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NEW YEAR'S DAY 2027

Rose Parade theme a warm 'Welcome'



Terry Madigan introduces the 2027 Rose Parade poster and reveals "Welcome" as the theme for the event in front of Tournament House in Pasadena on Thursday. KEITH BIRMINGHAM — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New President Terry Madigan calls it a simple yet really complex concept

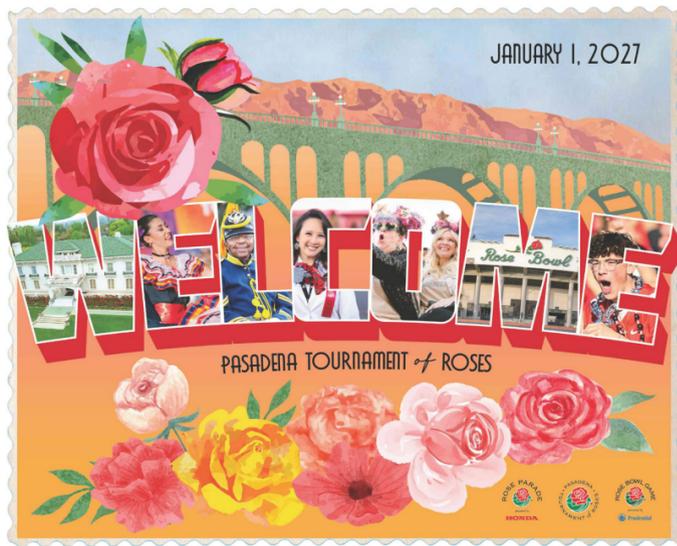
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It may seem simple, but newly named Tournament of Roses President Terry Madigan hopes "Welcome," the theme for the 2027 Rose Parade he will preside over, gets people thinking.

Madigan made the announcement Thursday on the front steps of Tournament House in Pasadena at a brief ceremony attended by about 100 tournament members.

"It's probably the simplest theme we've had in a very long time, however, I think it's a really complex concept, and that's what excited me the most about it," Madigan said. "Everyone will come to it, hopefully, from

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The 2027 Rose Parade theme poster was designed to look like a postcard. COURTESY OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

SB COUNTY

Man gets 15 to life in killing of teen

Jury finds 71-year-old guilty of second-degree murder in 1980 death of Michelle 'Missy' Jones

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Kimberly Jones and her family gathered at the fountain in front of Rancho Cucamonga Superior Court on Thursday and smiled for photos to commemorate the sunny, 78-degree day when her sister got justice.

Loved ones turned to show the backs of their shirts, revealing a black-and-white photo of Michelle "Missy" Jones, framed with her name and the message, "We Love You" in a looped, pink font.

Minutes earlier, Judge Ingrid Uhler sentenced the man convicted of killing the 18-year-old more

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MOTORSPORTS

Longtime CEO of Grand Prix stepping down

Long Beach street race has been run by Jim Michaelian since 2001

By Kristy Hutchings and Chris Haire
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Jim Michaelian, the leader of the Grand Prix of Long Beach for the past quarter-century, will step down from that role after this year's race, the association in charge of the annual three-day event announced on Thursday morning.

Michaelian's last day as president and CEO of the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach will be June 30. He will be succeeded by Jim Liaw, the former general manager of Performance Racing Industry, which hosts the largest annual motorsports trade show in the world, the GPALB said in a news release.

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INGLEWOOD

Foo Fighters mark Dave Grohl's birthday at Forum

Band returns to venue for first time since concert for its late drummer in 2022

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Tired, sweaty, but clearly having a blast, Dave Grohl stopped the Foo Fighters' show late on Wednesday to challenge a full house at the Kia Forum to join him in a thunderous chorus of rock 'n' roll screams.

"Tonight, I want everyone to scream like they're a 57-year-old man having the (bleepin') time of his life," Grohl said at a show held on his birthday. "We going to do that?"

Oh yeah, they were definitely going to do that, and wave after wave of roars echoed through the Inglewood arena — primal, thrilling, cathartic — as Grohl ran around the circular stage at the center of the floor, urging fans to keep going.

Then, after the crowd finally quieted, Grohl showed what he still had in the

tank, jumping back into "Monkey Wrench" with a throat-shredding a cappella howl through the lyrics of the bridge before the rest of the Foo Fighters picked up where they'd paused.

With 21 songs over almost 2 1/2 hours, it was a welcome return of rock 'n' roll to the new year, shaking off the sluggishness of winter with a joyful, raucous show.

For the Foo Fighters, it was also their first time back at the Kia Forum since

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The Foo Fighters perform at the Kia Forum in Inglewood on Wednesday. DREW A. KELLEY — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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