

LOCAL BUSINESS

ReJoule walkin' on sunshine with national competition win

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Managing Editor

Signal Hill's solar energy company ReJoule is once again in the national spotlight after being selected as a winner in a United States Department of Energy (DOE) innovative competition.

The DOE's Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Technologies Office chose ReJoule as one of the winners of its Re-X Before Recycling Prize for phase one of the competition. The competition recognizes companies achieving innovative ways to extend the lifetimes of products by reusing, repairing or repurposing them.

ReJoule received \$50,000 for its work on Vehicle Grading Technology (VGT). For the past four years, the Signal Hill company has been working on its method to test electric vehicle batteries. Its process aims to be "much simpler and affordable" than those currently used in the industry, said Tobias Hecht, program manager for ReJoule.

Their VGT placed due to its "substantial environmental and community benefits," according to the DOE's website.

Once completed, VGT will allow companies to accurately test the remaining life and receive other data from an electric vehicle battery through the vehicle's charging port, without having to remove it from the car.

Currently, car dealerships and manufacturers must remove an electric vehicle's battery and test it through a cycling machine. It can take a team of technicians up to four hours to remove the battery, and up to 10 hours for a cycling machine to retrieve its data.

"You'd never see these [cycling machines] in an auto center. They're too expensive and you need an experienced engineer to run it," Hecht said. "With VGT, if you can change the oil in a car you'll have no problem using this technology."

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(Top) A ReJoule testing kit rests on a table inside the company's lab on Oct. 4, 2023. (Bottom) Dozens of green UPS delivery vehicle battery packs are stacked together while they await testing at ReJoule on Oct. 4, 2023.

POLITICS



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Signal Hill residents will have to elect three council members during this year's election on Nov. 5 as Robert D. Copeland, Lori Y. Woods and Edward H.J. Wilson's seats will all be on the ballot. The nomination period for candidates is now open, and will remain open until August 9 at 4:30 p.m.

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LABOR



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The exterior of the Westin Long Beach hotel in Sept. 2023. Workers at the hotel remain on strike for higher wages and better working conditions following the passage of Measure RW in March.

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WESTIN HOTEL STRIKE

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The exterior of the Westin Long Beach hotel in May 2022. Workers at the Westin LB have been on strike since July 6 before and after work outside of the hotel.

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Everyday since July 6, workers at The Westin Long Beach hotel have been striking outside of their job before and after work.

Voters passed Measure RW by a thin margin in March, raising wages for hotel and concession workers to \$23 in 2024 and to \$29.50 by 2028. But for many room attendants, front desk employees, cooks and housekeepers, the fight isn't over.

Workers at The Westin Long Beach are one of many Los Angeles county service industry businesses with employees unionized under United Here Local 11. The union was successful in getting Measure RW passed for its members and is now working on a campaign to raise wages for airport employees.

Union representative Maria Hernandez explained that Measure RW raised the minimum wage for hotel and concession workers in Long Beach, merely setting "a base for a living wage."

"These workers have a union so they have the opportunity to collective bargaining," Hernandez said. "They've seen workers at Hotel Maya, The Westin in San Pedro, workers in LA and Santa Monica get their contracts and they're asking for what those workers already have."

Long Beach's tourism and hospitality sectors have become some of its strongest economic drivers, responsible for roughly 18,000 jobs and \$1.8 billion annually, according to the Long Beach Convention

& Visitors Bureau.

As the city prepares to host multiple Olympic events in 2028, hotel and tourism workers advocated for higher wages with Measure RW and are now asking for additional protections and benefits.

Requests in the contract that workers at the Westin Long Beach are bargaining for include:

- \$5 an hour raise in the first year; resulting in a \$10,400 annual increase
- 40 to 50% wage increases for non-tipped workers over the 4.5-year term of the agreement
- Most room attendants earning \$35 an hour by July 1, 2027
- Guaranteed pre-pandemic staffing levels and mandatory daily room cleaning
- One of the highest paid pension plans for service workers in nation
- 50 pages of improvements, including Juneteenth as a paid holiday, unprecedented language for the fair treatment of workers impacted by the criminal justice system and protections of immigrant rights

Hernandez said workers at The Westin Long Beach have been in conversations with the hotel's bargaining group for months now, but "nothing concrete has been agreed to."

If agreed to, the contract will expire on January 15, 2028, just before the city is set to host multiple events and thousands of visitors for the 2028 Olympics.

"Workers are not going to negotiate anything less than what other hotel workers in Long Beach are getting," Hernandez said.

EDUCATION

LBCC launches public health 'learn-and-earn' career program

Local nonprofits and social justice organizations are invited by LBCC to work with students and receive a stipend for the nine-month internship.



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Students in the "learn-and-earn" career pathway program at Long Beach City College will work for 9 months with a local nonprofit or community organization partner to earn a Health Education and Promotion Certificate.

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Long Beach City College students interested in working in their community can apply for the new "learn-and-earn" career pathway fellowship.

Beginning in the fall, students can earn a Health Education and Promotion Certificate by completing a nine-month fellowship with a local nonprofit or community organization. The goal of the fellowship is to "prepare historically marginalized students to become community organizers and change agents in their local communities," according to a press release from the school.

Long Beach City College (LBCC) launched this program in partnership with the California Youth Leadership Corps.

Students in the program can receive stipends up to \$10,000 and a scholarship of \$5,000 to pay for educational expenses while earning their certificate. They will also gain hands-on experience with the skills needed to lead and organize public health initiatives.

"This partnership will provide student fellows with the academic credentials, work-based learning experiences, skills, economic security, and support they need to succeed in college and to create change in their community," said Rosa M. García, Executive Director of the Community Learning Partnership and California Youth Leadership Corps in a public statement.

Students must be enrolled at LBCC to apply, and be between the ages of 18-24. They will be selected and onboarded on an ongoing basis



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in the CYLC's Public and Community Health Program.

The program aims to serve low-income students, students of color, Opportunity Youth, LGBTQIA+ individuals, immigrants, individuals impacted by the criminal legal system, and students who are eager to make a change in their communities.

"During the pandemic we saw the importance of our local community organizers and their role in educating on a grassroots level about COVID-19, and the benefits of vaccinations. This initiative with CYLC will not only provide our students with invaluable work-based learning, but will also actively engage them in comprehensive efforts that will empower them to achieve financial stability while providing an important community service,"

said Dr. Mike Muñoz, LBCC Superintendent-President in a public statement.

LBCC is currently looking for community-based nonprofits and social justice organizations to serve as hosts for student fellows for the fall 2024 and spring 2025 semesters. Organizations will teach students to address public health and social justice issues impacting their local communities.

Participating nonprofit organizations will receive a stipend for hosting and mentoring student fellows. Organizations interested in mentoring students should contact Veronica Rodriguez at vrodriguez@lbcc.edu by July 31.

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



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King Salmon and the Funk Yard Horns trumpeter Pat Mullen plays a series of notes as the sun begins to dip behind Bixby Joe Coffee & Tea building in Bixby Knolls during the Concerts in the Park(ing lot) series on June 26, 2023.

There's another week of warm summer days ahead, and there's plenty of events to enjoy outdoors, including an eco-conscious celebration on Saturday, skating session on Sunday and a bevy of concerts and movie screenings in local parks.

Dog lovers can practice asanas with their pups on Friday morning, and take them to receive discounted healthcare on Monday. Art lovers can check out the opening of a new exhibit on Saturday, or visit the Long Beach Museum of Art after hours on Thursday.

19 FRIDAY

DOG YOGA & FUN

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friendly dogs and their humans are invited to practice different asanas together at Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.). This event is appropriate for humans over the age of 18. Free.

RUNNERS' WELCOME

3 p.m. Local Indigenous rights group, Friends of Puvungna, invites the public to welcome Indigenous runners participating in the annual long-distance Peace & Dignity Run. Attendees are asked to bring their own chair, a potluck-style dish to share and their own water bottle. Everyone will meet in the G2 parking lot at Cal State Long Beach. Free.

20 SATURDAY

MOVIES N' BOOKS CLUB

11 a.m. This monthly book club will be watching the film adaptation of the novel "The Graduate" at the Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E Fourth St.). There will be a discussion of the book and film

held after the screening. Tickets can be purchased on the theater's website.

ANTI-INCINERATION CELEBRATION

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice will be holding a community celebration at Hudson Park (2335 Webster Ave.) to commemorate the closure of the local trash incineration center. There will be food, activities and more. Free.

OPENING EXHIBIT

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to view a collection of photographs that showcase various different cultures at local camera store Relics (1105 E Third St.). Free admission.

21 SUNDAY

PLANT ART

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Plantitas (2011 E Fourth St.) will be hosting a workshop where participants will learn to draw still-lives of plants. Tickets can be purchased at bit.ly/plant-drawing. Part of the proceeds will be donated to help Palestinian artist Osama Hussein and his family evacuate from Gaza.

SKATING SESSIONS

3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. LGBTQ+ women and people of color are invited by Devotion Fitness to learn how to skate at 1545 W 31st St. This event is aimed at those between 18 to 26 years old. To register, visit the City's online event calendar. Free.

22 MONDAY

LOW-COST VACCINE CLINIC

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Long Beach

Animal Care Services (7700 E Spring St.) and Community Animal Medicine Project will be providing vaccines and services to pets at discounted prices. Services include microchipping, tapeworm treatment, nail trimming, flea/tick treatment and more. All dogs must be on a leash, and all cats should be in a carrier. For more information, call 562-570-7387. Prices will vary.

SPANISH STORYTIME

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children of all ages will be able to enjoy Spanish stories read by library staff at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK(ING LOT)

6:30 p.m. Local band Seville and The Ohio Trio will play at the Bixby Joe Coffee & Tea parking lot (4245 Atlantic Ave.). Attendees are invited to bring their own lawn chairs, food from surrounding eateries and friendly dogs. Free.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the 2001 animated film "Monsters Inc." at El Dorado Park West (2800 N Studebaker Road). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. They are also encouraged to wear fun or unusual socks. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

23 TUESDAY

CONCERT IN THE PARK

6:30 p.m. The Long Beach Municipal Band will be performing a series of jazz, pop and patriotic songs at Bixby Annex Park (Intersection of Cherry Ave. & Ocean Blvd.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. Free.

MOONLIGHT MOVIES ON THE BEACH

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Watch a screening of "The Sandlot" at Granada Beach (5000 E. Ocean Blvd). The event will feature pre-show entertainment from local bands. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs to sit on. Food trucks will be present. The movie screenings are family-friendly and pet-friendly. Alcohol is prohibited. Free.

24 WEDNESDAY

CONCERT IN THE PARK

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Long Beach Municipal Band will be performing a series of jazz, pop and patriotic songs at Los Cerritos Park (3750 Del Mar Ave.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. Free.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The public is invited to listen to local band Knight Ryder perform at Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.). There will also be food trucks, community resources, a photo booth and more. Free.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the 2001 animated film "Monsters, Inc." at Whaley Park (5620 Ather-ton St.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. They are also encouraged to wear fun or unusual socks. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

25 THURSDAY

JOB & RESOURCE FAIR

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jobseekers can

connect with over a dozen companies during this job fair at 6335 Myrtle Ave. Community resources will be available. This event is organized by Goodwill Southern Los Angeles County. Free.

SUNSETS AT LBMA

5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Long Beach Museum of Art (2300 E Ocean Blvd.) invites the public to tour its exhibits after-hours. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. There will be half-cost admission for \$6.

SUMMER CONCERT

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The public is invited to a lakeside concert by local band Sligo Rags at El Dorado Nature Center (7550 E Spring St.). Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and food. Free.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the movie "Arthur the King" at Silverado Park (1545 W 31st St.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

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Signal Hill residents will have to elect three council members this November. The nomination period for candidates opened on Monday, and will continue until August 9 at 4:30 p.m.

The City of Signal Hill's elections coincide with Los Angeles County's, which take place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November on even-numbered years. This year's election will take place on Nov. 5, according to the City's website.



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

The three city council members whose seats will be up for election are Robert D. Copeland, Lori Y. Woods and Edward H.J. Wilson. If they don't decide to run again for

their seat, the nomination period will be extended to August 14.

Signal Hill city council members are responsible for voting on new laws, passing budgets, declaring states of emergency and more. Their terms last for four years.

Unlike Long Beach and other major cities, Signal Hill's council members take turns being mayor and vice-mayor. Every two years, the council member elected in the most recent prior election becomes vice mayor, and the current vice mayor is elevated to the position of mayor.

One city clerk position is also up for election, and the person elected will serve a partial term of two years. The current city clerk, Daritza Gonzalez, was appointed to her office last year rather than elected, after the former elected city clerk Carmen Brooks stepped down.

According to the City's website, the city clerk is responsible for administering democratic processes (such as elections), organizing ceremonial and official events, managing public inquiries and relationships, as well as providing access to city records and legislative actions to ensure public transparency.

To learn more about the upcoming Signal Hill election process, visit sigtrib.com.

CITY COUNCIL

Repairs of Panorama Trail complete, but state of emergency continues

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Staff Writer

The damages to Panorama Promenade Trail and the area around the intersection of 20th Street and Molino Avenue are now completely repaired after suffering erosion caused by storms in February.

However, the Signal Hill City Council voted on July 9 to continue the state of emergency that was enacted in response to these damages for another 60 days as irrigation systems and landscaping are installed.



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Signs block passage onto the Panorama Promenade Park Trail in Signal Hill on Feb. 27, 2024 due to land erosion caused by storms. The trail is completely repaired, but will remain under a state of emergency for another 60 days.

Usually when the City hires a company to complete public projects, it has to utilize a bidding system where multiple companies get to bid for the contract, and the City can compare their qualifications and prices. When a state of emer-



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Signs block passage onto the Panorama Promenade Park Trail in Signal Hill on Feb. 27, 2024 due to land erosion caused by storms. The trail will remain closed for 60 days, with repairs costing just under \$300,000 to this point; design plans are in the works for an irrigation system and plant vegetation at the trail.

gency is declared, the City Council can give the City Manager the power to enter into contracts with companies, foregoing the usual bidding process.

When the erosion occurred in February, the City reached out to three contractors and selected Zimprich Engineering Incorporated, which the City determined could complete the work within the necessary time and budget constraints.

The trail was closed to the public for close to two months. Repairs included adding reinforcing poles underneath the slopes next to the trail, adding more soil to the area, building a retaining wall at 20th

Street and Molino Avenue and more.

The repairs to Panorama Promenade Trail cost just under \$300,000, and the repairs at 20th Street and Molino Avenue cost around \$132,000.

Design plans are being created to install an irrigation system and plant vegetation at Panorama Promenade Trail, and as of July 9 workers were preparing to spread seeds at 20th Street and Molino Avenue.

Public Works Director Thomas Bekele said the area seeded at 20th Street and Molino Avenue will be covered in vegetation by winter.

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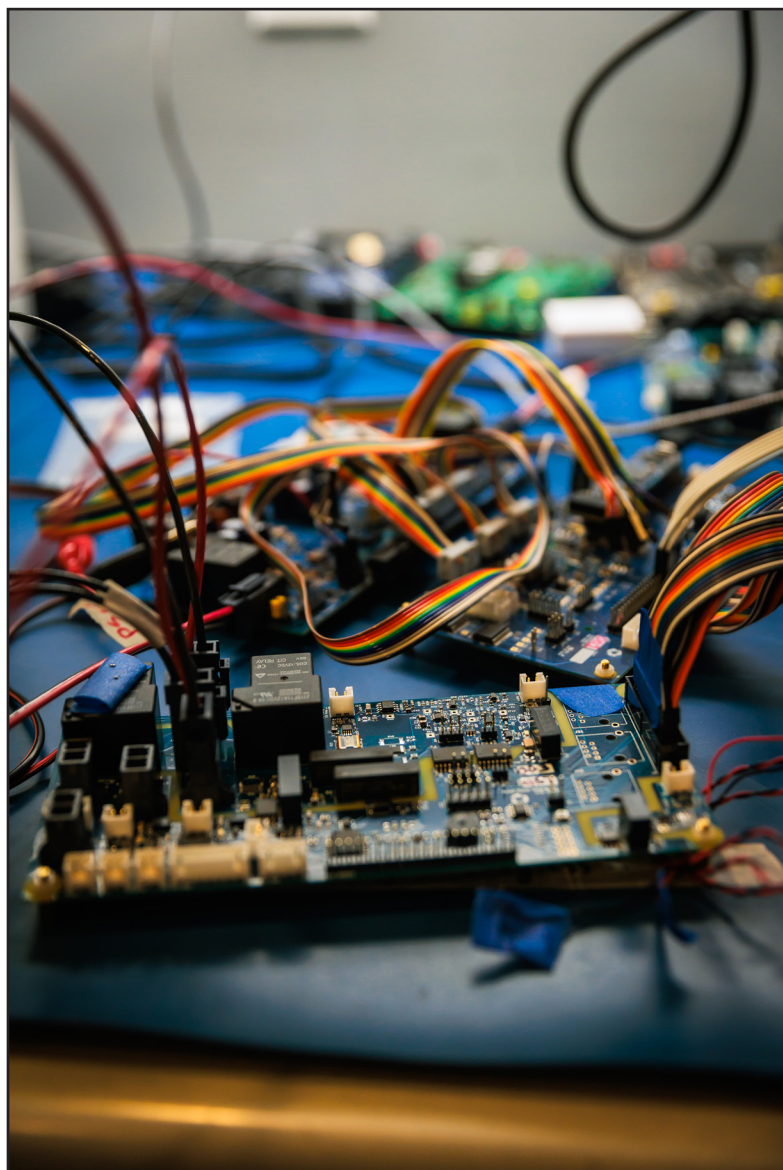
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The solar energy company received \$50,000 for its work creating Vehicle Grading Technology.



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An employee at ReJoule inspects one of the recently received extra large lithium-ion battery packs that will be tested in the high voltage area of their lab on Oct. 4, 2023.



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A circuit board is seen on a table in the lab of ReJoule. It will be used to test used electric vehicle batteries on Oct. 4, 2023.

Companies can also use the internal battery testing technology through the car's database, but Hecht said these are often given "incomplete and not entirely accurate" readings.

ReJoule has moved into its early demonstration phase of VGT, as it spent the last four years conceptualizing the process and testing single cells in the battery, then the modules made up of those cells. The company is now able to test full batteries and is in the process of demonstrating this on Tesla 3 vehicles.

"No one else has done this on a whole pack [battery], so that's what's really novel about this process," Hecht said.

ReJoule isn't just simplifying the battery testing process. The company has been finding ways to take decommissioned electric vehicle batteries and use them to store solar energy.

Car manufacturers will recycle a

electric vehicle battery once it dips below 70%. ReJoule can instead use those same batteries to store enough energy to take an entire home off the power grid.

"It's a great example of a technology that's not only impactful in establishing a circular supply chain ... it can also affect homes and other technological sectors," said Chris Saldaña, director of the Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Technologies Office. "This small focus can have a great impact in their community."

Saldaña said this new competition from the DOE is part of the department's attempts to invest in communities, universities and small businesses to "decarbonize the economy."

This isn't the first time the DOE has invested in Signal Hill. In September of last year, ReJoule was awarded a \$10 million grant to take its solar energy storage system and expand it to a massive scale.

The company is in the process of designing plans to power multiple low-income housing projects through its repurposed electric vehicle batteries.

ReJoule is now preparing for the second round of the Re-X competition with the chance to win \$100,000 towards its VGT. Hecht said their plan is to show the DOE that they can accurately test electric vehicle batteries through the charging port, starting with the Tesla Model 3.

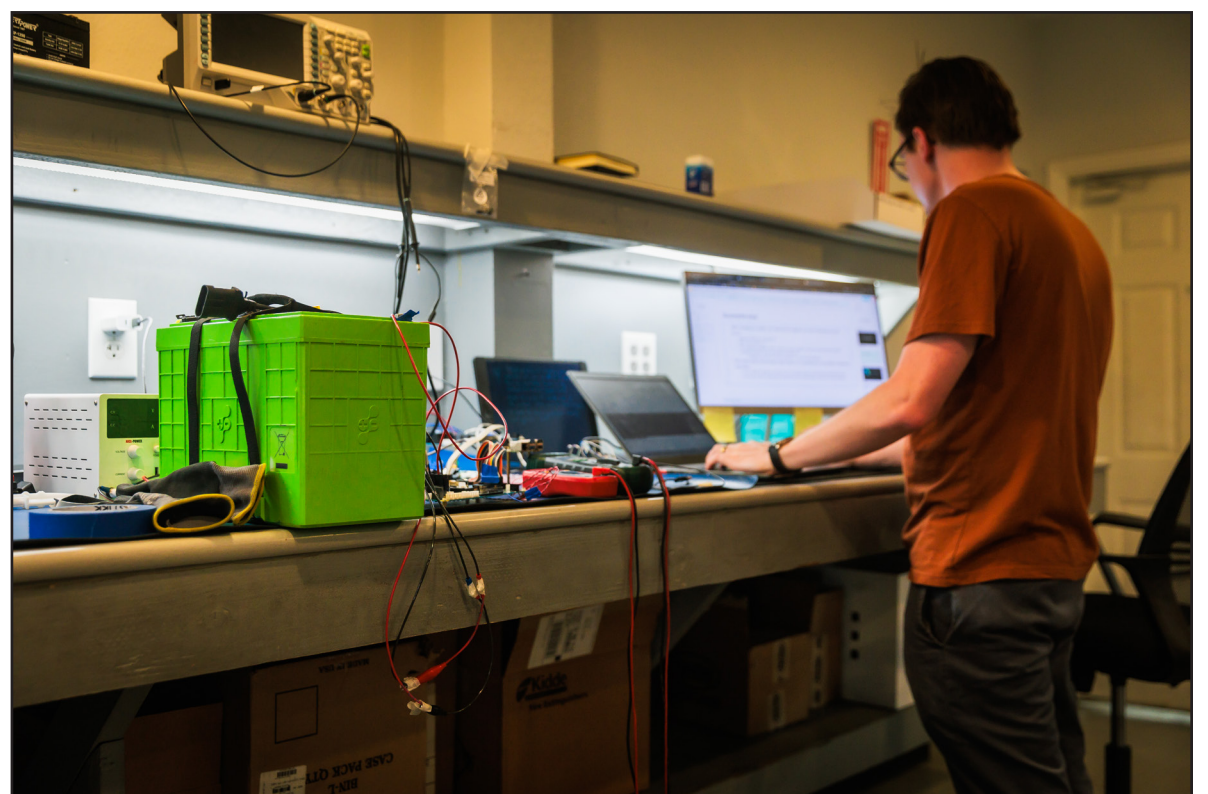
If ReJoule is successful, they will move onto other electric vehicle models, with the goal of developing a database for over 30 vehicles. Hecht said they will have to create a different profile for each vehicle since their batteries have different components.

Phase two of the Re-X competition will take place in October. If ReJoule places again, they can enter phase three with the chance to win \$500,000.



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ReJoule Co-Founder Zora Chung holds up a check the company won from the Department of Energy (DOE) in September 2023 in the American Made Solar Competition. The company recently received another award of \$50,000 from the DOE for the Re-X competition



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An employee at ReJoule tests one of the former UPS delivery vehicle lithium-ion batteries in their lab on Oct. 4, 2023.

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, July 10

4:44 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2700 block E. PCH
8:20 p.m., Battery; possessing controlled substance, 2300 block Lewis Ave. (suspect arrested)
9:33 p.m., Robbery, 3000 block California Ave.
10:06 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Rose Ave.

Thursday, July 11

6:40 a.m., Burglary, 3200 block E. PCH
6:57 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Spring St./Cherry Ave.
10:46 a.m., Injury traffic collision, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
1:34 p.m., Elder abuse, 2500 block Cherry Ave.
1:54 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Orange Ave./E/ Willow St.

Friday, July 12

12:06 a.m., Burglary, 2700 block E. PCH
8:28 a.m., Burglary, 2500 block E. PCH
11:43 a.m., Grand theft, 2700 block Signal Parkway
4:35 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 2300 block E. Spring St.
6:17 p.m., Robbery, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)
6:37 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 3300 block Lewis Ave.
9:24 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Walnut Ave./E. Hill St.

Saturday, July 13

8:37 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Molino Ave. north of Wall St.
11:48 a.m., Burglary, 3200 block E. PCH
5:46 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./Town Ctr. W

Sunday, July 14

12:23 a.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2600 block Panorama Dr. (citation issued)
10:47 a.m., Auto burglary, Ohio Ave./E. 20th St.
11:50 a.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block E. 19th St.
5:30 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 2900 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
8:50 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Town Ctr. E.
9:46 p.m., Disorderly conduct, Lewis Ave./Nevada St. (suspect arrested)

Monday, July 15

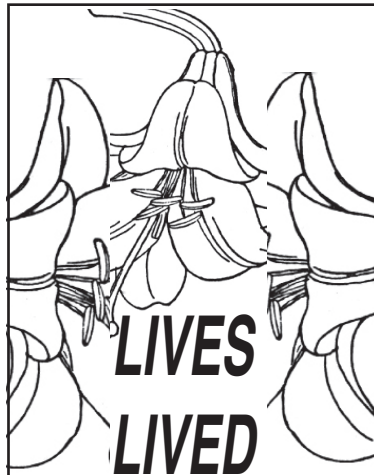
10:25 a.m., Recovered – stolen vehicle, 2200 block E. Willow St.
1:55pm, Identity theft, 2700 block Gundry Ave.
10:21 p.m., Brandishing firearm, 600 block of E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)

Tuesday, July 16

11:08 a.m., Burglary, 2900 block E. PCH
5:41 p.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.

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LB Unified School District

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Request for Proposal (RFP) # 2425-002 Elevator & Wheelchair Lift Maintenance Services

The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors (Proposers), to provide Elevator & Wheelchair Maintenance Services. The intent of this RFP process is to select the most responsive and responsible Proposer and establish a three (3) year contract with an option to extend for up to two (2) additional one-year periods based on satisfactory service/performance, and selected Key Performance Indicators (KPI's). More information at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>. Proposals are due by 4:00 pm (PST) on 8/14/2024.

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Request for Bid (RFB) # 2425-003 CLASS & ERS Observations & Data Analysis

The Long Beach Unified School District (District) is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide CLASS & ERS Observations & Data Analysis. The intent of this RFB process is to select the most responsive and responsible Bidder and establish a one (1) year contract with an option to extend for up to four (4) additional one-year periods based on satisfactory service/performance. More information at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>. Proposals are due by 4:00 pm (PST) on 8/14/2024.

TST7358 Case No. 24LBCP00203 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DAUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Mai Le Mary Diep Wei for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Mai Le Mary Diep Wei has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Mai Le Mary Diep Wei Proposed Name: Mary Diep 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: August 16 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S27, Room: 5400. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 ___/ss//___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: July 2, 2024

TST7359 / 2024 140616000000 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: ALISON'S MARKETING, 3547 CERRITOS AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ALISON BACON, 3547 CERRITOS AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. 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: ALISON BACON, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2014. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on July 1, 2024. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

TST7370 / 2024 135824 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: AQUILO REALTY, 27634 RUTHERFORD PLACE, VALENCIA, CA. 91354. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: AQUILO ENTERPRISE, LLC, 27634 RUTHERFORD PLACE, VALENCIA, CA. 91354. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: RODRIGO MACIAS, PRESIDENT. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the

county clerk of Los Angeles County on 6/25/2024. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: July 19, 26 & August 2, 9, 2024

TST7331 / 2024 122362 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: DIAMOND LANE SOLUTIONS, 2710 OREGON AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: DIAMOND LANE TRANSPORTATION INC., 2710 OREGON AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: WILLIE MARTIN JR, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 06/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 6/6/2024. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 14, 21, 28 & July 5, 2024

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SPORTS

Long Beach will host at least seven sports during 2028 Summer Olympic Games

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Marine Stadium is one of several downtown venues in Long Beach that will play host during the Summer 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Local venues such as The Long Beach Arena, Marine Stadium and the Convention Center will host sporting events during the 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympics.

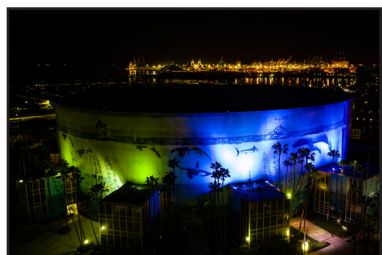
Staff Report

Signal Tribune

On July 12, LA28 announced several venue assignments within the City of Los Angeles, as well as in surrounding cities such as Long Beach, for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The announcement certified seven Olympic events to be held in Long Beach, making it the venue city hosting the largest number of events outside of the City of LA.

“The confirmation of these first seven sporting events to be held in Long Beach further solidifies our status as a premier sports destination and our commitment as a major venue city for the LA28 Games,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. “Long Beach will be ready to welcome athletes, spectators and visitors from around the world and showcase our city’s vibrant sports culture and coastal features.”



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Yellow and blue lights are lit up around the Long Beach Convention Center on the night of Feb. 28, 2022, to mimic the colors of the Ukrainian flag in support of the country as they fight against invading Russian forces.

In June, Long Beach City Council approved the Venue Use Guarantee, which detailed the availability and terms and conditions for desired venues, creating an outline or venue usage in the city for the Summer 2028 Games.

Long Beach will host the following competitions at various downtown-area venues:

- Handball – Long Beach Arena
- Canoe-Sprint and Rowing –

Marine Stadium

- Sailing – Belmont Shore
- Marathon Swimming and Triathlon – Waterfront along Alamitos Beach
- Water Polo – temporary aquatic center at Long Beach Convention Center lot



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Water splashes up while swimmer Ryan Smith flips to kick off the wall at the Belmont Plaza Pool in Long Beach on August 3, 2021.

Convention Center lot

There is also a possibility that Long Beach could host Artistic Swimming and Para Swimming, pending the City of Los Angeles’ approval, after it was proposed by LA28 during their announcement.

Various venue assignments remained unchanged from the original 2017 Bid Plan for the Summer Olympics, while some sporting events have received new venues.

The assignments brought forth on July 12 have received approval from the International Olympic Committee Executive Board and are in line with the Games Agreements with the City of Long Beach. Aligning with their present guidelines, LA28 won’t use existing corporate or philanthropic stadium or arena names for Games purposes.

The venue-assigning process will continue over the next ensuing months, with additional venue assignments for the City of Los Angeles and other venue cities like Long Beach to be announced. This will include sports that were added following the 2017 Bid Plan, along with the Paralympic venue plan.

To learn more about the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, visit LA28.org.

LAWSUIT

Judge says Starbucks manager must arbitrate claims over unsafe work conditions



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A photo illustration of a Starbucks cup, with “Union Strong” written as the name, at the Starbucks location on 7th Street and Redondo Avenue on May 12, 2022.

City News Service

Southern California Local News

A Starbucks Corp. manager at a Long Beach store who allegedly was denied a transfer to a safer location despite her complaint about someone pacing at her location with a large knife will have to arbitrate her claims, a judge has ruled.

Ashley Bautista’s Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit alleges disability discrimination, failure to reasonably accommodate a disability and engage in the interactive process as well as violations of the state Labor Code. She seeks at least \$1 million in damages.

On Tuesday, Judge Tony L. Richardson granted a motion by Starbucks directing Bautista to have her allegations heard by an arbitrator instead of a jury. The judge had heard arguments on June 25 and taken the case under submission.

Richardson wrote in his ruling that Bautista did not dispute she signed an agreement when she was hired to arbitrate any work disputes. The judge rejected Bautista’s argument that the agreement was unfairly weighted in favor of Starbucks.

“Plaintiff had ample opportunity to read the arbitration agreement and seek advice, if necessary,” the judge wrote, noting that the document was written in “legible text and ordinary language.”

Richardson put the case on hold pending the outcome of the arbitration and scheduled a hearing on an update for Jan. 9.

In a sworn declaration in opposition to the Starbucks motion, Bautista said she searched a company hub and found no arbitration rules to determine what she was agreeing to and that the public relations department also was unhelpful.

“To this day, Starbucks has not been able to show me what arbitration rules apply to me despite my

requests,” Bautista said.

Bautista, hired in 2018, was a shift manager at the Long Beach store in the 2200 block of East Carson Street in early May when “an aggressive individual ended up pacing plaintiff’s work location with a large knife in his hands,” the suit states.

Based on the person’s prior behavior, Bautista believed the individual “wanted to use the large knife on her,” the suit states. She complained to her district manager about the alleged unsafe conditions of the store, but her concerns were dismissed and she instead was given a week off, the suit brought Dec. 14 states.

When Bautista returned, she met with her district manager and supervisor, told them she was seeking therapy and requested a transfer because she did not feel mentally capable of remaining at the same store, the suit states.

But the district manager replied that her request was being denied because “similar incidents happen at all Starbucks locations” and that store managers “just had to deal with such situations,” the suit states.



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Pet of the week: Gumbo

Gumbo is about to mark an entire year at Long Beach Animal Care Services. Why he hasn’t gone home is a mystery. He came in as a stray with severe skin issues, but that’s been long cleared up. In fact, he’s so comfy that he allows the volunteers to dress him as a leprechaun or Santa Claus or whatever the occasion calls for. He’s also the blueprint for the family dog—he loves to play fetch and obey commands, especially if there’s a treat to be had. He loves his toys to their literal death, but he’ll love his humans for life. He’s only 3 years old and deserves many more years in a loving home. Speed the process to adopt or foster Gumbo or any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or 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#A705236.

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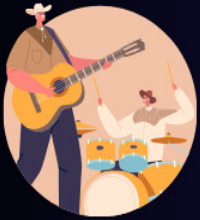
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