

FEATURE

# MAGIC FINDS A HOME AT TWELFTH HOUSE TEA SANCTUARY

Samantha Diaz  
 Managing Editor

There's a type of magic that occurs when someone is following their purpose; a harmony between them and the universe, which to the outside viewer may look like coincidence. In actuality, some may say, it's the universe rewarding them for obeying their intuition.

That's what Ana Luna and Jasmine Thong feel when they walk into Twelfth House Tea Sanctuary, a community wellness and art space they own on Willow Street. The longtime friends have carved out a unique third space over the past two years, hosting intentional and affordable events that cover an array of interests.

Tarot card readings, creative writing workshops, somatic health activities, life drawing sessions, a Kali Uchis album listening party, group cuddles — there are no limits at Twelfth House. Just a desire to express oneself and grow in a safe, inclusive environment.

"Within the last few years it's like, I know I'm walking in my purpose. And because I walk in my purpose, the doors keep opening," Luna said. "That doesn't mean that these doors or these opportunities are always going to be like flowers and glitter. It's gonna be like, hey, check this out. Everything is a lesson ... and everything is a blessing."

"It's almost like, synchronistic," Thong adds. "Like we're just co-creating with the universe."

They've also been creating alongside the community. Nearly every event at Twelfth House, from the spiritual to the artistic, has come from the minds of visitors, friends and locals who've grown to call the space a second home. And it's an easy place to feel at home — the living room-style area lends itself to rearranging (which they do often), while the oversized couches, pastel floor pillows and woven rugs invite you to stay awhile.

Twelfth House's namesake is drawn from astrology, a longtime passion of Thong's, she explained. The twelfth house, ruled by Pisces, is where one finds power in their subconscious, in the space between realms. It pulls people to follow their dreams and uncover secrets from within themselves.

"So it's our secrets, our subconscious, our creativity, and our hidden talents," Thong said. "I wanted to harness that energy when people come in here, like they find out things about themselves if they didn't know. Hopefully they're empowering, usually they are."

But also, I just want people to feel like they're not on earth anymore when they come in here."

As Jasmine delivers her mini astrology lesson about the twelfth house, a speaker in the corner of the room begins playing "Secrets" by Miley Cyrus, Lindsey Buckingham and Mick Fleetwood. She acknowledges the coincidence then quickly moves on. It's the type of thing that's happened to them often since starting Twelfth House; meeting the exact people they need at the right time.

In March, they boast a calendar full of events: a sisterhood circle for divine feminine energy, a free library launch party, a spring equinox with tea, tarot and a soundbath, a water magic workshop, a life drawing and an open mic night. For those not ready for an event, Twelfth House also has "portal nights" and "daylight hours," where visitors can enjoy blends of tea, watercolor painting, books and tarot decks or simply plop down to work while basking in the soft beams of light that shine through the red, pink and tan drapery.

Visiting hours are free while events typically range from \$15-25. Affordability and accessibility is a key aspect of their ethos; that health, wellness, art and spirituality should be for everyone. Both the daughters of immigrants, they envision a space where people of all ages and backgrounds can discover something about themselves.

"I feel like a lot of our parents don't take the time to do wellness events like this because like [Thong] was saying, they were too busy



Justin Enriquez | Signal Tribune  
 Jasmine Thong (left) and Ana Luna (right) talk with the Signal Tribune inside Twelfth House Tea Sanctuary on Feb. 28, 2026.

EDUCATION

## After hundreds of LBUSD layoffs, staff fears long-term impacts



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 Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School Principal Alissa Gamboa speaks to students in Amy Baril's fifth-grade class about the importance of school on Aug. 31, 2021.

Morgan Barela  
 Reporter

After months of protest and rallies, over 500 local teachers, counselors, and school faculty member's fears became true when the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) announced they would be laid off at the end of the current school year. Faculty members from different schools in the district shared their concerns about the potential long-term impact with the *Signal Tribune*.

The District was authorized by its board of trustees to end the employment of nearly 600 employees on Feb. 18. This decision was necessary to mitigate the nearly \$70 million dollar deficit the District is facing, board members have repeatedly stated.

Two separate resolutions were passed: one of which does not renew the contracts of 515 faculty members that the district identified largely as "temporary certified staff." An additional 54 employees were laid off in a second resolution to end the contracts of classified district positions.

The total breakdown of LBUSD employees being let go is as follows:

- 253 temporary contractors who fill in when permanent employees go on leave or sabbatical
- 240 federally-funded employees with the Head Start program
- 14 librarians or media assistants
- 11 bilingual intermediate office assistants
- Four campus staff assistants
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"We have done, in every single department,

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**EYE ON CRIME**

**CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE**

**Wednesday, March 4**  
N/A

**Thursday, March 5**  
5:11 p.m., Auto burglary, 2000 block E. 21st St.  
6:14 p.m., Battery, 600 block E. 27th St.

**Friday, March 6**  
10:10 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block Obispo Ave.  
11:28 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. 28th St./Raymond Ave.  
12:52 p.m., Grand theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.  
5:50 p.m., Petty theft; possessing controlled substance/tear gas, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

**Saturday, March 7**  
10:30 a.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)  
3:04 p.m., Trespassing; 3 misdemeanor warrants, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

**Sunday, March 8**  
9:16 a.m., Impeding traffic; driving w license suspended, Cherry Ave./E. 20th St. (citation issued)

**Monday, March 9**  
8:18 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Orange Ave./E. Spring St.  
8:21 a.m., Criminal threats, 2600 block Wall St.  
9:38 a.m., Indecent exposure, Orange Ave./E. Burnett St. (suspect arrested)  
4:02 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Palm Dr.  
6:22 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Obispo Ave./E. PCH

**Tuesday, March 10**  
8:35 a.m., Grand theft, 2300 block Walnut Ave.  
9:36 a.m., Battery, 900 block Nevada St.  
12:28 p.m., Robbery, 2000 block Alamitos Ave.  
1:52 p.m., Elder abuse, 900 block Las Brisas Way  
9:05 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

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EVENTS

# Long Beach reveals plans for FIFA World Cup events this summer



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Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson discusses the city's upcoming FIFA World Cup events during the 2026 State of the City Address on Jan. 13, 2026.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach has announced a slew of upcoming events to coincide with the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which runs from June 11 to July 19.

This includes LA Galaxy Soccer Celebration, a series of downtown fútbol festivities planned with the Los Angeles Galaxy and Downtown Long Beach Alliance (DTLBA). The City will also team up with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), DTLBA and other local organizations for additional programming citywide throughout the tournament.

“From major downtown programming to youth soccer clinics and park activations across our neighborhoods, we’re bringing the global game to the coast in a way that uplifts local businesses, celebrates our diversity and creates shared moments for families and fans alike,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. “This summer, the excitement of this global moment will be felt in every

neighborhood and shared by every resident, and Long Beach welcomes the world to celebrate with us.”

Starting June 11, the City, alongside the LA Galaxy and DTLBA, will present the LA Galaxy Soccer Celebration. These all-ages events will include Galaxy player and alumni appearances, giveaways, youth programming, watch parties, limited-edition merchandise offerings and more, all happening in downtown Long Beach.

Fans who would like to attend are encouraged to fill out an online interest form to be among the first to receive event details. Daily schedules, marquee event dates and additional information will be announced at a later date.

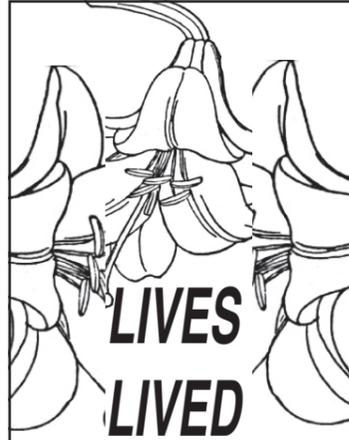
“These locally driven events will show what’s possible when our community comes together around culture, sport, and shared experience,” said DTLBA President and Chief Executive Officer Austin Metoyer in a public statement. “With summer vibes, programming for all ages and the excitement of international competition, Downtown Long Beach will deliver an experience that is truly ‘Opposite of

Ordinary,’ bringing people together while supporting our local businesses and entertainment scene.”

Once the group stage concludes, Long Beach plans to host a series of family-friendly soccer activations at parks citywide during the World Cup knockout stage. The City’s soccer programming will also include an open streets event presented by Metro, with residents encouraged to go car-free to bike, walk and explore several neighborhoods. More information about these events will be announced in the coming weeks.

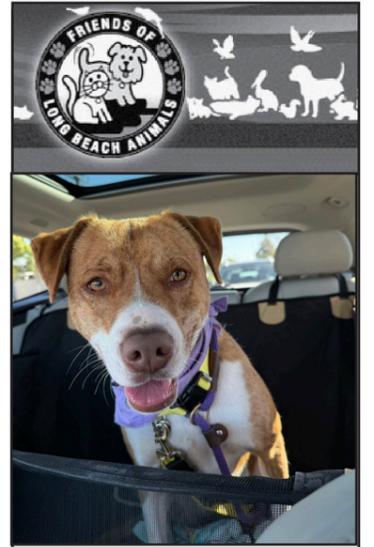
To promote World Cup-centric events being hosted by neighborhood associations, community groups and local vendors throughout the tournament, Long Beach has created a centralized calendar at [longbeach.gov/SoccerInTheLBC](http://longbeach.gov/SoccerInTheLBC). Businesses and organizations that are interested in having their World Cup-themed events featured on the City’s event calendar can submit their events for consideration through the webpage.

For updates on the City’s summer soccer programming, visit [longbeach.gov/SoccerInTheLBC](http://longbeach.gov/SoccerInTheLBC).



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Pet of the week: Penny

Here’s Penny, 2 years old, in volunteer Cheryl’s car on her merry way to a Fido Field Trip. These trips give the pups a break from kennel stress. This time, she’s going to join her pittie peeps at Long Beach’s Pitbull Appreciation Event. Penny joined a pack walk, enjoyed the park, and even painted a picture (as you may know, each of our shelter’s pets is gifted in some way). Her present foster says that Penny’s a smart, sweet girl who’s affectionate and loves to snuggle once she’s comfortable. She seems to like being a house dog and knows how to behave herself: she hasn’t chewed anything in the house, hasn’t needed a crate, and doesn’t bark unless she’s scared. The jitters are Penny’s main challenge. Before she came to the shelter, she apparently developed trust issues with her surroundings. She expresses her discomfort with a low growl – even a feather on the grass during a walk once set her off. When this happens, she slowly works up the courage to smell the offending object and then relaxes. Her foster mom thinks that Penny will be good with someone who has patience with her. She needs to be away from shelter chaos to thrive. Speed the process to adopt or foster Penny or any of our other pets by emailing [PetAdopt@longbeach.gov](mailto:PetAdopt@longbeach.gov) or [petfoster@longbeach.gov](mailto:petfoster@longbeach.gov). You can also call (562) 570-4925. Our shelter hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). Ask for ID#A746451.

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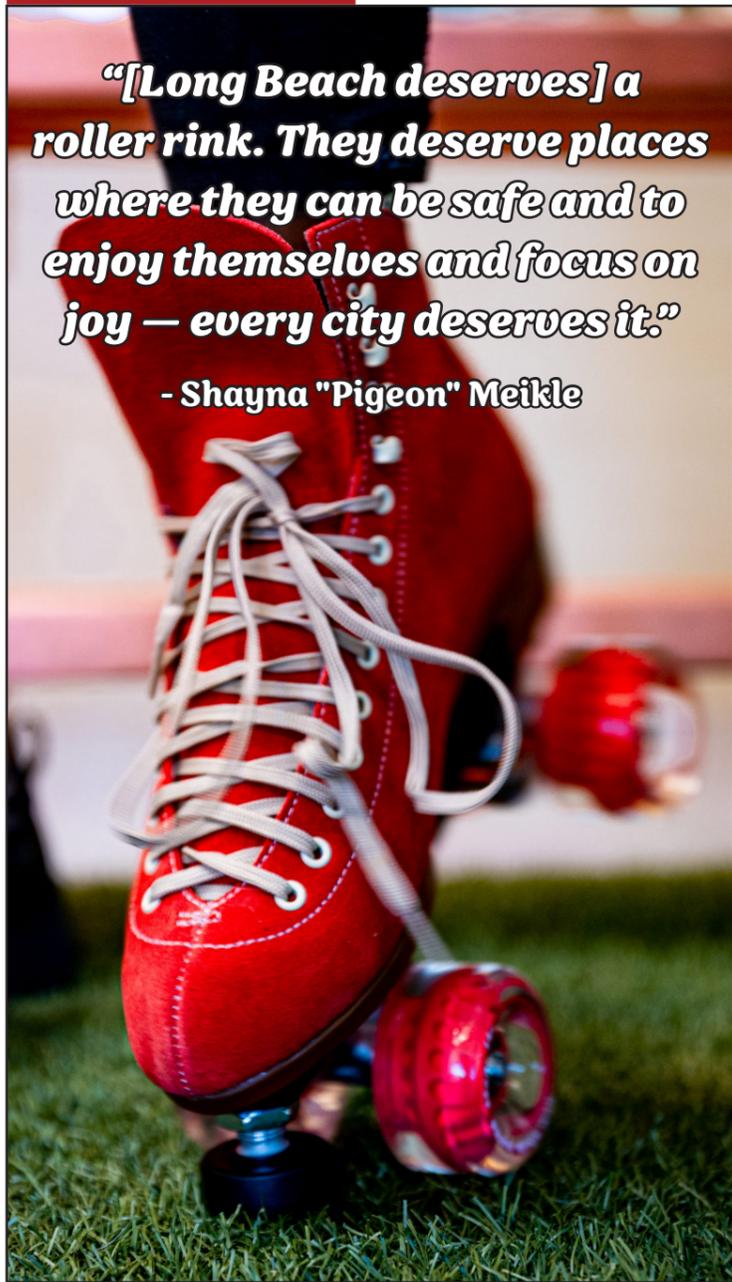
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SMALL BUSINESS

# Beloved Long Beach retro roller rink announces closure after five years

**“[Long Beach deserves] a roller rink. They deserve places where they can be safe and to enjoy themselves and focus on joy — every city deserves it.”**

**- Shayna "Pigeon" Meikle**



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

Customer Trecia Pryor shakes her foot to check the fit on a roller skate at Pigeon's Roller Skate Shop on July 21, 2021.

Samuel Chacko

Photojournalist

In late February, Pigeon's Roller Rink announced it'd be closing its 2nd and PCH location on March 13.

The news might have come as a surprise to the Long Beach community, but owner Shayna "Pigeon" Meikle said that they knew it was coming.

"We are really really grateful that 2ND and PCH and the property management there has given us this opportunity for this long," she said. "We were only supposed to be there for three months and they worked it to push it and push it to let us stay there."

Despite what seems to be bad news for the skate rink and Long Beach community, Meikle said she is grateful nonetheless, and views it as a bittersweet moment. She thanked the management at CenterCal and the landlords for giving her an opportunity and taking a risk on Pigeon's.

"I want the people of Long Beach to understand that we're lucky, we were so lucky to have this opportunity and even though it's sad, the memories can't be taken away," she tearfully said.

The three-month pop-up turned into something larger for the Long Beach community, showing the impact small businesses can have on

the community.

"[Long Beach deserves] a roller rink. They deserve places where they can be safe and to enjoy themselves and focus on joy — every city deserves it," she said.

Meikle said the outpouring of support from local residents is magical, as she began to tear up thinking back to the start of Pigeon's.

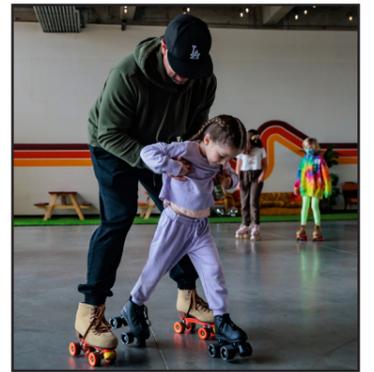
The rink was initially supposed to be an extension of her roller derby league, which lost their venue during COVID. Once she toured the space however, it made her flip the script. She decided to start an ice rink and said the universe made it happen, which felt like a calling to her.

"The roller rink had a life of its own, it had a culture of its own and a community of its own. It had so many people supporting it from landlords to management to the city to the people and it really was a magical thing that happened," Meikle said.

With Pigeon's bringing in thousands of skaters to the rink monthly, companies, brokerages and malls have reached out to start a new Pigeon's location of their own. Meikle said they have things in the works but they'd really want a home in Long Beach.

"What the public can do to help us is word of mouth. There's defi-

nately a landlord out there who needs their location activated that is willing to do a revenue share," she said. "I just need to find those people."



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

A father holds up his child while they learn to skate during the midday session at Pigeon's Roller Rink in Long Beach on Dec. 22, 2021.

Community members can still glide over to Meikle's storefront, Pigeon's Roller Skate Shop (2148 E. Fourth St.) for skate rentals.

"I want to thank Long Beach for showing up and making it feel like their roller rink. That felt so good to me that people felt so at home there," Meikle said as she reflected on the 2ND and PCH roller rink. "Just a deep heartfelt thank you for making everyone's dreams come true for the last five years."



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## TWELFTH HOUSE

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*TAROT CARD READINGS, CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS, SOMATIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES, LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS, A KALI UCHIS ALBUM LISTENING PARTY, GROUP CUDDLES — THERE ARE NO LIMITS AT TWELFTH HOUSE. JUST A DESIRE TO EXPRESS ONESELF AND GROW IN A SAFE, INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT.*

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Ana Luna (left) and Jasmine Thong (right) sit together on one of many couches in Twelfth House Tea Sanctuary's living room-style area to talk with the Signal Tribune on Feb. 28, 2026.



Justin Enriquez | Signal Tribune

Tea blends from local herbalists are packed into various jars and bags, each with their own story, effect and intention, at Twelfth House Tea Sanctuary on Feb. 28, 2026.

just trying to survive and put food on the table for us," Luna said.

Their hope is to create a generational shift, Luna explained, where individuals can perhaps deviate from patterns that have existed in their families for generations, and grow in a new way. For others, it may mean discovering something that's been hidden inside themselves for years.

Having immigrated to Long Beach at 7 years old, it wasn't until she was an adult that Luna realized her own grandmother, who she said largely raised her, was the village healer in their neighborhood in Mexico. She remembers her grandmother had a kitchen full of herbs and alcohols each with their own purpose, and she recalled her grandmother doing limpias on her, a traditional Mexican cleansing ritual that removes negative energy and bad luck from a person.

Luna was raised as a Catholic once her family moved to America, then a heartbreak in her 20s led her to explore Christianity. In 2020, she began meditating and doing hours of tarot card readings

with Thong and she finally felt it: the alignment she had been searching for.

"I was like, wait, I've always been involved in things like this," Luna said. "My grandmother's like my biggest inspiration. Everything I do is based off of her because she pretty much raised me the first years of my life. So looking back, I've always been around it and I think she kind of unlocked that first thing where she allowed me to believe in myself."

For Thong, creating this space for wellness and spirituality was more of a "full circle moment." Having moved around various parts of Long Beach growing up, she has fond memories of attending the Khemara Buddhikarama Temple with her family, just one street away from where Twelfth House stands.

"My grandpa would always tell me how everything has a spirit. Everything has a soul, so just respect everything," Thong said. "I feel like innately, it's always just been in me."

When she was in the 5th grade,

Thong said she felt extremely shy and often wondered why she had a hard time connecting with the other girls in her grade. Then one day at Barnes and Noble, she read a book on astrology and things started clicking; why she was the way she was and why her classmates did the things they did.

"I was like the witchy girl on the playground saying, 'Okay, we have three main signs,'" Thong remembers, laughing. "I was trying to tell the kids at the playground and I became weirder, but I understood myself more and then I understood why everyone else was the way they were ...

And ever since then I just became more into quantum physics and how to bring that together with magic and how to make things happen."

While inklings of spirituality exist in their pasts, the same can be said about their friendship. When the two originally met, Luna was working at a Jack-in-the-Box in Lakewood and Thong at a Verizon store in the same shopping center. Thong would often come in to order her midday iced tea and the two would make small talk. Years later, Thong and a friend were at a restaurant in Lakewood when she recognized her server as Luna.

At the time Thong was in cosmetology school, so she gave Luna her business card if she ever wanted to get her hair done. Years passed before Luna dug through her dresser searching for the lost card. Once she tracked Thong down, the two became friends.

"We started talking about spirituality and everything, but it was just those little moments where we just kept aligning," Luna said.

Both growing in their spirituality and craving a like-minded community years ago, Thong offered

up her space, The Dancing Moon Salon in the Zaferia district, for Luna to begin hosting sound baths. Before long they wanted their own space.

Family and friends helped them transform the building when they decided to make the jump and fully fund their dream space. Luna's father painted the walls a sandy brown, Thong's 80-year-old grandfather built the spiral staircase that leads to the mezzanine. Together they handcrafted the four dazzling chandeliers hanging from the high ceiling, reflecting its shimmers off the dozen or so mirrors hanging or sitting on floors and shelves.

"The only help that we had from our family was their hands ... That's the immigrant dream, you know?" Thong said.



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An array of colorful necklaces, crafts, bottles and figurines adorn a display case in Twelfth House Tea Sanctuary, located at 1950 W. Willow St., on Feb. 28, 2026.

The smell of burnt sage floats through the air as Jasmine and

Anna reminisce on how the time has passed since opening Twelfth House.

With the help of family and local herbalists, Luna and Thong have expanded their tea knowledge to an impressive degree, evident by the dozens of jars and bags holding homemade blends. The names are other-worldly and the flavors are grounding: starlight, heartlight, beyond, neptune's veil are just a few options.

The blends, made by local herbalists Kelly and Caroline, are as intricate and purposeful as they are colorful. They each have their own personal favorites (like damiana, a wild-grown Mexican herb Luna says she's obsessed with), and they highly recommend their house blend.

The last two years have been a struggle, they're not afraid to admit. Between Thong working seven days a week at The Dancing Moon Salon and Luna working full time as a speech therapist, there's no such thing as a work-life balance. What keeps them going?

"I think what always grounds me is people's reactions when they're here," Luna said. "And then when they leave, they feel better about themselves. They feel better about life. I feel like I'm doing something right when that happens."

On the early evening of Feb. 28, the duo is cleaning up after a local crochet club's one-year anniversary party. The following evening they'll host a full moon sound bath with the intention to make way for new beginnings. It's fitting, since their journey is just getting started.

Twelfth House Tea Sanctuary is located at 1950 W. Willow St. Hours and events change every month and can be found on their Instagram @12thhouselb.

**LBUSD LAYOFFS IMPACT**  
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**From counselors and aides to librarians and wellness staff, LBUSD employees say the impacts of these cuts will be varied and far-reaching.**

academics, every business department, at least a 10% reduction, and some departments have faced upwards of a 20% reduction," said LBUSD Superintendent Jill Baker during a budget meeting on Feb. 18.

District faculty members are concerned these cuts will increase teacher and staff workloads as well as negatively impact students' learning experience and overall wellness.

ready don't, to provide preventative measures to students," Dixon said. "And the way that will play out, you're going to see more behavioral issues in the students."

There are currently 48 counselors serving elementary and K-8 schools in the district. Counselors at these schools provide services such as monitoring attendance, providing conflict resolutions, supporting student achievement and responding to crises, according to a statement from an LBUSD spokesperson provided to the *Signal Tribune*.

"There have been no reductions to counseling time at the elementary level. Two sites have moved from Title I to non-Title I status, and those schools will see counseling times adjusted," the LBUSD spokesperson said. A Title I school means 40% or more of the children attending come from low-income families. These schools typically receive more federal funding than non-Title I schools.

Baker described the deficit as "a really grave situation, fiscally." She said the decision reflects the projected enrollment number for the 2026-27 academic year, which directly impacts the district's budget.

Over the last few years, the district has attempted to tackle its ballooning debt by addressing issues such as student attendance. Nearly a quarter of students in the district are chronically absent, meaning they miss at least 10% of instructional days. LBUSD has aimed to address chronic absenteeism through campaigns that encourage students, parents, and teachers to improve attendance.

The Teachers Association of Long Beach emphasized the long-term impacts of the layoffs on a video posted to their Instagram.

"There will be nothing temporary about their impact. Losing these people who work very hard, who are dedicated professionals, has an impact on our community. Kids are going to be missing them when they return," a TALB member said in the video.



Demonstrators arrive with signs against the Long Beach Unified School District's proposed layoffs during a rally on Dec. 10, 2025. *Jorge Hernandez | Signal Tribune*

*"We don't have enough adults to properly support our students in so many ways; Not just the educational way, but also the physical means."*

- Danielle Riniolo, Lakewood High School ceramics teacher

**Behavior and Wellness Impacts**

Kennedy Dixon, a counselor at MacArthur Elementary School and a member of the Government Relations Committee for the California Association of School Counselors (CASC), said in an interview with the *Signal Tribune* that these cuts mean counselors will have to take on additional work.

"My concern, and from our last counselors meeting, we were told that basically we should expect to have additional duties due to the layoffs," said Dixon.

Dixon also mentioned the layoffs may lead to a lack of access to counselors, and that this could directly impact the classroom environment.

"Counselors are not going to have the sufficient time, and we al-

**Educational Impacts**

Danielle Riniolo, a ceramics teacher at Lakewood High School, said that in her experience, these employment cuts come at the expense of student needs.

"We don't have enough adults to properly support our students in so many ways; Not just the educational way, but also the physical means," Riniolo said, highlighting the loss of staff members such as nurses, lunch employees and library aides.

Riniolo mentioned that her school's library assistant was one of hundreds laid off in February, a woman who she says had a positive influence on the students.

"I'm really sad about it, and so are our students ... She's young, she brings a lot of energy, she has a focus on social justice. And those are the people we're losing the most when we lose special contract or non-permanent contract employees," she said.

A Longfellow Elementary School teacher who asked to remain anonymous highlighted the loss of the school's wellness center, which she said will negatively impact the learning environment as students lose access to a resource that supported their emotional wellbeing.

"If your students are not ready to learn because they need support, then that makes it difficult for the teachers," a Longfellow Elementary School teacher said.

One concrete impact the layoffs may have: student reading standards. A Washington Middle School teacher who requested to remain anonymous pointed to a decline in student literacy rates as a cause for concern. A report from the CA Reading Coalition revealed that 58% of third-graders in California are reading below their grade level.

The teacher said that Washington Middle School had full library services prior to the employment

cuts. Now, they only have a certificated librarian one day out of the week. She added that the decreased access to this resource might be an additional stressor in addressing student literacy rates.

Over 48% of students at LBUSD's public schools are not or nearly meeting English Language Arts and literacy standards, according to data from Ed-Data.

"My feelings about next year approaching [are] kind of going to be like, 'Do I want to be in public education?'" she said.

However, the District has remained steadfast in claiming these employment cuts will not cause disruption to classroom instruction.

"We remain focused on making thoughtful, measured decisions while protecting the core services that support students' academic success, wellness, and safety," a Long Beach Unified spokesperson said to the *Signal Tribune* in an email.

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# AROUND TOWN

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



Courtesy of Sidecar Photo Booth Company

This Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Art Theatre of Long Beach will host its annual Red Carpet Awards Gala, inviting local cinephiles to wine, dine, dress-up and celebrate this year's Academy Awards.

**K**ick off the weekend on Friday night at a free community gathering at the Hangar or an adults-only night at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Cinephiles can enjoy a screening of "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" at Brewitt Neighborhood Library Saturday afternoon or a night of movie trivia at the Art Theater Wednesday. Art lovers can swap supplies while looking at an exhibit or visit a museum after hours.

and families are invited to enjoy a screening of "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" at Brewitt Neighborhood Library (4036 E. Anaheim St.). Free.

## FLUTTER INTO SPRING

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to create colorful butterfly wings using cardboard and art supplies at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). This hands-on craft program welcomes participants of all ages and celebrates the arrival of spring. Free.

## 13 FRIDAY

### LBX NIGHTS

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy a night of live music, food, and entertainment at The Hangar at LBX (4150 McGowan St.). The event will feature local vendors, a live DJ spinning 80s and 90s hits, caricatures, face painting, permanent jewelry and more. Free to attend.

### NIGHT DIVE

7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Adults ages 18 and older are invited to enjoy an evening of music, art and entertainment during this event at the Aquarium of the Pacific (100 Aquarium Way). This Hollywood-themed gathering will feature live music, DJs, a red carpet photo experience and food and drinks available for purchase. Tickets are \$49.95 on the aquarium's website.

## 14 SATURDAY

### MONARCH DAY OF ACTION

9 a.m. to noon. Families and individuals are invited to help support Monarch butterfly habitat restoration at Willow Springs Park (2745 Orange Ave.). Participants will plant Narrowleaf Milkweed and other pollinator-friendly native plants, enjoy music and arts and crafts, and connect with local environmental organizations. Free.

### SUPER SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Residents

## 15 SUNDAY

### ADLER PADDLER

7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to a paddle race at the U.S. Sailing Center in Alamitos Bay (5489 E. Ocean Blvd.) held in memory of local racer Steve Adler. The event raises awareness about genetic health conditions and will include a raffle and T-shirt sales benefiting the John Ritter Foundation. Free to participate.

### RED CARPET AWARDS GALA

2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to watch the Academy Awards on the big screen during a fundraising gala at the Art Theatre (2025 E. 4th St.). The event will feature a red carpet photo booth, specialty food and drinks, a silent auction, prizes and a best-dressed contest. Proceeds support the historic theater's programming and operations. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 on the theater's website.

## 16 MONDAY

### BB & ME TEA

10 a.m. to noon. Babies and toddlers between 1 to 4 years old and their caregivers are invited to this casual play date at Green Wisdom Classroom (702 Cedar Ave.), where they can enjoy nature-based play, music, storytelling and more. Attendees should bring their own mugs. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to \$15.

## COURTYARD STORYTIME

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Families with young children are invited to an outdoor storytime at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). The event will feature stories, songs and a reading by guest author Gabriel Gaete, followed by a children's art activity. Copies of his book will be available for purchase. Free to attend.

## 17 TUESDAY

### WESTSIDE SILVER SERIES

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Seniors and their caregivers are invited to attend a workshop on banking basics presented by the Westside Community Alliance at Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.). Spanish and Tagalog translation will be available. Free.

### COMMUNITY VOICES FOCUS GROUP

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Community members are invited to share their perspectives on local needs and help shape future programs and resources during a focus group at The Guidance Center (1301 Pine Ave.). Light refreshments will be provided, and participants will have the chance to enter a raffle for a \$50 gift card, with the first 10 attendees receiving a \$10 gift card. Register at [bit.ly/CommunityVoicesFocusGroup](http://bit.ly/CommunityVoicesFocusGroup). Free.

## 18 WEDNESDAY

### NAVIGATING THE CITY'S HIRING PROCESS WORKSHOP

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Job seekers are invited to learn about employment opportunities with the City of Long Beach during this workshop at the LBWIN Adult Career Services Center (4811 Airport Plaza Drive, Ste. 120). Staff will explain the City's hiring process, how to receive job notifications and tips for applying. An optional computer lab session will follow from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Register on the City's online event calendar. Free.

## MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Film fans are invited to test their movie knowledge during a trivia night at the Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E. Fourth St.). Participants can play solo or form teams of up to 10 people for five rounds of film-related questions. Winners will receive prizes such as free movie tickets, posters and other surprises. Free.

## 19 THURSDAY

### DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY WEBINAR

11 a.m. to noon. Business owners and entrepreneurs are invited to learn how to work with the City of Long Beach during this virtual webinar. City staff will explain the contracting process, the types of goods and services the City purchases and how to register on the City's online procurement plat-

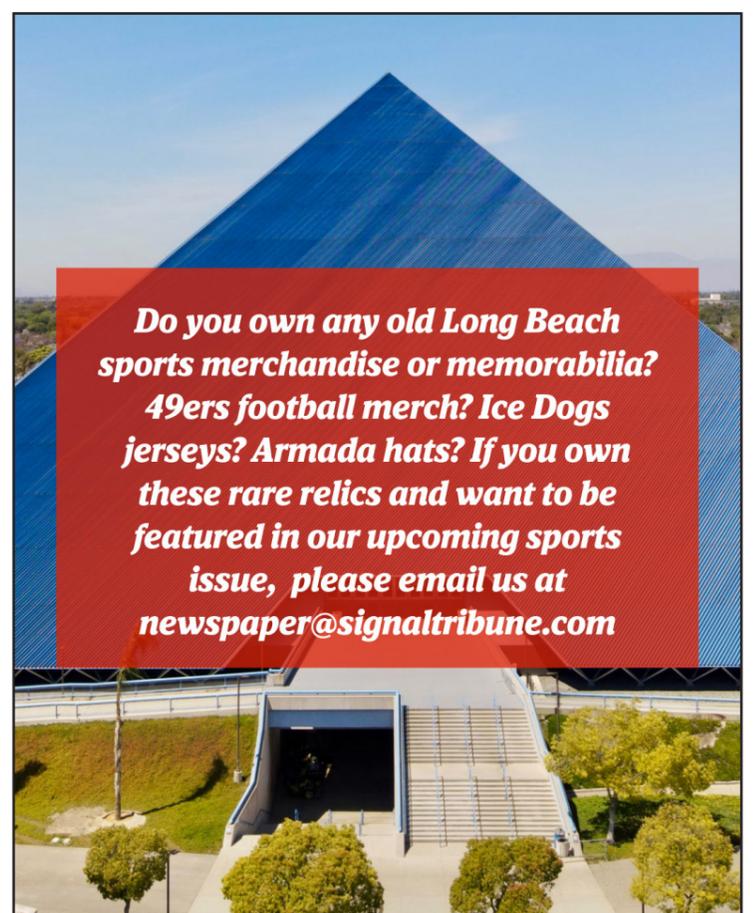
form. Register on the City's online event calendar. Free.

## COMMUNITY NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to visit the Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum (1250 Bellflower Blvd.) after hours to explore current exhibitions and participate in a self-guided art activity. The event also features "Loud Hour" from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., when visitors can make noise in the galleries with provided instruments. Free.

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EDUCATION

## LBCC opens new home for aerospace and manufacturing programs



Courtesy of Long Beach City College

Several Long Beach City College officials cut the ceremonial ribbon for the new Building MM at the school's Trades, Technology and Community Learning Campus on Feb. 27, 2026.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach City College (LBCC) recently welcomed a new addition to its Trades, Technology, and Community Learning Campus with the grand opening of the Building MM complex.

The new space will house the school's architecture, anthropology, HVAC, carpentry, horticulture and plant science programs, geared towards students seeking careers in aerospace, construction and advanced manufacturing.

"Building MM reflects our responsibility to prepare students for the industries shaping Long Beach's future," said Uduak-Joe Ntuk, president of the LBCC Board of Trustees, in a public statement. "As we continue to grow our Space Beach, we must connect students to real opportunities in aerospace, advanced manufacturing, construction, and sustainable technologies. Voter-approved bond funding allows us to invest in facilities that support workforce development and long-term economic growth for our entire community."

Building MM was built in two

phases, beginning with a full demolition of facilities originally built in the 1950s, and resulting in a newly constructed complex designed for the modern use of trades and technical programs.

Gensler and HPI Architecture designed the complex's two-phase modernization and construction was led by AMG & Associates, Inc. Project oversight was provided by Cordoba Corporation, Long Beach Community College District's bond management company.

Construction of the complex cost \$50 million, with the money coming from state funds and voter-approved Measure E and Measure LB bonds.

"This investment directly improves how students learn and train," said LBCC Superintendent-President, Dr. Mike Muñoz, in a public statement. "The new classrooms and labs are designed to support applied instruction and current industry practices. Students gain experience with modern equipment and hands-on training that prepares them to enter the workforce with marketable skills and confidence."

HEALTH

## Long Beach MemorialCare Medical Center crowned in 'World's Best Hospitals' for eighth straight year

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center has earned recognition on Newsweek's annual list of the world's best hospitals for the eighth consecutive year. The ranking reinforces Long Beach Medical Center's longstanding reputation for clinical excellence and high-quality patient care, they said in a public statement.

On the 2026 list, released Wednesday, Long Beach Medical Center ranked among the top 100 hospitals in the United States, top 20 hospitals in California and top five hospitals in the region. Long Beach Medical Center continues to be the only hospital in the greater region, including Lakewood and Los Alamitos, to receive the distinction.



Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Smiles and laughter from parents and nurses fill the room during the 63rd annual newborn stocking event at Miller Women's and Children's Hospital.

"Being recognized among the world's best hospitals for eight consecutive years is a testament to our unwavering commitment to quality, safety, and continuous process and performance improvement—hallmarks of high-quality clinical outcomes," said Eugene Kim, M.D., chief medical officer of Long Beach



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

A group of ER nurses and EMTs from MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center do a group high-five after finishing a chemical attack training drill at St. Mary Medical Center on May 11, 2022.

Medical Center, in a public statement. "Our teams consistently uphold standards that go above and beyond, reflecting the level of care our community deserves."

The world best hospitals recognition presented by Newsweek in partnership with Statista Inc., honors hospitals that "demonstrate excellence in adapting to evolving healthcare challenges while delivering exceptional patient-centered care." The distinction highlights the innovative treatments, advanced clinical expertise and compassionate care provided by the care team at Long Beach Medical Center to communities throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

For 2026, the Long Beach Medical Center was named an 8-year champion and all-time winner, a distinction reserved for hospitals that consistently earned placement on the World's Best Hospitals list

over multiple consecutive years.

To compile their rankings, Newsweek and Statista Inc. use four primary data sources:

- **Hospital quality metrics:** including indicators related to patient safety and quality of care

- **Recommendations from medical experts:** including doctors, hospital managers and healthcare professionals

- **Results from patient surveys:** reflecting patient experience and satisfaction

- **Statista PROMs Implementation Survey:** assessing the use of patient-reported outcome measures

The World's Best Hospitals 2026 rankings evaluates hospitals across 32 countries, selected based on factors such as standard of living, life expectancy, population size, number of hospitals and data availability.

CITY RESOURCES

## Level Up LB opens up applications to assist small business owners

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach Department of Economic Development & Opportunity (EDO) announced the opening of applications for the third cohort of its Level Up LB: Extreme Small Business Makeover and Grant Program.

The program will assist 20 small business owners with supportive services, workshops and \$10,000 in grant funding to help take their small business to the next level.

Level Up LB will connect selected entrepreneurs with essential business support, resources and comprehensive workshops focused on strengthening business and marketing plans. Upon completion of an eight-week course, selected businesses will receive grant funding to help grow their small business.

Level Up LB will be led by EDO staff, with coordinated support from local partners, including Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, Long Beach SBDC, SCORE Long Beach/South Bay and Visit Long Beach.

Last year, 24 small businesses were awarded \$220,000 through Level Up LB. In the adopted Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, the Long Beach City Council approved one-time funding of \$230,000 toward another round of Level Up LB as part of the Mayor's Small Business Rebound Initiative.



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Then-Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia speaks with small business owners and city officials at Rose Park Coffee Roasters during the Recovery Roundtable event on March 8, 2022.

"Small businesses drive our local economy and provide more than half of jobs in Long Beach," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "With another round of Level Up LB, we're reaffirming our commitment to the entrepreneurs

who create jobs, spark innovation and help shape a stronger, more connected economic future for our city."

EDO's BizCare staff will provide in-person technical assistance with the application process on March 24 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Long Beach Workforce Innovation Network Adult Career Services site (4811 Airport Plaza Drive).

"Level Up LB is about investing in the people behind our small businesses — and their passion, creativity, hard work and commitment to our community," said EDO Director Bo Martinez in a public statement. "We are proud to support local entrepreneurs with the resources they need to grow and succeed, because when small businesses thrive, Long Beach thrives."

Applications will be open through March 31. Information regarding eligibility requirements is available at [longbeach.gov/levelup](http://longbeach.gov/levelup). For other small business assistance resources, visit [longbeach.gov/bizcare](http://longbeach.gov/bizcare), call the City's BizCare Hotline at 562-570-4BIZ (4249) or email [BizCare@longbeach.gov](mailto:BizCare@longbeach.gov).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

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**TST8046 / 2026 026473  
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN ST., SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401 PETITION OF: Anna Ivey for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Anna Ivey has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Anna Ivey Proposed Name: Anna Grafin Prashma 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: April 10, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. K, Room: The address of the court is the same as above. 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 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026. \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Lawrence H. Cho, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 25, 2026

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**TST8030 / 2026 029340  
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STATEMENT**

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**TST8057 / 2026 051413  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: EAST 23RD BUILDERS, 13916 CORDARY AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA. 90250. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: LIONEL ROSALES, 13916 CORDARY AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA. 90250. 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: LIONEL ROSALES, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 07/2011. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Mar 6, 2026. 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: March 13, 20, 27, & April 3, 2026

**TST8058 Case No. 26LBCP00074  
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: Jasmine Doxey for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Jasmine Doxey has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Jasmine Doxey Proposed Name: Jasmine Doxey-Santos 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: April 20, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S25, Room: The address of the court is the same as above. 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 13, 20, 27, & April 3, 2026. \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Nicole M. Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 6, 2026

**TST8059 Case No. 26NWCP00089  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650 PETITION OF: Liliانا Amparo Ramos Rosas for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Liliانا Rosas has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Liliانا Amparo Ramos Rosas Proposed Name: Lily Ana Ramos 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: April 24, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.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 13, 20, 27, & April 3, 2026. \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Lee W. Tsao, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 2, 2026

**TST8060 Case No. 26CMCP00048  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90220 PETITION OF: Carlos Antonio Melendez Bejar aka Carlos Antonio Melendes Bejar aka Carlos Antonio Melendes for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Carlos Antonio Melendez Bejar aka Carlos Antonio Melendes has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Carlos Antonio Melendez Bejar aka Carlos Antonio Melendes Proposed Name: Carlos Antonio Melendez 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, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. A, Room 904. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. March 13, 20, 27, & April 3, 2026. \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Elizabeth L. Bradley, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 5, 2026

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## THEATER REVIEW



Courtesy of Diana Kaufmann

(From left to right) Sam Farfán, Jenilee Flowers, Alejandra Peñaloza and Ryan Hollon star in the production of "Our Dear Dead Drug Lord" at The Garage Theatre. Audiences can see this play Thursday-Saturdays at 8 p.m. through April 4.

Christine Nader

Reporter

## Audiences and Pablo Escobar come alive in 'Our Dear Dead Drug Lord'

Children are warned not to play with their food, so it should go without saying that they shouldn't play with the deceased. Yet The Garage Theatre teleports audiences to 2008 Miami where four teenage girls prepare to summon their newest idol, Pablo Escobar in their season opener "Our Dear Dead Drug Lord." This journey into the occult is an adventure of teenage introspection, politics and of course, death.

Pipe, Zoom, Kit, and Squeeze. These aren't their real names, of course, because where is the fun in exploring witchcraft if you can't have an alias? These are the girls who run the "Dead Leaders Club," a club not taken seriously by the higher-ups at their private school.



Courtesy of Diana Kaufmann

"Our Dear Dead Drug Lord" follows four teenage girls in 2008 Miami who summon historical figures, including notorious druglord Pablo Escobar.

The club originally began in 1964 to research people from the likes of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. Over time, the group shifted their focus onto the more disgraced leaders of history, like

Adolf Hitler —which did come with repercussions — and now Escobar.

Every Tuesday, they meet up for a club meeting in a treehouse, but this Tuesday is different — they are initiating their newest member, Kit. After the initiation seance, the girls theorize how Escobar is Kit's dad as a way to show how they are obsessed with power and distracting themselves from their personal lives.

Pipe (Sam Farfán) is a headstrong and passionate group leader who challenges anyone in her way with a witty response and a fierce stare. Farfán's authoritative nature has a sensitive side that, at times, will have you subconsciously rooting for her.

Kit (Alejandra Peñaloza), whose name is chosen via Ouija board, is the epitome of laid-back as she glides through all the teenage mind games with ease. Peñaloza pulls off Kit's coolness with an effortlessly collected, yet passionate attitude.

Zoom (Ryan Hollon) is the youngest of the bunch (15) and is Pipe's quirky next-door neighbor. Hollon's portrayal of Zoom is an overflow of charisma and occasional outbursts of singing that only add to Zoom's charm.

Squeeze (Jenilee Flowers) is a comical girl who is more emotionally aware than the others under-

neath the surface. Flowers smoothly balances Squeeze's fun side and her pragmatic mentality.

Alexis Scheer's script is a journey through teenage torment, sexuality and politics. Director Skylar Alexis and the rest of the cast personified these elements with a simple yet solid approach — just go with the flow, but also dramatize it because it's really hard to be a teenager.

The set design felt like an extension of how teenage girls in 2008 decorated their rooms, with chalk-drawn hearts, collectible trinkets, a fuzzy carpet and a Nirvana poster.

The lighting played a pivotal part in setting the scene, but at times fell short of realistic. The daylight tones for lighting were a warm yellow, which made the illusion of sunshine peeking in a bit unnatural.

The costumes for Pipe, Zoom, and Squeeze were a combination of plaids and solid navy atop pleated skirts. Kit's outfit went down a tomboy-ish route as Peñaloza wore pants and darker colors for a more suave look.

Given that the stage space was limited, the theatre cleverly utilized the first two rows of audience as an expansion of the treehouse. Even more clever was the decision to not have the cast acknowledge the audience in any aspect — especially

when Pipe practiced a speech to the "empty" treehouse while facing the audience.

At times, the tonal shifts between scenes felt unnatural, flipping rapidly between emotions and circumstances. Scenes would leave off with intense tension then pick up with the characters feeling a different way than it left off.



Courtesy of Diana Kaufmann

The set design for "Our Dear Dead Drug Lord" is organized with chalk-drawn hearts, collectible trinkets, a fuzzy carpet and a Nirvana Poster to resemble teenage girls' rooms in 2008.

Other developments simply arise with seemingly no development, like when did the club shift from simply choosing a political figure to study versus straight-up worshipping them? And why is Squeeze affiliated with the crew if she feels they don't share the same beliefs?

The impending Obama McCain election, for instance, felt like it was introduced just to transition to the next "big topic." Despite this, the argument between Pipe, a Republican Latina, and Squeeze, a Puerto Rican and Haitian liberal, is interesting to watch because you can't predict if the characters will fall stereotypical to their political parties.

"Our Dear Dead Drug Lord" does create a new space to discuss the

oddsities that come with being a teenage girl, but stumbles quickly because it tries to balance too much at once. We're never sure how we're supposed to feel about the girls because the topics will bounce from discussing how sexy Escobar is to making out in the treehouse to pulling out knives, and so forth.

The play intensifies after a second seance is initiated, but the intensity fades away for about five minutes when the denouement takes place in Spanish. While there is no live translation, there is a handout available at the end, but by that time the suspense had faded.

In the end, you realize that your teenage emotions weren't too different from theirs. The actions of teenage girls are often made into the butt of jokes in the media, but this play felt like a comforting representation of the various aspects of insanity that girlhood entails.

"Our Dear Dead Drug Lord" leaves its ending semi-ambiguous to the point where viewers may leave the theater with more questions than answers. Regardless of the ambiguity, it is a captivating portrayal of how complex being a girl can be.

"Our Dear Dead Drug Lord" is playing at The Garage Theatre, (251 E Seventh St.) through April 4 Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Running time is 90 minutes with no intermission. Tickets are \$28 for general admission and \$23 for students, teachers, seniors and military. Tickets can be purchased at a two-for-one discount on Thursdays with the code TWOFER. For tickets and additional information, visit the theater's website.

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