



LBDP



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During the civil unrest that followed the murder of George Floyd, Long Beach Police Department officers hold projectile launchers while standing in front of an armored vehicle on May 31, 2020.

Long Beach Council unanimously approves use of police military equipment for LBDP

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

The Long Beach Police Department is a step closer to gaining approval for its \$3.1 million worth of military equipment currently in its arsenal. City Council unanimously passed a measure Tuesday night to direct the city attorney to prepare the official order of military equipment use for 2023.

The full list of military equipment includes tear gas, armored Bearcat vehicles, battering rams, night vision goggles, explosive breaching devices, unmanned aerial vehicles, underwater drones and more.

The ordinance will return to councilmembers, who will have until the end of October to approve it. If there is no vote, LBDP will not be able to use its military equipment.

Assembly Bill 481, which was passed by Governor Gavin Newsom on Sept. 30, 2021, requires local law enforcement agencies to catalog their military equipment, create policies for their uses and obtain approval from the applicable governing body for funding, acquisition and use.

Around 20 residents expressed their disapproval for the use of military equipment by the LBDP.

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COMMUNITY



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Daniel Madrigal, owner of Daniel's Backyard BBQ, holds out a succulent and hefty beef rib, one of the most popular options at the BBQ joint, towards the camera for a detailed view of the meat on Sept. 29, 2022.

A home-cooked homecoming: Daniel's Backyard Barbecue serves smoked meats to the masses

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

Daniel Madrigal first started barbecuing in 2019 for a simple reason: he wanted to make his favorite food. He didn't suspect his briskets and ribs would soon be attracting crowds of hundreds to the same Santa Fe Avenue block he grew up on.

"A lot of friends and family mostly asked me to do it," Madrigal said. "I wasn't really planning on doing it full time [...] They were pushing me."

Madrigal's love for barbecue began in adolescence when his grandfather would cook for him. As an adult, Madrigal had a close friend who would share his home-made barbecue with him.

When his friend moved to Arizona, Madrigal lost his barbecue plug and had to make do—he received out-of-state, over-the-phone brisk-

ket coaching as he tried to recreate his favorite recipes.

"One day I called him and I'm like, 'Hey bro it's not the same, your barbecue was good.' [My barbecue] wasn't horrible but it wasn't his barbecue," Madrigal said. "He's like, 'Well, maybe you just got to try something else out because you're trying to do something that I was doing, maybe something else will work out better for you.'"

After that, Madrigal stopped asking his friend for advice and began developing his own barbecue style. A trip to Texas with his cousin further inspired his process and opened his eyes to the importance of smokers.

Smoking meat requires that the meat be placed in a smoky chamber at a low heat for a long period of time, allowing the smoke from the wood impart its flavor throughout the meat.

"Once I went out to Texas, it was a whole game changer," Madrigal said. "[...] It was a totally different vibe I would say. I started seeing that the smokers were way differ-

ent out there, they were on trailers and stuff like that."

Madrigal's San Antonio-style Texas barbecue uses a simple seasoning of salt and pepper before smoking meats with red oak. The brisket is then smoked between 12 to 14 hours; his beef ribs anywhere from 6 to 10 hours.

His beef ribs are so popular customers usually have to order them a day or two in advance, according to Madrigal.

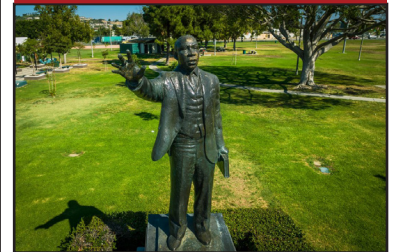
Madrigal's personal favorite on the menu is the brisket burrito: a unique combination of his smoked brisket within a breakfast burrito of eggs, sausage and pinto beans.

Once back in Long Beach, he began eyeing a smoker owned by a small business owner in his neighborhood and eventually convinced her to sell it to him.

Madrigal's barbecue quickly became a triumph among friends and family, and they pushed him to open a business. Armed with the support of his loved ones, he spent weekends establishing Daniel's

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PARKS



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A statue of Martin Luther King Jr. is prominently displayed at the Long Beach park, bearing his name on Oct. 3, 2022.

Residents express frustrations with MLK Park visioning process

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Talent shows, free lunches, outdoor basketball courts, handball courts and tennis courts are just some of the things older residents used to enjoy at Martin Luther King Jr. Park in West Long Beach up until the late '90s.

Following decades of disinvestment, the Martin Luther King Jr. Park in East Long Beach is undergoing a visioning process to identify needs for funds, however, certain members of the community already feel as though they are being left out of the conversation.

Residents of the sixth district, including those who grew up at MLK Park and have since moved away, gathered in the park's community center—which has not been renovated since its inception in 1970—on Sept. 25 for the visioning event to express their frustrations.

Long Beach's Equity Officer, Alanah Grant was present to acknowledge resident's "feelings of skepticism and mistrust with the government involvement."

"It's hard to hear, but we needed to hear it, it was a healthy conversation," said Brian Ulaszewski, executive director principle for City Fabrik, a Long Beach-based nonprofit design studio that plans and implements development projects. "There's been a lot of disinvestment in this community."

City Fabrik was contacted by

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Councilwoman Suely Saro's office, as the two worked together on the Cambodia Town Thrives Vision Plan. Saro's office also collaborated with Love Beyond Limits, Black Resource Center, New Hope Academy for Change and the Long Beach Alliance for Food and Fitness.

According to Ulaszewski, Saro's office began the planning process in April. Saro introduced an item to the City Council on April 5 to begin pre-planning for the MLK Park visioning process.

Ulaszewski said a total of \$123,000 will go into the next year of planning for MLK Park.

"I'll be honest with you, that's not what usually goes into a planning process, but we're going to make it work," he told residents. "We want to attract the dollars and investment."

Senay Kenfe, a member of one of the sixth district's neighborhood associations, said that efforts to work with Saro's office have been unsuccessful.

Kenfe said he contacted the City's parks department on April 10 to address the needs at MLK Park and was told that Saro's office would be undertaking efforts toward the visioning process. Since then, Kenfe and other neighborhood associations have been waiting for planning and visioning for the park to begin.

Residents questioned when Saro's office began recruiting nonprofits and City groups for the kick-off event and asked who has been invited to the discussion so far.

"A lot of people in the community don't feel heard, like they're being ignored ... I'm in the [biggest] neighborhood association, there's a Latino neighborhood association and neither of us were included," Kenfe said. "Needless to say we were invited by City Fabrik to be here, not the district."

Councilwoman Saro was unable to attend the kick-off event due to illness, according to her staff. Her office did not respond to questions regarding the MLK Park Vision Kick-off.

Leonard Adams, a Long Beach resident and coordinator for Hoops After Dark, a basketball youth and leadership program, asked the City to bring a familiar face into the planning process, and a go-to contact for residents.

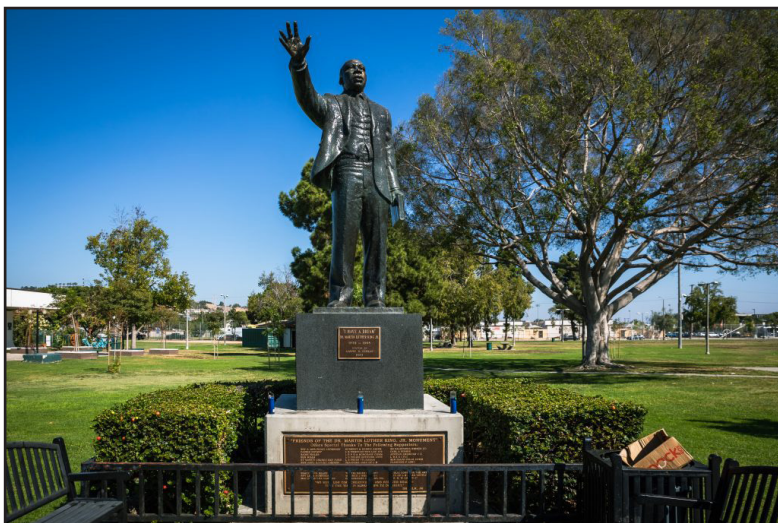
"We need a person we can hold accountable," Adams said. "Why would we listen if the person facilitating is not familiar?"

Adams can recall playing in ping pong tournaments and basketball games with his friends who also grew up at MLK Park in the '70s. He said one of the biggest needs of the park is an outdoor basketball court, which was removed in 1998



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A view of the playground equipment at Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Long Beach on Oct. 3, 2022.



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and never restored.

Although the community center contains an indoor court, multiple residents said that the facility is almost always being used by the Boys and Girls Club, and locked when it's not.

"If you go to Signal Hill Park, you'll find all the kids from here playing on those courts," Adams said. "We're long overdue for any improvements ... let's start with something small, something we can identify that we're going to work on."

Older residents called for the restoration of the Peace Garden, which was created in 2010 through funding from the Neighborhood Partners Program. The garden was created to build intergenerational relationships between the seniors and youth at the park while they gardened, cooked and told stories together.

The garden later received grants from the City to keep it going, but lost its funding during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLK Park lies in the heart of

the sixth district, an area Black residents were disproportionately funneled into due to racist legal restrictions passed by the Federal Housing Association in 1934. The FHA deemed large parts of the city as "too risky" for developers to invest in, creating a gap in services and resources provided in Central, North and West Long Beach.

Many attendees were witness to the park's creation in 1964—then dubbed the 19th Street Playground—as well as its many expansions and improvements throughout the '80s, including a swimming pool, recreation center, ball field, game courts and central facility center, which includes City health programs and offices for the 6th district office staff.

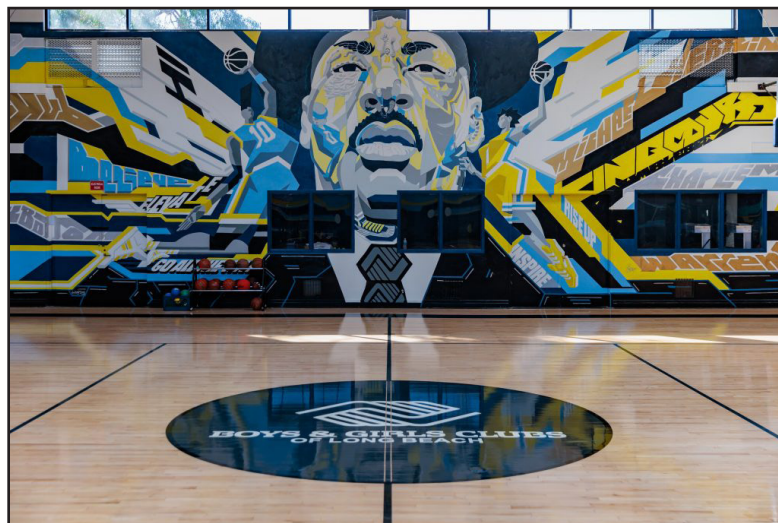
A Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment from 2016 revealed the area surrounding MLK Park has a high "park need" rating, as does most of the sixth district.

The most recent renovation to the park was from NBA player Stephen Curry and Long Beach native



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An aerial view of the green space that includes soccer and baseball fields at Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Long Beach on Oct. 3, 2022.



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A mural is seen inside the indoor basketball court of the Boys and Girls Club of Long Beach's community center at Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Oct. 3, 2022.

Snoop Dogg in August, when they revealed the newly renovated indoor basketball court for the Boys and Girls Club of Long Beach. Two years before that, the park received a swing set.

In recent years, the MLK Park has become more known for its issues than its accomplishments, as many residents pointed out. The statue of Martin Luther King Jr., which welcomes residents as they enter the park, remains discolored from a vandalism incident that occurred in July of 2021.

Residents pointed out that the statue is the only one of King Jr. in the United States west of the Mississippi River.

A timeline presented at the kick-off event says that the plan for MLK Park will be officially adopted by summer of 2023.

"The issue is that we had 50 years of African-American political dominance in this neighborhood and now we don't," Kenfe said. "[...] You cannot bring stakeholders to the table that are not welcome there."

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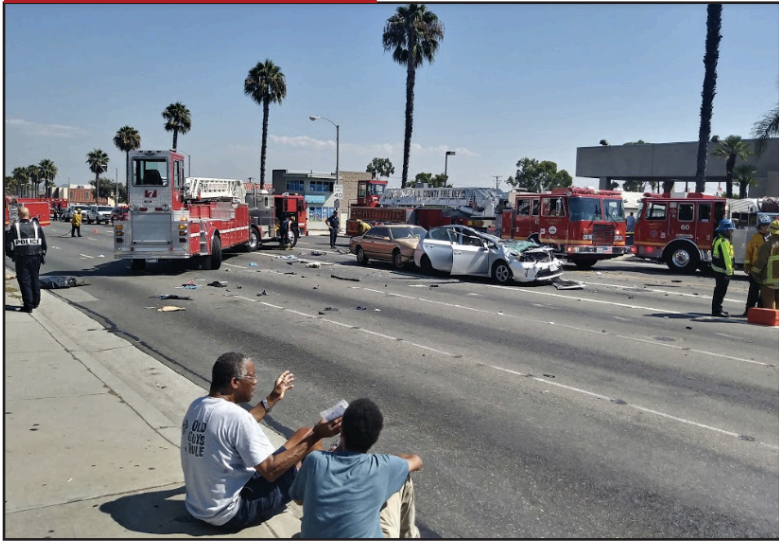
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A multi-vehicle traffic collision at the intersection of Cherry Avenue and Willow Street.

Long Beach's Trauma Intervention Program seeks volunteers

Kristen Farrah Naem
Staff Writer

Volunteers with the Trauma Intervention Programs (TIP) help people through the aftermath of some of the worst moments of their lives, and the organization is encouraging more people to apply.

"It's not a normal volunteer program, to be honest," said Jessica Thomson of the Long Beach TIP chapter. "It's highly structured and that requires a really big commitment from our volunteers."

The Long Beach Police Department reaches out to TIP volunteers at any time of the day or night to provide support to victims of fire, rape, assault, robbery or burglary, as well as disoriented elderly people, people involved in traffic accidents and more. According to Thomson, volunteers typically follow up with the people they assist two or three days after the initial incident to ask how they are doing.

To support victims and survivors, TIP volunteers will talk to first responders to get information for family members, contact mortuaries for survivors who have just lost loved ones, connect people to community resources that can help them and fulfill other tasks.

The Long Beach chapter of TIP is the first to open in Los Angeles County. The program already has a large presence in Orange and San Diego Counties, and they serve over 250 cities in the United

States.

Long Beach's TIP chapter began in 2019, and its first cohort of volunteers began responding to traumatic events in the city in 2021. The program currently has 15 volunteers, with four new potential volunteers going through field training.

Volunteers have to be on-call for 12 hours a day, three days a month and can be called to the scene of a traumatic event at a moment's notice during their shifts.

"When something happens and law enforcement calls us, we have to be ready to respond," Thomson said. "It's not a good fit for everyone."

To become a TIP volunteer, applicants have to attend eight mandatory training sessions before completing three months of field training. After graduating from training, volunteers are required to take a monthly continuing education class on the third Wednesday of each month.

Applicants to the TIP program must agree to fingerprints and background checks, provide proof of auto insurance, a valid driver's license and an operational vehicle, access to a smartphone, internet and email.

The next training sessions for TIP volunteer recruits is expected to begin in January 2023, but applications can be submitted now. To apply to become a TIP volunteer, visit www.tipoflongbeach.org.

SCHOOLS



Mark Savage | Courtesy of LBUSD

Students walk towards the front doors of Millikan High School on the first day of in-person classes on April 26, 2021.

LBUSD seeks to address academic disparities in Black student achievement

Briana Mendez-Padilla
Education Reporter

Black students in the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) have one of the largest academic gaps when it comes to student achievement, which the board hopes to diminish by monitoring Black student achievement and well-being.

A survey given to 4th-12th grade students last fall on their social-emotional well-being revealed

that Black students rate their sense of belonging and their identity lower than other subgroups, according to superintendent Jill Baker.

When looking at the SBAC scores—a standardized test that assesses students' math, reading and writing skill level—data shows 33% of Black students met or exceeded the minimum requirements in language arts, while 48% of all students tested at that level. For math, 18% of Black students met or exceeded requirements as

opposed to 33% of all students.

The graduation rate for Black students is 86%, while for white students it is 90%, according to data presented at the board's Monday Oct. 3 meeting. When looking at college readiness, 49% of Black students meet the A-G requirements necessary to attend a CSU or UC after high school, compared to 58.6% of all students.

"These are the brutal facts of what we're experiencing right now.

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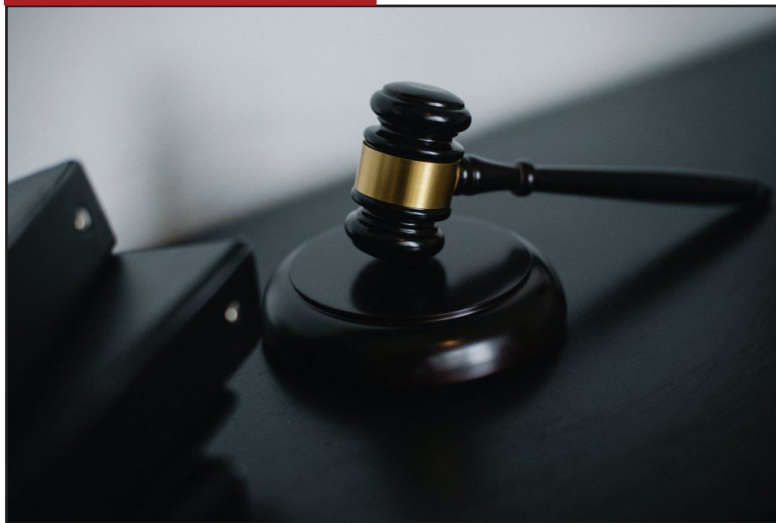


Pet of the week: Steadman

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Steadman, 4 years old, is all that and more, including gorgeous! He loves playing in the shelter's kiddie pool, as you can see. If you're an active, fun-loving person with the time and love to devote to Steadman, he'll be the best adventure wingman and will bring so much joy into your life. You can speed the process to adopt or foster Steadman and any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Even better, stop by during our new open walk-in hours every Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Our shelter is located at 7700 E. Spring St. Ask for ID #A674834 to meet Steadman. We're at capacity, and everyone needs homes!

CRIME



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Three Long Beach men charged in \$2.6 million robbery of Beverly Hills jewelry store

City News Service

Southern California Local News

A federal grand jury indicted three Long Beach men Wednesday who allegedly participated in the daylight smash-and-grab robbery of a Beverly Hills jewelry store in which more than \$2.6 million worth of merchandise was stolen.

The two-count indictment returned in Los Angeles charges Jimmy Lee Vernon III, 31, Ladell Tharpe, 37, and Deshon Bell, 20, with conspiracy and interference with commerce by robbery, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

On March 23, the defendants and other co-conspirators drove in tandem in three vehicles from Long Beach to Beverly Hills, according to the indictment.

Once at the jewelry store, Vernon and co-conspirators allegedly got out of a Kia vehicle, smashed the exterior glass cases multiple times, then stole merchandise worth at least \$2.67 million, prosecutors said.

Vernon and the others then ran out of the store to a nearby alley, leaving behind their Kia—which had been reported stolen out of Long Beach four days before the robbery, according to an affidavit filed with a criminal complaint in L.A. federal court.

During the robbery, Vernon's cell phone fell out of his sweat-pants pocket while he smashed the

jewelry's store's window, was left behind and later recovered by law enforcement, the affidavit states.

Bell allegedly waited in a car near the store and served as the getaway driver for Vernon and the other co-conspirators.

The defendants allegedly stole property consisting of 19 bracelets, seven pairs of earrings, four necklaces, a pair of obelisks, eight rings and 20 watches, federal prosecutors said.

On March 25, Tharpe posted on his Instagram account numerous photographs that included large stacks of money and a message praising his "robbery gang," according to the indictment.

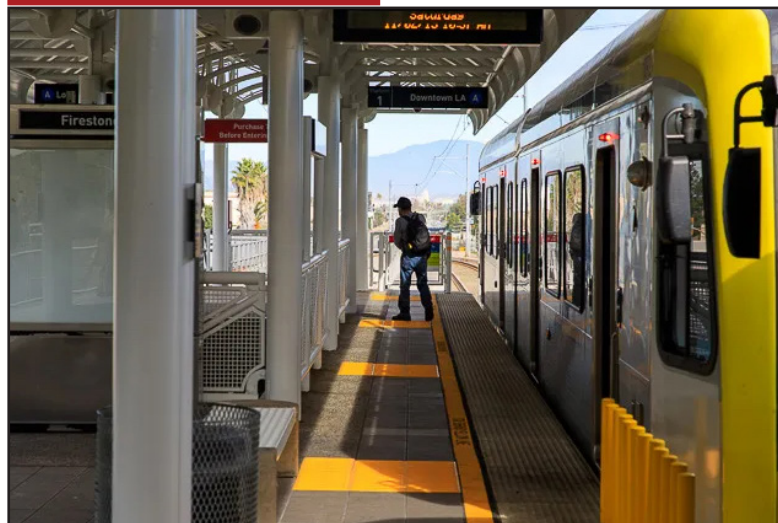
Law enforcement arrested the defendants last month.

Vernon is in federal custody and was ordered jailed without bond, with his arraignment scheduled for Oct. 13. Tharpe is in state custody and is expected to be remanded to federal custody in the coming weeks. Bell was released on \$15,000 bond and his arraignment in federal court is scheduled for Oct. 20.

A juvenile, who is not charged in the federal indictment, also was arrested in connection with the robbery, and is charged in Los Angeles Superior Court with commercial burglary.

If convicted of both charges, each defendant would face up to 20 years in federal prison for each count, prosecutors noted.

METRO



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A Metro A Line rider exits the train at Firestone Station along the route from Long Beach to Los Angeles.

Long Beach urges Metro to evaluate offboarding practices in downtown

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

When riders on the Metro A Line reach the end of the route at around 1 a.m., anyone still on the train is forced to deboard into downtown Long Beach on 11th Avenue and Pine Street, whether that is their destination or not.

Residents expressed concern that the Metro's policy of dumping passengers in downtown Long Beach could be contributing to the city's growing homeless population, which saw a 62% rise since 2020, according to the City's annual homelessness count.

Of the over 3,200 people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach, 1,200 were also in need of mental health services. 45% of the people experiencing homelessness in 2022 said that they did not

become homeless in Long Beach, according to Paul Duncan, Homeless Services bureau manager.

Gina Osborn, chief safety officer for the Metro explained that the offboarding protocol is the same for each city containing an end-of-the-line station, including Los Angeles and Santa Monica. After passengers exit the A Line, the train must go to the yard where it's cleaned for at least three hours to prepare for the next day.

Business owners from downtown Long Beach said that they've witnessed the area become more dangerous for residents in recent years, citing a long list of open drug use, public indecency, break-ins and vandalisms that have occurred in the past two weeks.

Orso Modica, who has owned Modica's Deli in downtown Long Beach for 27 years, recalled

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COMMUNITY

Pets and humans gather for Interfaith Blessing of the Animals

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The sound of barks and prayers carried on the coastal breeze as over 300 animals congregated at Rosie's Dog Beach during the 20th annual Interfaith Blessing of the Animals organized by Justin Rudd on the evening of Sunday, Oct. 2.

"I want to be part of the Interfaith Blessing of the Animals so that we can acknowledge how much animals can mean to us," said Rabbi Michal Loving of Long Beach. "It's just as important as blessing people for so many of us."

The blessing of animals traditionally takes place on the Sunday closest to the feast day of Saint Francis on Oct. 4. Francis is believed to have started the tradition of blessing animals around 800 years ago.

Interfaith animal blessings allow people of different spiritual paths to partake in the tradition. Animals of all kinds were invited, and people lined up with dogs of all sizes, cats and reptiles to receive blessings from a clergy of six different religious denominations.

"We come every year," said pit-bull-mix owner Tealeye Cornejo. "It's been a blessing to have our dogs blessed, to have this avenue to do that since Long Beach has such a great dog community. My puppy, I figure she needs all the blessings that she can get."

Rosie's Dog Beach is named after Rudd's late English Bulldog Rosie, and he organizes multiple events for pets on the beach—including the annual Blessing of the Animals and Bulldog Beauty Contest—through his organization Haute Dogs.

"Anytime animal lovers can come together and celebrate the animals that we have in our lives I think it's a great event, and that's exactly what this was tonight," Rudd said.

To keep up with news about pet events, visit justinrudd.com or hautedogs.org.



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A couple sits on the floor with her dog as they close their eyes in the light of the sun during the Long Beach Blessing of the Animals at Rosie's Dog Beach on Oct. 2, 2022.



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Pastor Samuel Nieva of Pueblo de Dios Lutheran Church in Compton blesses a bearded dragon named Big Boss, who is held by his owner Lizette Castro during the Interfaith Blessing of the Animals at Rosie's Dog Beach in Long Beach on Oct. 2, 2022.



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Lorenmarie Manning holds her 6-year-old foster dog, Berry, before walking with him up to the group of faith leaders from the Long Beach area at the Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 2, 2022.

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TRANSPORTATION

City unveils zero-emission truck for Long Beach Port during California's Clean Air Day

Richard Grant
Photo Editor

Long Beach City officials came together with the Port of Long Beach Wednesday to celebrate California's Clean Air Day while unveiling one of the eight new zero-emission cargo trucks that will soon be in use at the port.

California Clean Air Day is a statewide effort to bring attention to air quality in California, particularly regarding greenhouse gas emissions from transportation. The event started five years ago, and cities often participate by encouraging residents to use more climate-friendly transportation such as the Metro or other public transit.

"A zero-emission future is no longer a dream, but a goal. I'm happy to hear how we're gradually improving with reducing emissions

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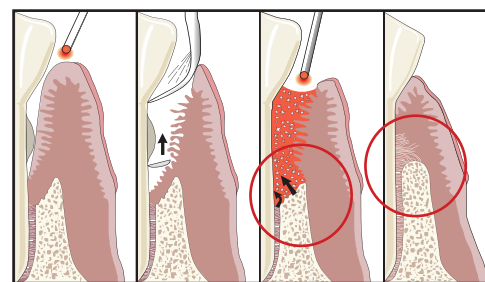
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Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero speaks to attendees of the Long Beach Clean Air Day event on Oct. 5, 2022, in front of one of the new electric Volvo trucks that will soon be used at the port.

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LBPD personnel fire “less-lethal” projectiles into a crowd of protesters on May 31, 2020.

“AB 481 has given you the power to make the city free of military police,” said Jamilet Ochoa, community organizer with the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition. “Year after year I’ve been up here

with groups who are asking you to defund the police so you can fund programs that actually keep our communities safe and now here we are to demand that you take away LBPD’s weapons of war.”

Caitlin Bellis, a Long Beach resident, attorney and member of the Anti Surveillance Coalition, questioned the LBPD’s need for facial recognition software. The department used facial recogni-

tion technology over 2,800 times between January and September of 2020, following protests against police brutality linked to the death of George Floyd, according to a report by *FORTHE*.

The list also includes a Freedom On-The-Move Tactical Surveillance System that the LBPD deployed during the 2020 protests against police brutality.

“Such monitoring is an attempt to quash, not safeguard people exercising their liberties. I do not feel safer knowing that LBPD has military equipment,” Bellis said. “AB 481 is handing you the perfect opportunity to reverse course and get these extreme weapons of war out of our communities; I urge you to take it.”

The order, drafted on July 13, 2022, says that military equipment is necessary “because there is no reasonable alternative that can achieve the same objective of officer and civilian safety.”

Long Beach Chief of Police, Wally Hebeish said that the military-grade equipment is “not typically” used day-to-day, but “mostly for squad operations.” He gave a list of possible reasons to use the military equipment, including: civil unrest, active shooter responses, barricaded subjects, hostage rescue, high-risk search warrants,

international or domestic terrorism and disaster response.

The equipment in the proposed policy was purchased prior to January 1, 2022 and was funded mainly through Homeland Security, according to City Manager Tom Modica. The policy allows the LBPD to replenish their supplies by 15% without council approval.

“The role of AB 481 was to add transparency, hold public officials accountable and provide a chance for public comment,” Vice Mayor Rex Richardson said. “We need to use it as a baseline to have a conversation about the very real concerns raised by everyone here around the ability to protect and defend our city in the worst case scenario, but also the ability to protect civil liberties and civil rights of the people we are protecting within our city.”

The policy lists tear gas and projectile, non-lethal launchers as possible uses for crowd control “and civil unrest incidents.”

Councilmember Al Austin said that he “struggled” with the item and recalled a couple of instances where police were “overpowered” by civilians.

“We need to err on the side of reason here when it comes to granting equipment for our police force,” Austin said. “[...] Reason would be, in my opinion, to pass this policy, but also to evaluate it as new equipment is being introduced to our department.”

Councilmember Mary Zendejas cited the need for more transparency, and said she hopes to have “checkpoints” with the policy “to really evaluate when we’re using these weapons.”

Hebeish said the department will comply with the state-mandated annual review of policies.

AB 481 requires the police department to return to council each year with an annual review, after which the council can amend or disapprove the renewal of the ordinance. The report’s findings will be published and discussed within 30 days at a community meeting, the first of which will occur in 2023.

The public can submit questions or concerns regarding the proposed military equipment policy at AB481@longbeach.gov.

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EVENT



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An aerial view of the downtown area of Long Beach on Nov. 10, 2021.

Long Beach to unearth 50-year-old time capsule

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

A 50-year-old time capsule buried in Downtown Long Beach will be unearthed by Long Beach's Development Services Department on Monday, October 10 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The "Where Were You in '72?" event will correspond with the 50th anniversary of the time capsule's burial on October 10, 1972, by the former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (RDA).

Vice Mayor Rex Richardson and Councilmember Mary Zendejas will be joined by Allan Robertson, the retired Executive Director of the former Long Beach RDA. The City's Cultural Heritage Commis-

sion, the Historical Society of Long Beach, Port of Long Beach, the Downtown Long Beach Alliance as well as participants of the 1972 capsule burial will also be present.

The event will be held at the time capsule's burial site at Oceangate Tower and Plaza in Downtown Long Beach located at 100 Oceangate. Residents in attendance can view the live unveiling of the capsule and its unearthed items.

Community members unable to attend in person are invited to watch the ceremony on the City of Long Beach's Facebook page, the Long Beach Development Services Department's Facebook page or on Long Beach Television at LBTv3.com.

ACADEMIC DISPARITY

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It doesn't mean that we can't do better and it doesn't mean that we won't do better," Baker said. "When we improve the outcomes for our Black students, we improve the outcomes for all students."

Some district and school goals for monitoring Black student achievement include providing principal supervision that centers around their specific needs and performing quarterly and monthly data reviews.

"I think the one thing that's always tricky about goal setting is [that] when it comes to goals, there needs to be an undertone of culture setting as well," board member Erik Miller said. "I want

to make sure that this isn't us just checking a box."

Moving forward, the board plans to create district, school and classroom-specific goals. When looking at student data, district staff and principals will assess similarities, differences and nuances across the different levels. Similarly, the data and research team will not only review data in terms of district goals but also look specifically at the goals for Black students.

"Every school has glaring needs in certain areas, so one of the things we encourage our principals to think about is to ask themselves, 'Why?'" assistant superintendent of elementary schools,

Brian Moskovitz said. "Once you identify the root cause of some of that data as best as possible, then that's where we start putting plans together to try to address those root causes."

"The great thing for me here is that we were looking at it at a system[ic] level and that we're holding ourselves accountable at a system[ic] level," board member Juan Benitez said.

The board will continue discussions around Black student achievement at its next meeting on Oct. 19.

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AROUND TOWN

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



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Mindy Haskins (left) and Noelle Castro (right) hold up signs while dressed in "Handmaid's Tale" outfits during an Oct. 2, 2021 protest in Long Beach. The outfits reference the Hulu streaming show based on Margret Atwood's book "The Handmaid's Tale," which depicts the United States with strict religion-based laws that are used to oppress women.

As Long Beach finally gets a respite from sweltering heat waves, residents have a plethora of ways to get out in their city, whether it's to march in the name of reproductive rights, pick up a new skill at a workshop or simply get their body moving.

The weekend offers opportunities to connect with yourself through an outdoor yoga and breathwork seminar Saturday morning at Bixby Park or a wellness workshop centered around journaling and self-expression at KUBO LB, also Saturday morning. If residents find themselves inspired afterward, they can join LB Women Rising in a reproductive rights march from the Long Beach courthouse to Harvey Milk Park in the early evening.

There's no slowing down once the week begins, especially for those taking advantage of the many free workshops and clubs offered through the city's libraries: printworking, composting and dungeons and dragons to name a few. Residents can also learn Tai Chi, enjoy a live music performance from Thee Sacred Souls and watch "Friday the 13th" at Roxanne's all on Thursday.

07 FRIDAY

ARTS & APPETIZERS

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The public is invited to this fundraiser for the Signal Hill Community Foundation at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) This event will raise funds for the foundation's programs such as Concerts in the Park, the Brown Bag Food Program and more. General admission costs \$60 and tickets can be purchased at www.ilovesignalhill.org/arts-appetizers/.

LIQUIDATION SALE

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Home decor, pots, toys, clothing and more from

Target will be sold from \$5 to \$20 at 117 E 53rd St. Entry is free.

08 SATURDAY

HATHA YOGA AND BREATH WORK

10 a.m. The public is invited to practice asanas outdoors at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.). A donation of \$10 is suggested, but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

MORNING WELLNESS WORKSHOP

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The public is invited to learn how to start a journaling practice from self-expression and clarity coach Kristine Angeles at KUBO LB (345 E Carson St.) Attendees should bring a journal and something to write with. To register for the event, visit Eventbrite. Free.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS MARCH

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Members of the public are invited to march from the Long Beach Courthouse (275 Magnolia Ave.) to Harvey Milk Park (185 E 3rd St.) in support of reproductive rights. Free.

09 SUNDAY

RODEO X RIGS

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Off-road truck owners and enthusiasts are invited to this meetup at the Long Beach Exchange (4150 McGowen St.) There will be vendors and different clubs at the event. Entry is free.

R&R BRUNCH: AN R&B BRUNCH & DAY PARTY

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Urban Society of Long Beach invites residents to their monthly R&B-themed brunch at Shannon's At The Top (201 Pine Ave). Guests can enjoy brunch entrees and listen to their favorite R&B songs from the '90s until now, curated by an all-female DJ lineup

in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Single person entry is \$28.16, while tables are \$200 for four people and \$300 for six people.

BATTLE AT THE PALENGKE

5 p.m. to 10 p.m. This event will feature a night market and youth breakdancing battles at Casa Chaskis (2380 Santa Fe Ave.). Entry is free.

10 MONDAY

SPANISH STORYTIME

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to listen to a story read aloud in Spanish at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) Free.

FAMILY PRINTWORKING WORKSHOP

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Museum of Latin American Art is hosting a printmaking workshop at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) where participants will learn how to use styrofoam, ink, blocks and cardboard to make prints inspired by the work of Long Beach artist Narsiso Martinez. Spaces for this event are limited. To register, call (562) 989 7323. Free.

11 TUESDAY

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services will be offering free flu vaccines at MacArthur Park (1321 E. Anaheim St.) for people without health insurance or whose health insurance doesn't cover flu vaccines. Free.

HOT MEALS IN THE COMMUNITY

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Project CAN invites those in need to enjoy a hot

meal at 2025 E 7th St. Free.

12 WEDNESDAY

BABY STORYTIME

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Parents and caregivers of babies between 0 to 15 months of age are invited to bring them to the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) to enjoy books, rhymes, music and play. Free.

LEARN TO COMPOST

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. During this workshop at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.), participants will learn how to turn food scraps into nutrient-rich compost for plants. The workshop will teach how to create and maintain a backyard compost bin as well as what materials can and cannot be composted. Free.

TEEN D&D

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Teens are invited to play the role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons together at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) All experience levels are welcome. Free.

GROUP RUN

7 p.m. The Long Beach Run Club invites the public to run together at 3300 E Ocean Blvd. Friendly pets are welcome. The timed run will take 45 minutes. Participants are free to go at their own pace. Free.

13 THURSDAY

BABYTIME

10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring babies between the ages of 6 to 18 months to enjoy fingerplays, books and interactive songs at Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.) Free.

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS

11:45 a.m. The public is invited to learn the traditional exercise of Tai Chi at Marine Stadium Park (5300 E. Eliot St.) Participation is free, but donations are welcome.

ARTLAB

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. An art exploration program for children ages 7 to 12 at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

ALBUM PERFORMANCE

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thee Sacred Souls will be playing music from their self-titled debut album at Fingerprints Music (420 E 4th St.) To attend the performance, individuals must buy the album from Fingerprints Music's website for \$16.99.

HORROR NIGHTS ON THE PATIO

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to a free screening of the movie "Friday the 13th" at Roxanne's (1115 East Wardlow Rd.) There will be candy, popcorn and a photo booth. Entry is free.

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EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, September 28

12:15 a.m., Arson, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
7:32 a.m., Grand theft, 1200 block E. Burnett St.
7:45 a.m., Elder abuse, 2500 block Cherry Ave.
10:21 a.m., Embezzlement, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
3:24 p.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block Temple Ave.
4:42 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3300 block Flacon Ave.

Thursday, September 29

3:20 a.m., DUI, 2800 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
3:54 p.m., Intoxicated person, Temple Ave./E. Willow St.
7:52 p.m., Grand theft, 3000 block California Ave.

Friday, September 30

2:53 p.m., Burglary, 1600 block E. Willow St.
11:23 p.m., Inflict corporal injury on Spouse/Cohabitant, 2700 block Panorama Dr. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, October 1

11:49 a.m., Injury hit and run, Cherry Ave./E. 28th St.
12:09 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2100 block Gaviota Ave.
6:10 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 2800 block Cherry Ave.

Sunday, October 2

3:55 a.m., Burglary, 1100 block E. Burnett St.
8:25 p.m., Auto burglary, E. Burnett St./Cerritos Ave.
8:41 p.m., Identity theft, 1000 block E. 32nd St.

Monday, October 3

7:53 a.m., Burglary, 3200 block E. PCH
9:17 a.m., Grand theft, Orange Ave./E. 32nd St.
11:20 a.m., Identity theft, 900 block Nevada St.
3:55 p.m., Identity theft, 3300 block Walnut Ave.
5:14 p.m., Indecent exposure, E. 33rd St./Orange Ave. (suspect arrested)

Tuesday, October 4

12:18 a.m., Burglary, 1600 block E. Willow St.
9:01 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2300 block Lemon Ave.
11:04 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3200 block E. Willow St.
4:39 p.m., Fire, E. Spring St./Olive Ave.
11:09 p.m., DUI, 2300 block Obispo Ave. (suspect arrested)

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

METRO

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multiple incidents of naked homeless residents harassing customers, staff and herself. Modica's was broken into on Sept. 23, where suspects removed the cash register and made off with bottles of beer and wine.

"For the first time last week, I considered selling my business," Modica said. "I can't leave my restaurant without an escort to my car."

Sixth district resident Senay Kenfe said that his mother has had to call the Long Beach Police Department five times because of homeless residents climbing her fence or getting into her garage.

"The police leave the trains after 7 p.m., so after 7 p.m. it's up to you to provide your own safety," Kenfe said. "My mother has been attacked walking her dog, my grandmother has been attacked walking to CVS ... I don't think it's fair that just because we live along Long Beach Boulevard that's something we have to engage in."

Councilmember Al Austin added a friendly amendment to the item requesting that the City conduct surveys to find out "what type of people" are riding the A Line past midnight. He also urged the council to look into getting someone from the City on the Metro board in order for Long Beach to "have a seat at the table" on Metro issues.

Councilmember Cindy Allen said that her office conducted a week-long survey on the A Line when the area still fell under her district. The study found that of the almost

100 people exiting the train, 63 of them were experiencing homelessness.

Most of the people leaving the train ended up getting on a bus for Los Angeles, she said. Allen said that the data "did not point to Metro being the problem" and questioned the need for a formal letter.

Other members of the council suggested substituting the letter with a feasibility study into placing quality-of-life officers at the platform and requesting that Metro place officers on the A Line throughout the day to increase safety. Councilmember Mary Zendejas said that since her office has been in "ongoing discussions" with the Metro, she didn't see a need for a letter.

Councilmember Suzie Price, who authored the item, replied saying, "the whole point was to start a formal conversation with Metro ... for us to be on record with Metro."

"When we have an opportunity to try and mitigate something that can potentially be causing our increase [in homelessness], we're not taking it head on and forcefully," Price said. "The city of Long Beach should not be taking on a bigger portion than the regional share of a regional crisis and we are doing that right now."

Los Angeles County saw a 4.1% increase in homelessness from 2020 to 2022.

The request to Metro to evaluate their practices was passed by council 7-0.

EDUCATION



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School Principal Alissa Gamboa speaks to students in Amy Baril's fifth-grade class about the importance of school at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School. Students returned to school for the first day of in-person classes on Aug. 31, 2021.

Data reveals Black and Hispanic teachers still underrepresented in LBUSD

Briana Mendez-Padilla

Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) is updating its hiring process to increase faculty diversity. LBUSD board acknowledged the need for diversity among teachers after reviewing the most recent Workforce Diversity Initiative update at its meeting Monday, Oct. 3.

The board hopes to improve the recruitment and retention of a diverse staff in order to more closely follow the Excellence and Equity policy passed last December through strategies such as the Workforce Diversity Initiative.

The Excellence and Equity policy was created by staff, parents and community members as a call to action to ensure the inclusion of Black and disabled students within the district.

According to assistant superintendent of human resources David Zaid, one of the most important actions the district can take to achieve this goal is hiring diverse and well-qualified teachers.

Of the district's 4,052 TK-12 certificated staff—not including substitutes—49% are white, 27% are Hispanic and 9% are African-American. Zaid said that when compared to data from the past two years, there was a 2% increase in Hispanic staff and a 4% decrease in white staff.

"We've heard directly from our students that diversity in our teachers matters, and it matters to them because students want to be exposed to different perspectives, different experiences, different thoughts," Zaid said. "Students want to look at their teachers and see themselves."

Zaid clarified that although the data presented focuses mostly on race and ethnicity, the district is also looking to recruit educators of varied socioeconomic status, sexual orientation and physical ability.

"When you take a look at our student demographic data, and then you look at our teacher workforce data...you'll start to see under and over-representation," Zaid said.

African-Americans and Hispanics are the most underrepresented demographics in terms of teach-



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A Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School student in Amy Baril's 5th-grade class looks towards the photographer while members of the school administration talk to media members. Students returned to school for the first day of in-person classes on Aug. 31, 2021.

ers, yet the student population is 12% African-American and 59% Hispanic.

LBUSD elementary school sites Alvarado, Luther Burbank, Burcham, George Washington Carver, MacArthur and Los Cerritos have no African-American teachers; Mark Twain, Addams and McKinley elementary schools have only one.

As per data presented to the board, 11% of the approximately 300 new hires during the 2022-2023 school year were African-American and 37% were Hispanic.

Tackling lack of diversity via the hiring process

The data also reflected that 75% of new hires had previously worked for the district as either a college aid, student teacher, substitute teacher or classified worker.

In response, the district will aim to diversify its hiring pool through partnerships with local colleges in an attempt to combat the lack of diversity.

"If our pool isn't diverse, it doesn't matter what we try to do in terms of our hiring," board member Juan Benitez said.

Previously, the district had been working exclusively with CSULB's teaching credential program. According to Zaid, the lack of diversity within CSULB's program led the district to expand these

partnerships to other universities such as California State University, Los Angeles and Dominguez Hills as well as the University of Southern California.

Zaid said that he wanted to "dispel the myth" around the potential negative effects that expanding to other campuses could have on CSULB.

"We were able to not only offer all the opportunities that Cal State Long Beach needed, but then still have room for Cal State Dominguez and Cal State LA, which specifically has students who graduated from Long Beach schools," Zaid said.

The district also recently partnered with Long Beach City College for the Grow Your Own Future Teacher diversity program that allows students to take dual enrollment education classes while still in high school and offers a contract within LBUSD once they graduate with their credentials.

Zaid said the district is currently working to continue implementing these strategies as well as creating new ones, including focusing on retention and how to support teachers who may be the first and only of a specific ethnicity, race or gender on their campuses.

"Research tells us that the classroom teacher has the greatest impact on student achievement and development," Zaid said.

**TST6807 Case No. 22NWCP00379
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12710 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 PETITION OF: Jackie Leon Jones, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Jackie Leon Jones has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Jackie Leon Jones Proposed Name: Jack Leon Jones 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: November 14, 2022; Time: 10:30a.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, September 16, 23, 30, & October 7, 2022 ___/ss//___ Margaret M. Bernal, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: September 13, 2022

TST6814

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the California Self-Storage Facility Act Code, Section #21700, the undersigned will be sold by public auction at: Storco Self Storage, 3050 Orange Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807, County of Los Angeles, and State of California. Auction date of: October 17th, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Terms of sale: Cash sale, all sales are final and purchased at buyers own risk. No guarantees or warranty of any sale are promised by seller. Storco Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction. Facility owner or its representatives has the right to bid on any and all units or stop sale at any time. Name of auctioneer: Climers Auction Services. The following units are scheduled for sale: Unit # & Customer Name: Unit # C141/ Bobbie Lynn Reliford Hernandez - Unit # C243/ Cole Cotes - Unit #C065-66/Managers Unit. Unit/s contents may include but are not limited to: Electronics, furniture, appliances, garage items, toys, clothing, sporting goods, tools, automotive and miscellaneous household goods, unless otherwise stated. Publish Dates: & 09/30/2022 & 10/07/2022.

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APN: 7210-028-005 TS No: CA07000872-21-1 TO No: 210884803-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 17, 2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM, behind the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on January 24, 2008 as Instrument No. 20080149590, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by MARY L. WILSON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUND-

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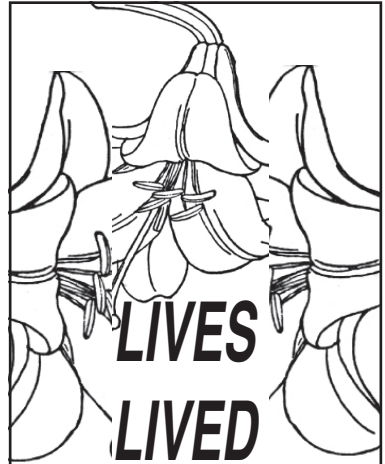
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Attendees of the Long Beach Clean Air Day event sprawl out and mingle around the Long Beach Civic Plaza before the start of the event on Oct. 5, 2022.

in our port," Councilmember Mary Zendejas said. "Our port is literally in our backyard." While the Port of Long Beach is one of the major sources of income for the city and provides thousands of jobs, ports are a significant generator of greenhouse gas emissions.

The Port of Long Beach has made a consistent effort to "green up" the industry as much as possible, having adopted its Green Port Policy in 2005.

The electric Volvo and Kenworth trucks are the port's next step in moving away from using internal combustion engines. In addition to the Volvo electric truck, the city also displayed a full-size model of an Electrify America charging station.

"We're the first seaport to have public charging stations for truck drivers," said Mario Cordero, the Port of Long Beach executive director. "And we're the only seaport that has as much as 17% of our cargo handling equipment that's already zero [emissions]."

Cordero mentioned that 17% is not "mission accomplished," but an important step towards a greener port.

"Change is hard; change takes vision; change takes determination," said Tom Modica, Long Beach city manager. "It takes a city like Long Beach with the port to say we want things better, and we want to change it. We were not going to settle for the status quo."

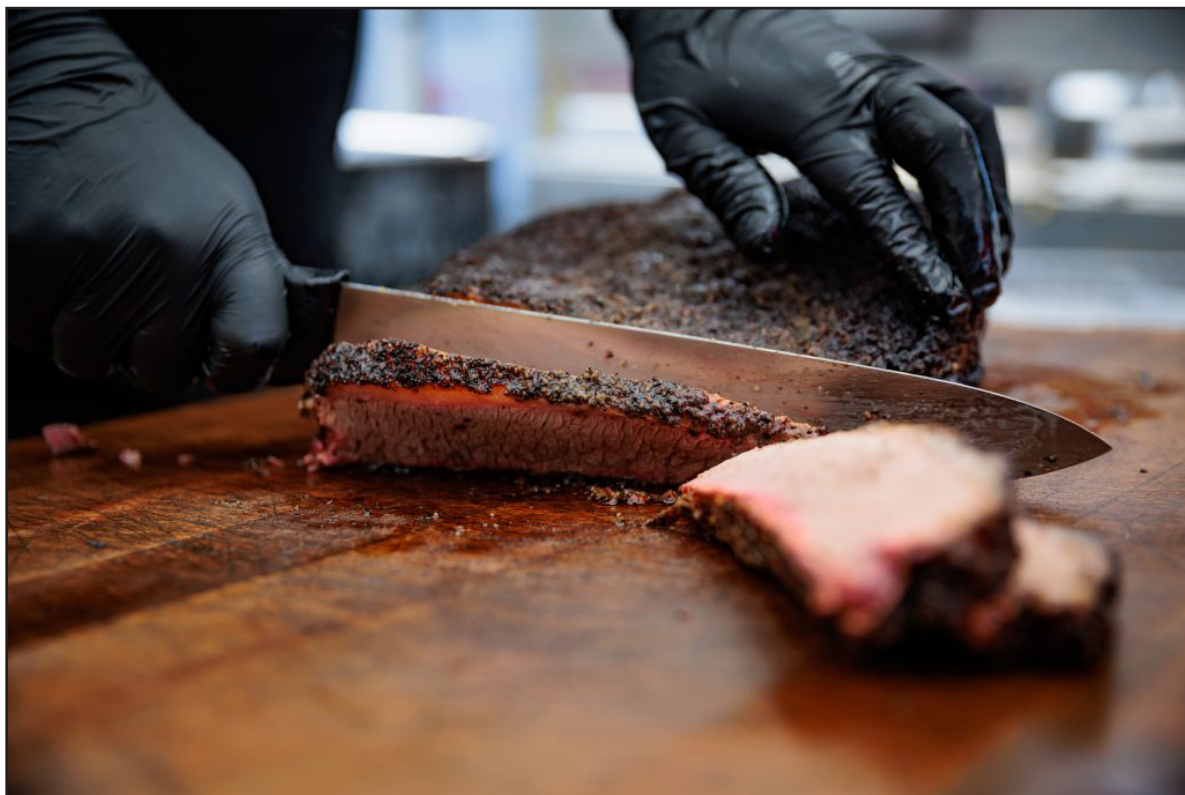


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The Long Beach Clean Air Day event speakers stand together in front of the Volvo zero-emission drayage truck that will soon be used at the Port of Long Beach to reduce overall emissions on Oct. 5, 2022.

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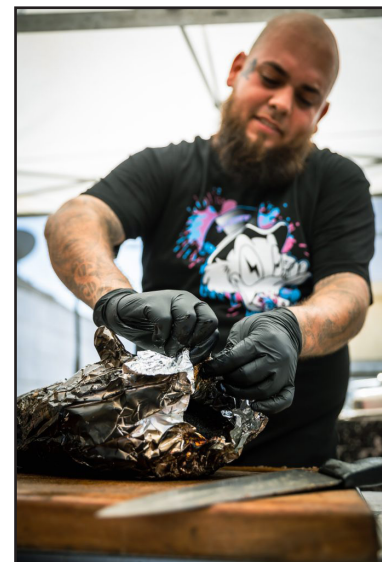
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Daniel Madrigal, the owner of Daniel's Backyard BBQ, cleanly slices through the tender cut of Texas-style beef brisket that will be served on Sept. 29, 2022.



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Daniel Madrigal, the owner of Daniel's Backyard BBQ, presents a nearly 4-pound plate of food from his Texas-style BBQ joint through the mesh screen that protects the cooking area from pests on Sept. 29, 2022.



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Daniel Madrigal, the owner of Daniel's Backyard BBQ, pulls away the aluminum foil from a beef brisket that will be served on Sept. 29, 2022.

Backyard BBQ in his childhood stomping grounds surrounded by his neighbors, on the same block where his parents and two of his uncles still live.

At first Daniel's Backyard BBQ was only open on the weekends. When Madrigal's family was homebound during the COVID-19 lockdown and his regular construction jobs began slowing down,

one of his friends suggested that he start running his barbecue business full-time.

His pop-up stand quickly developed a cult following, a double-edged sword it turns out, at the beginning of a pandemic. Hundreds of people would show up to wait in line for Daniel's Backyard BBQ, which promptly brought City staff down from the Long Beach

Health Department.

"It got so hectic," Madrigal said. "I had a social media post blow up and I had people lined up for three hours, so the city and the police and the health department showed up. They tried shutting us down."

Following back-and-forth discussions with the health department, Madrigal was forced to buy a food truck—which he hated.

"I talked to the health department," Madrigal said. I told them, 'Hey, I'm willing to do anything you guys want me to do, get any permits, whatever you guys want me to do, but I'm not working out of a truck. I just don't like it.'

Over a period of discussion, and as infection rates started to decline, the health department agreed to allow Madrigal to contin-

ue operating his pop-up stand. He said the same health department workers that reprimanded his business years ago are now regular customers of his.

Daniel's Backyard Barbecue is located at 3636 Santa Fe Ave., and open Thursday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to whenever all the barbecue sells out.

COMMUNITY

Blockhead Brigade advocates for pit bulls and their people

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

Long Beach's Blockhead Brigade is working to improve the lives and public image of pit bulls and the people who love them.

"Some people are very vehemently against them and jump to conclusions about their personalities and have a lot of misconceptions about them," Blockhead Brigade founder Laura Vena said.

After adopting an affectionate pit bull named Willa Chicklet from the Long Beach Shelter, Vena said she noticed some people were afraid of her sweet girl, and some would even cross the street if they saw her coming. Those who took the time to get to know Willa would learn she easily connected with people, was great with kids and volunteered at nursing homes.

Her experience having an "amazing" dog that people were frightened of led her to create Blockhead Brigade for others experiencing the same thing.

Blockhead Brigade holds "pack walks" every week where people can bring their canine companions to participate in a socially distanced walk while 10 feet apart. This helps socialize both aggressive and overly-friendly dogs, who can learn to be calm around others.

"Teaching dogs, all dogs, to be calm around other dogs is a great way to socialize them safely," Vena said. "And the cool thing about the pack walks is that we've created this community, so not only are we helping dogs and people be safer, have better communication with



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A portrait of Hippo, a 5-month-old American pit bull terrier and American bully mix who lives in Long Beach.

each other, have a better bond, have more fun, but also we're connecting to each other."

Besides opportunities to safely socialize, Blockhead Brigade also advocates for pit bulls to be treated fairly in housing and in shelters. Vena said during her time working with Long Beach Animal Care Services, she learned many of the pit bulls currently in the shelter are there because someone in an apartment building complained to the landlord that there was a pit bull living there.

"The dog never did anything wrong. Sometimes the dogs aren't even pit bulls by the way, they're mixes that maybe don't even have any pit bull in them," Vena said.

Pit bulls are not a breed, but an umbrella category that numerous breeds and mixes are placed under, including: the American

pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, American bully and others that sport the signature blocky head.

Within shelters, even some staff can be scared of pit bulls. Blockhead Brigade advocates for shelter staff to treat pit bulls the same as any other dog.

"If you have ever been to a shelter, it's a pretty scary place for dogs," Vena said. "If a dog is afraid, and then they're being approached by somebody who doesn't trust them it just adds to the fear that they feel."

Google "vintage pit bull photos," says Vena, and you'll find a plethora of back-and-white photos of pit bulls alongside families and children. And indeed, a quick Google image search confirms these results.

"They were America's dog. They were the number one dog [...] in the '20s to '40s in this country," Vena said. "They were America's dogs and then they've had this pretty persistent bad marketing that associated them with what I would call the deviant side where people have used them and abused them for their own profit or their own means. And that's such a small minority of the dogs and, by the way, those dogs are actually victims."

The book "Pit Bull: The Battle over an American Icon" by Bronwen Dickey explains in-depth how misinformation led the pit bull from being seen as a beloved mascot and sidekick to a dangerous and frightening beast. Pit bulls once starred in ad campaigns for children's products, and famous pit bulls appeared in on-screen comedies, such as the performances by canine actors Luke and Pal The Wonder Dog.

Dickey also explains there is a common misconception that pit bulls have a more powerful bite and are more likely to lock their jaws after biting, when in reality pit bulls have a bite comparable to other dogs their size.

While it is true that pit bull breeds were originally bred to fight bulls for the entertainment of humans, they've been bred as pets since the 19th century. As bull and dog fights became less common, some people began forcing pit bulls to fight each other.

According to Dickey's book, as animal advocacy groups began utilizing the media to make the public aware of the horrors of dog fighting, pit bulls simultaneously

began appearing in articles about the fights, associating them with violence and criminality—tarnishing their public image.

Blockhead Brigade is planning a Pit Bull Appreciation Day on Oct. 15 at Marina Vista Park, which will feature a pack walk, training demonstrations, vendors, raffles and a Day of the Dead altar honoring departed pets.

"Pit bull Appreciation Day is a day to come out and celebrate blocky-headed dogs and our love for them and advocate for them and show that they're just like any other dog," Vena said.

While the Blockhead Brigade is centered around pit bulls, all breeds are welcome to participate in its events. Pit Bull Appreciation Day will take place on Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Marina Vista Park at 5355 E Eliot St.

Pack walks take place on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Exchange, 4069 N Lakewood Blvd., Saturdays at 9 a.m. at Alamitos Heights Park, 5101 E Vermont St. in Long Beach and Sundays at 9 a.m. at Cheviot Hills Park and Recreation Center, 2693 Motor Ave. in Los Angeles. For more information, visit blockheadbrigade.org.

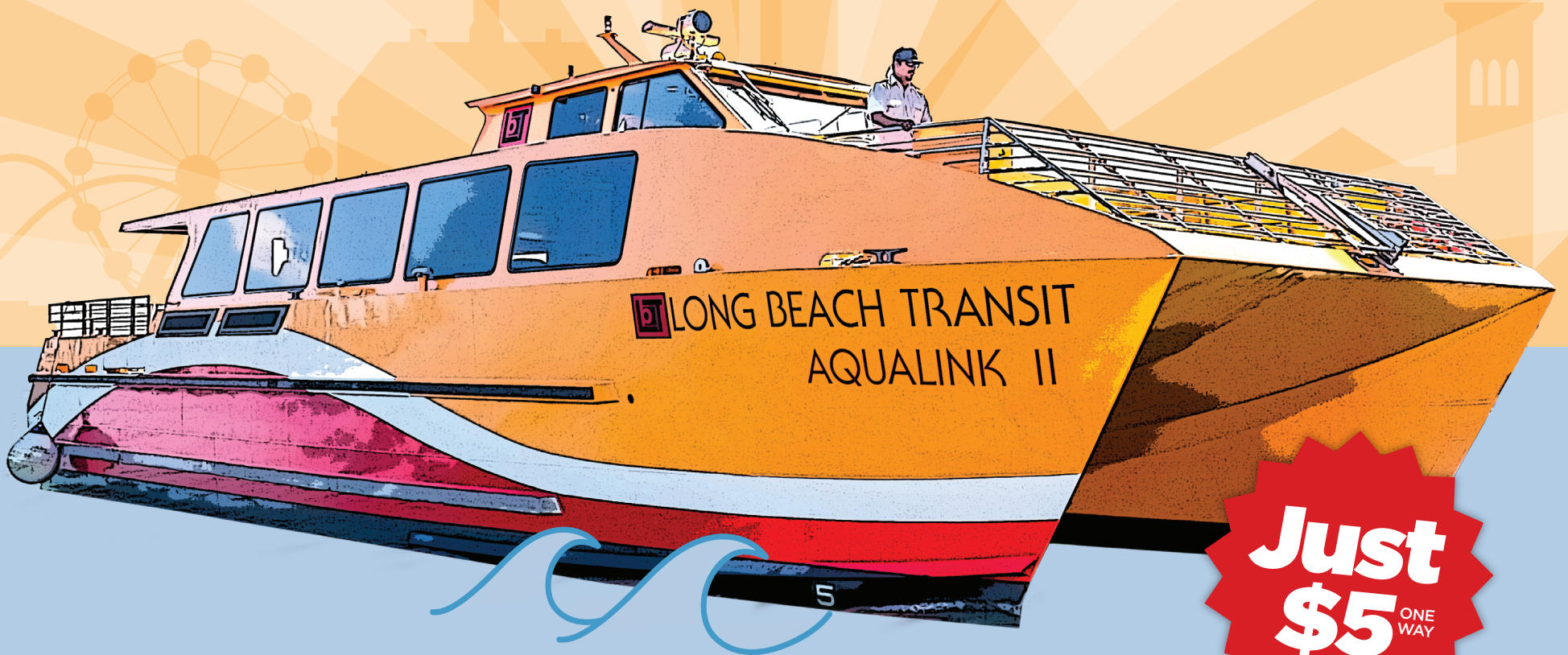


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