWER COMMUNITY MEETING

5:30 p.m. The public will learn about updates planned for the Pride Lifeguard Tower during this meeting at the Bixby Park Community Center (130 Cherry Ave.). Free.

BEAR CITY COMEDY

7:30 p.m. A roster of stand-up comedians perform weekly at Que

Sera (1923 E. 7th St.). This event is for those 21 and older. Free.

28 THURSDAY

HOW TO STAY CALM IN THE CHAOS

Noon to 1 p.m. The first online workshop in an eight-week series organized by the Family Resource Center and the Long Beach Unified School District. This workshop will focus on teaching parents how to get their children to cooperate without using punishments and threats. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/FRCStayCalm2023>. Free.

SHAQTOBER FEST

7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. This Halloween-themed event hosted by Shaquille O'Neal on the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy.) will feature carnival rides, music, haunted trails, themed bars and more. General admission tickets can be purchased on the festival's website for \$29.99.

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EDUCATION

LBUSD parents advocate for better resources for special education students

The Special Education Community Advisory Committee presented its recommendations to the LBUSD board at its meeting Wednesday

Briana Mendez-Padilla

Education Reporter

The Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) presented a list of recommendations to improve the learning experiences of special education students at the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) during the board's Wednesday meeting.

The CAC works with the district to support students with disabilities by sharing their concerns, experiences and needs and recommending specific program improvements as well as educating parents on student's rights.

According to Katie Gonzalez, former CAC chair and LBUSD parent, the list of recommendations came from parent feedback submitted at a CAC workshop, which a subcommittee then parsed through to identify common themes.

"We're passionate. We really want to improve, not just special education for disabled children, we want to improve the education experience for every LBUSD child," Gonzalez said.

The CAC's areas for recommendations included:

- Retention practice and policy
- Literacy
- Collaborative Co-Teaching
- Grading Equity
- Mental Health

Board member Erik Miller, who also has a daughter with a disability in the LBUSD, commended the CAC's recommendations and requested district staff to present a full response. He asked that the report detail what the district can and can't do to meet these recommendations and how doing so will affect campuses, staffing and the budget.

"Our students deserve nothing less than creating a more just, equitable and inclusive educational system," Miller said. "With all due respect, it is time for us to start to step up."

Ruben Chavez, a parent of two LBUSD students, asked the board to modify its retention policy and

the implementation of it to specifically address students with disabilities by allowing parents, the Individualized Education Program or school team to decide whether or not to retain a student.

"Retention is harmful and out of line with current educational best practices in almost all other school districts," Chavez said.

Chavez described the day his third-grade daughter received a retention notice as one of "the most stressful, demoralizing and depressing days as a parent."

According to district data presented at the May 17 board meeting, almost 10,000 LBUSD students were retained between 2007 and 2019. However, the data also revealed that despite interventions, students who are retained don't perform better than their peers who qualified for retention, but weren't retained.

Chavez's daughter did not end up retained thanks to meetings and calls with her IEP team, but he said the educational trauma remained.

"This policy causes harm to our students with diagnosed and undiagnosed learning disabilities," Chavez said. "You're literally altering the course of a child's life in the most negative way and still not providing the support when they are retained."

The CAC also recommended the district implement multi-system tiered support at all sites and refrain from calling retention an intervention.

Chavez also urged the board to implement research-based literacy practices to help students learn how to read. Some of these practices include training teachers and principals on the science of reading and early risk factors for dyslexia and other reading challenges.

CAC's third recommendation was for the district to invest in professional development training for both general education teachers and special education staff to continue the implementation and expansion of the Collabora-



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District 2 representative Erik Miller listens to a speaker during the Nov. 18, 2021 Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education meeting.

tive Co-Teaching (CCT) model in LBUSD.

"The CCT program creates a new generation of general education students who know how to work with neurodiverse individuals. This will translate into future workplaces with real inclusion," Gonzalez said.

The CAC also advocated for grading equity across the district by eliminating timed tests and having report cards highlight not just students' challenges or areas for improvement, but also their strengths.

"We need to change the way our students are graded, as standardized tests are not a one-size-fits-all," Gonzalez said. "Other methods need to be put into play to meet our kids where they are so they can reflect what they know."

Gonzalez prefaced the CAC's final recommendation by emphasizing the importance of mental health resources for students as they are still grappling with the socio-emotional toll of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CAC recommended expanding wellness centers to every elementary school in LBUSD and hiring more mental health professionals to bridge the counselor-to-student ratio gap.

"We are getting more students with emotional and mental health problems, we're getting them younger and younger each year, and we are outnumbered. We need to do better," Gonzalez said.

TST7084

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: TIRSO R. ALVAREZ, JR. CASE NO. 23STPB10075

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TIRSO R. ALVAREZ, JR.. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SONYA FLORES in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SONYA FLORES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/17/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner BRYAN THOMPSON - SBN 338057 ROD OF IRON ESTATE PLANNING AND LITIGATION 6131 RACINE STREET OAKLAND CA 94609 Telephone (510) 333-5449 9/22, 9/29, 10/6/23 CNS-3740075# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

TST7085 Case No. 23LBCP00354 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: Nicholas Elliot Smith for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: NICHOLAS ELLIOT SMITH has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Nicholas Elliot Smith Proposed Name: Nicholas Elliot Courtland 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: October 26, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26, Room 5500. 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, September 22, 29 & October 6, 13, 2023 ___/ss//___ Michael P. Vincencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 14, 2023

TST7086 Case No. 23STCP03360 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 PETITION OF: BILLY DAVID SAMARIN for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: BILLY DAVID SAMARIN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: BILLY DAVID SAMARIN Proposed Name: BILL DAVID SAMARIN 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: November 3, 2023; Time: 10:00a.m., Dept. 82, Room, 833. 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, September 22, 29 & October 6, 13, 2023 ___/ss//___ Curtis A. Kin, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 14, 2023

TST7090 / 2023 197914 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: COTTAGE CAFE, 1287 ANAHEIM ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ELIZA IM, 2056 DAWSON AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ELIZA IM, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in August, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on September 8, 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: September 22, 29, & October 6, 13, 2023

EDUCATION

LBCC breaks ground on state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

A construction team broke ground on a \$75 million Performing Arts Center at Long Beach City College's Liberal Arts Campus Wednesday morning.

The building is replacing the former Music Building G and Theatre Arts Building H to teach arts, music, dance, radio, TV and broadcasting classes.

"LBCC's Performing Arts programs are not only an important cornerstone of our campus life but also a wonderful source of artistic enrichment and entertainment for the broader community," said

LBCC Board of Trustees President Herlinda Chico in a statement.

The 67,000-square-foot center is being funded by state allocations, Measure E and Measure LB bonds.

Measure E is a \$440 million bond issue passed by voters in 2018 and Measure LB is a \$850 million bond issue passed by voters in 2016. Both bond measures have funded construction and renovations at the LBCC Pacific Coast Campus and the school's Liberal Arts Campus.

Once open in spring 2026, the two-story building will include instructional classrooms, specialized labs, private music rooms, student studios, a dance studio, a black box studio, a broadcast studio, a new

home for the campus radio station, a 236-seat auditorium and an outdoor performance stage.

"This incredible Performing Arts Center will be equipped with state-of-the-art design and technology facilities, and represents a wonderful leap forward for both our students and faculty in the field of performing arts education," said LBCC Superintendent-President Dr. Mike Muñoz in a statement.

The project architect is the DLR Group and the general contractor is Bernards. The Cordoba Corporation oversees all Measure E and LB projects.



Image Courtesy of LBCC

Long Beach City College officials shovel the commemorative first piles of dirt as they break ground on the \$75 million Performing Arts Center on the Liberal Arts Campus. The new performing arts center is replacing the former Music Building G and Theatre Arts Building H to teach arts, music, dance, radio, TV and broadcasting classes.

**TST7067 / 2023 186853
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: KERYLINK SERVICE, 1375 PETERSON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: KERY CH-ANTHOL VOEUN, 1375 PETERSON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: An Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: KERY CHANTHOL VOEUN, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in September, 2016. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August, 25, 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: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

**TST7068 / 2023 186877
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: VEASNA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, 1375 PETERSON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: VEASNA THUY, 1375 PETERSON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: An Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: VEASMA THUY, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in January, 2016. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August, 25, 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: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

**TST7070 / 2023 184601
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: LENG STEVEN EANG TAXI, 1339 ROSE AVE APT 3, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: LENG STEVEN EANG, 1339 ROSE AVE APT 3, LONG BEACH, CA 90812. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: LENG STEVEN EANG, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in August, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 23, 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: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

**TST7071 / 2023 187285
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: JON HAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, 1135 GARDENIA AVENUE, C, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: JON HAS, 1135 GARDENIA AVE, C, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JON HAS, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in February, 2016. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 25, 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

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**TST7072 / 2023 187404
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: EXODUS DRIVING SERVICES, 5139 LIVE OAK ST APT 1, CUDAHY, CA. 90201. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: OSCAR FERNANDO CANEDO ROMERO, 5139 LIVE OAK ST APT 1, CUDAHY, CA. 90201. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: OSCAR FERNANDO CANEDO ROMERO, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in July, 2019. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August 25, 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: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

**TST7073 Case No. 23LBCP00333
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: Dorian Villasenor for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Dorian Villasenor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Dorian Karina Villasenor Proposed Name: Dorian Gray Villasenor 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: October 10, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26, Room 5500. 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, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023 ___// ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: August 25, 2023

**TST7074
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: JANICE RUNYON AKA
JANICE LEE RUNYON CASE
NO. 23STPB03015**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JANICE RUNYON AKA JANICE LEE RUNYON. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by YESENIA GONZALEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that YESENIA GONZALEZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/24/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 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 JENNIFER N. SAWDAY - SBN 228320, JANA HAGEKHALIL - SBN 340962 TREDWAY, LUMSDAINE & DOYLE, LLP 3900 KILROY AIRPORT WAY, SUITE 240 LONG BEACH CA 90806, Telephone (562) 923-0971 BSC 223729 9/15, 9/22, 9/29/23 CNS-3735272# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

**TST7083
SUMMONS (Family Law)
CITACIÓN (Derecho familiar)**

CASE NUMBER (NÚMERO DE CASO): 19CMFL00379

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name):
PAUL COOPER
AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre):
PAUL COOPER**

You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente. **Petitioner's name is: (Nombre del demandante:) NATALIA KNOX-COOPER** You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo.

Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención, y honorarios y costos legales. Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

EXENCIÓN DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un formulario de exención de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a petición de usted o de la otra parte.

1. The name and address of the court are (El nombre y dirección de la corte son): Superior Court of California, County Of Los Angeles, 200 Compton Blvd., Compton, California 90220

2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): Natalia Knox-Cooper, 932 S.s Harlan Avenue, Compton, California 90220 Date (Fecha): August 24, 2023. Sharri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk. Michael A. Vallejos, Judicial Officer. Pub. Signal Tribune, Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023.

**TST7078 / 2023 193451
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: AAC LEGAL SERVICES, 15237 HORNELL ST, WHITTIER, CA 90604. County: LOS

ANGELES. Registrant: ARIADNA AYEL-EN CEJA, 15237 HORNELL ST, WHITTIER, CA 90604. State of Incorporation/Organization: (State). This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ARIADNA AYEL-EN CEJA, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on September 1, 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: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

**TST7079 / 2023 192886
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ACUMEN GROUP, 2651 WALNUT AVENUE, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ACPR, INC., 2651 WALNUT AVENUE, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ANTOINETTE HABETS, VICE PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in June, 2005. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on September 1, 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: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

**TST7069 / 2023 184854
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: SOPHA NHEV UBER, 1524 E 17TH ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SOPHA NHEV, 1524 E 17TH ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90813. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SOPHA NHEV, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on August, 23, 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: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

**TST7088 / 2023 203735
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. EG CABINETS, 2. GREY GROUP MANAGEMENT, 19009 S LAUREL PARK RD SPC 60, RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA. 90220. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: A&H PROJECTS DESIGNED LLC, 19009 S LAUREL PARK RD SPC 60, RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA. 90220. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: EMILIO HERNANDEZ LOPEZ, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in June, 2006. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on September 15, 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: September 22, 29, & October 6, 13, 2023

**TST7089 / 2023 203193
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: LAVISH HAIR EXTENSIONS, 140347 ORIZABA AVE APT 5, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90223(Business Name), (Business Address). County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MARIA LOURDES ALVAREZ, 14034 ORIZABA AVE APT A, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. State of Incorporation/Organization: (State). This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MARIA LOURDES ALVAREZ, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on September 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: September 22, 29, & October 6, 13, 2023

**TST7082
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: GARY LANE STUBBLE-
FIELD CASE NO. 23STPB10056**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GARY LANE STUBBLEFIELD. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARTIN J. LEJNIEKS, A CA LICENSED PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL FIDUCIARY (#999) in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARTIN J. LEJNIEKS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/17/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D 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 TRENT C. MARCUS, ESQ. - SBN 227772 19900 BEACH BLVD, C-1 HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92648 Telephone (714) 964-6335 BSC 223952 9/22, 9/29, 10/6/23 CNS-3738953# THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE

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CULTURE

Long Beach libraries celebrate 5th annual Vida Latina



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Yvonne Márquez holds a Loteria-themed bottle opener in the light of a skylight inside her shop, Adelitas Revenge, on Aug. 10, 2022.

Local libraries will host workshops, performances, a literary festival and more

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

From September through November, Long Beach residents can celebrate Latin American culture at their local libraries.

The fifth annual Vida Latina celebration series began on Sept. 15 and will continue throughout Nov. 2 with activities for adults, teens and families. Events include workshops, games, arts and crafts, a literary festival, local vendors, performances and more.

“Vida Latina is more than just a celebration; it’s a bridge that connects us to the rich tapestry of Latin American culture and traditions,” said Cathy De Leon, Director of Library Services, in a statement. “As we commemorate the fifth year of Vida Latina, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering a sense of unity and belonging in our diverse community through these cultural-

ly enriching events.”

Residents can access curated book and film lists highlighting Latin American heritage as well as the “Reflections of Long Beach” webpage, offering a deep dive into Long Beach’s history in relation to its various cultures.

The Vida Latina celebration is sponsored by MemorialCare Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital Long Beach, Friends of the Long Beach Public Library and the Long Beach Public Library Foundation.

“Our Long Beach Public Library continues to promote inclusivity and diversity by highlighting the rich culture of Hispanic and Latinx people in Long Beach,” said Mayor Rex Richardson. “Programs like Vida Latina are instrumental in celebrating our diverse community and fostering a sense of belonging.”

View the full schedule of Vida Latina events on the library’s website.

CLIMATE

City plans to honor first anniversary of Long Beach Climate Action Plan

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach will host two days of events dedicated to environmental awareness and collective action in honor of the one-year anniversary of the establishment of the Office of Climate Action and Sustainability and the adoption of the Long Beach Climate Action Plan (LB CAP).

The LB CAP was passed by the Long Beach City Council in August 2022, and outlines the City’s climate action and adaptation goals. The plan aims to address climate change while rectifying existing environmental health disparities and enhancing overall quality of life and the local economy.

“The City Council passed the Long Beach Climate Action Plan to create a roadmap to reduce our city’s greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change. A year after its adoption, the work is underway with the staff, resources, and momentum to take action,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement.

“Led by the Office of Climate Action and Sustainability, the City is now organized to centrally coordinate interdepartmental efforts for LB CAP implementation and, in the coming year, this team will be calling on our residents, businesses, and industries to take steps to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.”

California Clean Air Day will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 4. This statewide event aims to educate the public about air pollution and how it impacts people’s health.

Long Beach’s Tree Planting Program aims to mitigate these health impacts by providing free street



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An aerial view of the Shoreline Gateway building that overlooks all of Downtown Long Beach with views of the marina and the Queen Mary on March 31, 2022.

trees to neighborhoods across the city. In line with these efforts, the City will partner with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach to plant trees along Harbor Avenue to help improve air quality along the I-710 corridor.

Residents interested in receiving free street trees in their neighborhoods are encouraged to apply and schedule a planting through the City’s website: www.longbeach.gov/sustainability/programs/tree-planting/.

“Our Office’s Tree Planting Program aims to expand Long Beach’s urban forest in order to improve public health and beautify neighborhoods throughout the city,” said Sustainability Manager Larry Rich in a public statement.

Over the past year, significant efforts have been concentrated on establishing the new Office of Climate Action, which involved combining

the existing Office of Sustainability and four new climate action positions. The Office of Climate Action’s purpose is to ensure the successful implementation of LB CAP actions and objectives across all City departments.

“A key objective of the LB CAP is for Long Beach to achieve net zero emissions by 2045,” said Climate Manager Fern Nueno in a public statement. “We hope to better enable residents to make the changes to their everyday routines that can help us reach that goal and, in doing so, improve the health and well-being of our communities.”

Residents can find more information about Zero Emissions Day or California Clean Air Day at www.longbeach.gov/sustainability/ or by contacting the Office of Climate Action and Sustainability at Sustainability@longbeach.gov.

NONPROFIT

Help Me Help You opens new ‘Grocery Grab N Go’ in North Long Beach

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The local non-profit organization Help Me Help You (HMHY) will be opening its 11th grocery distribution location at McKinley Elementary with a ribbon cutting on Friday afternoon.

During the event, residents in need will be able to receive free nutritious groceries, school supplies, sweets and enrollment assistance for essential community services. Organizations participating in the event include SCAN Health Plan, Head Start and the Long Beach Public Library.

According to Data USA, Long Beach has a poverty rate of 16.2%, higher than the national average of 12.8%.

“As someone who used a food bank as a student, I know how vitally important these resources are for students to have everything they need,” said 9th District Councilmember Joni Ricks-Oddie in a public statement. “Having access to healthy foods helps to provide the best learning environment when our children and families are not

worried about where their next meal comes from. Thank you to all the entities who made this possible.”

McKinley Elementary School serves an area with high need, as approximately 91.6% of its students receive free and reduced lunch assistance, significantly exceeding the state average of 60.7%.

The Grocery Grab N’ Go aims to address food insecurity, which can lead to health issues, developmental challenges, emotional struggles and poor educational outcomes.

“We are grateful to have the Grab n’ Go pantry onsite at McKinley Elementary. Many of our families and the community appreciate the generosity and support this service provides. With rising costs of food, the pantry plays a significant role in meeting the needs of the community and is a valuable resource for many. The additional grocery support provided by Grab n’ Go eases the financial burden on our families and the community,” said Principal Dulnari Edirisinghe-Aga in a public statement.

The 9th District Long Beach Grocery Grab N’ Go will open on



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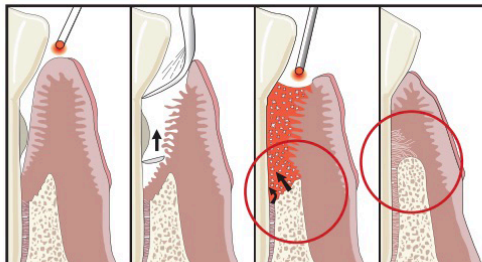

Brandon Fallon (right) and Angel Vanderwerff of Help Me Help You pose with their carts filled with a weeks worth of food for 20 households inside the Long Beach Senior Arts Colony on Feb 3, 2023.

the second and fourth Friday of every month at McKinley Elementary (6822 Paramount Blvd.). The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, September 22 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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