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A litany of holly jolly deals can be found on one stretch of street:





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Holíday Celebrations on the Green at West 20th Street & Daísy Avenue in Long Beach 90806



Sunday, December 10, 2023 7 to 8:45 p.m.

Donaldo's A Very Merry Rock 'n Christmas Dance Party Followed by Sirena Serpentina Tribal Fire Dancers Bring your dancing shoes & something to sit on! Dance Contest Prizes! Bundle up! It's cold outside!

Saturday, December 16, 2023 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Kira Alvarez Productions Holiday Carolers Song Fest Bring your own chairs!

4:45 to 6:00 pm Candy Canes 'n Cocoa with Santa Photo Opportunity

Donations of Cash/Checks, Pet Food, Treats, Blankets, Toys & Gently-used Towels for Long Beach Animal Care Services will be collected from 6 to 8:45 pm on December 10th and from 2:30 to 6 pm on December 16th. For updates, send an e-mail to wrigleyalliance@gmail.com & like Santa, we'll put you on our list!

Programs cancelled in the event of rain.







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COMMUNITY

Long Beach hosting virtual community meeting to discuss recent Colorado Lagoon updates



An aerial view of the area of water that could

potentially connect Marine Stadium with the Co-

in Marina Vista Park and the La-

Previous enhancements to the la-

goon have included dredging contaminated sediments, significant

water quality improvements, estab-

lishment of new subtidal, eelgrass,

and upland habitats, public access

improvements, expansion of a pe-

destrian bridge and enhancements

to the reclaimed water irrigation

Zoom on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at

5:30 p.m. Registration is required

at bit.ly/clbcolorado. Requests for

interpretation services should be

submitted by Dec. 8, 2023, and

can be sent to contactlbpw@long-

The meeting will take place on

lorado Lagoon on May 25, 2022.

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beach.gov.

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The City of Long Beach will be hosting a virtual community meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13 to provide updates on the Colorado Lagoon expansion.

The Colorado Lagoon Open Channel Project's goal is to reestablish a connection between the lagoon and the Pacific Ocean, promoting natural water circulation, potentially enhancing water quality, and restoring part of the former Los Cerritos Wetlands' natural habitat.

The Colorado Lagoon, an 18-acre saltwater tidal lagoon in East Long Beach, was historically part of the Los Cerritos Wetlands and previously connected naturally to what is now Marine Stadium.

According to a statement by the City, the final phase of construction commenced in late November 2022.

The meeting on Dec. 13 will cover significant project updates, including the current construction schedule, shoring installation, bridge construction and demolition work. Community members will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback at the conclusion of the presentation.

The City's aspirations for the project include the creation of new coastal habitats and tidal wetlands, improved water quality in the lagoon through enhanced tidal exchange and the preservation and enhancement of recreational uses

CRIME

CYBER SECURITY

Long Beach online payment services now restored following cyber attack



The adult computer lab inside the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in North Long Beach on Jan. 4, 2022.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Residents can once again pay their Long Beach utility bills and fines through online services following November's cyber attack on City websites.

Payments can be made online, over the phone by calling 833-408-8405, by mail or in-person at City Hall Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents can make payments with cash, check, money order or a credit/ debit card.

The City said in a public statement that they took the services offline out of "an abundance of caution."

Those enrolled in autopay whose deduction occurred while online payment systems were offline should have received an autopay deduction on Dec. 1, the City said.

Some residents may receive their November bill anywhere from a couple days to a couple of weeks later than usual. The City said in some cases, a resident's November bill may be lumped into their December bill.

"Customers should pay as much of this bill as they can, recommended at least half, and the remaining balance can be paid with the January bill. Utility customers will not be charged late fees or be subject to the shutoff of utility services due to this billing delay," the City's statement said.

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"We thank our Technology and Innovation and Utilities Departments for their nimble response and extend our appreciation to our valued utilities customers for their patience and understanding," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement.

On Nov. 28, the City announced that some of its data has been accessed, but has yet to disclose what type of information. The letter continued to state the City will offer credit-rebuilding services to anyone whose social security number or other sensitive information was compromised in the cyber attack.

Residents can call 562.570.5700 with questions or concerns regarding bill payment. More information on payment options is available on the Utility Services site at longbeach.gov.

The City is still working to restore the remaining public-facing systems and online services, including computer and printing services and additional digital amenities offered by Long Beach Public Library.



Suspicious death in Long Beach determined to be homicide

City News Service

Southern California Local News

The death of a 59-year-old man who may have been involved in an altercation last week in Long Beach has been ruled a homicide, and Monday police began seeking the public's help for information about the killing.

According to police, Anthony Mercy of Long Beach was found dead in the 1900 block of Long Beach Boulevard around 3:15 p.m. Wednesday. Police initially said his cause of death was classified as undetermined, pending a determination by the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner. On Saturday, the medical examiner reported to police that the death was a result of a homicide.



Investigators determined Mercy may have been involved in a dispute or altercation on Tuesday near 14th Street and Seaside Park.

Anyone with information regarding the altercation or any related details was urged to contact LBPD homicide detectives Donald Collier or Chasen Contreras at 562-570-7244. Tipsters who prefer to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

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Exterior view of the Long Beach Police Department Headquarters in Downtown Long Beach





Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune Illustration of a 404 error on the City of Long Beach website.



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CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, November 29

7:38 a.m., Felony warrant, 2100 block Crescent Dr. (suspect arrested) 9:42 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1300 block E. Hill St. 9:53 a.m., Grand theft - motor vehicle, E. 33rd St./Orange Ave. 3:25 p.m., Grand theft - motor vehicle, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

Thursday, November 30

6:07 a.m., Elder abuse, 2400 block California Ave. 11:27 p.m., Battery, 2800 block Walnut Ave.

Friday, December 1

8:10 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, E. 28th St./Walnut Ave. 10:01 a.m., Strong arm robbery, 3400 block E. PCH 10:35 a.m., Burglary; felony warrant, 900 block Las Brisas Way (suspect arrested) 4:19 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Walnut Ave./E. Hill St.

8:29 p.m., Vandalism, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, December 2

4:38am, DUI, Cherry Ave./E. Spring St. (suspect arrested) 10:27am, Battery, 800 block E. 33rd St. 12:53pm, Burglary, 2500 block Cherry Ave.

Sunday, December 3

12:15 a.m., Injury traffic collision, 3300 block E. PCH

Monday, December 4

12:37 a.m., Burglary, 2300 block Walnut Ave. 12:59 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Spring St./Cherry Ave.

Tuesday, December 5

2:47 a.m., Contribute to the delinquency of a minor, Panorama Dr./ Molino Ave. (2 suspects arrested) 5:08 a.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block E. 21st St. 8:36 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3300 block California Ave. 9:09 a.m., Identity theft, 2600 block Cherry Ave. 11:23 a.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. 2:02 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3000 block California Ave. 2:40 p.m., Injury hit and run, E. PCH/Temple Ave. (suspect arrested)

6:55 p.m., Grand theft, 2500 block Cherry Ave.

8:19 p.m., Appropriate lost property; possessing paraphernalia, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

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

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

CRIME

Teen booked on suspicion of murder for Long Beach hit-and-run

City News Service

Southern California Local News

A 16-year-old boy was booked Wednesday on suspicion of killing a 29-year-old man on a bicycle during a hit-and-run collision in Long Beach over the summer.

Detectives responded to the intersection of California Avenue and Harding Street on July 9 around 7:55 a.m. to a report of a hit-andrun collision between a vehicle and bicycle, according to the Long Beach Police Department.

Police said the bike rider had been intentionally struck by a vehicle described as a dark-colored sedan being driven east on Harding at a high rate of speed.

The man, later identified as Leobardo Cervantes, was taken to a hospital, where he died several weeks later on July 26, according to police.

Police said they identified the teen, who was already in custody on unrelated charges, as a suspect



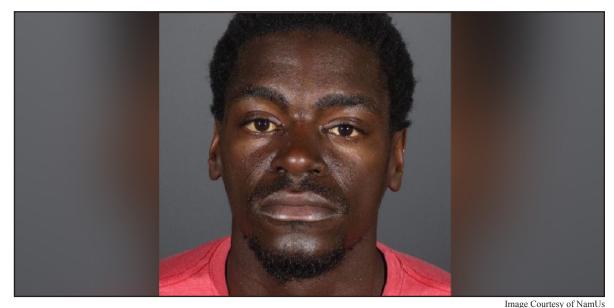
in the hit-and-run, and he was booked Wednesday on suspicion of murder. His name was withheld due to his age.

The motive for the killing remains under investigation, police said.

Anyone with information was asked to contact LBPD Homicide Detectives Donald Collier or Chasen Contreras at 562-570-7244. Tipsters who prefer to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

MISSING PERSON

LB man missing since March 2022



Jeromy James Jones has been missing for over a year and a half. He was last known to be living in Long Beach.

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

A Long Beach man has been missing for over a year and a half. Jeromy James Jones of Long National Missing and Unidentified location was in downtown Long Persons System (NamUs).

Jones is described as a Black man with brown eyes and brown hair. He's six feet one inch tall and weighs 170 pounds.

Beach, near the intersection of Third Street and Pacific Avenue.

Anyone who may have seen Jones or has information about his location is urged to call LBPD Missing Persons Detail at (562) 570. 7246 or police dispatch at (562) 435-6711.

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Beach has been missing since March 2, 2022. It is unusual for him to go this long without contacting his family, according to the

He was 31 when he went missing. and would now be 33 years old. According to coordinates available on NamUs, Jones' last known



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RESOURCES

Eight holiday toy giveaways in Long Beach for families in need

ing toys to children who live in the

90813 zip code. Children must be

11th Annual Toy Giveaway

When: Saturday, Dec. 16 from

Where: Long Beach City College,

Details: During this distribution,

attendees will receive free grocer-

ies, hygiene products and toys.

Entertainment will include music,

face painting, balloon art and more.

Children must be under the age of

15. Registration is required for this

event. To register, visit loveinthe-

Christmas Party & Lunch

Who: Justice for Murdered Chil-

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Who: Love in the Mirror

present to receive a toy.

noon to 3 p.m.

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Staff Report

Signal Tribune

For families that need a helping hand to make the holidays special for their little ones, nonprofits will be distributing toys, meals and groceries at these eight giveaway events.

Toy Giveaway

Who: Southern California Medical Center

When: Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: 1627 E Anaheim St. Details: Children between the ages of 4 and 10 will be able to receive gifts at this distribution while supplies last. Children must be present to receive a gift.



Signal Tribune File Photo

Comedian Antonio "Negro Guapo" Parker and Vicky Vicious from the local heavy metal band Heavenly Trip To Hell were some of the volunteers distributing gifts at the 10th Annual Diamond Christmas Toy Giveaway.

LB Winter Wonderland

Who: LA Care & Blue Shield When: Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: LA Care & Blue Shield Promise Community Resource Center (5599 Atlantic Ave.)

Details: During this event, 100 toys and 100 diaper packs will be distributed free of charge while supplies last. Entertainment will include games, a climbing wall and the Aquarium on Wheels. Everyone is welcome at this event.

Share the Joy

Who: The YMCA

When: Saturday, Dec. 16 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where: Fairfield Family YMCA, (4949 Atlantic Ave.)

Details: Children ages 16 and under can receive a gift, and each family can receive a box of food. Families have to register for this event by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8. To register, visit Eventbrite.

Holiday Toy & Grocery

Giveaway Who: Pools of Hope

When: Saturday, Dec. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: 6801 Long Beach Blvd. Details: Children between the ages of 1 and 17 can receive a free toy and families can receive free groceries. Toys will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be present at the event to receive a toy. Asthma screenings will also be available onsite. To register, visit Eventbrite.

Northeast Village Annual **Toy Giveaway**

Who: Councilmember Mary Zendejas

When: Saturday, Dec. 16 from noon to 2 p.m. Where: Gumbiner Park (628

MLK Blvd.) Details: The office of Coun-

cilmember Mary Zendejas and other local groups will be distribut-



Tito "Hood Santa" Rodriguez, president of the Local Hearts Foundation, poses with two children who received free gifts at the 10th Annual Diamond Christmas Toy Giveaway in December 2020.

> When: Saturday, Dec. 16 from noon to 3 p.m.

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Where: Teamster Local 848 (3888 Cherry Ave #100)

Details: During this holiday party local children will be given free lunch and toys. Families are required to register by Dec. 12 by calling 310-547-5362 or emailing victimvoices@yahoo.com.

LB Holiday Festival

Who: My Ancestors' Dreams

When: Sunday, Dec. 17 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Drake Park (951 Maine Ave.)

Details: During this holiday celebration, kids 17 and under will play games, make crafts and receive a free gift. Children must be present to receive a gift.

Have a giveaway that we missed? Send the details to Newspaper@ SignalTribune.com to be added to the list!

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CHRISTMAS ROUTE



Patrons of Dutch's Tavern in Bixby Knolls sit among the highly decorated interior of the bar on Dec. 6, 2023.

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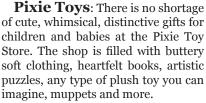
Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

trip through Bixby Knolls is always a treat, but this time of year, it's also the perfect one-day shopping adventure. From special spirits and coffee to hearty meals and unique toys, residents can fulfill all of their Christmas wishes by visiting some of Bixby Knolls' favorite places and supporting local businesses. **EJ's Pub**: This family-owned authentic Irish pub is a sneaky good spot for some pre-shopping brunch and drinks, located near many of Bixby Knolls' best and most unique shops. EJ's serves a popular Hangover Burger that comes with bacon and a jiggly sunny side up egg; an egg scramble topped with cheese, bacon and avocado or a healthier option of eggs benedict with a side of potatoes and fresh fruit.



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Residents can also find popular favorites such as Smiski figures, Pokémon cards and creatures, Care Bears, and of course, Sonny Angels for buying or trading.



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Corked: From fine wines to craft beers and everything in between, Corked has all you need to create holiday cocktails, spoil a host with their favorite whiskey (they have over 1,000 options) or pick up a cigar for a surprise in someone's stocking. This family-owned business also boasts unique finds such as cocktail caviar and booze-infused ice cream, perfect for a fun gift.





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Long Beach Shakespeare Company: Nothing says holidays like "A Christmas Carol" live shows, and the Long Beach Shakespeare Company is returning with their tradition of the radio show version. For a theater lover in your life, tickets for the newly announced 2024 show is a

perfect gift. Next year's season will feature shows such as "The Comedy of Errors," "Love's Labour's Lost" and

"The Wizard of Oz Radio Show."



CRAFT RAMEN

HiroNori

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HiroNori Craft

Ramen: After you've conquered a day of shopping, HiroNori Craft Ramen is the perfect spot to wind down and indulge in some tasty, belly warming soup. The restaurant has won plenty of awards for its steaming bowls of ramen, but they also offer sushi plates, wings, pork buns and sake.

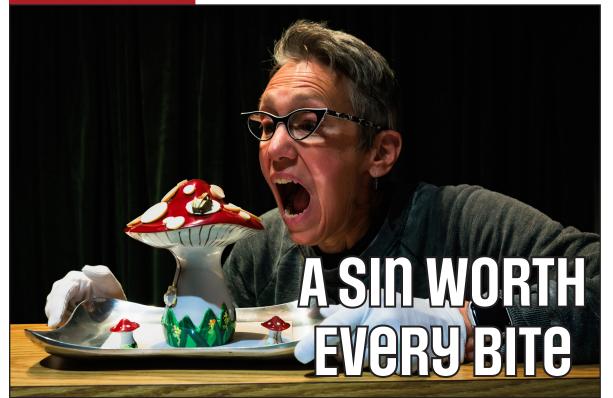


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Kubo LB: If you want to support women, BIPOC and LGBTQ business owners during your holiday shopping endeavors, look no further than Kubo LB. A book lover would be pleased to receive one of the co-op's carefully curated novels, and vintage enthusiasts and children alike can enjoy numerous unique items that can't be found on Amazon. The shop also offers gift cards for the picky book reader in your life.

Find the full Bixby Knolls Christmas shopping route online at sigtrib.com

LOCAL BUSINESS





Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune Confectioner Elizabeth Kuehne poses for a picture outside of her home and Sin Confections studio on Dec. 5, 2023.

Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune Confectioner Elizabeth Kuehne poses for a picture one of the massive \$85, foot-tall toadstool mushroom chocolates with two of its smaller sized siblings inside Sin Confections on Dec. 5, 2023.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

f you smell a sweet mixture of fresh chocolate and homegrown fruits and herbs while walking down First Street, you're not dreaming. But you're probably near the kitchen/workshop/home of Long Beach's most unique chocolate creations: Sin Confections.

Elizabeth Kuehne is never satisfied with her work. Even after 20 years of growing her own ingredients, consuming books on the science of chocolate, grinding her own cocoa beans and hand-painting each of her crafty confections, she will tell anyone, "chocolate is the master."

Her resolve to always improve has resulted in the most intricate and tasty chocolate figures in Long Beach. It's a balance that's uncommon, Kuehne says, but one that's of the utmost importance.

"I think that you should have chocolate that tastes as good as it looks," Kuehne said. "A lot of times, commercial chocolate or even the high-end stores, it can look really pretty, but it doesn't taste good. And I think that's disappointing because we taste first with our eyes."

Kuehne made her first batch of chocolate over 20 years ago, when her husband (a chocolate lover) gifted her a recipe book. She "took the hint" and tried her hand at one of the recipes.

"I failed miserably and said,



Elizabeth Kuehne, confectioner of Sin Confections, adds marshmallows to the



Elizabeth Kuehne, confectioner of Sin Confections drizzles molten white chocolate into a bowl before for prepared molds at her shop and studio in Long Beach on Dec. 5, 2023.

'Okay I'm hooked now,'" Kuehne *F* recalled.

Hundreds of tests later, Kuehne was confident in her abilities. She began gifting her chocolatey creations to friends free of charge, and after hosting a spirit-chocolate pairing party and watching the attendees swarm the table, elbowing one another to grab their favorites, she realized she was creating something noteworthy.

Kuehne's workshop is now filled with dozens of molds she's either bought online or acquired from family and friends.

Since Kuehne went to school for horticulture, she was already equipped with a love for gardening. This made for a clear innovation that truly makes Sin Confections stand apart: she took her homegrown ginger, lemongrass, mint, lemons, oranges, grapefruits, pomegranates, mushrooms among Krampus molds at her shop and studio in Long Beach on Dec. 5, 2023.



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Edible silver powder is added to a white chocolate Krampus treat at Sin Confections on Dec. 5, 2023.



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A case with different chocolate molds and supplies is seen open and organized at Sin Confections on Dec. 5, 2023.

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



Jewels takes pictures of the gingerbread people as they walk towards the Long Beach Trolley for the Daisy Lane Christmas Parade on Dec. 11, 2021.

ing in the holidays at any of the festive events planned throughout Long Beach and Signal Hill in the coming week. Seasonal celebrations will include the annual Daisy Lane Parade, the inaugural SantaCon, caroling at a local brewery and a Chanukah celebration.

Residents looking to keep abreast of the local government's projects can attend informational meetings about the Colorado Lagoon and Shoemaker Bridge on Saturday and Wednesday.

Those looking to get in touch with nature can take a workshop on native plants, go bird watching or learn to weave hats from sustainable coconut leaves.

O8FRIDAY

INTRO TO NATIVE PLANTS

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Plantiitas (2011 E Fourth St.) will be hosting this workshop to educate attendees about native plants. Attendees will be able to sample food and drinks made from native plants. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 each on Eventbrite.

ALL STAR COMEDY

10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to watch stand up comedy performances at the Laugh Factory (151 S Pine Ave.). General admission tickets can be purchased for \$25 each on Tixr. ment Project at the Jenny Oropeza Community Center (401 Golden Ave.). Attendees are welcome to bring their children. Light refreshments will be provided. Free.

RESOURCE FAIR & TOY GIVEAWAY

Noon to 4 p.m. Centro CHA will host a community resource fair at Admiral Kidd Park (2125 Santa Fe Ave.) including free food, holidays activities, games, music and free toys for children ages 12 and under on a first-come, first-served basis. Free COVID-19 and flu shots will also be provided. Free to attend.

GRAND OPENING

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Helicopter tour company and flight school Rogue Aviation (3355 E Spring St.) invites the public to celebrate the grand opening of its new location. Attendees will be able to tour the offices, meet the pilots and explore the hangar. To register, visit flyrogue. com/. Free.

GIFT WRAPPING

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Residents can use free gift wrapping supplies available on a first-come, first served basis at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 Hill St) in the Library Learning Center. Free.

DAISY LANE PARADE

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Residents can watch a parade with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, gingerbread people, elves, snowmen and more at the annual Daisy Lane Christmas Parade. The parade route will begin on Daisy Avenue at West Burnett Street and travel south down the east side of Daisy Avenue to Pacific Coast Highway, where it will make its way around the median and back up the west side of Daisy Avenue, concluding near West Hill Street and Maine Avenue. Free. laborative (3312 Lime Ave.) will be hosting a pop-up market where various local vendors will be selling zines, art, clothing and more. There will also be a clothing swap where attendees are welcome to take what they need and leave what they can. Items will be raffled to raise funds for future events. Free to enter.

TOY DRIVE AND POP-UP

Noon to 4 p.m. Local business Dainty Disco (5659 Atlantic Ave.) invites residents to a holiday popup featuring over 20 vendors, music, art, coffee and other drinks and the chance to donate a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to children in the area. This event is kid and pet-friendly. Free.

SANTACON

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Bixby Knolls **Business Improvement Association** (BKBIA) is hosting its inaugural SantaCon event, where people can traverse up and down Atlantic Avenue and taste the various locally brewed beers, wines and special menu items from eateries, as well as deals from small businesses. The Big Red Bus will be available to take residents around the corridor. There is no set route, and residents can visit whatever shops they choose, with deals and items offered at most locations. SantaCon tickets are available on Eventbrite, and cost \$30 for those who want beer and wine tasters, and \$20 for a Santa's Helper ticket, which includes food and treats for children or those who don't want alcohol. Soup Trio will be playing the music of pianist Vince Guaraldi, including all of the songs from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and other memorable Guaraldi compositions. Unitarian Universalist Church, (5450 E. Atherton St.) Suggested Donation \$20 General, \$10 Students, 12 and under free.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents can start the holiday season by visiting a Christmas-decorated Ranchos Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Road) while sipping hot cider, speaking to costumed docents and visiting the current exhibit. Free, but advanced registration is required.

11MONDAY

CAROLS & BEER

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to drink beer and sing carols together at Ten Mile Brewing (1136 E Willow St.). Pizza will be available to purchase. Free to enter.

MONDAY NIGHT KARAOKE

8 p.m. to midnight. DiPiazza's (5205 E Pacific Coast Hwy.) will be hosting a karaoke night. This event is appropriate for all ages. There will be a happy hour on alcoholic beverages for those 21 and over. No cover charge.

12TUESDAY

Gabriela Urtiaga will speak with Chilean artist Patricia Dominguez about her work. This event will be held on Zoom. To register for this event, visit molaa.org/events. Free.

PUBLIC MEETING

5:30 p.m. The City of Long Beach will be hosting a virtual community meeting on Zoom to provide updates on the Colorado Lagoon expansion. The online meeting will cover significant project updates, including the current construction schedule, shoring installation, bridge construction and demolition work. Community members will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback at the conclusion of the presentation. Registration is required at bit.ly/ clbcolorado. Requests for interpretation services should be submitted by Dec. 8, 2023, and can be sent to contactlbpw@longbeach.gov.

14^{THURSDAY}

BIRD WALK

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This guided walk will take birders through the Ranchos Los Cerritos grounds (4600 Virginia Road) to answer nature and bird-related questions. Novice birders are welcome, and participants are encouraged to bring binoculars. Free.

WEAVING HATS

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This workshop at Native Sol (2018 E 4th St.) will teach attendees how to weave hats from coconut leaves. Tickets can be purchased for \$75 each on Eventbrite.

POTTER PARODIES BURLESQUE

8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Harvelle's (201 E Broadway) will be hosting a Harry Potter-themed burlesque performance starring a variety of dancers dressed as characters from the franchise. Attendees are also encouraged to come dressed as their favorite characters, and the person with the best costume will get a prize. This event is for those 21 and older. General admission tickets can be purchased for \$21.99 on Eventbrite.

09^{saturday}

PUBLIC MEETING

Noon to 2 p.m. The City of Long Beach will be giving an overview of the Shoemaker Bridge Replace-

LIVE THEATER

8 p.m. The Long Beach Playhouse (5021 E. Anaheim St.) will be performing "A Christmas Carol." General admission tickets can be purchased for \$35 each at the lb-playhouse.org/.

10^{sunday}

SECOND SUNDAYS 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Space Time ColFor more information visit bixbyk-nollsinfo.com/santacon/.

CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to create their own Christmas ornaments at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.). All materials will be provided. To register, visit molaa.org/events. Free.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. This Chanukah celebration at the shopping complex 2nd & PCH (6400 Pacific Coast Hwy.) will feature live music, children's crafts, donuts and more. Free.

FAMILY HOLIDAY JAZZ CONCERT

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Duck

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.

ART 4 EQUALITY

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The opening reception of an art show organized by the Feminist Uprising at Black LBC (1800 E Broadway). The event will feature live music and a raffle. Free to enter.



VISUAL ARTIST TALK

11 a.m. to noon. During this virtual discussion hosted by the Museum of Latin American Art, chief curator

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many more fruits and herbs and incorporated it into her treats.

While most molded chocolates follow the same recipe, a chocolate shell filled with ganache, Kuehne prefers to challenge herself with uncommon combinations and allows customers to request their own flavors.

"I'll never be perfect at it because I'm doing a lot of different things. I don't find joy in repetition," Kuehne said. "I do a lot of different designs and it's a labor of love."

Sin Confections made its annual return in November with its holiday menu: Wild West figures using over a dozen paints on each one, floral-printed salted caramels, peppermint marshmallow snowmen, peppermint bark, hazelnut hedgehogs, a krampus peppermint chocolate shell that melts in coffee or hot chocolate and many more creative confections.

From November to May, Sin Confections will release seasonal creations, each more impressive than the last. Kuehne attributes her fearlessness while cooking to her upbringing in a German household and watching her mother make traditional and experimentative food.

"My mom is and was an amazing cook. She would raise her own pigs, slaughter them and make head cheese," Kuehne said. "Nothing was off limits, and it was effortless the way she would make stuff."

Though Kuehne said she would love to have her own storefront, she doesn't think it would be feasible since her creations take so much time and money to make. The affordable cost of her chocolates doesn't come close to breaking even, but she said that's not a worry.

She likes to keep her business "old school"; customers learn about her sales through her mailing list and Instagram page.

Residents can purchase Sin Creations chocolate figures and bars Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. at 2827 E First St. Custom orders can be made by contacting sin@sinconfections.com.



A massive foot-tall toadstool mushroom chocolate sits on a tray with two of its smaller sized siblings inside Sin Confections on Dec. 5, 2023.

BOOK SALE

Books at a bargain: Signal Hill Library's bookstore offering buy-one, get-one free sale through December

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

The Signal Hill Public Library's best kept secret sits in the center of the building, and if someone walks by too quickly, they just might miss it. In fact, most people walk right by the library's little shop, assuming the books are only for rental.

With scant signs and great finds, Cecilia Fidora with the Friends of the Signal Hill Library, works hard to spread the word about the three shelves filled with books for sale.

"Once people use that little bookstore nook, they always come back," Fidora said.

The shop offers a rotating cast of biographies, non-fiction and fiction novels, travel books, children's books, magazines, CDs, audiobooks and more. Residents will never pay more than \$1 per book, and throughout the month of December, the shop is hosting a buyone, get-one free sale.

When Fidora is not at the shop, residents pay using the honor system by adding up their own tab and placing their cash into a donation





An exterior view of the Signal Hill Public Library.

AROUND TOWN A WEEKLY LIST OF EVENTS IN

box. While it's a convenient system, those people miss out on talking shop with Fidora, who acts as the one-woman curator and bookseller who often remembers what types of books her loyal patrons enjoy and saves what she thinks they might like.

Now retired, Fidora said she goes to the library nearly every day, fueled by her love for books and desire to provide that same joy for children and Signal Hill residents. All funds made from the bookstore are fed back into the community through the Friends of the Signal Hill Library.

The nonprofit has been around since the '80s, hosting free events such as author talks, story times, crafts for children and movie nights.

Fidora said she is always trying to recruit more members to their party of 35. Membership costs \$10 a year. Samantha Diaz | Signal Tribune

The small three-shelf section of books available to purchase at the Signal Hill Public Library sits directly in front of the library's "Pipeline To Knowledge" area.

"I would love younger members, they have more energy and ideas and imagination," Fidora said. "The sky's the limit. We can be doing all kinds of things, but it always comes back to the books."

To keep the bookstore replenished, the Friends of Signal Hill Library hosts a monthly book donation drive-up on the first Saturday of each month from noon to 2 p.m. Regular customers, Fidora said, often visit the bookstore the following Monday to see what new treasures await.

Twice a year the bookstore is wiped out and set to start anew,

after the nonprofit hosts their filla-bag book sale. Residents can fill a tote with as many books as they can fit for \$5.

To make sure every child has something to read for Christmas, the Friends of the Signal Hill Library is hosting a Christmas party with Santa Claus and crafts on Dec. 20 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and every child will go home with a book.

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TST7154 Case No. 23CMCP00207 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Compton Courthouse, 200 West Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90220 PETITION OF: THO TIEN NGUYEN for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: THO TIEN NGUYEN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing (his/her) name as follows: Present Name: THO TIEN NGUYEN Proposed Name: TODD THO NGUYEN-TRAN 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: January 22, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A. Boom 904. 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 SIG-NAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, November 17, 24 & December 1, 8, 2023 ___//ss//___ Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 13, 2023

TST7157 / 2023 246270 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: EL RINCON MARKET, 10500 S FREEMAN AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA. 90304. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ONE 11 TURNING POINT LLC, 10500 S FREE-MAN AVE, LENNOX, CA. 90304. 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: FERMIN JAIME IGLESIAS. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in June, 2021. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on November 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: November 17, 24 & December 1, 8, 2023

TST7158 / 2023 246273 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: GARCIA'S TACOS, 3716 ADAIR ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90011, County: LOS AN-GELES. Registrant: EUGENIO GARCIA BADILLO, 3716 ADAIR ST, LOS ANGE-LES, CA. 90011. 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: EUGENIO GARCIA BA-DILLO, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in November, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on November 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: November 17, 24 & December 1, 8, 2023

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TST7166 Case No. 23STCP04225 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT, 111 N. HILL STREET, LOS AN-GELES, CA. 90012 PETITION OF: Amara Danielle Gomez Penaloza by & through her mother. Cristian M. Penaloza for Change of Name, TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Amara Danielle Gomez Penaloza by & through her mother, Cristian M. Penaloza, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: AMARA DANIELLE GOMEZ PENALOZA Proposed Name: AMARA DANIELLE PENALOZA 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: January 26, 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, November 24 & December 1. 8. 15. 2023 //ss// Curtis A. Kin, Judge of the Superior Court-Dated: November 17, 2023

TST7168 Case No. 23LBCP00448 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 PETI-TION OF: Haley Joan Solich for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PER-SONS: 1. Petitioners: Haley Joan Solich has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing he) name as follows: Present Name: Haley Joan Solich Proposed Name: Haley Joan Noriega 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: January 12, 2024, 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, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023 __//ss//_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 29, 2023

TST7171 Case No. 23LBCP00452 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 PE-TITION OF: Everett Nehemia Mason for Change of Name, TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Everett Neemia Mason has filed a netition with court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Everett Nehemiah Mason Proposed Name: Yukatan Mason 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: January 19. 2024: Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-27. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRI-BUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 ___//ss//___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 05, 2023



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TST7169/Order No: 16190 Auto Lien Sale

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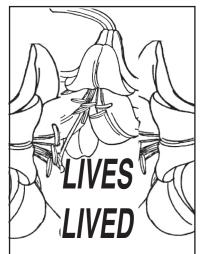
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everything he wants for Christmas? Adopt or foster Stanley! You can speed the process to do just that for Stanley and any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@ longbeach.gov or petfos-

ter@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Even better, stop by during our new open walk-in hours every Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Our shelter is located at 7700 E. Spring St. Ask for ID#A707658 to meet Stanley. We're at capacity, and everyone needs homes!



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The families were assisted by McKenzie Mortuary. For more details on service dates and times, contact (562) 961-9301

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TST7159 / 2023 246275 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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TOY DRIVES

Six toy drives in Long Beach collecting toys for children in need

Staff Report Signal Tribune



A family who were recipients of multiple gifts at the 10th Annual Diamond Christmas Toy Giveaway.

For those who have some extra funds to share this holiday season, these six toy drives are asking for donations of toys to help make the season memorable for local children in need.

Spark Of Love

Who: Ronald McDonald House When: Until Friday, Dec. 8 Where: 500 E 27th St.

More Info: Donations of new, unwrapped toys for teens and children ages 18 and below are needed.

Live Music Toy Drive

Who: Civil Circus and Pike Bar When: Saturday, Dec 9 at 8:30 p.m.

Where: Pike Bar (1836 E 4th St.) *More Info*: Those 21 and over are invited to listen to local band Civil Circus. There's no admission cost, but attendees are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate.

Mercifuls Toy Drive Car Show

Who: Mercifuls Car Club

When: Sunday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Where: Long Beach POA Park (7390 Carson Blvd.)

More Info: This charity car show asks attendees to bring a new, unwrapped toy that costs \$20, which will be donated to local children. Numerous classic cars will be on display. Pancakes will be available for purchase. Holiday Toy Drive Who: Love In The Mirror When: Until Friday, Dec. 15 Where:

•Athleta | 6440 E. Pacific Coast Highway #135 | M-Sa 10am-9pm & Su 11am-7pm

•Billie Jean King Tennis Center | 1040 Park Ave. | M-Su 8am-6pm •Dainty Disco | 5659 Atlantic Ave. | W-Sa 12pm-5pm & Su

11:30am-4pm •El Dorado Park Tennis Center

| 2800 N. Studebaker Rd. | M-Su 7am-8pm

•IHOP | 700 E. 45th Street. | Mon-Wed 7am-10pm & Thu-Sun 7am-12am

•I Luv Sushi | 3215 E Carson St. | M-Su 12-9pm

• Semillitas Learning Community | 3920 Atlantic Ave.

• Speak Cheezy | 3950 E 4th St. | Tu-Su 12-9pm

• 39 Degrees | 665 Redondo Ave. | M-Th 12-9pm & Fr-Sa 12-11pm

More Info: New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at any of the above locations. Donated toys will be redistributed to local children under the age of 15 at a giveaway event. Donors can also purchase specific toy requests for the charity directly from their online wishlists, all of which can currently be accessed at linktr.ee/Loveinthemirror.

Spark Of Love

Who: Long Beach Fire Department

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When: Before Christmas

Where: All LBFD Fire Stations

More Info: New unwrapped toys, school supplies and sports equipment should be dropped off in boxes outside the fire station. Store gift cards and monetary donations are strongly encouraged. Checks for monetary donations can be made out to Friends of Long Beach Firefighters, Spark of Love at 3205, Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90808.

Cambodian Business Holiday Toy Drive

Who: Multiple small businesses *When*: Before Christmas *Where*:

• Sweet Retreat Donuts (924 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Rice Strings (11803 South St.)
Phnom Penh Noodle Shack (1644 Cherry Ave)

•Sweet Grass Sugarcane Juice (3545 Atlantic Ave.)

• Shlap Muan (2150 E South St.) • Chinitos Tacos (11130 Del Amo Blvd.)

More Info: Donations of new, unwrapped toys for children can be dropped off at any of the above locations, to be distributed to children on Christmas Day. Toys should cost at least \$15.



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