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While the city of Signal Hill has experienced endless transformations and donned many monikers, so too have the newspapers documenting it all.

Unfortunately we could not track down a newspaper article about when oil was struck and spouted 114 feet into the air at the Discovery Well (in 1917), or when Signal Hill decided to establish itself as a city separate from Long Beach to avoid high oil taxes (in 1924). The earliest archived Signal Hill newspapers begin just a year after Signal Hill became its own city, showing the ever-present need and importance of a small town newspaper.

We found stories that give us an intimate peek into the peculiarities of the people who lived here long before us, from vacations recapped and engagements announced to watermelons stolen and highways approved.

With help from the Signal Hill Public Library and the Signal Hill Historical Society, we've been lucky enough to pore over the archives of the newspapers that came before us. We tried to gather stories that capture the time of a changing, growing city, and I have to admit it was quite emotional to read the words of reporters before us, and to reprint their work in a continuing legacy.

We're honored to take part in Signal Hill's 100th anniversary and to share in this moment of history. Here's to hoping there's still a local news team around dedicated to Signal Hill during its 200th birthday.

- Samantha Diaz,
Managing Editor

"SIGNAL HILL CENTENNIAL: A CALL TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER"

I am honored to serve as your Mayor during the centennial year of our beloved City of Signal Hill. One hundred years ago, our community was founded on the principles of resilience, unity, and a shared vision for a vibrant future. Now, in 2024, we commemorate a century of achievements, growth, and the enduring spirit that defines Signal Hill.

Throughout 2024, a series of celebratory events will honor our past and inspire our future. The planned festivities include historical exhibitions, community-wide celebrations, cultural showcases, and interactive events that bring our diverse community together. I sincerely hope you will consider joining us on this special occasion. By participating in the centennial celebrations, you become an integral part of this historic moment.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Signal Hill. Let's make the centennial year a celebration to remember!

*Warm regards,
Lori Y. Woods Mayor 2024.*

For more information, please contact us via email at 100years@cityofsignalhill.org or call (562) 989-7330.



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Signal Hill Mayor Lori Woods poses for a portrait in the city council chambers on Dec. 19, 2023.

HISTORY

Signal Hill City Council votes to recognize June 2 as Ron Settles Day of Remembrance

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During its Tuesday, Nov. 9 meeting, the Signal Hill City Council voted unanimously to designate June 2 as an annual Ron Settles Day of Remembrance, honoring a 21-year-old Cal State Long Beach football star who died in 1981 while in Signal Hill police custody.

The council also agreed to place a permanent marker where Settles was arrested by Signal Hill police on June 2, 1981, before dying in his jail cell three hours later. A Los Angeles County coroner's inquest ultimately deemed Settles's death a homicide, though no police officers were charged.

City Manager Hannah Shin-Heydorn said the memorial marker will be placed where Signal Hill police officers pulled over Settles's car while he was driving southbound on Orange Avenue, just north of E.

Hill Street. To be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant, the marker will likely be embedded as a panel in the sidewalk at that location.

"[This is] a real victory for our family," Settles's aunt Juanita Matthews told the *Signal Tribune* after the meeting.

In August, Matthews asked the council, on behalf of the Ron Settles Dedication Committee, to consider recognizing a day of remembrance and installing the commemorative marker.

In June, she and other family and friends held a private memorial at the Signal Hill Community Center to honor the 40th anniversary of Settles's death. The council unanimously agreed in April to waive its usual fee for the use of the center.

Several City officials attended the June memorial, including Mayor Edward Wilson, Vice Mayor Keir Jones, Shin-Heydorn, and former Signal Hill Police Chief Christopher Nunley.

Wilson spoke of the City addressing systemic racism and expressed support for an official June 2 remembrance day for Settles, who was African American. Nunley spoke of how today's Signal Hill police officers are working not to

repeat past racist behaviors and attitudes that may have led to Settles's death.

During Tuesday's meeting, the Signal Hill Diversity Coalition Committee (DCC)—which the council established in July 2020 as part of its Race and Equity Framework—expressed written support for "celebrating" a day of remembrance and commemorative marker.

"Ron Settles was much more than a Black man who was pulled over by Signal Hill police," the DCC wrote to the council. "He was named in several college football polls as one of the most promising running backs on the West Coast."

The committee stated that though Settles is no longer here, his "image, legacy and purpose" will continue because of the council's "monumental" vote.

Wilson agreed that the council's unanimous decision was an important step for Signal Hill.

"It is an opportunity for us as a city to heal and to move forward and recognize that every life does matter," he said. "No one wants their loved one to be in custody and not come out alive."



Courtesy of Juanita Matthews
Ron Settles (center) with his grandfather (left) and an uncle (right), circa October 1980. Settles died in 1981 while in Signal Hill police custody; a Los Angeles County coroner's inquest ultimately deemed Settles's death a homicide, though no police officers were charged.



Signal Tribune File Photo
Police use high power lenses on cameras to survey a crowd in front of Signal Hill Police Department. Ron Settles' father, Donell (at center with microphone) speaks to crowd of about 1,500-2,000 at Hinshaw Park. His wife, Helen, stands to his right. Photograph dated December 6, 1981. Forty years after Settles' death, Signal Hill City Council voted unanimously to designate June 2 as an annual Ron Settles Day of Remembrance.

POLITICS

Signal Hill 2024 State of the City lays out future plans

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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.



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Deputy City Manager Grissel Chavez opens the 2023 Signal Hill State of the City address on Oct. 4, 2023, at the Signal Hill Public Library.

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 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.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune
Signal Hill Police Chief Wayne Byerley leads the group gathered for the 2023 Signal Hill State of the City address on Oct. 4, 2023, at the Signal Hill Public Library in the pledge of allegiance.

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

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Signal Hill's then-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.

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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Fourth District representative Janice Hahn gives an award to Signal Hill's then-mayor Tina Hansen during the 2023 Signal Hill State of the City address.



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(Top) Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Fourth District representative Janice Hahn gives remarks during the 2023 Signal Hill State of the City address. (Bottom) Signal Hill City Manager Carlo Tomaino gives remarks during the 2023 Signal Hill State of the City address.

in Signal Hill, and partners with the 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.

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CITY SERVICES

Signal Hill Public Library makes grand debut after years of setbacks, Signal Hill opens doors to state-of-the-art library



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An exterior view of the Signal Hill Public Library. The library celebrated its grand reopening on August, 10, 2019 with live music, activities, a ribbon cutting and more.

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Daniel Green
Former Production Manager

The City of Signal Hill can finally celebrate the arrival of the new Signal Hill Public Library after a 20-year journey.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, a crowd of people gathered to witness the grand opening of the long-awaited library and explore the new facility. The Free to be Me Performing Arts Academy kicked off the event with live music.

Signal Hill Mayor Lori Woods welcomed the crowd and local officials to the event and described the new building as the “crown jewel” of Signal Hill.

“It has taken over two decades to realize this dream. All the years of love, sweat, creativity [and] ingenuity, it has taken to open these doors today will pale in comparison to the future benefits, opportunity and connections, our community and our children will enjoy. The possibilities are endless,” Woods said.

The new building has 12,000 square feet, which is three times larger than the previous library. It features state-of-the-art technology, a learning center and dedicated areas for kids, teens and adults.

Woods continued her speech by welcoming family members of former librarian Kathleen Brady, who traveled from Seattle, Washington, to attend the event.

The podium was turned over to Pastor Gregory Johnson, founder of American University of Health Services (AUHS), who led the event in a prayer.

After the prayer, Signal Hill Chief of Police Chris Nunley and the Police Honor Guard led the flag ceremony, which included the American, state and city flags. After the National Anthem, Free To Be Me

performed the song “The Cover Is Not the Book”, from the movie Mary Poppins Returns.

The ceremony continued with councilmembers who spoke about what the library means to them.

“It will be a place to share the story of our community and a fantastic place where we can continue to write our own personal and community history,” Vice Mayor Robert Copeland said.

Councilmember Edward Wilson complimented the state-of-the-art facility, but asked audience members to look beyond the physical building.

“Libraries are a space of exploration and fantasy,” Wilson said. “Libraries are a partner providing tools to support research. Libraries are sort of a sanctuary of home away from home. Libraries are a place of freedom and a wealth of knowledge. Libraries are a place where you know the rules.

“A library is a place of a community. As impressive that this building may look, it is the future memories that will be made that makes this place so unique and special.”

Councilmember Keir Jones continued by praising the library’s eco-friendly features and children’s reading room.

“Our city has made a huge commitment to build the best library, and I think we’ve got it,” Jones said.

“It’s really exciting because we’ve created something that has a reflection of our history, but provides all these spaces for us to utilize going forward,” Jones told the Signal Tribune. “So, there’s a lot of flexibility as technology changes to add more, but it really creates this great community space that we can all share and enjoy.

Forty-seventh District California Congressmember Alan Lowenthal and 33rd District California Senator Lena Gonzalez also gave their thoughts on the library. In his speech, Lowenthal told the audience about the first time he met Councilmember Tina Hansen, who was the keynote speaker for the event.

“I was elected to the Long Beach City Council in 1992, a long time

ago, and I had a partner— and that was Tina Hansen— who was elected to this city council in 1994, and all I can remember about Tina Hansen from the first day I met her is ‘we’re going to build a library and I need your help,’” Lowenthal said.

Hansen, who was a major proponent of the campaign to build the new library, took the stage last. In her speech, she spoke about growing up as a shy kid and how libraries helped provide a safe place for her and the long journey to reach this point.

“Sometimes it only takes one person who believes,” Hansen told the crowd. “I’m certainly not the only person who has believed in this library or wanted this library or worked for this library, but it’s been there in my vision since I got on the council in 1994.”

“I’m excited to know that the community is this excited about [the library],” Hansen told the Signal Tribune after the event. “They turned out in this number. It makes all the work worth it.”

After a ribbon cutting by city officials, the library was opened to the public. Attendees were invited to explore the new building, as well as enjoy live music and lunch.

In the Children’s Area, kids found a dinosaur-themed room with a large Brontosaurus statue built into the wall. Surrounding the room was a mural that incorporated elements from prehistoric times, huts from the indigenous people, the Puva, and the history of Signal Hill.

The mural was done by artist Tracey Moloney, who completed the mural over three weeks.

“We tried to incorporate all of Signal Hill,” Moloney said, “From the oil rigs, to the water tower, the Roughnecks, the Model-T car, the cannon for the military school [and] Jesse Nelson for her school.”

The event also featured the unveiling of the Legacy Wall, which is visible as residents enter the library. The wall celebrates donors who helped fund the library’s construction and features their names engraved in glass.



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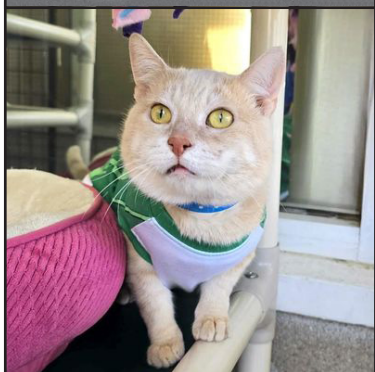
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Sherman**

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VISITS OF THE STORK
ANDERSON—At Seaside Hospital, August 4, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Anderson, 716 Raymond Avenue, a son, Richard Vance.
FUGUYAMA—At Seaside Hospital, August 4; to Mr. and Mrs. F. Fuguyama, 1748 Molino Avenue, a daughter Marion Haruko.
PHILLIPS—At Seaside Hospital, August 6; to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Phillips, 1011 Vine Street, a son.

January 4, 1946

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1926

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CLEAN CITY OF LIQUOR**
That the City of Signal Hill is "dry" as far as liquor is concerned, was shown recently when operatives from the district attorney's office, working undercover, made wholesale arrests in the city of Long Beach but failed to find evidence of liquor law violations in Signal Hill. Civic workers point out that the police department deserve commendation for making of Signal a city as free from vice as is possible and giving it a reputation of closed territory to the bootlegger.

July 23, 1926

EDITOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT:
Under the above head (what do you think of it?) we will publish one or more entire pages. This open forum will be one of the leading FEATURES of the Signal Hill Leader. Veteran writers and others: Hop to it. Send in your communications. Get the "grouch" off your system. Let 'em read it and weep, laugh or get sore or "what have you." If you think your city is run right or wrong—spill your beans to the Editor, and watch these columns for live opinions from fearless writers. Confine your letters to 300 words if possible, but if you can't do it in 300 words—write more. We'll try to get the "meat" out of the coconut and see that your point is brought to the surface. Come on—let's go. The "Food For Thought" page is your page. Don't get personal. Call the Editor anything you please, but kindly confine your opinions to live stuff.

1926

**Beer Giving
Cow Sought
By Constable**

From Hynes-Clearwater Journal

A cow that gives 10 per cent beer is being sought by Constable O. A. Moe of Hynes. Police work in this district yields many unusual things but the biggest surprise of his career was handed the geniel officer this week when a woman sought him out and complained that her husband was getting intoxicated from the milk of a neighbor's cow. The complaining wife insisted that she had seen her husband go and milk the cow, drink what should have been milk and she smelled his breath and the liquid and declared it was beer with a "big kick" in it. Following the route indicated by the wife in the Cerritos district he located a pall of what the wife insisted was the result of that morning's milking, tested it and found that it was away above the prohibited per cent. He went looking for the cow and husband but late yesterday had located neither.

August 14, 1925

**Lost Strayed or Stolen—
a Watermelon**
Will the person who swiped our one lone watermelon upon which for many months we lavished our tender care and which ran our water bill up to \$9.37 last month, please be so kind as to return the seeds and tell us whether the flavor would warrant its being replanted next year. If he will comply with these conditions no questions will be asked.
Amateur Gardener

August 28, 1925

**BOARD FIXES
BUDGET AT
\$94,000**

The tax rate for the city of Signal Hill for the fiscal year, 1925-26, will be 42 cents on each \$100 assessed valuation, the city council decreed in the unanimous adoption of a resolution fixing that rate, at Monday night's meeting of the board.

The levy will include 10 cents for the maintenance of the fire department, formerly operated under county jurisdiction, and 4 cents for the maintenance of a library. This is the first general tax rate effective in the city of Signal Hill since the municipality was incorporated.

August 28, 1926

**Does Signal Hill Want to Run in
Opposition to Seal Beach as a
Gambling Town?**

If the city council repeals Ordinance No. 277 as they have indicated Signal Hill will be without any type of law to prohibit gambling in this city. The citizens of the Hill have fought for a number of years to keep gambling out of the city and when they voted last year to prohibit the playing the draw poker they felt that they had the problem licked but with this new move being made all that they have fought for will be lost with one move. If this ordinance is repealed every business house in town can open card games and Las Vegas will not have anything on us. It will be possible for a weak working man to stop at one of these places, cash his check and lose the money that should go to feed his children to a bunch of card sharks. Every citizen that is opposed to living in town with these conditions should be present Monday night and voice their objections. We have not had much luck yet stopping this business but maybe our luck will change and we will get a break from the council and they will not repeal this law and open gambling again.



Clara Claussen shows City Clerk Clyde Stebbins an artist's conception of the modern all field that will become a reality in Long Beach, requesting that this all proposed be placed on the ballot.

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FEATURE

An end-of-year conversation with Signal Hill's mayor and vice mayor



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Signal Hill Mayor Lori Woods, who will be the city's mayor for the centennial anniversary, looks at a plaque for the time capsule located at Signal Hill City Hall on Dec. 19, 2023.



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Signal Hill Mayor Lori Woods poses for a portrait outside of Signal Hill City Hall on Dec. 19, 2023.



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A portrait of Signal Hill Vice Mayor Edward H.J. Wilson in front of the Christmas tree inside the Signal Hill Public Library on Dec. 1, 2021.

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Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Signal Hill Mayor Lori Woods and Vice Mayor Edward Wilson spoke with the *Signal Tribune* about the city's top priorities heading into its centennial in 2024, lessons they've learned in a collective 30-plus years on the city council, and what got them into local politics.

Answers have been shortened for clarity, length and grammar purposes.

Signal Tribune: How do you feel the city and the role of Signal Hill Mayor has changed since your last mayoral term in 2018?

Lori Woods: The role of mayor really hasn't changed; here in Signal Hill the elected councilmembers rotate annually into the mayor position.

Over the years I've really come to appreciate the fact that we rotate being mayor, because the mayor is also exposed to more regional meetings and regional planning, not just for Signal Hill but for the entire region, the county, and the Gateway Cities Council. So we have time to be more exposed to regional issues and how they affect Signal Hill during our year as mayor as well.

ST: What are you most excited about for the next year?

LW: The thing I'm most excited for, for the entire community, is the centennial celebration. We're really hoping to get as many of our residents and businesses involved. In the next few days, we'll have a whole sponsorship package available for a variety of business members, community members, and residents to get involved and be recognized during the centennial.

The first major celebration will be in April. There will be smaller events going on, but the city was incorporated in April of 1924, so that will [be] the major celebration and kick off the rest of the year.

Starting in January, we'll have a history room in the library so every month there will be a different display focusing on the different history of Signal Hill.

Signal Tribune: What is most important, in your opinion, for the city to address or accomplish in the next few years?

LW: The top thing is always our financial stability. In Signal Hill we only collect about six cents on the dollar off property tax, so our revenue for the city and all city services and functions, we're heavily dependent on the percentage of sales tax we receive, so diversifying that sales tax base is always one of our top priorities and ensuring the success of our businesses in Signal Hill and the diversity of those businesses.

During COVID, the diversity of our businesses helped us keep and maintain our annual city budget, our annual revenues and still provide all the services that we needed to in the community. At any time that can change or shift so that's always the underlying; the financial stability long term and the resilience of that.

At our last council meeting we had our audit complete and we are under budget by \$8 million and we were still able to give our full services to our residents — all programming, children's programming, PD [police], [and] our library services. It's not always that way, but it's a really good confirmation of our strategy of setting up our budget and tightening our belts when we need to.

We're not extravagant here in Signal Hill, but we get our things done and I think we do that in a very professional way and a very positive way that our residents can rely on.

Edward Wilson is the first and only African American to be elected onto Signal Hill's city council. He has been on the council for 27 years, and he said this is the last year he plans to serve. Wilson was planning on leaving the council in 2020, but the "social unrest" of the country made him feel like he had to stay on and provide his perspective on issues.

Signal Tribune: What made you want to serve on the Signal Hill city council, and what's made you stay all these years?

Edward Wilson: I moved into Signal Hill in 1993 ... and it was a number of things. This was not in this particular order, but one: at the time there were no councilmembers with kids. I felt we weren't addressing the concerns of our youth adequately because it wasn't on people's minds. When I say that, it's about programming for kids. It was on our mind that we needed to safeguard our kids, but programming is important because that's part of our public safety, giving kids something to do that they want to do is important for them to learn.

The second thing was my dad was in the Air Force for 31 years, my mom was in the Air Force Reserves, my sister was in the Army, both of my brothers in the Air Force as well, my nephew is in the Navy. I didn't go into the military. I planned on it but when I went to USC and I got out, I already had a job in public accounting because that's the path that USC wanted accounting majors to go through ... so this was an opportunity to give back that I didn't do in the military. There was no person of color that had ever been elected and I thought that was something that needed to change. I thought people of color needed to be represented in the city, and well represented. Not just people of color, but that perspective too.

I didn't think the finances were in the best shape, so I said, 'We need to do something about that.' I ran on putting million-dollar homes on top of the hill. We didn't have a grocery store, we shared three different zip codes with Long Beach. So there were a number of things that I saw. I just thought that we weren't looking or planning, we were reacting.

ST: How do you feel the city has changed during your time on the council?

EW: I think it's become really, really inclusive. We've had our first female City Manager, we've had people of color on all of our commissions, we have a Diversity Coalition Committee ... Signal Hill had a history in the area and it wasn't kind to people of color, where people of color kind of avoided it and people of color who lived here were afraid of the city. I think now, from my conversations with people and seeing them at events, you see a lot more diversity at all of our events and people feel like they belong and I think that's important.

ST: What are your top priorities for the next year?

EW: Planning is big, so when I look at what we're doing, it's 'Are we planning for our future?' and I think we are with the Civic Master Plan, with the Workforce Housing Planning coming and with the Gateway Cities affordable housing.

ST: What are you most excited about for the next year?

EW: I'm really really excited about the 100-year anniversary, that's a really big accomplishment for the city. All the planned events we have, people participating in that. I'm going to enjoy this last year and keep steadfast in how I approach being on council and representing people. I really believe that I represent the citizens and not myself when I'm on council. So what's in the best interest of the city is what's most important.

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SPORTS

DOCUMENTARY FILM IMMORTALIZES SIGNAL HILL'S ELITE DOWNHILL SKATEBOARDING COMPETITION AS 'BIRTH OF EXTREME SPORTS'

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About four years ago, co-directors Jon Carnoy and Mike Horelick set out on a journey to bring light to a relatively unnoticed subject — a downhill skateboarding competition in Signal Hill that has been called “the first X Game.” Their mission led them to produce a City-sponsored documentary that debuted last week and is being featured in several film festivals in coming months.



Courtesy of Bobby Smith

Don “Waldo” Autry is seen bombing down the Hill Street slope during the 1976 competition of the Signal Hill Speed Run. Autry was one of the main subjects of the 2013 downhill skateboarding documentary “Signal Hill Speed Run.”

The near 90-minute film, narrated by singer and musician Ben Harper, chronicles the Signal Hill Speed Run, a downhill skateboarding competition that ran for a brief, four-year stint from 1975 to 1978. Today, however, skateboarding anywhere in Signal Hill’s rolling streets is illegal, and only pedestrians use the hill’s steep incline for recreational activity.

After a world premiere at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival last Friday, about 300 people, including City officials and original skateboarders of the run, were able to watch the film for the first time during a private screening at the University Theatre at California State University, Long Beach on Sunday, Jan. 27.

The documentary became even more meaningful to locals and the skateboarding community last week after the passing of Don “Waldo” Autry, a Long Beach native considered a skateboarding “legend” by friends and family, just days before the debut event.

Although virtually unknown today, the contest, which attracted daredevils of all types, including women, achieved legendary status in its heyday and is credited with paving the way for extreme sports.

“To me, the skaters of today really have no idea where they came from! And this is it,” said John Hughes, who, in his early 20s, placed second in the speed run for riding a kneeboard in 1976. Hughes, who said he thought the film was “outrageous,” said he held back tears while watching the old footage.

Thrill-seeking skateboarders, brave enough to take on the more than 30-degree-angle slope of Hill Street in Signal Hill, broke world records, as the first to reach speeds of more than 50 miles per hour. Whether standing up, lying down or on their knees, competitors, who wore dazzling leather suits and helmets, barreled down the hill for the fastest times. The hill, which the speed run’s founders described as a “roller-coaster,” was also famous for the Model T Hill Climb in the 1920s.

Despite the danger, however, the City of Signal Hill permitted the skateboarding competition that was first staged and promoted by



Courtesy of Leo Hetzel

Guy “Grundy” Spagnoli speeds down the hill during the Signal Hill Speed Run in the 1970s.

Skateboard and Hang-Glider magazine publisher Jim O’Mahoney, now owner of the Santa Barbara Surf Museum. The run was started as part of the Guinness World Records TV show, and the contest went on to become an annual event with dozens of competitors, drawing crowds of 5,000 people and receiving coverage by television news crews and *Sports Illustrated*.

Guy “Grundy” Spagnoli, who later became a professional surfer, completed the first attempt down the hill without any practice runs, clocking in at 50.2 miles an hour.

One year later, Sam Puccio Jr. rode down on his back on a homemade skateboard, passing the finish line at 54 miles per hour. That skateboard would become the unofficial prototype for what is used today in “street luge” races.

The speedsters eventually started bombing down the hill in “skate cars” — metal, enclosed, aerodynamic skateboard contraptions that required parachutes for stopping.

Some of the risk-takers, however, ended up careening into the crowd and open traffic, since the skate cars were hard to steer. Some racers wiped out in injurious falls and near-death accidents, which caused the City to eventually close the books on the contest.

“Basically, the accidents started adding up, and the City of Signal Hill decided in 1979 to not give out a permit again for another speed run,” Horelick said. “That was sort of the death of the speed run there, but skateboard racing still continues and did move on to other places.”

For some racers, however, injuries were life-changing. Tina Trefethen, a champion hang-glider, was 21 years old in 1978 when she crashed into a pole coming down the hill at approximately 58 miles an hour. The major accident landed her in the hospital after breaking her wrists and several ribs, and she had to have a lung removed.

Watching the series of events unfold on the big screen was “very emotional,” she said in a phone interview. “It was pretty hard for me to watch some of that,” said Trefethen, who said she stays busy today fabricating and engineering ultra-light airplanes and racecars. “It’s very amazing I’m alive! I appreciate every day! I wonder, ‘What if that never would have happened

to me?’”

Filmmakers Horelick and Carnoy first came across vintage skateboard photos of the run after purchasing a skateboard shop and the Tunnel Skateboard brand in 2005. Horelick, an author who graduated with a master’s degree in screenwriting from USC, and Carnoy, who has worked as director for the reality-TV series *The Real World* after graduating from New York University, then both approached the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill Historical Society to be involved in the research and making of the documentary.

For years, that part of the city’s history has gone relatively overlooked, except for artwork in Cherry Park that commemorates the skate cars.

Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing said that an article in the *L.A. Times* written by Horelick in 2007 noted that the City had not properly honored the race. Although the City has highly honored the City’s well-known oil history, there were no plaques or monuments about the speed run, which is why Farfsing said he wanted to make sure the City collaborated with the directors on the documentary. In 2010, the City’s redevelopment agency awarded the directors a contract to produce the film, and the rest was “history,” he said during the screening.

“They didn’t realize in the late 1970s that they were really giving birth to a brand-new sport,” said Farfsing, who added that “street luge,” although not yet an Olympic sport, was added to the X Games in 1995. He said the speed run is also considered the launching pad for downhill skateboarding and other extreme sports, such as big-wave riding and snowboarding. “You really are pioneers,” Farfsing said.



Courtesy of Mike Horelick

Don “Waldo” Autry, seen here with his signature green hair, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013 just days before a local screening of the documentary “Signal Hill Speed Run” in which he was featured.

NONPROFIT

Jazz Angels passes on Signal Hill's tradition of jazz music to younger generations

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Kristen Naeem
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Over the last 17 years, Barry Cogert and Albert Alva have introduced over 3,000 children to the benefits of jazz through their Signal Hill-based nonprofit Jazz Angels.

"Music supports all learning," Cogert told the Signal Tribune.

Cogert began playing music in his senior year of high school, and has continued for the past 47 years. After high school he played and toured with a rock band, but found himself listening to jazz in moments of respite.

"When I was in our rock band, and I would get home from playing somewhere, my ears would be ringing because the music was so loud and I would put on [the radio station] KLON. At that time it was called KLON, and now it's called KKJZ," Cogert said. "And I was really intrigued at how the jazz musicians played with total freedom, but they remained true to the song form."

The radio station that inspired Cogert to pursue jazz is now the number one jazz station in the United States, and helps to continue a rich history of jazz in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

KKJZ, also known as KJAZZ, has been broadcasting the soulful sounds of jazz out of Long Beach since 1981, but before that, the responsibility belonged to Signal



Courtesy of Barry Cogert
The Signal Hill nonprofit Jazz Angels aims to provide accessible music education to local middle schoolers. As of April 2023, the nonprofit has worked with over 3,000 local children.

Hill—where the Jazz Angels' studio is now located.

Where Sunset View Park now rests, there was once a humble two-room shack filled with vinyl players, knobs and switches called "The Jazz Knob." Founded by Al "Sleepy" Stein in 1949, it was the first pure jazz station in the U.S. Many legends from the Knob went on to mix records and host shows for KJAZZ in its early days.

Though The Knob shut down in 1968, The Jazz Angels are keeping its spirit alive and well in Signal Hill.

Cogert and Alva met in the early

'90s while the pair were both playing at the iconic Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, and bonded over music.

Cogert wanted to spread their love for music to others. He began to think of ways that local musicians could help children build musical skills, which Cogert said he believes improves various areas of a person's life.

"I always tell our students that we're jazz musicians, so we have to train ourselves to be really perceptive to what's going on, both musically and the situation you're in when you're playing music," Cogert

said. "You need to play your music as best as you can, and create the song or the arrangement sometimes on the spot as jazz musicians do. But you also need to be aware of who you're playing for and what's happening around the room. I tell them that being in our program prepares you for whatever you do."

Cogert and Alva applied for a grant from the Arts Council for Long Beach in 2006, which they used to create music programming for middle school-aged children.

For the first few years Cogert and Alva were operating Jazz Angels, they rented out spaces in churches,

schools and community centers so their students could have somewhere to play. Twelve years ago Jazz Angels relocated to its permanent home—a studio in Signal Hill.

Cogert said that since its inception, Jazz Angels has helped over 3,000 children improve their musical abilities. When the nonprofit organization first started, Jazz Angels only had 10 students. Now it has a staff of 10 local musicians who instruct 20 different youth bands.

Jazz Angels will be starting its spring session on April 16 for children between the ages of 11 and 17. Youth musicians can play any instrument or vocals. Tuition for the spring session costs \$295 and can be purchased at jazzangels.org/session-info/. Before they begin, students will be asked to attend a "No Stress Placement Meeting," so Jazz Angels can place them in the appropriate band.



Courtesy of Barry Cogert
One of the students learning from Jazz Angels plays the saxophone.

"We realized it's more than just playing notes on the page," Cogert said. "These people in our program are becoming really confident in themselves musically."

Jazz Angels is located at 3258 E Willow St. To keep up with Jazz Angels, visit its Instagram page, @jazzangelslb.



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One of the students learning from Jazz Angels plays the saxophone. The nonprofit aims to provide accessible music education to local middle schoolers.

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FEATURE

From Home Depot to the LA Marathon: Long Beach Running Club takes on Signal Hill

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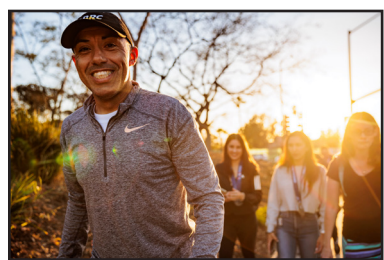
Former Managing Editor

Every Monday at 6:30 p.m., a group of nearly 100 people pull into the Home Depot parking lot in Signal Hill.

They're not there to buy two-by-fours.

Rather, they're members of the Long Beach Running Club—one of the largest running groups in Long Beach—there to take in five miles of Signal Hill's scenic trails on sneakered foot.

The group was founded by Gus Esparza, a longtime runner who formed the group after an unhappy accident.



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Long Beach Running Club founder Gus Esparza smiles for the camera while walking to the top of Signal Hill to meet with around 80 members of the group.

In 2013, Esparza was hit by a truck while riding his motorcycle in Ortega Canyon. The crash shattered the windshield of the car and sent Esparza off a cliff. He broke his left leg and received 42 stitches across his abdomen.

He couldn't walk for nine months. He gained 25 pounds.

When he got back on his feet again, he hit the ground running—literally.

"I would park at The Home De-

pot, where we meet now, on Cherry and Willow and just run up the trails by myself," Esparza said. "Little by little, I started meeting people, just running at the same time."

Those passing interactions turned into fledgling friendships, and Esparza and a few runners began to meet at 7 a.m. Sunday to run together.

"For the first two years, there was only like four or five of us," he said.

It was another running club founder who pushed Esparza to formalize the running club.

"He told me, 'You have a good thing here. Nobody runs hills in Long Beach,' because all we have is the beach and flat land," he said.

In 2016, Esparza signed up for his first and only Instagram account: @long_beach_running_club.

"And here we are almost eight years later, with more than 100 runners," Esparza said, emphasizing that the club is completely free.

The running club was casual at first, he said—five miles every Monday through different brushy trails of Signal Hill.

Then, Esparza recalled, four years into running, a friend had an idea: "What if we ran a marathon?"

"We had no idea what we were getting ourselves into," he said.

Club goes from casual running to marathon training: "That's how we differ from everyone else"

They followed a 20-week training program that Esparza "just copy and pasted from online." He added an extra run—10 miles on Sundays at 7 a.m.—to increase the group's endurance.

"To our surprise, that was our biggest turnout," he said. Every Sunday, 80 to 90 people would show up for their 10-mile beach run starting at the Veterans Memorial Pier in Belmont Shore.

That year, 12 members of the club crossed the finish line of the LA Marathon, including Esparza.

"It was horrible," he said, noting that he had no intention of running the marathon at first.

But he was training with the

group, which ran 22 miles twice in preparation. He thought, "might as well."

He walked ten times, he lamented. But he finished.

"It was tough," he said. "But everybody says, 'Once you do one, you can't stop.' And that was the case for me. Then I kept going, then I wanted to beat my own time. And that's exactly what happens to all of us. We want to get better."

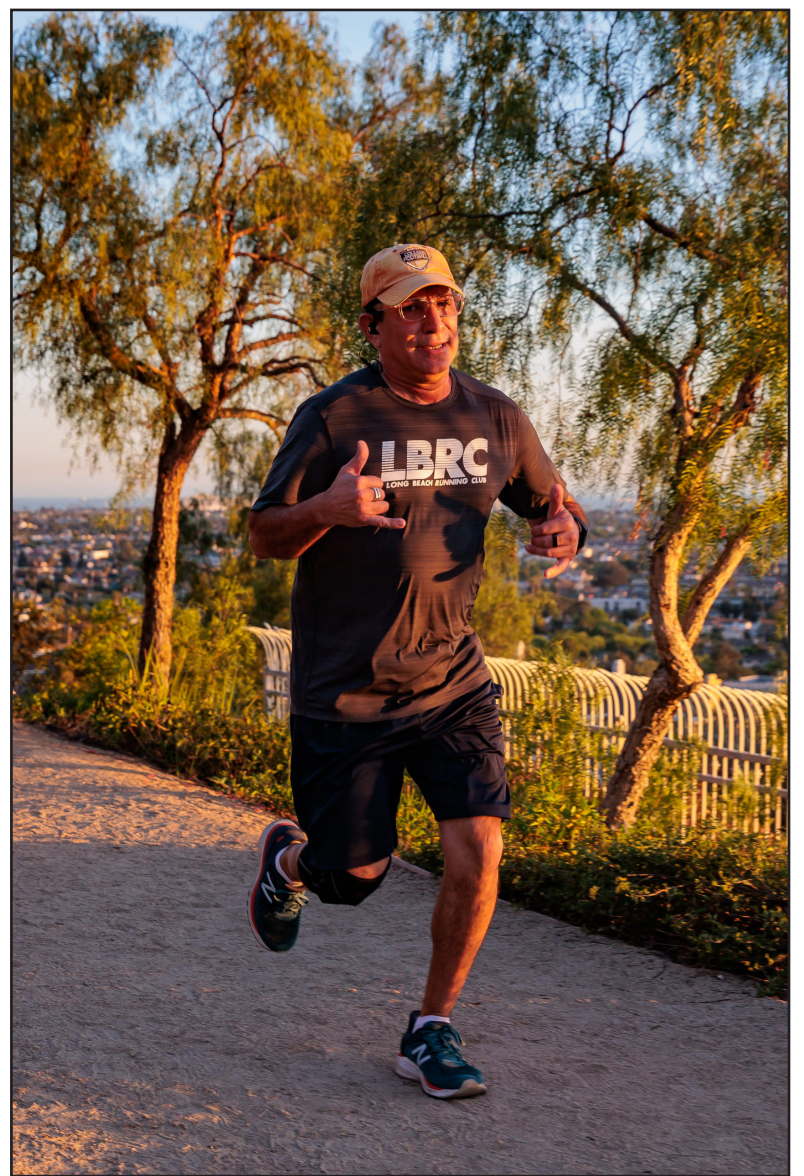


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Antoinette Fuentes holds up the medal she received for finishing the 2022 Los Angeles Marathon on March 21, 2022. Along with 38 other Long Beach Running Club members, she completed the marathon that took place the day prior.

From there, training became the main focus of the running club. Members ran the LA Marathon twice, the San Francisco Marathon, the Long Beach Marathon, with 5Ks and 10Ks in between. Some current members are training for the California International Marathon in Sacramento.



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Long Beach Running Club members makes their way up to Skyline Trail in Signal Hill, leading to Hilltop Park, during an afternoon run on March 21, 2022. Runners take the group's Monday route, which is 5 miles of winding hills around Hilltop Park.

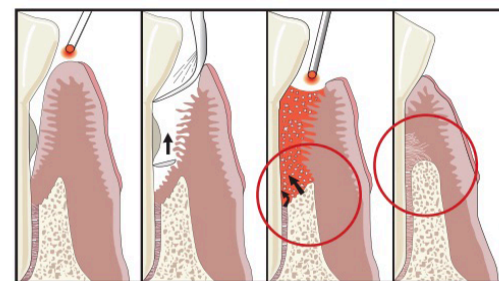


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Around 80 members of the Long Beach Running Club pose for a group photo at the top of Signal Hill at mile one of a five-mile running route on March 21, 2022. The group has been running this route for most of its eight-year history.

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LOCAL CLUB

‘If chess is a game, Go is a war’: This centuries-old Chinese strategy game is alive and well in Signal Hill

All are welcome to join; no experience is required.

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Emma DiMaggio

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Each Saturday, residents of Long Beach and Signal Hill gather under a shaded picnic table in Signal Hill Park and play the centuries-old game Go, otherwise known as Weichi or Weiqi.

One might mistake the game for a complicated match of checkers with its alternating black and white pieces. But Go dates farther back than checkers and even chess, first invented in China over 3,000 years ago, where it remains widely popular. It’s believed to be one of the oldest board games in the world.

“If chess is a game, Go is a war,” Signal Hill resident and Go player Paul Feldman said. “Every move has implications all over the place. There’s battles going on everywhere.”

The Long Beach Go Club—which has formally existed since 2013—recently moved its meetings from Tuesdays at Royal Cup Cafe to Saturdays at Signal Hill Park in an effort to attract new players.

On the morning of Saturday, Oct. 16, player Terry McIntyre and club founder Larry Holmgren were seated across from each other in a match. One by one in alternating turns, they placed black and white stones on the cross-sections of the board.

“What struck me was the simplicity and elegance of the rules,” said McIntyre, who first discovered Go decades ago while flipping through a games magazine. “It only takes about five minutes to teach a person the rules of the game, but then figuring out what the rules mean, their significance, you can spend a lifetime learning that.”

The strategy game relies on creating walls with the stones, sequestering opponents and cutting off territory. He who dominates the most space on the board wins.

Holmgren started playing Go in the ‘70s when he happened upon the book “How to Play Go” while looking for chess books. He made a DIY board using Santa Rosa Beach stones as game pieces. Like others in the club, he went on to play at different Chinese, Japanese and Korean Go clubs in Los Angeles in search of new opponents.

“You make points by making your territory bigger, growing, making the enemy territory smaller, reducing, cutting and killing and capturing your opponent’s groups or connecting your groups together to make them live,” Holmgren said as he looked intently at the board.

After calculating his next move, Holmgren carefully placed a black stone between the tip of his index and middle fingers, lifting his hand and sliding the stone into its place on the board.

“You can think of Go as a game of war, when armies trying to surround the other, kill them,” Holmgren said. “Or you can think of it as a game of harmony, where you’re making beautiful shapes and solving complex problems.”

Beyond the match itself, Holmgren said there are lessons to be learned from Go, which are encapsulated in proverbs. “Don’t go fishing when your house is on fire,” Holmgren said. “Meaning urgent moves come before important moves.”

“Don’t be greedy, don’t be jealous,” he continued. “Greed does not win the game. Because when you’re greedy, you end up neglecting and ignoring your weak points.”

He noted that there are more possible iterations of the game than there are atoms in the universe, meaning players have plenty of opportunities to internalize the lessons of the game.

“It’s easy to learn and hard to play,” said Feldman, who picked up the game while attending college in Toronto. “There’s a great deal of negotiation, detente. In the earlier days you tend to be very combative, and then that opens up to little technical, scrappy fights. You have to learn to read the board.”

Members of the Long Beach Go Club are looking beyond Holmgren’s printout of “Ten Keys to Success in Go,” which he shares readily with newcomers.

On the back of the double-sided sheet of rules is bonus rule #12, “Don’t look at the player’s rank. Use the game to make friends.”

The Long Beach Go Club meets every Saturday at Signal Hill Park from 10:30 a.m. to around 3 p.m. No experience is required. Game boards and pieces are provided.



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Larry Holmgren places one of his white stones on the Go board while Terry McIntyre waits to make his move on Oct. 16, 2021, at Signal Hill Park.

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(Top photo) Terry McIntyre (top) and Larry Holmgren (bottom) look at their game of Go while McIntyre inputs it into a tablet to review at a later date on Oct. 16, 2021, at Signal Hill Park. (Bottom photo) McIntyre smiles as he places one of his black stones into position on the Go board after Holmgren played into his trap on Oct. 16, 2021, at Signal Hill Park.

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RECREATION

Sign ups for Signal Hill summer camp starts May 7

Signal Hill to host 2024 summer day camp for local elementary school kids beginning in June.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

With summer approaching, Signal Hill prepares to launch its annual Summer Day Camp, offering a range of activities for children in 1st to 5th grade from June to August. Registration for Signal Hill residents begins Tuesday, May 7, and opens to non-residents on Tuesday, May 14.

Hosted at Signal Hill Park, located at 1780 E. Hill St., the camp offers nine themed sessions from June to August, including Rock Star Camp, Enchanted Trails and Hawaiian Hulaaloo.

Each session runs Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with fees set at \$75 per week for Signal Hill residents and \$85 per week for non-residents.

Parents are required to reserve a spot for their child by paying a non-refundable enrollment fee of



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Signal Hill Park will host Signal Hill's annual Summer Day Camp, with nine themed sessions being offered from June to August.

\$20 per week, with the balance due 14 days before each session's start date.

Registration can only be made in-person at 1780 E. Hill St.

Registration forms are available at the Signal Hill Youth Center, and two proofs of Signal Hill residency are mandatory for registration. For more information, contact 562-989-7329.

EVENTS

The upcoming artist line up for Signal Hill's Spring Concerts features taiko, bluegrass and classical musicians

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Signal Hill's annual Spring Concert Series is in full swing, continuing to bring a wide range of musical artists to perform at the Signal Hill Public Library. Through early June, four more artists and bands will be serenading the public during free concerts sponsored by the Signal Hill Community Foundation.



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Families sit together while the rock band, The Brobots, perform at Signal Hill Park on Aug. 3, 2022, as part of the Concerts in the Park series of summer events.



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Los Angeles-based rock band, The Brobots perform at Signal Hill Park on Aug. 3, 2022, as part of the Concerts in the Park series of summer events. The next event slated for Signal Hill's 2024 Concerts in the Park Series will be a performance from YUKI on Saturday, April 20.

as Baethoven, now lives and performs in the Los Angeles area. She has performed for NPR's Tiny Desk concerts, the Lincoln Center and more.

Saturday, April 20 - YUKI - A professional recorder player hailing from Tokyo, Japan. Yuki Shibamoto, known by the stage name YUKI, has released two albums of original songs since 2023. Shibamoto has taken home the gold thrice in the Japanese Nationwide Recorder Competition. She is currently based in Los Angeles County, and has previously performed at the William Turner Gallery in Santa Monica, the El Segundo Public Library and more.

Saturday, May 11 - Baethoven - A touring musician specializing in violin, guitar and vocals. New York local Melissa Folzenlogen, known

Saturday, May 25 - Isaku Kageyama - An LA-based taiko drummer, composer and educator. Isaku Kageyamama is known for mixing the traditional sounds of taiko with modern music genres. Kageyama graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Berklee College of Music. He has performed at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and recorded music for the video game Ghost of Tsushima.

Saturday, June 8 - The Brennans - A Irish and bluegrass band from Lake Forest formed by the Brennan family. Band members consist of Bridget Brennan and her

children Veronica, Bernadette and Riley. Among the band's musical repertoire are the Irish songs immigrants brought to pioneer California. The women members of the band dress in historical costume while performing. The Brennans have previously performed at San Juan Capistrano Mission, Heritage Hill Historical Park, McKenna College in Claremont, Palomar College and more.

All these artists will be performing at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) on Saturdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. All performances are completely free to the public.

The Signal Hill Community Foundation will be sponsoring an upcoming Summer Concert Series from July to August.



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An IndyCar comes around turn 2 close to the wall with the Pike Ferris wheel in the background at the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach on Sept. 25, 2021. The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach returns this weekend (April 19-21) with a weekend full of classic car displays, interactive activities and nail-biting races.

Discover a wide array of events happening around Signal Hill and Long Beach over the next week.

On Friday, kids can ignite curiosity with a STEM Workshop for elementary students at Dana Neighborhood Library, followed by a special Teen Hour at the Long Beach Museum of Art. Those with a green thumb can join the Mayor's Tree Planting in Signal Hill or learn about water-wise gardening at Long Beach Water Department Headquarters.

Literary enthusiasts can meet author Xochitl Gonzalez for a book signing, and families can celebrate Día de los Niños at Burnett Library. The excitement continues into the weekdays with events ranging from educational workshops to community forums.

19 FRIDAY

KIDS' STEM WORKSHOP

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Dana Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.) will be teaching preschoolers about science through hands-on activities. Free.

TEEN HOUR

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Long Beach Museum of Art (2300 E Ocean Blvd.) invites teens to a special viewing of its current exhibit "Wires Crossed: The Culture of Skateboarding." To register, visit Eventbrite. Free.

20 SATURDAY

GRAND PRIX

6 a.m. to 11 a.m. This famous three-day auto-racing event in Shoreline Village (300 East Ocean Boulevard) will feature races, car displays, vendors and more. General admission ranges from \$120 for all three days, \$40 on Friday, \$82 on Saturday and \$87 on Sunday. Tickets can be purchased on the Grand Prix's website.

MAYOR'S TREE PLANTING

9 a.m. The City of Signal Hill invites members of the public to help plant trees in Reservoir Park (3315 Gundry Ave.). To sign up, visit the City's online event calendar. Free.

GARDEN DESIGN CLASS

9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The City of Long Beach invites the public to learn how to design water-wise gardens at the Long Beach Water Department Headquarters (1800 E Wardlow Road). Topics discussed will include rainwater capture, climate-appropriate plants, design principles and more. Registration through the City's online event calendar is required. Free.

BOOK SIGNING

11 a.m. to noon. Author Xochitl Gonzalez will be signing copies of her new novel "Anita de Monte Laughs Last" at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamos Ave.). Register for this event through the museum's website. Free.

DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. During this celebration of children, families can enjoy activities, performances and storytime at Burnett Library (560 E Hill St.). Free.

ARTS FILM SERIES

Noon to 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to watch this screening of the 1990 film version of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). There will be a short introduction before the film and a discussion afterwards. Space is limited, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Free.

TRANSPARENT FAMILIES QUARTERLY OUTING

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach invites families with transgender and nonbinary children to socialize together at Colorado Lagoon (5130 E Colorado St.). Attendees are encouraged to bring towels, swimsuits, sunblock, blankets and chairs. Free.

21 SUNDAY

LBFD-P.R.E.P. WORKOUT

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Long Beach Fire Department invites anyone interested in becoming a firefighter to this workout that will prepare them for the Physical Abilities Test. The workout will be held at the Long Beach Fire Dept. Station 17 (2247

Argonne Ave.). Participants are asked to wear workout clothes and bring water. To reserve a spot, visit the City's event calendar. Free.

LIVE THEATER

2 p.m. The Long Beach Playhouse will be performing a live rendition of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" on its Mainstage Theater (5021 E Anaheim St.). Tickets can be purchased for \$34 on the playhouse's website.

22 MONDAY

LOW-COST VACCINE CLINIC

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Long Beach Animal Care Services (7700 E Spring St.) will be offering discounted vaccines and microchips for pets. Cats must be brought in carriers and dogs must be leashed. Services are available on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 60 pets. Treatment prices vary.

ONE VOICE

2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Impressionist Bethany Owen will be embodying famous women in history during this live performance at the Long Beach Grand Event Center (4101 E Willow St.). Dinner will be served along with the show. Tickets cost \$75 per person for parties between 1 and 9, and \$69 per person for parties of 10 or more people. To reserve tickets, call (714) 475-9678.

23 TUESDAY

DIVE INTO LETTERS

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to learn alongside their children during this educational event at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). Attendees will learn different ways to help young children between 1 and 5 years old learn the alphabet. Free.

TIE-DYE TEXTILES

4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Participants are invited to learn how to tie-dye fabric at Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W Broadway). Supplies will be provided, but people are welcome to bring their own clothes from home to tie-dye as long as

they're made from cotton, rayon or hemp. This event is appropriate for those 12 and older. Free.

24 WEDNESDAY

YOUTH POWER VOTER FAIR

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The City of Long Beach will be receiving \$400,000 in public funds to spend on youth, and those between the ages of 13 and 26 are invited to vote on how the money should be spent at this event in the campus quad of Polytechnic High School (1600 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

COMMUNITY TEACH-IN

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Anti-Surveillance Coalition will be informing the public about the use of surveillance technology by authorities in Long Beach during this event at St. Luke's (525 E Seventh St.). To register, visit the link in Órale's Instagram bio.

SOUTH DIVISION COMMANDER'S COMMUNITY FORUM

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Long Beach Police Department's South Division Commander Stephanie Hall will be listening to residents share their concerns during this public event

at the South Division Community Room (400 W Broadway). Free.

25 THURSDAY

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR TEENS

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Licensed Financial Educator Nema Escartin from World System Builder will be teaching teens about wealth building at the Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.). Registration is required, and can be made through the City's online event calendar. Free.

SIDEWALK TO SUCCESS

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. This community town hall at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.) will explain the new street vending laws to aspiring entrepreneurs, existing vendors and community stakeholders. Free.

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INVESTIGATION

Where in the world is Stanley?

The majestic, independent peacock is no longer in our backyards, but always in our hearts.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

If you've been wondering where your friendly neighborhood peacock is as of late, you're not the only one.

Early this year, Signal Hill residents took to Nextdoor and Facebook, asking a singular question: Where in the world is Stanley? After multiple phone calls and emails, we're happy to report Stanley is now living among a flock of the same feather. About 50 of them, in fact.

Stanley now spends his days roaming a 287-acre farm near the Sequoia National Park. He's made friends with the other peacocks, as well as the wild turkeys, donkeys, cows and dogs that live among him.

Andrew George, owner of the Redwood Ranch for the past 10 years, has rescued about 30 peacocks from Southern California.

"I'm kind of a romantic when it comes to rescuing animals," he admitted.

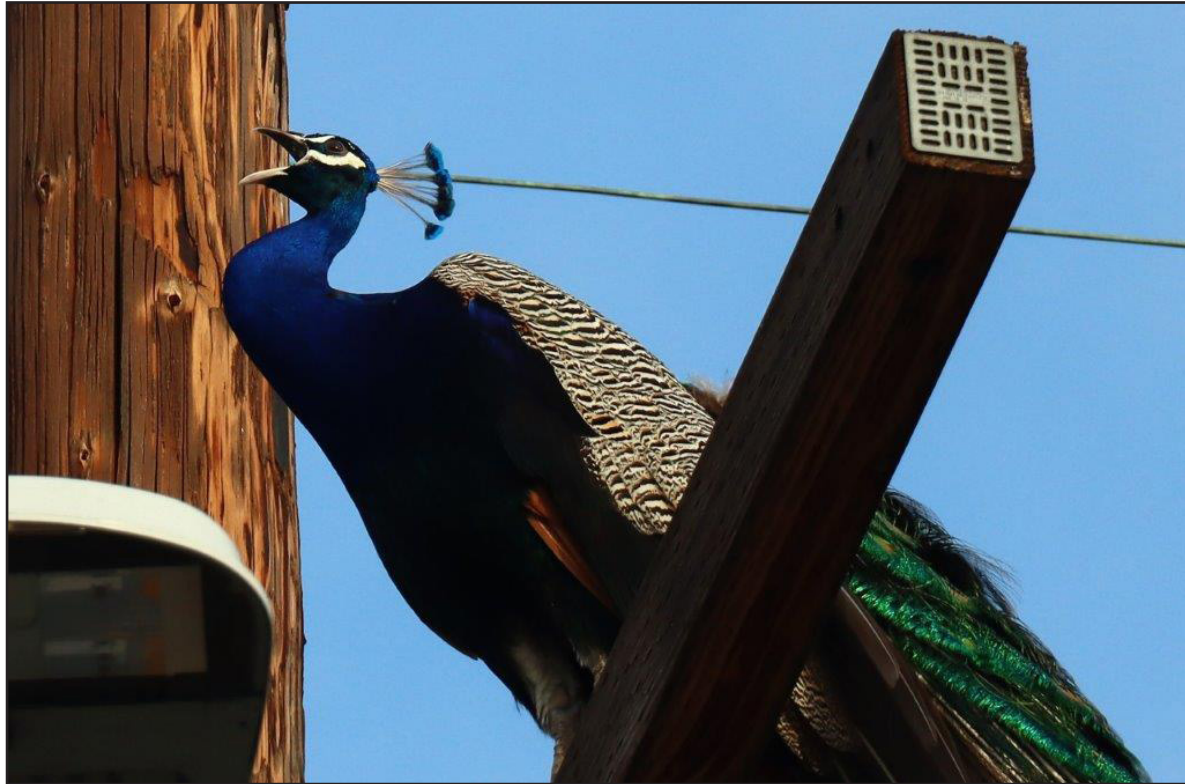
The birds are never locked up, and free to roam the ranch, nap in the towering trees and fly as they please. They also have their own caretaker in case of injury, George said.



Courtesy of Mark B. Willis

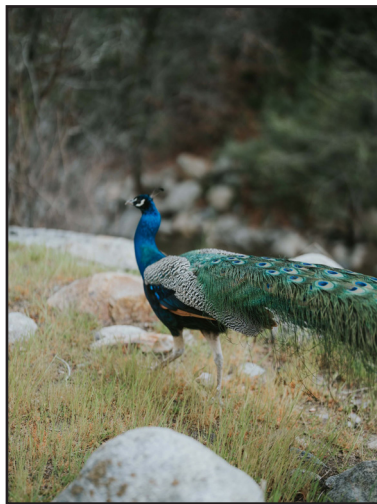
During one of Stanley's neighborhood adventures, the peacock takes flight momentarily, launching from a resident's backyard before landing on a nearby telephone pole.

Since at least 2020, Stanley (also known as Kevin, or the Signal Hill Rooster) has been known to roam the streets of Signal Hill, venture into people's backyards, plop down for a nap in front of homes and generally provide a sense of wonder for residents. The *Signal Tribune* has received hundreds of photos of the handsome bird from admiring res-



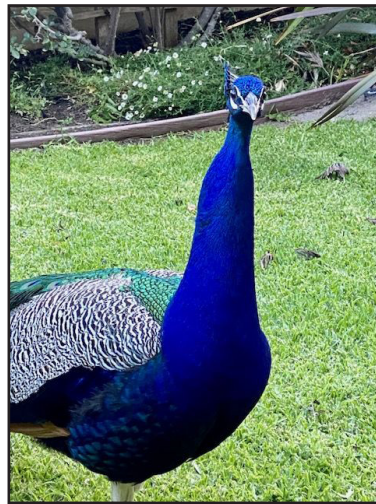
Courtesy of Mark B. Willis

Perched on a neighborhood telephone pole, Stanley the peacock loudly screeches at his surroundings, demonstrating his prowess as the protector of Signal Hill.



Courtesy of Andrew George

A recent photo of a peacock residing on the Redwood Ranch near Sequoia National Park which may (or may not) be Stanley the peacock.



Courtesy of Maria Avila

Stanley gained a reputation for making himself at home throughout Signal Hill and local resident Maria Avila spotted Stanley in her yard.



Courtesy of Tina Hansen

Signal Hill councilmember Tina Hansen spotted Stanley strutting down her sidewalk and spreading his feathers, which is known as "train rattling."

idents, often coupled with entertaining stories.

"Stanley was an inspiration for me and my wife," Signal Hill resident Mark Willis wrote to the *Signal Tribune*. "It was wonderful to come and visit him. He was a pillar

of strength through the pandemic and throughout the community. He would strut around like he owned the neighborhood, and you never knew where he would be found."

In December 2023, someone called the city and asked for Stan-

ley to be removed. This prompted resident Crystal Pommet to create a Gofundme page for Stanley to be safely captured and relocated. The Signal Hill community quickly raised the funds for Stanley, and he was picked up by Jonathan Gon-

zalez from Long Beach-based bird sanctuary Raptor Events.

Gonzalez said all the money residents raised for Stanley was donated to Bred 4 Wild, an organization that rescues bearded vultures. Wild birds in residential areas are somewhat common, he said, as he was preparing for a similar job in San Pedro when we spoke on April 12.



Courtesy of Mark B. Willis

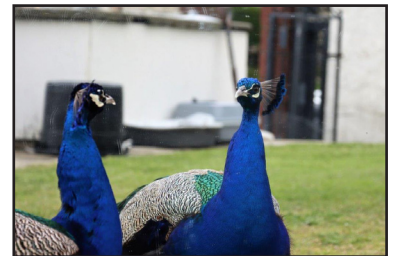
After finding a large mirror in a resident's backyard, Stanley struts around with his colorful feathers dragging behind him as stares at his reflection from various angles.

Raptor Events has rescued and relocated over 700 peafowls in the past seven years from local cities, according to its website.

It's still unclear how Stanley came to make his roost in Signal Hill, but Gonzalez said he's thankful for Stanley's fairytale (or dare I say, feather-tale) ending, as he's seen incidents where people get annoyed with local wildlife and try to capture or hurt them.

"I can't control what people do on the negative side, but I can help where I can," Gonzalez said.

George spoke about Stanley in high regard, and was kind enough to send the *Signal Tribune* film photos of him and his friends, utilizing his fine arts degree to update Signal Hill on its favorite bird.



Courtesy of Mark B. Willis

After finding a large mirror in a resident's backyard, Stanley stares at his reflection from various angles.



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Stanley is spotted spreading his feathers, which is known as "train rattling."



Courtesy of Susan Graham

Stanley is seen standing on an apartment balcony overlooking Signal Hill.

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LOCAL BUSINESS



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(Left photo) Ed Vargas (left) and Sonny Daniel (right) look at the recently removed signage outside of their tattoo shop, Signal Hill Tattoo, on June 3, 2021. They ran the shop together for eight years until COVID-19 forced them to close their doors temporarily in March of 2020, and then permanently in 2021. (Right photo) The exterior of Signal Hill Tattoo, now closed, at 2105 E 27th St, Signal Hill.

“We were doing the impossible:” Signal Hill’s first tattoo shop shuts its doors due to pandemic

This article was originally published online: June 4, 2021

Emma DiMaggio
Former Managing Editor

Signal Hill Tattoo, the city’s first and only tattoo shop, closed its doors for good last month after eight years of service.

“[Signal Hill] welcomed us with open arms. Being two kids that came from Poly [High School], grew up in Long Beach, we weren’t going to make it big. I mean, we’re nobody special,” Signal Hill Tattoo co-owner Ed Vargas said. “To be able to have done that is amazing.”

Tattoo shops are emerging from a particularly rough year. As restaurants and bars adapted to changing COVID-19 health guidelines, tattoo shops remained largely shuttered.

For Vargas and his partner Sonny Daniel, the shop’s closure marks the end of an era, one that began with a \$1,000 fine and transformed into a home away from home.

“I was going to open up a tattoo shop. I was going to do the impossible,” Vargas said. “[Signal Hill] gave me a chance.”

Ed Vargas shares how a \$1,000 fine for tattooing in a garage became a fully-fledged studio

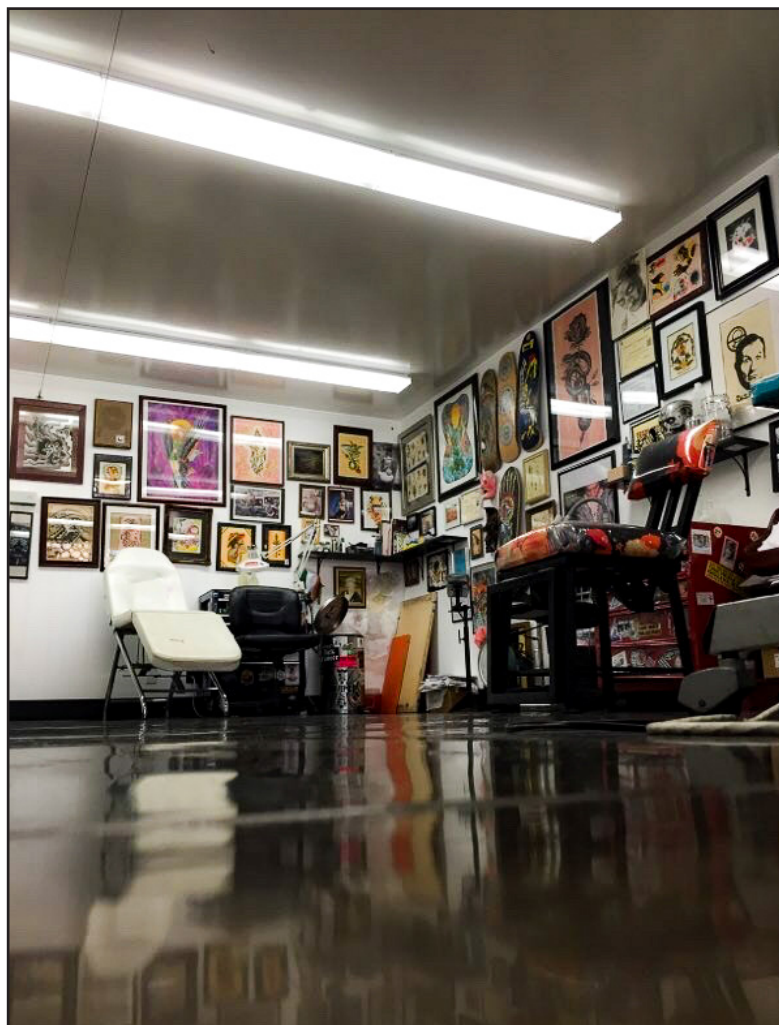


Courtesy of Ed Vargas

Artists work diligently at Signal Hill Tattoo, which closed this year after COVID-19 health restrictions left the shop closed for nine months.

Vargas didn’t start his business out of entrepreneurial spirit.

“We had no clue what business entailed or entrepreneurship... we had no clue,” Vargas said. “We were doing the impossible in the impossible city.”



Courtesy of Ed Vargas

The interior of Signal Hill Tattoo shop, which was known for its ever-changing gallery-style walls.

Around 2012, his lifelong friend Sonny Daniel was caught illegally tattooing out of his garage in Signal Hill. He received a ticket with a \$1,000 fine.

“We’re both single parents,” Vargas said. “No way we could afford a \$1,000 ticket.”

So he went to Signal Hill City Hall.

There, he said, a member of the city government told him that, rather than paying the fee, there was another option: “Why don’t you guys try to open up a tattoo shop instead?”

Daniel had been tattooing since 1994 and, after decades of work, knew enough tattoo artists to fill the shop. Their “pipe dream” could become a reality, with a little leg-work.

Vargas had to get community feedback to start his project, a survey traditionally done by a consulting company. He didn’t know that.

So he went door to door, to every business and residence in a 1,000-foot radius of the prospective shop location.

“I didn’t know what to do. I gave them all my paperwork, and they’re like, ‘What’s this?’ ‘I surveyed the city,’” Vargas said with a chuckle. “They laughed at me.”

The consulting company waived their fee, charging less than \$2 for an envelope and postage stamp to mail his forms to the City.

The creation of the shop was a labor of love, Vargas said, fueled by “blood, sweat and tears.” Over the course of a year, friends and acquaintances lent their time to build the shop.

A contractor would build out the shop for free, as long as Vargas would provide the supplies.

A friend who worked at Signal Hill Petroleum would help install epoxy floors—a health inspector’s “dream come true”—using the

same substance that lines the interior of gas tanks.

A construction company sent over a man named “Nacho,” who would spend six days hammering out concrete flooring to make room for new plumbing.

When he asked about payment, he said they all responded the same: “Just open up your shop.”

They spent nearly a year navigating the business licensing process, a flurry of forms and guidelines that can be daunting even for experienced business owners.

It didn’t help that, while getting the shop up to snuff with local health codes, Vargas had used the Long Beach Health Department as a resource.

When he was ready to move forward, he had a sudden realization: Signal Hill isn’t part of Long Beach, it’s part of Los Angeles County.

“That’s a whole different ball game. It’s a whole different set of rules,” he said. “It’s like, man, this is crazy.”

When the Los Angeles County health inspector came out to review the building, Vargas recalled the inspector telling him: “This is not what you’re supposed to find at a tattoo shop.”

Cue panic. He worried that, after going “overboard” adhering to the guidelines of two different health departments, they’d have to restart the process.

What the inspector said surprised him: “Do you mind if I come over here with all of my inspectors to show them what a tattoo shop is supposed to look like?”

He gave the inspector a pair of keys. “Drop by anytime!”

Months of effort were finally coming to fruition. Signal Hill would soon have its first-ever tattoo shop.

“It was tremendous for us, ‘cause we’re just a couple kids that grew up in Long Beach not having a clue, trying to avoid a \$1,000 fine,” Vargas said.

Community embraces tattoo shop

Two months after the shop had first opened, Vargas and Daniel held a grand opening, complete with live music, a “giant” suckling pig, a taco stand and a low-rider show.

The shop was less than two miles away from a fire station.

“I’m thinking, we probably already got a fire violation with all these [expletive] cars that kept showing up that we had no control over,” he said.

He thought they’d shut the whole thing down. They didn’t.

“They come by and they turn on their little siren and they wave and welcome us to the neighborhood,” he said. “Cops show up just a little bit later, and they just wanted to see what the tattoo shop looked like.”

Signal Hill Tattoo would become a mainstay in the community.



Courtesy of Ed Vargas

A sign outside Signal Hill Tattoo, which shuttered its doors in 2021 after eight years in business.

Council members would drop by to check out the shop and “leave happy, smiles, like ‘It’s beautiful. It’s clean,’” Vargas said. Police officers who patrolled the area would later be tattooed by his artists.

Even the *Signal Tribune’s* former publisher, Neena Strichart, would eventually fulfill her promise of getting a tattoo, Vargas said.



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**TST7256 Case No. 24NWCP00110
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Norwalk Courthouse, 12720 Norwalk, Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 PETITION OF: LUIS ANGEL LOPEZ LIZAOLA for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner LUIS ANGEL LOPEZ LIZAOLA has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: LUIS ANGEL LOPEZ LIZAOLA Proposed Name: LUIS ANGEL EXIGA 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: May 13, 2024; Time: 9:30a.m., Dept. C, Room 312. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. March 29 & April 5, 12, 19, 2024 ___/ss/___ Olivia Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 26, 2024

**TST7269 Case No. 24LBCP00041
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SOUTH DISTRICT, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Adriana Chaidez on behalf of Aliyah Raylene Calfy for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Adriana Chaidez on behalf of Aliyah Raylene Calfy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Aliyah Raylene Calfy Proposed Name: Aliyah Raylene Chaidez 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: June 7, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept.S27, Room S400. 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. April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 ___/ss/___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 29, 2024

**TST7266 / 2024 064048
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. SGR GROUP, 2. BLUE DIAMOND EVENTS, 13746 HANWELL AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA. 90706. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ANDRES ALBERTO GONZALEZ BARRERA, 13746 HANWELL AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA. 90706. 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: ANDRES ALBERTO GONZALEZ BARRERA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 03/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 22, 2024. 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

**TST7267 / 2024 064044
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. KARTUNES, 2. KARTUNES WINDOW TINT, 7321 S ALARM ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90001. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GABRIELA MENDOZA, 13558 DITTMAR DR, WHITTIER, CA. 90605. 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: GABRIELA MENDOZA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2012. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 22, 2024. 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 SignalTribune: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

**TST7268 / 2024 064046
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ABN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, 2512 MUSCATEL AVE, ROSEMEAD, CA. 91770. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SONIA RIVERA, 2512 MUSCATEL AVE, ROSEMEAD, CA. 91770. 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: SONIA RIVERA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 01/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 22, 2024. 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

**TST7275 Case No. 24LBCP00097
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Martina Tweneboah Kodua for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Martina Tweneboah Kodua, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Martina Tweneboah Kodua Proposed Name: Martina Abdul Haadi 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: May 10, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept.S27, 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. April 12, 19, 26 & May 3, 2024 ___/ss/___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 28, 2024

**TST7276 Case No. 24LBCP00102
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Eugenie Sydney Sherman for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Eugenie Sydney Sherman, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Eugenie Sydney Sherman Proposed Name: Eugenie Sydney Valencia 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: May 14, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept.S26, 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. April 12, 19, 26 & May 3, 2024 ___/ss/___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: April 2, 2024

**TST7280
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD CORMAC LAGATREE aka DONALD C. LAGATREE aka DONALD LAGATREE**
Case No. 24STPB04063 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DONALD CORMAC LAGATREE aka

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST7259

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider adopting a resolution amending the City's Uniform Schedule of Service Fees and Charges. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at Signal Hill City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill.

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

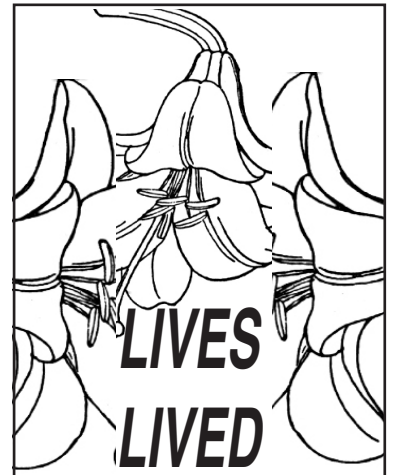
• You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org, or by mail to the attention of City Clerk, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda (on or before April 17, 2024), staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. If received after the publication date and before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, the written comments will be attached to the original meeting minutes, and available in the City Clerk's office.

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

FURTHER INFORMATION regarding the amendment(s) to the Uniform Schedule of Service Fees and Charges will be available online as well as available for examination and comment in the Office of the City Clerk. Additionally, these materials may be obtained from the City Clerk's office by calling the City Clerk at 562-989-7305 or by emailing cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org.

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Daritza Gonzalez
City Clerk

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- Arvella Robinson 69
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- Phillip Van Valey 70
- Edson Beebe 88
- Freddie Davis 73
- Chase Anderson 31
- Ruth Rosales 93
- Donald Brown 77
- Monique Briggs 97

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**TST7283/Order No: 18260
Auto Lien Sale**

On 05/16/2024 at 821 SOUTH MAPLE AVE MONTEBELLO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2001 HONDA VIN: JH2RC44741K500382 STATE: CA LIC: 21H6463 at 10 AM

**TST7282/Order No: 17684
Auto Lien Sale**

On 05/03/2024 at 15321 ATLANTIC AVE COMPTON, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 HONDA VIN: 2HGFC2F52HH572289 STATE: CA LIC: 8YAT513 at 10 AM

**TST7281/Order No: 17628
Auto Lien Sale**

On 05/03/2024 at 1969 FIRESTONE BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 KIA VIN: 3KPF24AD1KE108926 STATE: CA LIC: 8KWX674 at 10 AM

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Auto Lien Sale**

On 05/07/2024 at 3229 E IMPERIAL HWY INGLEWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 FORD VIN: 3FA6P0H75LR153569 STATE: CA LIC: 9FPM795 at 8AM

**TST7288/Order No: 17710
Auto Lien Sale**

On 05/07/2024 at 1335 EAST SPRING ST LONG BEACH, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 FREIG VIN: 3AKJHPDV0KSKA4271 STATE: CA LIC: 9G82355 at 10 AM

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LOCAL BUSINESS

GREEK FAMILY PIZZA, GOOD STUFF AT BIG E

By Nick Diamantides



Peter is the tall one in back. Front row left to right, Gus, Freda and Jimmy. Not pictured, Master Chef Louie Eleopoulos

"I don't think anyone can make a pizza as good as ours. I dare anyone to try and make a better pizza," said Gus Eleopoulos. Bold words spoken by a man who really believes in his product. Gus is one of the owners of Big E Pizza in Signal Hill.

I tried some Big E pizza a couple of days ago, and I must admit it is very good. It reminds me of the pizza I used to get when I lived in New York. Everyone knows that New York pizza is some of the best on earth.

famous Greek salad. In addition they provide soft drinks, beer and wine. They have two catering trucks and will deliver their products free anywhere in Signal Hill or anywhere within a two mile radius of their parlor. They will provide catering for any occasion, and no party is too big for them to handle. They have catered to celebrations in Los Angeles where over 100 people attended. They regularly deliver lunch to a couple of local elementary schools.

A year in Signal Hill history: 1991

Highlights from Signal Hill's calendar year in print include a feature on Big E's Pizza, which still resides in same location on PCH, plus a coupon for Buono's Pizza (which might be a tad expired)



Screenshot Courtesy of Big E's Instagram

The interior of Big E's Pizza in Signal Hill features pictures of famous Italian movie characters, most prominently Vito Corleone from "The Godfather." The restaurant is located at 3225 E. Pacific Coast Highway.

In 1991, the city of Signal Hill had its eyes on expansion, from new basketball courts to large-scale developments being approved on the hill

COUNCIL OKS THREE HILL PLANS

By Maria Harris

Without much disagreement, the Signal Hill City Council last Tuesday night accepted three hill area land-use design plans for further study at 500, 700, and 900 density levels.

The plans are labeled A, B, and C. In addition to a further analysis at the three density levels, a fiscal impact study will be done for each of the plans as well as general grading plans. The A, B and C alternatives at the three density levels will be presented to the Signal Hill Planning Commission on March 12.

On that date, the commission will select one plan as the preferred one for development of the hill area. That recommendation will be sent to the council for final consideration.

At Tuesday's meeting, disagreement cropped-up all over the "lightening rod" issues that caused the most controversy among Signal Hill residents. In public workshops held a couple of weeks ago, residents were divided over two issues. One is whether a school should be placed in the hill area and the other is whether there should be small commercial neighborhood businesses on the hill.

In Tuesday's council discussion, City Councilman Richard Ceccia asked to have an analysis done of the impact of neighboring commercial stores on the hill. At the public workshops, city consultants explained that having such things as a small coffee shop or hot dog stand on the hill could help in providing security for open spaces and promote the development of neighborhood identity.

One of the goals of the hill area land-use plan is that it promote a small town ambience and a neighborhood feeling. This goal has gotten strong support from Signal Hill residents in past discussions of the overall development of the community and the hill area.

Dr. Alan Ross, a hilltop resident and planning commissioner, opposes having any kind of commercial activity on the top of the hill. Other hilltop residents at Tuesday's meeting also opposed any small business on the top. Having small neighborhood stores somewhere on the hill was opposed by city councilmembers Girard Goodhart and Jessie Blacksmith.

Mei Girard, member of the city's recreation and park commission, encouraged the council to consider a special small commercial activity. He suggested an "arbor, maybe covered with roses or bouganvillea" on the hilltop where marriages can be performed.

He described a lovely marriage with the bride, arm in arm with her father, walking down a flower lined path to the arbor. The city also could "make some money off of it, too," he added.

He also spoke warmly of having an open space with "unobstructed views" for the public.

According to Gary Jones, director of city planning/community development, the Long Beach Unified School District wants to have a kindergarten through third grade school somewhere in the hill area residential project. On the land-use concept plans accepted by the council Tuesday night, no school is included. This was done to avoid the possibility that a land use plan would be rejected just because a school site appeared on it, explained Bruce Race, KMD consultant.

The school issue will be addressed at a later date.

Audible murmurs of opposition to a school on the hill came from the audience at the Tuesday council meeting. Mayor Louis Dare and councilmembers Jessie Blacksmith and Girard Goodhart oppose the inclusion of a school on the hill. Councilmembers Ceccia and Carol Churchill did not comment on this issue.

Blacksmith commented that the school district already has land in the city for future school sites.

Each of the council members commented on aspects of each plan they would like to modify. There was agreement, across the board, on having higher density on the top of the hill, more single family homes on the south slope, multi-family units on the north slope, and greater integration of the south side of the hill with the existing southeast neighborhoods.

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BETTER BASKET BALL COURTS ON TAP FOR THE CITY

By Maria Harris

Soon, basketball players around the city will be playing on two new courts at the Community Center. A contract for \$136,700 was awarded for the project by the city council last Tuesday night.

According to a city report, the contract was awarded to Marina Contractors, Inc. Two basketball courts will be built on the west side of the Library, just south of the parking lot on Hill Street. The project is expected to take 45 working days.

The new courts will be concrete with a blue field, lighting, a six-foot fence with gate and landscaping.

Other improvements to be made at the civic center include construction of handicap facilities at City Hall. Three ramps at City Hall as well as security lighting, new curb cut and handicap parking space are included in the project. Community Development Block Grand funds will be used for construction.

According to a city report, the city will use \$84,128 of CDBG funds.

In a zoning matter, the council approved a zone change prohibiting the construction of condominiums in the RLM-2 neighborhoods of the city. These neighborhoods are the older ones in the southeast, west and north parts of the city.

When these neighborhoods were built the zone rules allowed two units on one lot. The rule was established to allow

homeowners to build a "Granny flat" or rental unit in the back of the lot. This rule, however, has been interpreted by developers as an opportunity to split the lots and build condos on them.

According to a staff report, this trend has resulted in construction that is out of character with the existing neighborhood. It also has increased density in neighborhoods originally designed for low density. The Signal Hill Planning Commission also was concerned about the decrease in open space as a result of the larger, bulkier, usually two-story structures being built on small lots, lack of street parking, and impact on available affordable housing.

On another water related subject, the city council adopted a resolution requiring the use of low-flush water toilets in all new construction. The water conservation measure requires that no more than 1.6 gallons of water to be used per flush.

According to a city report, recently adopted state legislation also requires the use of low-flush toilets in new construction. But, that requirement starts in January, 1992. By the time, considerable residential development will take place in Signal Hill.

The council approved the new measure now to ensure that adequate steps can be taken to further water conservation.

CITY HALL GOES HIGH TECH

By Maria Harris

After some intense questioning, the Signal Hill City Council on May 7 approved sending out a bid package for a state-of-the-art telephone system with an estimated price tag of \$200,000.

The vote was four to one with City Councilman Louis Dare opposing. Although councilmembers Richard Ceccia and Carol Churchill closely questioned staff about the justification, details and need for such a costly system, they joined ranks with members Gerard Goodhart and Jessie Blacksmith who supported the project throughout the discussion.

According to the staff report, the new system would include:

- Direct inward dialing to allow users to direct dial an employee rather than go through the switchboard.
- Voicemail to allow residents to call any time to hear recorded information or leave messages for city staff.
- Data/Voice Integration for a computer network in city hall.

The city will keep the switchboard operator to take calls, assist residents, give out information and continue to help in the police department with clerical work.

Although approving the project to go to bid, Ceccia was explicit about strict control

of the voicemail service. "I want a human voice to come on the line and not a machine," he said. "I don't want people to be bounced around from machine to machine."

Assuring him that city staff, too is concerned about the potential abuse of that service, Vicki Baker, finance director, explained that a set of procedures is being prepared to manage the system.

On the cost side, Churchill burrowed into staff's argument that the new system should be totally within the city instead of having the main equipment at GTE. According to city staff, the city would gain flexibility and faster service if all equipment were at city hall. That consideration outweighed the lower cost of off-site facilities.

Churchill insisted that when the project goes to bid, the option of using off-site facilities be considered.

some quick, council table calculations showed that the proposed system would pay for itself in ten years. According to discussion, current telephone expenses would be lowered about \$21,000 per year if the new system is installed.

According to the communications consultant, the new system would have a ten year life.

COUNCIL NEARS FINAL DECISION ON HILLTOP

By Maria Harris

The final selection of a land use design for residential development of the hill top and surrounding slopes is due to the council by the Signal Hill City Council on June 4th, the last day the council has to make the decision.

Last Tuesday night, the council continued its review of the latest design with major concerns still focused on traffic issues, hilltop building locations and mass, hilltop public open space, and efforts to accommodate more family type housing.

According to Douglas LaBelle, city manager, the council will receive a land use plan on May 16 to study before making a final decision. Plan D, the design scheme favored by the council includes re-routing Panoroma Drive with possible realignments closely following the location of the Junipero Avenue and points east depending on the council's selection of the total number of units allowed to build. According to an agreement between the city and Southwest Diversified, Inc. (fill area land

developed) the final land use plan will be prepared at density levels of 500, 700, and 900 units.

Still pending is selection of the total number of units SWD will be allowed to build on its own property. That number will determine where Panoroma Drive will be realigned. According to Bruce Race, city consultant, if the lower number is selected, it becomes easier to accommodate more single-family type buildings on the hilltop.

The high density allowed on the hilltop, the larger the buildings will be with less land available for public open space both in a park setting and as open space between the structures, he explained. As presented last Tuesday night, Plan D showed ten three and four story structures on the hilltop from Junipero Street to Ohio Street.

City Councilman Richard Ceccia expressed concern about the lack of single family type structures in that plan. He suggested that the consultants work to accom-

modate more town homes, four-plex, and single family structures.

He also suggested that more attention be given to creating more open space on the hilltop in general.

Councilwoman Carol Churchill, also concerned about hilltop building mass, asked that in the refinement of Plan D, attention be given to the use of architectural design, color, and building details, to enhance the impression of openness and what the consultants call "hilltops."

Hilltops refers to the fact that the hill is a hill. Whatever building occurs should be done to preserve that quality. When the planning commission worked on the land use plan, a couple of alternatives required taking up to 28 feet off the top of the hill.

On the subject of traffic, the council spent a lot of time working on their concerns about commuter short cuts. To discourage use of the hill as a throughway, several cut-dee-ees are being considered. The major decision on cut-dee-ees is the one for Stanley Avenue.

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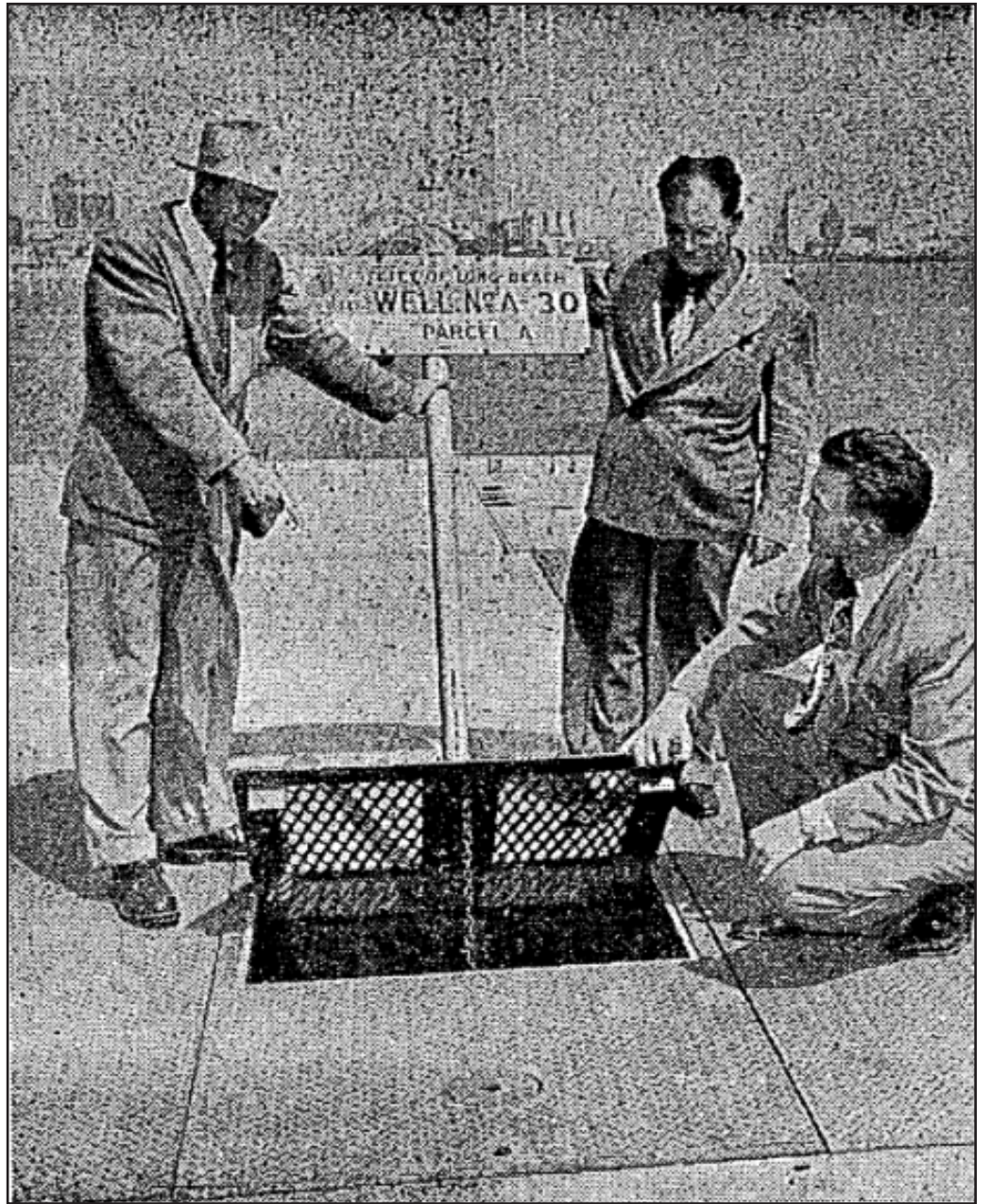
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'Black gold' told in black-and-white through the years

2023

1950



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(Left) Signal Hill Petroleum Chief Operating Officer David Slater explains to journalists from the Signal Tribune how the oil drills located within the parking lot of Ross and The Home Depot in Signal Hill work on Dec. 5, 2023. (Right) Francis Tholen and Home Dullin explain the operation of an underground oil well to a local newspaper editor in Signal Hill in 1950.

During the 1950s and '60s, oil was all over the pages of Signal Hill papers, including political cartoons, city council meetings, advertising campaigns and breaking news:

1969

ROY WAER TO HEAD REFINERIES IN SIGNAL HILL AND ARKANSAS

Roy W. Waer, a native Californian who "grew up in oil", has been appointed executive vice president of the Macmillan Ring-Free Oil Company.

The announcement by President John H. Shaheen, said Waer's responsibilities will be divided between the Signal Hill, California and Eldorado, Arkansas refineries.

Waer joined Macmillan in 1959 as manager of the Signal Hill refinery, following posts in which he gained wide experience in refinery and marine operations and marketing.

Actually, the family roots in "black gold" go back much further because Roy Waer's 33 years in the business, coupled with those of his father, total 70.

W W SAVERS

1969

GALLUP NAMED CONTROLLER OF SIGNAL OIL AND GAS

Robert J. Runser, vice president and director, Signal Oil and Gas Company, today announced the appointment of Donald R. Gallup as controller of the company. At the same time S. W. "Beke" Kennedy was named as administrative assistant to Mr. Runser.

Mr. Gallup joined Signal in 1964. He assumed the duties of assistant controller in 1966. After receiving his B. S. degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, Mr. Gallup did graduate work there as well as at Southern Methodist University. He has had wide expedience in all phases of the accounting profession and, as a CPA, has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants since 1951.

Mr. Kennedy began his career with Signal in 1935. He has worked in a number of the company's locations, including Signal Hill and Huntington Beach as well as Los Angeles. He was appointed controller in 1982.

1955

COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE HALTING DRILLING NEAR SCHOOL

By a unanimous vote the Council Monday night passed an ordinance forbidding the drilling or re-drilling of any well within 250 feet of any school.

An application had been made to re-drill the Burgess number one well that has been abandoned since 1950.

This well blew out in the early forties and spewed oil all over the area adjacent to it.

Linn Sault of the Homer Dullin Company appeared before the council and asked that they reconsider their action, which the council refused.

A communication was read from L. S. Colson, Jr., Fire Chief, submitting a list of nine items covering new or additional equipment recommendations for the Fire Dept. Mayor Vaughan, seconded by Councilman Mullen, it was unanimously ordered this letter be referred to the City Council in Committee.

Addition To Police Dept.

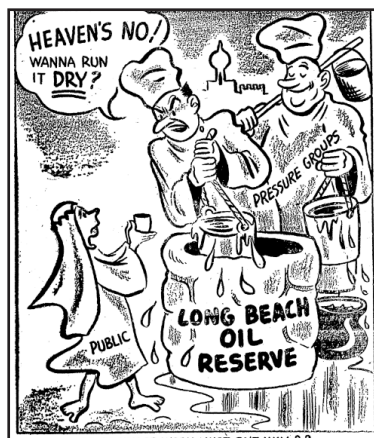
The Council has instructed the City Engineers Office to prepare plans for an addition to the City Hall to give the Police Department more room.

At the present time there are no toilet facilities for prisoners or any place to question them in private.

As the work has increased in the department the need for space has been needed badly. This improvement was proposed some years ago but no action was taken.

The new addition will add about 400 square feet of space to the present quarters and will give them room the City has needed for a long time.

1950



1950

Signal Hill Leads in New Production

Signal Hill and Wilmington dominated the oil development picture in the state in July, the monthly report of the American Petroleum Institute reveals. In the entire state 109 new wells were completed. Of this total 53 were in the Los Angeles basin and 29 were in the two Long Beach fields. Signal Hill in its revival of drilling in the Wilbur sand completed 12 new wells with initial production of 1168 barrels a day. Wilmington completed 17 new wells with an initial daily production of 3727 barrels a day.

Signal Hill showed 16 new derricks up in the month and nine drilling. Wilmington had 20 new derricks and 14 drilling.

Production figures showed Wilmington made 3,902,253 barrels in the month. Signal Hill produced 745,166 barrels. Huntington Beach production was 1,704,000 barrels. Seal Beach produced 369,012 barrels.

1950



1969

31 OIL WELLS TO BE REMOVED HERE

Approval was given by County Supervisors Tuesday (Oct. 21) for a \$130,000 contract for the abandonment and removal of 31 oil wells and related equipment along the Willow Street right-of-way in Signal Hill.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said the contract was awarded to Oil Well Service Co., of Signal Hill, lowest bidder on the project. Chace said the firm's bid was 13% below the County Engineer's estimate of \$150,000. Bids were opened Oct. 8.

1955

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LOCAL BUSINESSES

These Signal Hill business stand the test of time

From cafes and bakeries to wine and flower shops, a handful of Signal Hill businesses have been here so long, they're a part of the fabric of the city. While we celebrate the city's centennial, we also want to honor some of the legacy businesses that have been happily serving residents for decades.

Golden Eagle Restaurant

Opened in 1988 at 2101 E. Willow St. The Golden Eagle's famous breakfast burritos can be enjoyed at multiple locations in the Los Angeles area, but that doesn't stop the restaurant from maintaining its family roots.

The red-brick building has been owned and operated by the Georges family since 1988, while the first location still stands 14 miles west in Torrance. Along with the famous breakfast burritos, customers can also enjoy fried zucchini, thick-cut fries with fresh burgers, omelets, egg sandwiches, french toast, pancakes, and more hearty breakfast options.



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An exterior view of the Golden Eagle restaurant that has been providing hungry Signal Hillers with a selection of breakfast burritos, fried zucchini and thick-cut fries since 1998.

Hours: Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ROSSMOOR BAKERY



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The Ross Moor Bakery located at 2325 Redondo Ave. has been operating in Signal Hill since 1961.

Has been operating since 1961 at 2325 Redondo Ave. Cakes, pastries and community. It's the tagline of Signal Hill's oldest bakery, which has been whipping up custom cakes, icing-dipped cookies and fluffy pastries made with fresh ingredients since 1961. The bakery was originally located on Seal Beach Boulevard, but "The Shoppe" has been serving Signal Hill residents for decades.

The bakers and pastry chefs take pride in their always fresh, never frozen ingredients, such as the 5 tons of chocolate and 10 tons of eggs used each month. Residents can taste the difference by walking in or contacting [@keystudio](https://www.instagram.com/keystudio) or [@rossmoorpastries.com](https://www.rossmoorpastries.com) for a custom order.

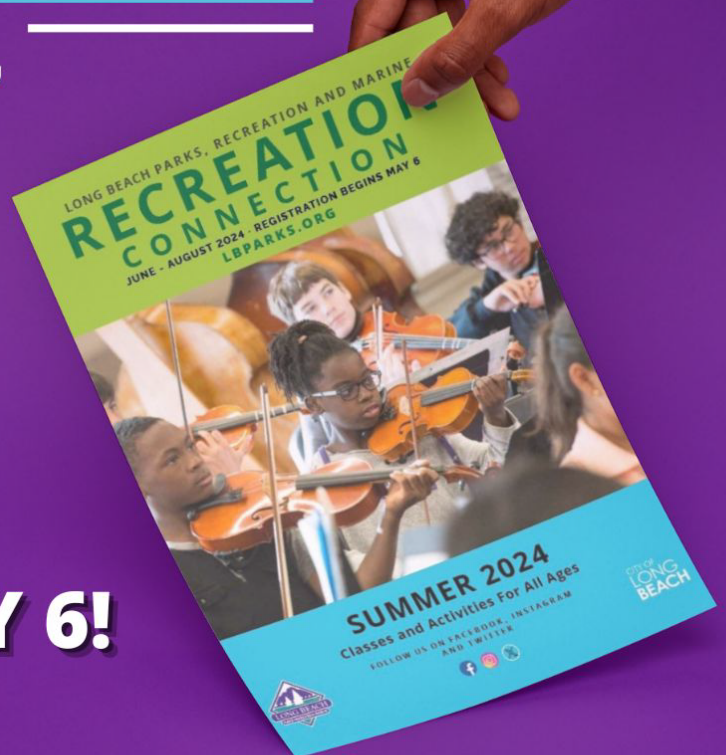
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CURLEY'S CAFE

Opened in 1932 and still stands at the same location at 1999 E. Willow St. What started as a go-to post-work hangout for oil rig workers in 1932 still stands almost a century later as a popular, reliable family-style diner. True to its roots, two pumpjack oil rigs (still in operation as well) adorn the parking lot of Curley's Cafe, while images of oil derricks serve as decorations on menus, mugs and merchandise.



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One of the oldest operating businesses in Signal Hill is Curley's Cafe which given the two pumpjack oil rigs in the parking lot still harken back to its days as the premier spot for local roughnecks to stop by before or after their shifts.

Families and friends can enjoy homestyle meals such as country-fried chicken and eggs, thick burgers, various soups and ribeye steak with potatoes. The cafe also has a full bar with specialty drinks like Curley's Pancake Shot, Hot Buttershots and a Morning Martini. Stop by and say hello to longtime owner John Toman and the cheerful Curley's crew.

Hours: Monday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday from 8 .m. to 5 p.m.



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An exterior view of Signal Hill Florist, which has been operating in Signal Hill since 1998.

Signal Hill Florist

Operating since 1998 at 2099 E Willow St. Free, same-day flower delivery? It sounds too good to be true, but Signal Hill Florist has been providing this lovely, hand-delivered service to local residents since 1998. Customers can choose depending on color, flower type, occasion or price range and expect a hand-picked, meticulously arranged and carefully delivered gift for a loved one.

Hours: Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Editor's Note

Over the next few weeks, we will be publishing full-length features on these businesses, allowing residents to learn more about the places and people that make Signal Hill special. You can read all of these features online at signaltribune.com, on our social media pages and as always, in our weekly print editions.

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