

ENVIRONMENT

This Signal Hill company is revolutionizing renewable energy technology



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A Rejoule testing kit rest on a table inside the company's lab on Oct. 4, 2023.

ReJoule's innovations have been sold around the world, and the company is focusing its efforts on disadvantaged communities next.

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

On a quiet Signal Hill street, surrounded by oil pumps and offices, a family-owned renewable energy company is slowly spreading its technology around the world. ReJoule was founded in 2017 by siblings Steven and Zora Chung, and made its home in a Signal Hill warehouse in 2020. The company specializes in repurposing electric vehicle (EV) car batteries to store solar energy for use at night. In the coming years, ReJoule will create solar energy storage systems for three locations across the U.S. The company wants to focus on commercial-scale solar energy in under-resourced communities instead of single-family homes. In September, the company was awarded two separate grants from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to produce its technology on its largest scale yet. ReJoule received a \$10 million grant from the DOE over the span of seven years to build three solar grids using their original design for workforce and housing sites in disadvantaged communities.

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SIGNAL HILL



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Signal Hill Mayor Tina Hansen gives opening remarks at the 2023 Signal Hill State of the City address on Oct. 4, 2023, at the Signal Hill Public Library.

Signal Hill lays out future plans during State of the City

Kristen Farrah Naeem
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The City of Signal Hill held its annual State of the City event on the rooftop deck of the Signal Hill Public Library on Wednesday, going over the progress made in the last year as well as the City's plans in areas such as business, public infrastructure, policing, homelessness and more.

Looking Five Years into the Future

While Signal Hill holds a State of the City event each year, and creates a new budget every two years, the City also passed an overarching document earlier this year to guide its long-term plans.

The City's goals for the future were laid out in its Five Year Strategic Plan, a document Hansen said reflects Signal Hill's goals and objectives as it moves forward. The plan covers a five-year period to allow for flexibility.

Each year, the Strategic Plan will be evaluated by an executive team made up of City staff from each department, and will be

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HEALTH

Long Beach offers free flu vaccines to residents



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A health care worker pulls a dose of the Jynneos combined smallpox and monkeypox vaccine into a syringe at the vaccine clinic located at Long Beach City College on Sept. 13, 2022.

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The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) will be administering flu vaccinations free of charge during the month of October at City-run vaccination sites and community clinics. This initiative aims to prepare residents for the upcoming flu season, which typically spans from mid-fall to mid-spring.

"We encourage everyone to stay up to date with their vaccines, which includes getting the flu shot," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "Not only will this protect you, it also protects people at high risk for flu hospitalizations, including older adults and very young children."

The largest clinic this year will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Main Health (2525 Grand Ave.). The clinic will offer both walk-up and drive-through

options. These large-scale clinics serve as training exercises for mass vaccination efforts, which proved invaluable during the COVID-19 vaccination campaign.

In addition to the Main Health clinic, flu vaccines will be available at various community clinics throughout October:

- Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at McBride Park (1550 Martin Luther King Jr Ave.)

- Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at El Dorado Park West (2800 N. Studebaker Rd.)

- Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Admiral Kidd Park (2125 Santa Fe Ave.)

- Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Silverado Park (1545 W. 31st St.)

- Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Long Beach Senior Center (1150 E. 4th St.)

- Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.)

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HOLIDAY



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A senior resident sits atop a motorized scooter holding a sign that says "We Deserve Better!" at the unveiling of the 2021 People's Budget on Tuesday, June 22

Long Beach will honor Ageism Awareness Day each October 7

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Long Beach's newest holiday is one that people of all ages can get behind.

Every Oct. 7 will be recognized as Ageism Awareness Day, educating residents about the harms of discriminating against people based on their age, whether for being too old or too young.

The term was coined by geriatrician Robert Butler in 1969, and research on the phenomenon has revealed that ageism can damage local economies, people's health, housing opportunities and more. The Long Beach Gray Panthers requested that the City create Ageism Awareness Day to combat harmful stereotypes and impact local policies by recognizing the issue.

"Our older adults are an invaluable asset to our city," said Councilmember Mary Zendejas, who authored the item. "They contribute tremendously to the growth, diversity and community advocacy in Long Beach."

More than 25% of Long Beach's population is made up of people ages 50 and older, according to staff reports.

Karen Reside, president of the Long Beach Gray Panthers, gave a presentation highlighting some of the ways ageism has been normalized in everyday life, and debunking ageist stereotypes.

"There are stereotypes that everybody is going to end up with dementia and in the nursing home at the end of life, that old people deserve to sit in front of the TV all day because they're old and useless," Reside said.

Only 3% of seniors in the United States end up living in a nursing home, according to a U.S. News Report. According to the Alzheimer's Society, 2% of the population develops dementia.

Reside urged the City Council to begin including mentions of ageism in public policy to create equity among people of all ages.



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Karen Reside (right) and Pat Lamis (left) of the Long Beach Gray Panthers share a laugh between speakers at the Long Beach May Day rally on May 1, 2022, at Cesar Chavez Park in Long Beach.

A study done by Yale University researchers found that on average, people who have a positive perception about getting older tend to live seven years longer than those who have a negative perception on aging. The American Association of Retired Persons estimated an \$850 billion loss in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) due to involuntary retirement, underemployment and unemployment among older adults.

"It's super important that we protect our elders and recognize the value they bring into our community, and one of the things is knowing ageism can be deadly," said Vice Mayor Cindy Allen. "It can be found in education, housing, health care. What we're doing here today is the first step."

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EDUCATION

Creativity Lab at LB libraries teaches kids problem solving

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

The Long Beach Public Library and the Signal Hill-based nonprofit Dramatic Results have partnered for the second year to provide a free weekly educational event for middle schoolers at three libraries across Long Beach.

The SEED (STEAM Ecosystem Expansion Demonstration) Creativity Lab centers around the collaborative problem-solving method called “design thinking.”

Kids will learn to work together to come up with solutions to problems and will hear from multiple guest speakers from their community, including educators, artists, journalists and more. Students will be introduced to printmaking, mural painting and other creative disciplines while using collaborative problem-solving skills to overcome any obstacles they may encounter.

For their final project, SEED Creativity Lab students will be asked to design a product, experience or system to solve a problem their designated “client” is facing.

“Ultimately, we are hoping to cultivate creative problem solvers who can identify and define real world problems in their community—expressed through humans—really focusing on what the humans in their community are experiencing and then solving for a problem,” said Yesenia Perez, a Long Beach



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The front entrance of the Billie Jean King Main Library on May 13, 2022.

Public Library staff member.

By Friday, Sept. 22, around 40 kids had already signed up for the program, said Gabriel Gaete, a project coordinator for the Long Beach Public Library.

This project was made possible by grant funding Dramatic Results received from the United States Department of Education. The grant funding should last for multiple years.

Each week, there will be 25 spaces at Billie Jean King Main Library, 20 at Mark Twain Library and 15 at Harte Library. While children are encouraged to come to all the sessions since lessons build upon each other, they can attend as few as they want.

The SEED Creativity Lab will be held every Saturday until Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Billie Jean King Main Library, Harte Neighborhood Library and Mark Twain Neighborhood Library. The lab is open to sixth through eighth graders.

CITY COUNCIL



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During the July 6, 2021 Long Beach City Council meeting, tenants rights groups hold up signs supporting the removal of the substantial remodel provision for evictions in the city.

Long Beach grants LiBRE nonprofit with Community Land Trust

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Long Beach City Council awarded a contract to fiscal sponsor Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs to establish and operate a Community Land Trust (CLT) for Long Beach Residents Empowered (LiBRE) at its Sept. 12 meeting.

Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs is a Calabasas-based nonprofit that provides progressive-minded nonprofits with fiscal sponsorships to pursue environmental or social justice projects.

A CLT is defined as a community nonprofit organization that fundraises for the acquisition and development of real estate with the intention of building and providing affordable housing.

LiBRE is a tenant-led nonprofit that unites and organizes neighborhood-based groups of BIPOC tenants to achieve systemic housing justice. The CLT contract with the City is for two years, with the intention to assist low-income residents with further affordable housing opportunities.

“Ensuring quality and stable housing for all is vital to the entire

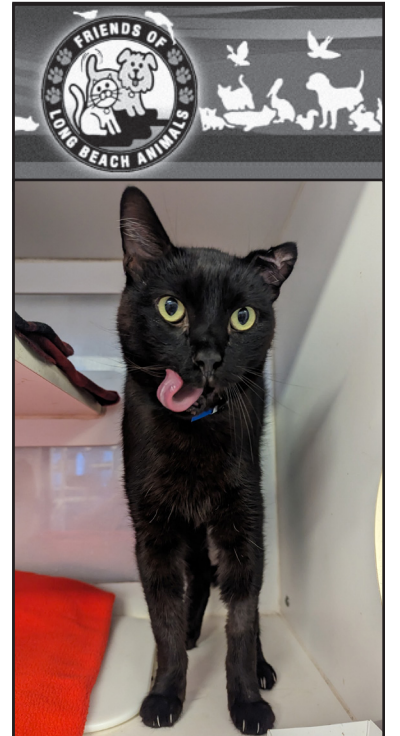
Long Beach community,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a statement. “Through this innovative partnership, LiBRE will be able to join the City’s efforts to create more opportunities for homeownership and affordable housing.”

In December 2022, the City launched its search for a local non-profit to select for a CLT program and began accepting proposals.

LiBRE was selected for the CLT due to the organization’s qualifications and commitment to providing affordable housing, renter protections and economic development to local disadvantaged residents.

The nonprofit will be provided with up to \$800,000 in start-up funds to launch a CLT and look for additional operational, housing acquisition, or development funding to increase affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents.

The CLT program has received approximately \$5 million in funds to support affordable housing and tenant assistance programs from the Long Beach Recovery Act. Following this contract, \$4.2 million in CLT funds remain.



Pet of the week: Pharaoh

We featured Pharaoh a month ago, and this time, we have a plea: if he doesn’t find a permanent throne soon, he may need to leave the shelter in a way we’d prefer not to name. He’s been here since May. Pharaoh has no teeth, although he seems to have no trouble eating, as you can see. He had all his teeth pulled because of stomatitis and dental disease, but it hasn’t stopped him from purring and begging for head scratches. And eating, of course. He has some medical conditions that will need to be addressed by his human. Pharaoh’s only 3 years old, and he so deserves a full reign. To adopt or foster Pharaoh, email PetAdopt@longbeach.gov to speed the process for adopting or fostering, or call (562) 570-7387. Ask for ID#A699241.

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Wednesday, September 27

1:52 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Gundry Ave./E. Hill St. (suspect arrested)
3:49 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, September 28

9:22 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
6:51 p.m., Burglary, 2300 block Monte Verde Dr.

Friday, September 29

12:53 a.m., Auto burglary, 1900 block Molino Ave.
9:59 p.m., Felony warranted, 2800 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
11:45 p.m., Battery, 2500 block Palm Dr.

Saturday, September 30

8:56 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. 19th St./Temple Ave.
10:17 a.m., Burglary; misdemeanor warrants, 2500 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

Sunday, October 1

3:30 a.m., Burglary, 2400 block California Ave.
10:18 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, E. Burnett St./Walnut Ave.
11:37 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Orange Ave./E. Hill St.
11:47 a.m., Person with a knife, 3300 block E. PCH
3:26 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 1700 block E. 28th St. (suspect arrested)

Monday, October 2

11:06 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, E. 21st St./Cherry Ave.
1:48 p.m., Identity theft, 3200 block Orange Ave.

Tuesday, October 3

2:32 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 3500 block E. PCH
1:21 p.m., Burglary, 900 block E. 25th St.

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

CRIME

Long Beach man sentenced to 50 years in prison for gang-related fatal shooting

City News Service

Southern California Local News

A man was sentenced Wednesday to 50 years to life in state prison in connection with the apparent gang-related shooting death of an innocent bystander who was struck by gunfire in Long Beach.

Superior Court Judge James Otto tacked on an additional 17 years and eight months in prison for Tyquan Benson, 28, of Long Beach, who was convicted July 21 of first-degree murder and other charges stemming from the Dec. 4, 2019, shooting that left Alejandra Martinez dead.

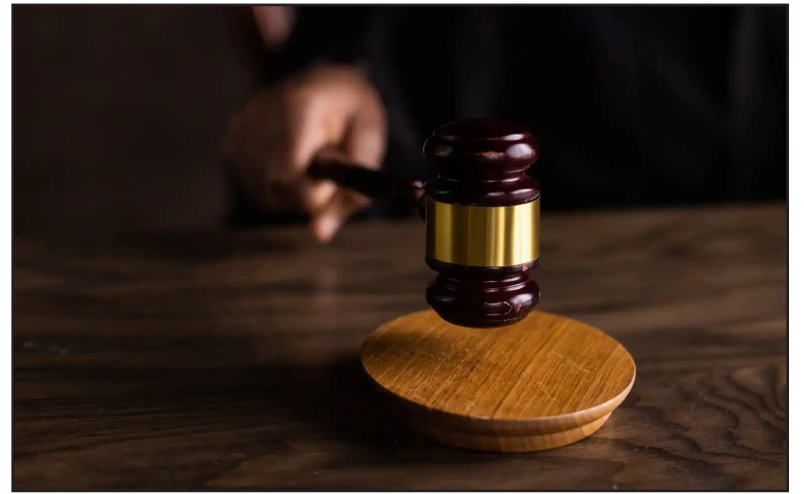
Benson was also convicted of one count each of attempted murder, assault with a semiautomatic firearm, shooting from a motor vehicle and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He had a prior conviction from 2014 for burglary.

Co-defendant Jacquise Wright, 33, is awaiting trial on the same counts after a mistrial was declared in his case because of a personal emergency for his attorney.

Detectives believe a gang-related dispute escalated into a shooting and that “the victim was not the intended target,” according to a statement released by the Long Beach Police Department shortly after the shooting.

A female juvenile was also struck in the upper body, but recovered, police said.

The judge called the events “totally unnecessary” and “a terrible crime,” saying that Benson is going to have to live with “the conse-



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quences of those bad choices.”

Martinez, a 36-year-old mother of three, had stopped at a taco truck after work when she was fatally shot in a parking lot near Magnolia Avenue and Anaheim Street, according to Deputy District Attorney Robert Song.

“Because of Mr. Benson and Mr. Wright, she is dead,” the prosecutor told the judge.

Song noted that the courtroom account late Tuesday of the victim’s husband about being left to raise their children by himself was “heart-wrenching.”

Defense attorney Theida Salazar said Benson “never went there seeking out any confrontation” and described his client as a “young man fearful for his own safety.”

“He was not there to take a life. He was there to eat,” Salazar told the judge, noting earlier that Benson was 1 1/2 years old when he

lost his biological father to murder and that his client was diagnosed in 2003 with psychotic disorder, hallucinations and anti-social behavior.

Benson’s attorney noted that the explanation of Benson’s biographical background was not being offered to “make excuses” but rather to ensure that the judge knew the “totality of the circumstances.”

Wright and Benson were arrested about 2 1/2 months after the shooting and have remained behind bars since then.

Outside court after the sentencing, Benson’s attorney called it a “very unfortunate situation,” noting that a family had lost a mother and wife and that his client had been sentenced to “what inevitably could be a life sentence regardless of the numbers.”

CRIME

Man murders wife before taking own life

City News Service

Southern California Local News

An 81-year-old man and his 75-year-old wife were found dead in Long Beach Wednesday in what investigators believe was a murder-suicide.

Homicide detectives responded to the 5600 block of Corso Di Napoli around 6:30 a.m. Wednesday to perform a welfare check on the couple, who were not answering the phone or the front door of their home, according to the Long Beach Police Department.

Officers went inside and found

a woman with a gunshot wound to her upper body, along with a man who appeared to have had a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his upper body, police said.

Long Beach Fire Department paramedics pronounced both dead at the scene.

The Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner later identified the deceased as 75-year-old Judy Taylor and 81-year-old Lawrence Taylor. Police said detectives recovered a firearm from the scene and the shooting was being investigated as a murder-suicide.

Anyone with information on the



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deaths was urged to call LBPD Homicide Detectives Ethan Shear or Eric Thai at 562-570-7244. Tipsters who prefer to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

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THEATRE

Long Beach Shakespeare Co. hosting first-ever poetry festival

Live poetry writing, a workshop, readings and shows will honor Shakespeare's roots and connect audiences.

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The Helen Borgers Theatre will become a beacon for performed and written art this weekend, as the Long Beach Shakespeare Company ushers in its inaugural poetry festival.

Tens of poets and playwrights from Los Angeles and Long Beach will flock to the theater nestled in the cozy Bixby Knolls neighborhood to honor Shakespeare the only way they know how.

"Shakespeare is poetry to its core," Long Beach Shakespeare Company Creative Director Holly Leveque said about the inspiration behind the company's inaugural poetry festival. The second influential motivation behind the event, but certainly not the least, is Helen Borgers' love for poetry.

As the theater's namesake and company's first and former creative director, Leveque wanted to honor Borgers' legacy as she continued her first full season directing. Leveque also introduced the company's first New Works Festival in July.



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A sign above the front entrance of the Helen Borgers Theatre in Bixby Knolls on Oct. 3, 2023.



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Playbills for the LBC Poetry Series rest in a holder near the door of the Helen Borgers Theatre in Bixby Knolls on Oct. 3, 2023.

friend, and have teamed up for performances in the past.

"A good poem is just a good story, and Holly really knows that and remembers and has a keen eye for history and things that are important and sacred," Ravenswood said about her friend and colleague. "She remembers the core of everything is the word, is the poetry."

"Shakespeare is poetry to its core."

- Holly Leveque,
Long Beach
Shakespeare Company
Creative Director

Residents can watch the artistic team in action in the closing act of the poetry festival Friday night: an original play titled "How To Make A Monster" written by Ravenswood, directed by Brian Sonia Wallace and starring Leveque.

The play was first performed and starred in by Leveque almost 10

years ago, and this will be its third iteration. Ravenswood described it as a "bananas" tale about climate change and Indigenous and women's rights; as a play that "breaks all the rules of playwriting."

The weekend's festivities will begin Friday evening just outside the Helen Borgers Theatre on Atlantic Avenue with a 30-minute live poetry writing session from seasoned poet Bernadette McCommish. Equipped with a vintage typewriter, McCommish will invite residents to request a poem about a subject of their choosing, then whip up a work of art that residents can take home with them.

Saturday kicks off with a Shakespearean writing workshop led by Ravenswood, who has been a poet for 20 years and a playwright for 10 years. She also helped select poets for the three readings throughout the weekend, drawing from Los Angeles and Long Beach for artists.

"I wanted to keep the poets local, the poets that I most cherish," Ravenswood said. "I've worked in the Los Angeles poetry scene since I was a teenager, and it's been decades of getting to know our community so the scene is love and local."

Leveque will direct a Shakespearean collection performance to wrap up the second night of the festival with "Shakespeare On The Dark Side." The show will feature a collection of monologues ranging



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The front entrance of the Helen Borgers Theatre in Bixby Knolls on Oct. 3, 2023.

from "Hamlet" and "King Lear" to "Richard III" and "Macbeth."

The festival will close with an original play loosely based on "Frankenstein."

The show will satisfy the Shakespeare truthers, feature gender-bending roles and offer "some-

thing that's a little bit more on the dark side than the theater has necessarily been doing in the last decade or so," Leveque said.

The creative director described her collection as weird, and warned it may be a little "emotionally depressing" but said it's sure to please patrons who crave "avant-garde and creepy" content.

The Long Beach Shakespeare Company's Poetry Festival will take place from Oct. 6 to Oct. 8, with multiple events each day. Each event will be held at the Helen Borgers Theatre at 4250 Atlantic Ave. Tickets for each event are \$13 and can be purchased at LongBeachShakespeare.org.

REJOULE

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Zora called the grants a “huge game-changer” for the company, as it’s the biggest funding allocation they’ve received.

A Leap of Faith

The brother and sister duo started ReJoule with an idea for renewable energy, and an interest in creating their own business inspired by their upbringing.

“Our parents are small business owners and they always encouraged us to start our own business,” Zora said. “So the seed was planted at a young age.”

Zora was working in corporate finance for one of the largest companies in the United States when her brother brought the idea of his business to her. Fresh with a Master’s degree in engineering, Steven had the option of starting his own company, pursuing his Ph.D. or working for any number of defense companies. His sister pushed him in the entrepreneurial direction, and he immediately asked her to come along with him.

“He knew he needed someone who understood business and he needed someone he can trust,” Zora said, adding that it wasn’t an easy decision to leave her job to join her brother. “... I saw the opportunity for a huge positive impact and it was in an area that I was definitely not familiar with.”

For the first three years, Steven worked on his designs to test the remaining life in used EV batteries. Zora worked to find them possible buyers and make their name in the marketplace of renewable energy.

After working out of their parent’s surplus warehouse space, ReJoule received its first round of grant funding and was able to purchase its headquarters in Signal Hill.

The two were unaware of Signal



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Rejoule Co-Founder Zora Chung holds an oversized check from the Department of Energy that was won during the American Made Solar competition. The team also won an additional \$50,000 at the same event.

Hill’s historical, deep-rooted ties to petroleum and oil drilling, though they vaguely noticed the oil pump jacks surrounding their business. Zora remarked that the “global trend” of energy is moving towards renewable and reusable methods, accounting for the increased funding from the federal government.

Why Electric Car Batteries?

Electric car sales have grown from 0.2% in 2011 to 4.6% in 2021, and growth is only beginning. S&P Global Mobility projects that electric car sales will account for about 50% of all car sales in the United

States by 2030.

Most of these batteries need to be replaced about 10 years into their life, with 90% of their capacity still remaining, said Tobias Hecht, program manager for ReJoule.

California is in the early stages of figuring out what to do with these batteries and how to recycle them to avoid a surplus of hazardous waste. ReJoule found a solution, and it’s sitting in salvage yards and used car lots around the country.

“What we want to do is maximize the value of the batteries and let it be used as long as possible ... Getting extra use out of the battery is just really important otherwise you’re wasting life left in the battery,” Hecht said.

The batteries currently being used to install solar energy storage for residential homes are produced overseas, and the Institute for Energy Research found that mining for these resources have detrimental impacts on the environment.

The company aims to provide solar energy in under-resourced communities

ReJoule is using batteries already in the country, where the supply chain will increase exponentially in the coming decades.

Dual Track Innovation

The company’s first goal was not to create solar energy storage units, but to test these batteries to decide if they can be used in the first place. This process is called “cycling,” and used to take almost 10 hours (after the 1,000-pound car battery was removed).

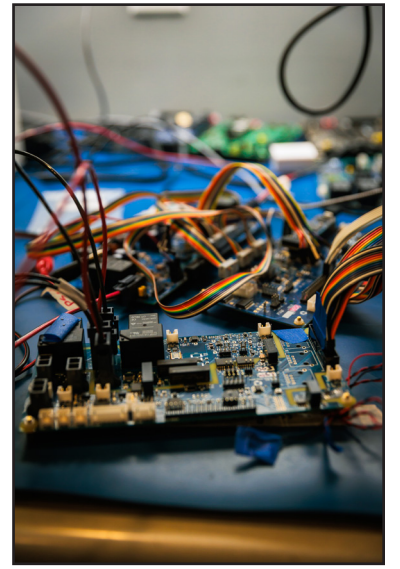
ReJoule’s first major accomplishment was creating technology that can successfully do the same in just 10 minutes. They’ve deployed this technology to three continents since its creation.

Now, the company is working on the next step: how to test batteries without having to remove them from the vehicle, which can be a laborious four-hour process and deemed useless if the battery has little life remaining.

Zora said the market for this technology is only growing, and they hope to help used car companies deploy the technology so they can know if an electric car they’re purchasing has sufficient battery life.

ReJoule is also hoping this will make solar energy more affordable, and thus more widespread, by drawing from an already-existing supply chain instead of ordering new batteries for projects. It currently costs around \$38,000 for a single-family home to be installed with solar energy, which may explain why 90% of residential solar storage is with privately owned homes.

This creates a barrier of access for owners of apartments and affordable housing developments, which is why ReJoule is creating its first large-scale solar energy stor-



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A circuit board is seen on a table in the lab of Rejoule. It will be used to test used electric vehicle batteries on Oct. 4, 2023.

age units for affordable housing and workforce training developments.

“Our hope is that in the future, the repurposed batteries will be a much cheaper alternative,” Hecht said. “We’re focusing on building critical infrastructure for disadvantaged communities so there’s a large benefit.”

Two of ReJoule’s solar energy storage systems will be deployed in affordable housing developments; one in Santa Fe, New Mexico and the other in Petaluma, California. The California complex holds 131 units, and ReJoule is planning on its most ambitious project yet, by allowing the site to draw from solar energy 24 hours a day, year-round.

“It will probably be the nation’s first affordable housing complex running off solar energy year-round,” Hecht said.

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City officials discussed infrastructure, public safety, business and more.

adjusted as needed. The five goals laid out in the strategic plan are as follows:

Goal 1: Ensure the City's long-term financial stability and resilience.

Goal 2: Maintain community safety by supporting public safety services and increasing emergency preparedness.

Goal 3: Improve the local economy, support local businesses and create a vibrant downtown core.

Goal 4: Maintain and improve the City's physical infrastructure, water system and recreational spaces.

Goal 5: Strengthen internal communication, recruitment, retention, systems, and processes to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of City services.

Increasing public safety, police recruitment and addressing homelessness

Signal Hill's new Police Chief, Wayne Byerley, is focusing on attracting officers from other departments and new recruits to the Signal Hill Police Department. Since taking office, SHPD has partnered with Premier First Responder Psychological Services to provide mental health counseling to officers, has initiated a new healthy meal delivery service and started recruitment efforts at college sporting events, tournaments and CrossFit gyms.

Hansen said a well-staffed police department will help the City maintain a high level of service for residents who call for first responders.

The City has also launched a Neighborhood Enhancement Team, made up of staff from every department, to deal with the issue of homelessness in Signal Hill. The team focuses on building trust with people experiencing homelessness in Signal Hill, and partners with the



Signal Hill Mayor Tina Hansen presents current projects underway in the city at the 2023 Signal Hill State of the City address on Oct. 4, 2023, at the Signal Hill Public Library.

City of Long Beach and nonprofits to offer services and basic needs such as transportation, nutrition and short-term temporary housing. Since the year began, Hansen said the team aided six people, but did not specify how.

Helping local businesses thrive

During the State of the City, the importance of diversifying the types of businesses in Signal Hill was repeatedly mentioned by public officials.

Mayor Tina Hansen said the City will be reviewing the business permitting process to ensure those who want to open a business in the city don't get stuck in the process.

The City is also working to compile a guidebook for current and aspiring business owners, so they can learn what resources are available to help them grow or start their businesses.

New building developments in Signal Hill

The cityscape will soon be changing, with multiple new developments planned for the near future. The former site of Majestic Golf Land (2550 Orange Ave.), has received an application for a new 100,000 square foot distribution warehouse. Hansen said residents will have multiple opportunities to give feedback on the project as it moves forward. The request for

the warehouse is still under review, and the City has not committed the land to the project yet.

There are four housing developments in the works in Signal Hill. Two of them will be workforce

housing, for individuals and households that earn between 60% and 120% of the Area Median Income. The Orange Bluff workforce housing development will have 290 units across 8.6 acres, while the Walnut Bluff project will have 90 units across 2 acres.

The other two housing developments will be market rate, meaning the developments will be made without any government subsidies and their prices will be decided by the current real estate market. The Town Center Northwest and Heritage Square developments will be in mixed-use areas alongside commercial spaces, containing 267 and 60 housing units, respectively.

The City is also working to create a Civic Center Master Plan, so it can apply for funding to redo its entire Civic Center Campus including City Hall, Signal Hill Park and more. The project has already received \$5 million from Senator Lena Gonzalez to create a new amphitheater.

The City plans to hold workshops from Oct. 6 to Oct. 7 in the City Council Chambers (2175 Cherry Ave.), where residents can learn about the project and express their thoughts.

The workshops will be held at the following times:

- Friday, Oct. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 7 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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AROUND TOWN

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



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Two yellow-bellied slider turtles bask in the sunlight at the edge of the water at the El Dorado Duck Pond on April 26, 2022. The turtles will need to be rehomed during the upcoming restoration project.

October is nationally recognized as a month to celebrate artistic abilities and explore creative avenues of expression. Long Beach and Signal Hill certainly received the memo, and have a plethora of artsy, fun and mostly free events to celebrate Arts Month.

Residents can celebrate the art of poetry to start off the weekend with readings and a workshop Friday morning at a local high school, attend an exhibit opening Friday night at the Long Beach Museum of Art or watch over 50 artists create chalk masterpieces Saturday on Second Street.

For those who would rather do than watch, the Museum of Latin American Art is hosting a drawing workshop Sunday morning, Tuttle Cameras is hosting a photography workshop Tuesday evening and local photographers will explore the Pike Outlets to shoot together Wednesday night.

06 FRIDAY

POETRY READING AND WORKSHOP

10:30 a.m. California Poet Laureate Lee Herrick will perform a poetry reading, sign books and teach a poetry workshop at the Renaissance High School for the Arts Theater (235 E Eighth St.). Three other local poets will be reading their works. Free.

ST. CYPRIAN PARISH COMMUNITY FEST

6 p.m. to 11 p.m. This local church (3955 North Studebaker Rd.) will be holding a community festival in partnership with the Long Beach Police Department. Free.

FIRST FRIDAYS AT BIXBY KNOLLS

6 p.m. to 11 p.m. This local church (3955 North Studebaker Rd.) will be holding a community festival in partnership with the Long Beach Police Department. Free.

OPENING RECEPTION

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The art exhibit "Ordinary People" will be opening at the Long Beach Museum of Art (2300 E Ocean Blvd.). Over 20 artists will be participating in the exhibit. Admission costs \$20, and can

be purchased ahead of time on the museum's website.

BETTY BOOP HALLOWEEN PARTY

8 p.m. Families can watch the 1930's classic cartoon "Betty Boop's Halloween Party" in restored 4K at the Long Beach Art Theatre (2025 E Fourth St.). Children and adults are encouraged to come in their Halloween costumes and compete for prizes in a costume contest. Tickets are \$13.50 for adults, and free for Art Theatre members and children under 10 years old.

07 SATURDAY

WETLANDS TURTLE TREK

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Residents can explore the beauty of the Los Cerritos Wetlands and search for Pacific Green Sea Turtles at this monthly nature trek. This two-hour hike is appropriate for children ages 7 and older. Parking is available at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and First Street. RSVP with elizabeth@lewlandtrust.org. Free.

JAPANESE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to view multiple classic Japanese cars on display at Marina Green Park (386 East Shoreline Drive). Outside food is not allowed at the event. Attendees can bring beverages in clear water bottles; large thermos flasks will be subject to inspection. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 on Eventbrite.

SIDEWALK CHALK ART CONTEST

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 50 artists will compete in this sidewalk chalk art contest hosted by Justin Rudd at 5200 E Second St. Free.

GEMS ON THE HILL

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society is back with its annual Gems on the Hill show at the Signal Hill Library (1800 E Hill St.). Over 20 vendors will be selling gems, fossils, jewelry and more while children can adopt a pet rock, dig for gemstones, and watch educational demonstrations. The event will continue Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

GREEN PORT FAIR

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to this family-friendly event organized by the Port of Long Beach at the Harry Bridges Memorial Park (1126 Queens Hwy.). The event will feature a beer and wine garden, food vendors, information booths, coastguard demonstrations and more. Admission is free and free parking will be available at the Queen Mary parking lot adjacent to the fair site as well as the Pike Outlets Parking Garage.

FIESTA IN THE PARK

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to this community celebration at Silverado Park (1545 W 31st St.), featuring music, dance performances, food trucks and more. Free to attend.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS FUNDRAISER

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Adventures to Dreams (903 De Forest Ave.) will be holding a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness in its garden, featuring a lunch made from produce grown in the garden, live jazz, games and more. Tickets cost \$68. For more information, call 562 204-6677 or email admin@adventuresdreams.info.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

3 p.m. The Silent Book Club Long Beach chapter will be holding a gathering of readers at The Library: A Coffee House (3418 E Broadway). Attendees are invited to bring whatever book they're currently reading. Free.

08 SUNDAY

DRAWING WORKSHOP

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participants will practice drawing with graphite pencil on gray paper in the Museum of Latin American Art's corner garden at 628 Alamos Ave. This workshop costs \$5. To register, visit the museum's website.

INTRO TO NATIVE PLANTS

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants in this workshop at Plantitas (2011 E. Fourth St.) will learn about native plants, biodiversity, and more. Each participant will receive native plant seeds. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 on Eventbrite.

BOXING LESSONS

11 a.m. Long Beach nonprofit Devotion Fitness hosts boxing classes each Sunday at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.). Classes are LGBTQ and beginner-friendly and taught at a low cost. Download the Devotion Fitness app to reserve a spot.

DISNEY-THEMED JAZZ SHOW

2 p.m. The National Jazz Museum in Harlem will be performing Disney songs in a swing jazz style at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center (6200 E. Atherton St.) Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online.

09 MONDAY

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to help pack up and deliver meals to homebound elderly people. Volunteers are asked to fill out an online application on the nonprofit's website beforehand. Free.

MAI TAI MONDAY

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. DJs Lili Bird and Lono Calls will be playing a mix of Exotica, Latin, Surf, Lounge, Jet Set, World Music and more at The Bamboo Club (3522 E Anaheim St.). This event is for those 21 and older. Free to attend.

10 TUESDAY

SENIOR BINGO

10 a.m. Seniors are invited to play bingo together at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Free.

TIPS AND TOOLS TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Guidebook author Rick Steves will be hosting an online discussion with the Long Beach Public Library. During his talk, Steves will discuss his book "Europe Through The Back Door," along with useful tips for traveling through Europe. Register for this online event on the Library's website. Free.

11 WEDNESDAY

LB NIGHT WALKS

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Photographers of all experience levels are invited to the Pike Outlets Ferris Wheel (21 W Shoreline Dr.) to shoot photos together. Free.

HOUGHTON PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. During this meeting, the City will inform community members of the next steps in the Houghton Park Playground Project. The meeting will be held inside the park's community center (6301 Myrtle Ave.). Free.

12 THURSDAY

ECLIPSE PARTY

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. This community celebration at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) in honor of the upcoming eclipse is appropriate for all ages. Attendees will learn how to safely view the eclipse that's occurring on Oct. 14, make solar-themed crafts, and more. Free.

BUILD AN OFRENDIA

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to help build an altar for Day of the Dead at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamos Ave.). Participants are asked to bring a 4x6 photocopy of a deceased loved one for the museum to keep on its altar. Complimentary pan de muertos and champurrado will be available. Items left on the museum's altar will not be returned, so please don't leave anything you want to keep. This event costs \$5.

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COLLEGE

LBCC and CSULB given national certification for empowering Latino students

The colleges are among the 14 universities certified with the Seal of Excelencia.

Staff Report

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Higher education research institute Excelencia in Education has announced Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) and Long Beach City College (LBCC) among the 14 colleges that have received their Seal of Excelencia certification for internationally serving and uplifting Latino students.

Five of the colleges that received the Seal of Excelencia in 2023 were recertified while nine of the universities were certified for the first time.

This three-year certification was established in 2018 in an attempt to highlight the universities that most impact Latino student success beyond just enrollment numbers.

To be awarded the Seal of Excelencia, a collegiate institution goes through an analytical three-year verification process and must show alignment across data, practice and leadership by meeting the four requirements below:

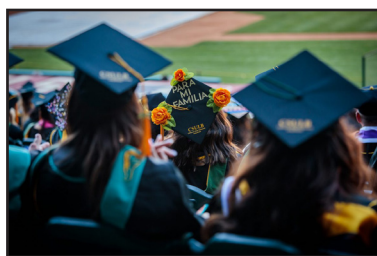
- Evidence of effectiveness and intentionality in institutional practices serving Latino students
- Positive momentum for Latino student progress
- Dedication to transforming the institution into an environment where Latino students thrive
- Strategies in leadership that clearly articulate institutional focus on advancing Latino student success

LBCC is one of five universities to receive a recertified Seal of Excelencia in 2023 along with Cal State Sacramento, The University of Texas at Austin, The University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Illinois Chicago.

LBCC was also the first community college in California to receive the Seal of Excelencia when its initial certification was given in 2020.

LBCC received initial certification in 2020 before becoming recertified in 2023

“Recertification with the Seal of Excelencia means the world to all of us at LBCC,” said LBCC Superintendent-President Dr. Mike Muñoz in a statement. “It signifies to our Latina/o/x students that they are not just present on our campuses, but are seen and valued here. The Seal of Excelencia also reminds the LBCC family that we are part of a community that celebrates the unique stories, perspectives, and contributions of our Latina/o/x



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A student with a decorated cap reading “PARA MI FAMILIA” watches as speakers address the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 during the CSULB commencement ceremony.

students as they strive for excellence in every facet of their academic journey.”

Among the nine collegiate institutions that received their first Seal of Excelencia in 2023 was Cal State Long Beach. Cal State Los Angeles and Cal State Northridge were the only other California universities selected for this honor for the first time this year.

San Diego State, UC Merced, UC Santa Cruz, UC Riverside and Cal State Fullerton are the only other universities to have earned the Seal certification since it began in 2018.

Policies and programs at CSULB that successfully integrate Latino students include the Long Beach College Promise (57% of students who enrolled through the program at CSULB are Latino), the Beach Pathways Program (72% are Latino students), and the Summer Bridge program (63% of participants are Latino students).

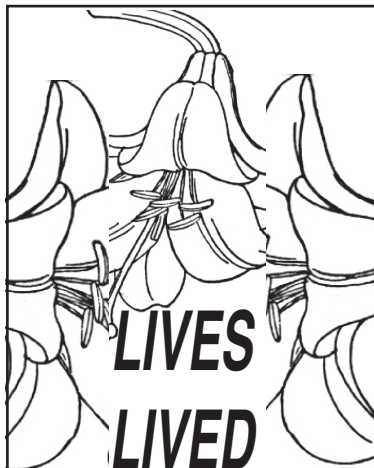
CSULB’s fall 2022 undergraduate student enrollment was 32,711 with 48% of the student population consisting of Latino students. CSULB is also a federally designated Minority-Serving institution and Hispanic-Serving institution by the U.S. State Department’s Fulbright Program.

The 2023 Seal of Excelencia selections were made during Excelencia in Education’s National Policy Forum livestream that took place in Washington D.C. on Sept. 29. There are now 39 Seal-certified universities that combine to enroll more than 15% of all Latino students and graduate 17% of all Latinos.

“There is a real difference between colleges and universities that enroll Latino students and those that intentionally serve them,” said Deborah Santiago, Co-founder and CEO of Excelencia in Education in a statement. “Those that earn the Seal are trendsetters on a journey of transformation, showing what it takes to progressively increase positive outcomes for Latino, and all, students for others ready to meet the mission.”

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KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
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CITATION TO PARENT
CASE NO. BAT-23-003016

In Re The matter of: The Petition of: ROBIN RENE FERGUSON to Declare: JUSTICE ALFONSO RAMIREZ and JORGE JOEL TRAVIS RAMIREZ, Minors, for freedom from Parental Custody and Control THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA To: BREANNA LEIGH REYES: By order of this court you are hereby advised that you may appear before the judge presiding in Division F of this court on JANUARY 05, 2024, at 8:30 am, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why JUSTICE ALFONSO RAMIREZ and JORGE JOEL TRAVIS RAMIREZ, should not be declared free from your custody and control. The following information concerns rights and procedures that relate to this proceeding for the termination of custody and control of JUSTICE ALFONSO RAMIREZ and JORGE JOEL TRAVIS RAMIREZ, and require such protection that court will appoint counsel to represent them, whether or not they are able to afford counsel. JUSTICE ALFONSO RAMIREZ and JORGE JOEL TRAVIS RAMIREZ, will not be present in court unless they so request or the court so orders. 2. If a parent of JUSTICE ALFONSO RAMIREZ and JORGE JOEL TRAVIS RAMIREZ, appears without counsel and is unable to afford counsel, the court must appoint counsel for the parent, unless the parent knowingly and intelligently waives the right to be represented by counsel. The court will not appoint the same counsel to represent the minor child and the parent. 3. The court may appoint either a public defender or private counsel. If private counsel is appointed, he or she will receive a reasonable sum for compensation and expenses, the amount of which will be determined by the court. That amount must be paid by the real parties in interest, but not by the minor, in such proportions as the court believes to be just. If, however, the court finds that any of the real parties in interest cannot afford counsel, the amount to be paid by the court. 4. The court may continue the proceedings for not more than 30 days as necessary to appoint counsel and to enable counsel to become acquainted with the case. Attorney for Petitioner: George R. Horringan, Esq. State Bar No.: 134450 LAW OFFICE OF GEORGE R. HORRINGAN, APLC 900 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 310 Bakersfield, California 93301 (661) 489-3100; Fax: (661) 489-3500 DATED: October 2, 2023 Tamarah Harber-Pickens, County Clerk By: A. Muratalla



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Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

Notice of Online Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell (Sale No. 2023B)

Whereas, on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell at online auction certain tax-defaulted properties.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on the last business day prior to the first day of the online auction, or Friday, October 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, October 21, 2023, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by R&TC Section 3698.5.

If a property does not sell during the online auction, the right of redemption will revive and remain until Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at online auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles beginning Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the TTC at tfc.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at www.bid4assets.com and submit a refundable \$5,000 deposit in the form of wire transfer, electronic check, cashier's check or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, the TTC sells all property "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the property, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

If the TTC sells a property, parties of interest, as defined by R&TC Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If there are any excess proceeds after the application of the minimum bid, the TTC will send notice to all parties of interest, pursuant to law.

Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at tfc.lacounty.gov or email us at auction@tfc.lacounty.gov

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I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on August 11, 2023.

Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg

Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg
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Case No. 23STPB03196
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOSEPH THOMAS YOUNGER JR.

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JOSEPH THOMAS YOUNGER JR. 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by JONATHAN M. YOUNGER in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that JONATHAN M. YOUNGER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 5. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain and very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. 6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. November 7, 2023 @ 8:30am, Dept: 5 b. Stanley Most Courthouse 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90802. 7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objection or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court with the later of either (1) four months from the date of issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the Court clerk. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: THOMAS M. MCINTOSH, ESQ. 135582 LAW OFFICES OF THOMAS M. MCINTOSH 2122 N. BROADWAY SANTA ANA, CA. 92706 Phone: 714-973-1113 Fax: 714-973-1271 Pub. Signal Tribune, October 6, 13, 20, 2023

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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.

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 STUBBLEFIELD 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. LEJUNIEKS, 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. LEJUNIEKS 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 TRENTO 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

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 ap-

pointed 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 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 Superi-

or 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

TST7092 Case No. 23LBCP00363
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: Kayleigh Carol Marie Davis for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Kayleigh Carol Marie Davis has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Kayleigh Carol Marie Davis Proposed Name: Kayleigh Sierra Eden 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 17, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 27, Room 5400. 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 29 & October 6, 13, 20, 2023 ___/ss//___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 20, 2023

TST7093 Case No. 23LBCP00357
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: Penelope Andrea Ramirez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Penelope Andrea Ramirez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Penelope Andrea Ramirez Proposed Name: Penelope Andrea Duran 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 31, 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 29 & October 6, 13, 20, 2023 ___/ss//___ Michael P. Vincencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 15, 2023

TST7100 / 2023 210221
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: MYGOODEBAG.COM, 3757 MEADVILLE DR, SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91403. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 1. ERIC GARFINKEL, 2. ARIELLE GARFINKEL, 3757 MEADVILLE DR, SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91403. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: a Married Couple. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ARIELLE GARFINKEL, WIFE. 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, 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 29, & October 6, 13, 20, 2023

TST7101 / 2023 180267
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: BATTER UP SWEETERY, 915 FREEMAN AVE #6, LONG BEACH, CA 90804. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: HOLY CHIT FOODS, LLC., 915 FREEMAN AVE #6, LONG BEACH, CA 90804. 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: ALENNI CHITWOOD, CEO. 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 August 18, 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 29, & October 6, 13, 20, 2023

TST7094 / 2023 207339
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 2. THE SIGNAL HILL TRIBUNE, 1860 OBISPO AVENUE SUITE F, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SIGNAL HILL PAPER, LLC, 1860 OBISPO AVENUE SUITE F, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. 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: JAMES ELEOPOULOS, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in December, 2017. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on September 21, 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 29, & October 6, 13, 20, 2023

TST7102/Order No: 15389
Auto Lien Sale

On 10/18/2023 at 9215 S VERMONT
LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 LAND ROVER
VIN: SALYB2EX9LA270124
STATE: CA LIC: 9BVU824 at 8 AM

TST7104/Order No: 15090
Auto Lien Sale

On 10/23/2023 at 2500 MARINE AVE
REDONDO BEACH, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 CAN-AM
VIN: 3JB2FEG24LJ002285
STATE: CA LIC: 24X7831 at 10 AM

TST7105/Order No: 15433
Auto Lien Sale

On 10/23/2023 at 821 SOUTH MAPLE
AVE MONTEBELLO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 HONDA
VIN: 1HGCR3F85HA037778
STATE: CA LIC: 8YUJ775 at 8AM

FREE FLU VACCINES
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Long Beach resident Jeff Bartholemy receives his Moderna COVID-19 booster shot at the Houghton Park mobile vaccine clinic on Nov. 22, 2021.

•Friday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.)

Appointments for flu vaccinations can also be made through medical providers or by visiting MyTurn.ca.gov.

For those seeking vaccinations at the Health Department, appointments can be scheduled by calling 562.570.7912 during regular business hours, with a small administrative fee applied.

The Health Department recommends everyone aged six months and older receive a flu vaccine annually, especially those with health conditions that may increase their susceptibility to serious flu complications. In addition to building immunity against the flu and preventing severe illness, the vaccine can also reduce the risk of contracting other respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.

"Everyone should take influenza seriously," City Health Officer Anissa Davis said in a public statement. "Influenza can make you feel really horrible, can cause missed work and school days, and lead to severe illness or death. This year, with the dual threat of COVID-19, it's especially important that everyone get their annual flu and COVID-19 vaccines."

Common flu symptoms include fever, chills, aches, pains, and coughing, with potentially deadly consequences for some individuals. The following groups are part of the high-risk populations:

- Infants six months and older
- Adults aged 60 and older
- Pregnant individuals
- Caregivers of older adults or infants

Those with underlying chronic medical conditions, including diabetes, heart, lung, kidney, liver conditions and more

Immune-compromised individuals, including those with HIV/AIDS, receiving cancer treatment, or on dialysis

To further prevent the spread of the flu, individuals are advised to:

- Avoid close contact with sick individuals
- Stay home from work or school when ill
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer
- Refrain from touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Clean and disinfect potentially contaminated surfaces
- Seek antiviral drugs as prescribed by a doctor if infected

For additional information on the 2023 flu season, visit longbeach.gov/flu or contact the Public Health Information Line at 562.570.7907. Follow @LongBeachCity and @LBHealthDept on Facebook, Instagram, and X for updates.

EVENTS

Spooky Season in Signal Hill

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

To ring in the Halloween season, the City of Signal Hill has planned five events for residents of all ages to enjoy. Families looking for kid-friendly events have no shortage of excuses to use and reuse this year's Halloween costumes to attend a carnival, storytime or craft.

Signal Hill residents can also compete in the Ghostly Gus scavenger hunt taking place through Oct. 27. Residents should keep an eye out for Signal Hill's Ghostly Gus character throughout the city at businesses, Hilltop Park, the Signal Hill Youth Center, City Hall, Signal Hill Public Library and many other locations.

To compete in this scavenger hunt, download and print a PDF of a bingo card at CityofSignalHill.org/321/events, along with detailed instructions on how to win prizes by playing.

In-person events include:

Friday, Oct. 13 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Halloween Magic Show with Zany Zoe

Families can enjoy a humorous magic show with Zany Zoe, who learned magic and illusions from her grandfather in Nicaragua at a young age. Children will be in awe when they see Zoe make a table float, do tricks with an 8-foot snake, produce coins out of thin air and other magical surprises. The show will take place in the Signal Hill Library's Community Center (1780 Hill St.) and is open to all ages.

Saturday, Oct. 21 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Creepy Crawlie Storytime & Costume Party

Children will be treated to an early costume party jam-packed with Halloween stories, songs with



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Jack-o-lanterns are displayed near people's front doors in a Long Beach neighborhood on Oct. 28, 2021.

movements and of course, lots of creepy crawlies to touch from Doodlebugs Animal Adventures. The purpose is for children to leave with a better appreciation and love for these misunderstood creatures. This event will take place in the library's Community Center (1780 Hill St.). Space is limited, and families can pre-register on the library's website or call 562.989.7323.

Thursday, Oct. 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Scary Movie Night Under the Stars

Teens and adults can gather to watch "The Conjuring," a horror film following a family in the 1970s facing a powerful demon. This event will take place in the Signal Hill Library's Zinnie Courtyard (1780 Hill St.). Attendees must be 18 or older. Pre-registration is required and residents can call 562.989.7323 to register.

Saturday, Oct. 28 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Halloween Carnival

The City of Signal Hill is hosting this Halloween carnival on the last weekend leading up to the holiday at Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.). The carnival will include candy, crafts, carnival games and train rides. Wristbands are required to participate in the carnival activities.

Pre-sale for wristbands is \$4 and can be purchased at the Signal Hill Parks, Recreation and Library Services office, at the Signal Hill Public Library, and the Youth Center. Wristbands can also be purchased at the event for \$5 before 4:30 p.m. Child-friendly costumes are encouraged. For more information call 562.989.7330.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Halloween Craft

Children ages 5 and older can create Halloween-themed backpack charms at the Signal Hill Library's Zinnie Courtyard (1780 Hill St.). Free.

WAGES

City of Long Beach reaches three-year agreement with employees' union

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) have reached a tentative three-year labor agreement. IBEW represents City employees in the Skilled and General Basic and Supervisor Units, according to a statement by the City.

The City workers in these units were previously represented by the Association of Long Beach Employees (ALBE).

"We are pleased to have reached a tentative agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "I want to thank IBEW leadership for their support and work in reaching this agreement—one that ensures fair wages and equity."

The City and IBEW collaborated on a tentative agreement to address fair and competitive compensation for City employees amid the current job market conditions. The agreement includes an equity-driven approach, with "equity adjustments" in salaries ranging from 1%

to 20% for job classifications based on their deviation from market rates:

- 1% for classifications 0 to 10% below market median.
- 8% for classifications 10 to 20% below market median.
- 12% to 17% for classifications 20 to 40% below market median.
- 20% for classifications 40% or more below market median.

This approach aims to ensure fair compensation for retention and recruitment, enhancing the City's attractiveness as an employer.

According to a public statement by the City, the tentative agreement also features:

- A three-year contract term from Oct. 1, 2023, to Sept. 30, 2026.
- General wage increases of 3% in the first year and 1% in the second and third years.
- One-time equity adjustments for specific IBEW Skilled and General supervisory unit classifications (ranging from 1% to 20%).
- Updates to skill pay, including removal or modification of inactive or obsolete skill pays and new skill pays to support departmental needs.



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The logo for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union (IBEW).

•Adjustments to special compensation, including night shift differential pay, higher classification pay, standby pay and boot allowance.

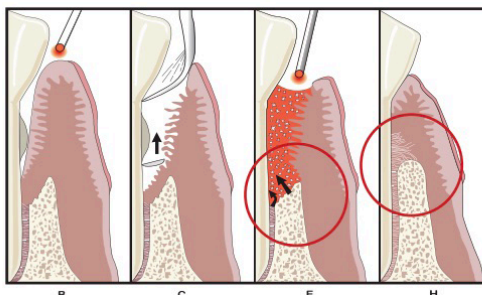

•Revisions to employee benefits, such as bereavement leave, paid parental leave, vacation accrual, sick leave and support for the Education Assistance Program.

Before reaching this agreement, City and IBEW representatives conducted three meetings, beginning in April. The agreement received approval from IBEW on May 23. It will be brought to the Long Beach City Council for consideration and public discussion on Oct. 10.

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