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SIGNAL HILL

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Four candidates campaigned for three seats on the Signal Hill City Council during the Nov. 5 general election.

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LONG BEACH

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Long Beach residents voted on local measures, a city council seat and several congressional races in the Nov. 5 general election.

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CA PROPS

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Ten state measures were on the California ballot, with topics including rent control, minimum wage and prison labor.

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Voters elect Lori Woods, Robert Copeland and Charlie Honeycutt to Signal Hill City Council

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

The voters of Signal Hill have selected Lori Woods, Robert Copeland and newcomer Charlie Honeycutt to represent them on the city council.

The election results have not yet been finalized by Los Angeles County. The County will certify and announce the official results by Dec. 13.

As of Wednesday evening, Woods won 28.87% of the vote, Copeland won 28.33%, Honeycutt won 27.09% and candidate Sonia Savoulian garnered 15.71%.

Woods has been a member of the city council since 2013. Copeland has been on the city council since 2017. Honeycutt is a newcomer to the city council, but a long time public servant for Signal Hill. He worked for the City of Signal Hill beginning in the late '80s, and served as city manager from 2017 to 2019.

Incumbent Councilmember Lori Woods received the largest share of support in the Signal Hill City Council election with 28.25% of votes

Signal Hill voters tend to keep voting incumbents into office, so Honeycutt potentially has a long career on the city council ahead of him if he chooses to continue running in future elections. This year's election was unique in that long time Councilmember Ed Wilson chose to retire instead of running for re-election, which left room



Photos Courtesy of Facebook, Image via Canva
Robert Copeland, Charlie Honeycutt and Lori Woods won the Signal Hill City Council election.

for at least one newcomer to the council.

The City of Signal Hill will install its newly elected council members during a city council meeting on Dec. 10.

According to U.S. Census data, there are 11,848 residents of Signal Hill. As of 2017, there were 6,702 registered voters living in the city.

Around 5,799 Signal Hill voters participated in the city council election, approximately 86% of the city's registered voters.

Daritzta Gonzalez also won her uncontested campaign for city clerk.

To keep up with the tally of votes, visit the LA County website results.lavote.gov.

LA COUNTY

LA County voters approve homelessness prevention and public services funding

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

Long Beach and Los Angeles County voters weighed in on three county-wide issues this election, to increase the sales tax, impose land improvement fees and change the County Board of Supervisors and County Charter.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder has updated voting results thrice since polls closed at 8 p.m. Homelessness services and public services funding seems to be leaning toward passing, but the issue of changing the county's political landscape is still too close to call as of Wednesday evening.

These results were last updated on Nov. 6 at 4:30 p.m. The Signal Tribune will continue to update this story as results come in.

Measure A

Repeal Measure H's .25 cent sales tax and replace it with a 50 cent sales tax to create affordable housing, provide rental assistance, fund homelessness services, increase mental health and addiction treatment, and provide services for children, families, veterans domestic violence survivors, seniors and disabled people experiencing homelessness.

The sales tax is estimated to raise more than \$1 billion annually until voters decide to end it, and will be audited.

Yes votes: 55.84%

No votes: 44.16%

Measure G

Amending the Los Angeles County Charter to create an elected County Executive, an independent Ethics Commission to increase restrictions on lobbying and to investigate misconduct, establish a nonpartisan Legislative Analyst to

review proposed County policies, increase the Board of Supervisors from five to nine elected members, and require County departments to present annual budgets in public meetings.

Yes votes: 50.34%

No votes: 49.66%

Measure E

Imposing a six cent per square foot fee of certain parcel improvements, providing \$152 million annually, and limited to 2% annually until voters choose to end it. Funds will go towards local firefighter/paramedic emergency response, involving wildfires, house fires, heart attacks, strokes and car accidents; and to hire/train firefighters/paramedics, upgrade/replace aging firefighter safety equipment, fire engines, helicopters, facilities, life-saving rescue tools, and 911 communications technology.

Yes votes: 53.44%

No votes: 46.56%



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LONG BEACH



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Daryl Supernaw is the projected winner for the District 4 seat on the Long Beach City Council defeating Herlinda Chico.

Long Beach election results as of Wednesday evening

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Election results for Long Beach and Los Angeles County are rolling in, giving insight into how several local measures will shape up. The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder has been updated thrice so far, starting around 8 p.m. on Nov. 5. These results were most recently updated at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 6.

Roughly 2.6 million Long Beach and Los Angeles residents flocked to polling stations throughout the day, resulting in a 45% county voter turnout, not including those who registered to vote on election day.

The majority of votes were cast early through vote by mail ballots, and those votes are the first to be counted in California. Final results will be certified on Dec. 13.

Incumbent Daryl Supernaw is projected to return for his last term representing District 4, once again defeating Herlinda Chico. Chico's projected defeat comes despite her boasting numerous endorsements and donations from local politicians, and Supernaw gaining none.

So far, it looks like all of Long Beach's local measures will pass with a majority vote. This story will continue to be updated as election results come in.

Long Beach City Council – District 4

Supernaw projected to win
Daryl Supernaw – 59.6% of votes
Herlinda Chico – 40.4% of votes

Long Beach Community College District Governing Board Member – Trustee Area No. 4

Too Close to Call
Ennette Y. Morton – 50.33% of the votes

Richard "Dick" Gaylord – 49.67% of the votes

Long Beach Measure HC

Changes employment power for the Harbor Department from the Board of Harbor Commissioners to the Department's Chief Executive Officer, lowers Harbor and Public Utilities Commissioners' terms to four years, increases penalties for violations to the Harbor

Department's rules from \$500 to \$1,000 and changes budget adoption schedule to align with City's schedule.

Yes votes – 57.46%
No votes – 42.54%

Long Beach Measure JB

Combines Civil Service Department and Human Resources Department into one hiring entity to manage all recruitment, hiring and job certifications. Establishes a Civil Service Employee Rights and Appeals Commission and establishes local hiring preferences.

Yes votes – 61.6%
No votes – 38.4%

Long Beach Measure LB

Imposes a previously exempt 5% tax on local utility companies, which might be passed onto voters through utility bills, to fund \$15 million annually towards the general fund for police, firefighters, street repairs, senior services, parks, libraries, afterschool programs, public health and homeless services. These funds will be audited annually and all funds publicly disclosed.

Yes votes – 80.31%
No votes – 19.69%



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Approval of Long Beach Measure AC means \$990 million in bonds for Long Beach City College to complete various renovations, upgrades and repairs to security, safety and more.

Long Beach Measure AC

\$990 million in bonds for Long Beach City College to renovate labs and nursing/vocational/job training classrooms, remove asbestos and mold, upgrade clean drinking water, infrastructure repairs, improve safety/security and more.

Yes votes – 67.08%
No votes – 32.92%

U.S. Representative for California's 42nd Congressional District

Robert Garcia projected to win
Democrat Robert Garcia – 65.51% of the votes

Republican John Briscoe – 34.49% of the votes

U.S. Representative for California's 44th Congressional District
Nanette Diaz Barragán projected to win

Democrat Nanette Díaz Barragán – 68.86% of the votes

Republican Roger Groh – 31.14% of the votes

State Senator for the 33rd District

Lena Gonzalez projected to win
Democrat Lena Gonzalez – 67.42% of the votes

Republican Mario Paz – 32.58% of the votes

Member of the State Assembly for the 65th District

Mike Gipson projected to win
Democrat Mike Gipson – 69.15% of the votes

Republican Lydia Gutierrez – 30.85% of the votes

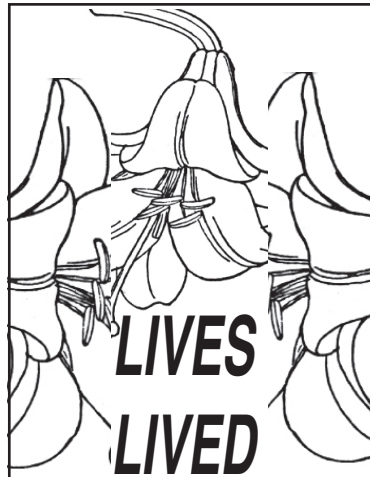
Member of the State Assembly for the 69th District

Josh Lowenthal projected to win
Democrat Josh Lowenthal – 66.49% of the votes

Republican Joshua Rodriguez – 33.51% of the votes



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- John Kessner 62
- Larry Nebel 82
- Lydia Lerner 79
- Terry McClain 83
- Catherine Lines 96
- Marina Kennedy 87
- Janet McDonald 90
- Christina Murphy 76
- Carmella Mahar 90

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Pet of the week: Sage

Meet our Sage, a lovely, little 2-year-old domestic shorthair brown tabby. He loves company to entertain him with snuggles, pets and, of course, treats! Sage came to the shelter with a skin rash — here he is in his soft cone that keeps him from scratching and rubbing off the medicine. He also has an eye condition known as entropion, in which his eyelids turn inward and prevent him from opening his eyes and also cause irritation. Sage will have surgery next week so he can open those beautiful eyes to see us and the world around him clearly. To adopt or foster Sage, email PetAdopt@longbeach.gov to speed the process, or call (562) 570-7387. Better yet, meet him in person at Long Beach Animal Care Services, 7700 E. Spring St., Long Beach, at entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). Visiting hours are Wednesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., and Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Ask for ID#726656.

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CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, October 30

12:12 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
1:44 p.m., Auto burglary, 700 block E. Spring St.

Thursday, October 31

12:00 p.m., Injury hit and run, 2000 block Cherry Ave.
1:14 p.m., Forgery, 3200 block E. PCH
5:58 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2700 block Panorama Dr. (2 citations issued)

Friday, November 1

8:58 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. Willow St.
3:47 p.m., Battery, 700 block E. Spring St.
4:49 p.m., Burglary, 2600 block Lime Ave.
7:24 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. Burnett St.

Saturday, November 2

2:35 a.m., Robbery, 2700 block E. PCH
10:45 a.m., Auto burglary, 2600 block Cherry Ave.
5:18 p.m., Petty theft; felony warrant, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
5:43 p.m., Battery, 2500 block Gaviota Ave. (citation issued)
11:40 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block Orizaba Ave.

Sunday, November 3

9:11 a.m., Injury traffic collision, California Ave./E. Willow St.
11:24 a.m., Identity theft, 2100 block Gundry Ave.
12:50 p.m., Battery, California Ave./405 Fwy.
4:24 p.m., Identity theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
7:45 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2000 block E. 19th St.

Monday, November 4

8:05 a.m., Injury traffic collision, California Ave./E. 27th St.
8:06 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. Willow St.
10:49 a.m., Elder abuse, 2300 block Lewis Ave.
2:36 p.m., Fire, Orange Ave./E. Hill St.
9:42 p.m., Burglary, St. Louis Ave./E. 21st St.

Tuesday, November 5

5:03 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3200 block Orange Ave.
7:53 a.m., Auto burglary, 2500 block Eastwind Way
12:21 p.m., Battery, 2200 block Walnut Ave.
6:30 p.m., Petty theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (citation issued)
7:31 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)
9:07 p.m., Petty theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave. (citation issued)

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 and type in an address.

You can use filters to select dates and types of crime.

CA PROPS

California voters deny rent control and higher minimum wage, and other Prop results

Ryan Hardison

Design Editor

Ten state measures were on the California ballot in the Nov. 5 general election, with propositions focusing on policies relating to crime, rent control and the right to marry.

The results listed below are as of Wednesday, Nov. 6 with 100% of election night precincts partially reporting, courtesy of electionresults.sos.ca.gov. Over 50% of the votes have already been counted, and the results will be certified by Dec. 13.

*Denotes that the race is still active as of 6 p.m. on Nov. 6, and the results have not yet been called by the Associated Press.

Here are the races that have already been called:

Proposition 2 – PASSED

Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for public schools and community college facilities.

54% of votes have been counted

Yes – 56.9% of votes

No – 43.1% of votes

Proposition 3 – PASSED

California constitutional right to marriage for same sex and interracial couples.

52.8% of votes have been counted

Yes – 61% of votes

No – 39% of votes

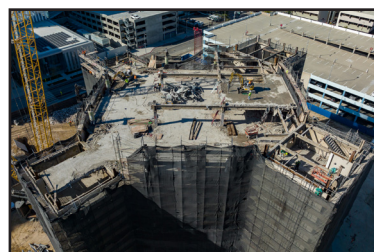
Proposition 4 – PASSED

Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for safe drinking water, wildlife prevention and protecting communities and natural lands from climate risks. Requires annual audits.

53% of votes have been counted

Yes – 57.9% of votes

No – 42.1% of votes



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Proposition 33, which would have expanded local governments' authority to enact rent control on residential properties has failed, with over 60% 'no' votes on the state measure. Of the six proposition races that have been called, as of the morning of Nov. 7, Prop 33 is the only one that has failed.



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Two Long Beach residents hold up signs demanding changes to housing inequality during a Long Beach City Council meeting on Nov. 16, 2021. Amid concerns about rising housing prices and the cost of living, multiple propositions on the California ballot revolved around creating more affordable housing.

Proposition 33 – FAILED

Expands local governments' authority to enact rent control on residential properties.

52.3% of votes have been counted

Yes – 38.4% of votes

No – 61.6% of votes

Proposition 35 – PASSED

Provides permanent funding for Medi-Cal health services by making the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans permanent.

52% of votes have been counted

Yes – 66.8% of votes

No – 33.2% votes

Proposition 36 – PASSED

Allows felony charges and increases jail-time sentences for certain drug and theft crimes.

52.6% of votes have been counted

Yes – 70.4% of votes

No – 29.6% of votes

U.S. Senate Special Election –

Unexpired Term

Schiff projected to win with 51.6% of votes having been counted

Democrat Adam Schiff – 57.2% of votes

Republican Steve Garvey – 42.8% of votes

Here are the races that have not yet been called:

Proposition 32 – Leaning No*

Raises minimum wage for employers with 26 or more

employees, to \$17 immediately and \$18 on January 1, 2025. For employers with 25 or fewer employees, to \$17 on January 1, 2025 and \$18 on January 1, 2026.

52.9% of votes have been counted

Yes – 48%

No – 52%

Proposition 6 – Leaning No*

Eliminates constitutional provision allowing involuntary servitude for incarcerated persons, and punishing those people if they don't work.

52% of votes have been counted

Yes – 45.1%

No – 54.9%



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NATIONAL GUARD

The National Guard is the designated militia force of the United States. It's both the oldest military branch of our nation and one of the oldest military units in the world, dating back to 1636.

The Army National Guard and Air National Guard are the two main components of the regiment. Combined, the soldiers and airmen of this militia force are vital facets that have helped shape the dramatic history of our nation with valiant efforts.

The Air National Guard was assembled in the 20th century in the wake of increased technological and organizational innovations. The Army National Guard made its debut on Dec. 13, 1636, the National Guard's birthday, when the three-month-old militia was assembled by the general court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony for their first drill in Salem, Massachusetts.

Since that December day in 1636, the National Guard has played an active part in any conflict or war of our nation. It wasn't until post-World War II that the National Guard's aviation units assembled officially to become the Air National Guard. Certain aviation units were active in World War I, but weren't deemed an official title until later.

In 1916, these units, once referred to as "the militia," earned their title as the National Guard—initiating almost 400 years of service to the nation's community and state.

From 1961 to 1962, the National Guard battled through the Cold War, sending both soldiers and airmen to fight in Korea during the Berlin Crisis. Throughout the Vietnam War, almost 9,000 militia forces were sent to Vietnam and 23,000 were called for active duty.

Though the National Guard has been active in every battle pursuit since the 1600s, they also played a role in Desert Storm during 1991 and responses in 1990s to Haiti and in Iraq. They've since been called for peace-making attempts in various countries.

Since the terrorist attacks in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, the National Guard has carried a new meaning for the defense of our nation. While rescue and recovery were two vital components of this mission, the National Guard was also there to protect, secure and ease our nation into security. The National Guard may be called in a variety of instances to protect, serve or secure our nation.



THE ARMY

The Army is the oldest branch of the U.S. military that provides land-based military operations. Its mission is to fight and win wars by providing prompt, sustained land dominance across the range of military operations and spectrum of conflict in support of commanders. The Army accomplishes missions assigned by the President, Secretary of Defense and Combatant Commanders.

The Army is led by a Civilian Secretary of the Army, who conducts all affairs of the Army under the authority, direction and control of the Secretary of Defense. The Chief of Staff is the highest-ranked military officer in the Army. This person is the military advisor and executive agent for the secretary of the Army along with a Joint Chiefs of Staff member, a body of the Service Chiefs from each of the Department of Defense military services who advise the President, Secretary of Defense and National Security Council.

The Army also has both an operational and institutional portion. The operation Army consists of armies, corps, divisions, brigades and battalions that conduct a full spectrum of international operations. The institutional Army trains, equips, deploys and ensures readiness to support the operational army.

It began as the Continental Army in 1775, formed by the second Continental Congress in response to the Revolutionary War. George Washington was its Commander-in-Chief. Prior to this formalized National Army, there were only cobbled-together, local militias without a chain of command. Washington described his new army as, "A mixed multitude of people under very little discipline, order or government."

With the Revolutionary War over, the Continental Congress disbanded the Continental Army in 1784. Congress did not wish the United States to have a standing army during peacetime. However, conflicts with Native Americans spurred Congress to allow and create the Legion of the United States. Its four sub-legions would go on to become the first four regiments of the U.S. Army.

The Army went on to fight the British in the War of 1812, then afterwards was heavily involved in U.S. western expansion, fighting Native Americans and winning the Mexican-American War in 1848. The Civil War began in 1861 and split the nation, and the Army. The Army recombined in its aftermath and won the Spanish-American War in 1898, followed by victory in the Philippine-American War, which lasted from 1899 to 1902.

As America entered the 20th century, it entered both World War I and World War II. Next came the Korean War amid the larger Cold War, followed by the Vietnam War.

The 1990s saw the Persian Gulf War in response to the invasion of Kuwait. The 2000's witnessed the military occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq in the wake of 9/11.



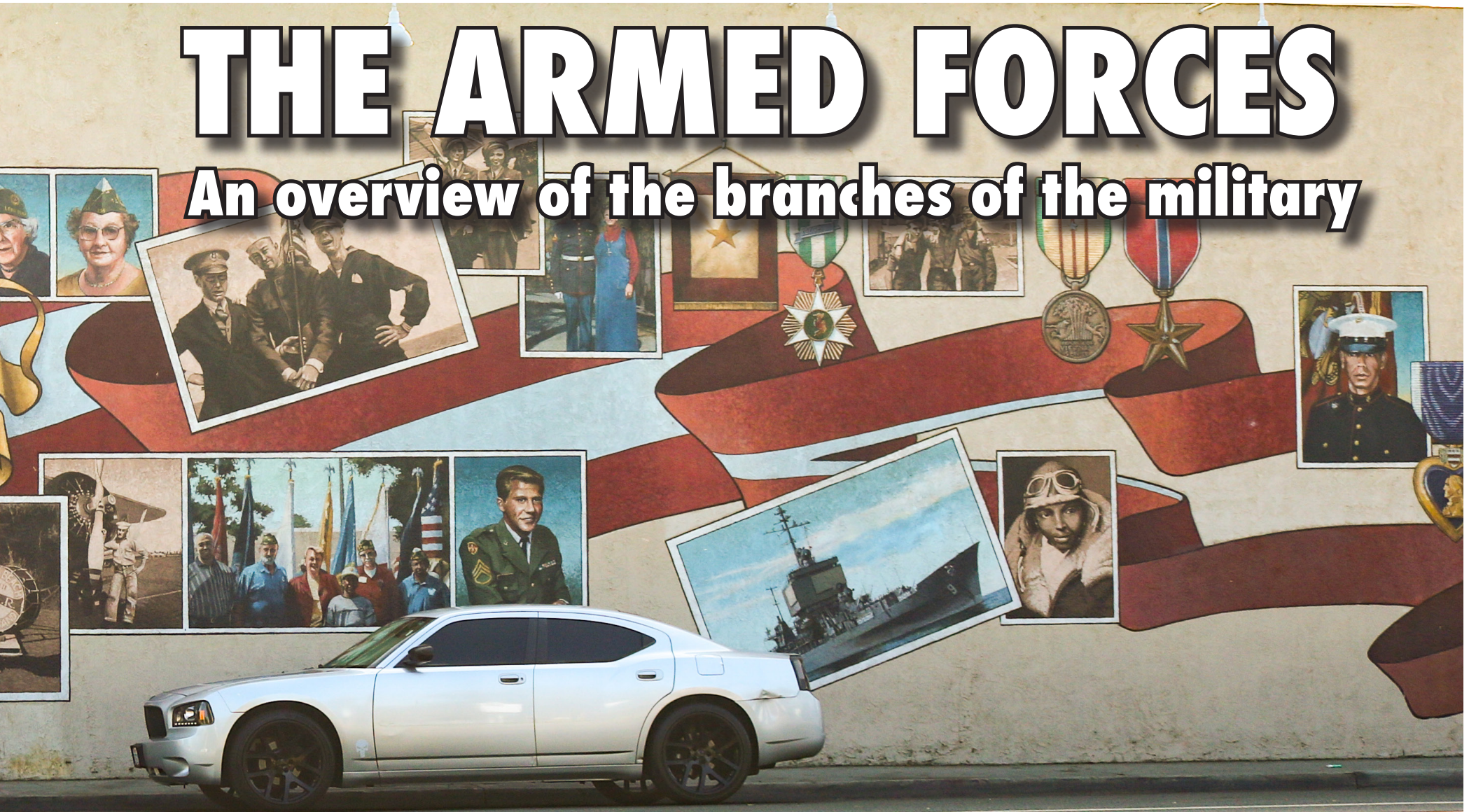
FUN FACT: The U.S. Army is older than the country itself. The Continental Army was created on June 14, 1775, a year before the Declaration of Independence was signed.

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THE ARMED FORCES

An overview of the branches of the military



MARINE CORPS

The United States Marine Corps (USMC) serves as an expeditionary force in readiness. Its mission is primarily: the seizure or defense of advanced naval bases and other land operations to support naval campaigns; the development of tactics, technique and equipment used by amphibious landing forces in coordination with the Army and Air Force; and other duties directed by the President.

A committee of the Continental Congress formed two Marine battalions on Nov. 10, 1755 to combat the British—and so began the Continental Marines. In the peacetime that followed the end of the Revolutionary War, the Continental Marines were dissolved.

The U.S. agreed with Britain to remain a neutral trader in Britain’s war with revolutionary France; France, though a former ally, was furious and seized American ships trading with Britain. An attempt at negotiation began with French diplomats attempting to extort America via bribery in the infamous XYZ Affair. This incensed the American public and sparked the Quasi-War with France, so called because a formal war was never declared. Congress mobilized the armed forces, such as the Navy, and in 1798 established the Marine Corps. The treaty ended the Quasi-War in 1800.

The First Barbary War tested the new republic. Pirates from the Barbary Coast captured American merchant ships and enslaved their crews. America paid off the countries to stop the piracy save for one country, Tripoli—and the two nations went to war. In 1805, a force combining Marines and mercenaries captured the Tripolitan city of Derna, forcing the ruler to agree to end hostilities and return captured Americans in exchange for ransom.

The Mexican-American War further cemented the Marine Corps’ reputation. The two wars brought the Marines glory, now immortalized in the opening lines of the Marines’ hymn: “From the Halls of Montezuma/ To the shores of Tripoli.” The Barbary War also began another Marine Corps tradition, the Mameluke sword. Worn by Marine officers today, the first Mameluke sword was a present from Prince Hamet Bey for the Marines’ victory at Derna; Bey was rightfully restored as ruler of Tripoli from the victory.

John Philip Sousa joined the Marine Band at age 13 and headed the Marine Corps band in 1880. He would go on to compose the official march of the Marines, “Semper Fidelis,” and the national march of the U.S., “The Stars and Stripes Forever.”

Marine Corps aviation began in 1912 with the nation’s earliest aviation camp. World War I struck soon after, and the Marines began Parris Island, their first base dedicated solely to training, which remains today. In 1918, Opha Mae Johnson became the first enlisted female Marine, though she did not survive the war zone.

That same year, Marines legend says they earned the nickname “Devil Dogs” from their German enemies after victory at the Battle of Belleau Wood. Next came World War II. Between 1942 and 1949, the first wave of Black Marines enlisted as America slowly desegregated. Women made further strides with 1943’s formation of the Marine Corps Women’s Reserve—their roles were expanded into manufacturing and assembly. Photographer Joe Rosenthal froze the Marines and the Battle of Iwo Jima in time with his iconic photo featuring five marines and a Navy corpsman mounting the national flag.

The Marines went on to fight both the Korean War and the Vietnam War; more Marines were deployed in service during the Vietnam War than World War II.

The Marines joined the other branches of the armed services post-9/11 in U.S. operations in the Middle East, especially the Iraq War.



FUN FACT: In 2001, the Marines introduced a new program to train service members in martial arts like taekwondo, karate and Brazilian jiu-jitsu.

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AROUND TOWN

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



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Families dance to the music of *Ital Vibes* at the Beach Streets near Redondo Avenue and Broadway on May 20, 2023. Beach Streets returns this Saturday in the city's Uptown neighborhood with entertainment hubs located at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, Artesia Boulevard and Houghton Park (the site of the Long Beach Veterans Day Celebration).

Make the most of your three-day weekend by celebrating community with these fun and (mostly) free events in Long Beach.

Veterans Day celebrations will begin on Saturday, combined with the annual Beach Streets event to create a sprawling, lively street takeover. On Monday, the Queen Mary is inviting families and those who have served our country to a day of live entertainment, stories, letter writing, arts and crafts and more.

Long Beach's singles crowd can attend two different mingling events, with a Singles Party on Friday night at the Long Beach Beer Lab or a speed group dating event at Trademark Brewing Tuesday night. There's plenty of performances throughout the week, with jazz classics Saturday at the Queen Mary and Sunday at the Carpenter Center, a Lady Gaga-themed burlesque show Friday or a drag brunch Sunday at Hamburger Mary's.

Those looking to change or boost their career can attend a youth mentoring gathering Friday night, a career fair Wednesday afternoon, a City of Long Beach employment workshop or women's career coaching fair, both on Thursday.

08 FRIDAY

YOUTH MENTORING

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Youth ages 16 to 24 are invited to this weekly gathering hosted by local nonprofit Love Beyond Limits to receive mentoring on life skills, job readiness and tutoring, while enjoying movies, games, music and more at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (1133 E. Rhea St.). Free.

LONG BEACH SINGLES PARTY

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Singles 21 and older are invited to the Long Beach Beer Lab (518 W. Willow St.) to meet, connect and enjoy an evening of conversation. This event is hosted by Los Angeles Fun Events, featuring craft brews and music. The dress code is smart casual. Tickets are required, with Early Bird pricing available at \$10 and General Admission at \$20 on Eventbrite.

LITTLE MONSTER'S BURLESQUE SHOW

8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. to midnight. This burlesque show is a tribute to Lady Gaga by Dirty Little Secrets Burlesque at Harvelle's Long Beach (201 E. Broadway). Performances will be set to Lady Gaga songs, featuring costumes inspired by some of her most memorable looks. Attendees must be 21 and over. Tickets can be purchased for \$24.25 on Eventbrite, and there is a two-drink minimum. Tipping the performers is encouraged.

09 SATURDAY

CSULB OPEN HOUSE

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Local families and students are invited to Cal State Long Beach (1250 N Bellflower Blvd.) to explore the college and learn how to take advantage of the Long Beach Promise. Attendees can receive help with applying to Cal State schools, learn about how to apply for financial aid, tour the campus and meet CSULB staff. There will be free lunch and parking, and an online RSVP is required. If you have any questions, email promise@csulb.edu. Free.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pools of Hope (6801 Long Beach Blvd.) will be giving away groceries to those in need. Groceries will include eggs, meat, fresh vegetables and more, while supplies last. In addition to groceries, attendees will have access to health and asthma education resources. No registration required. Free.

BEACH STREETS

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Community members can enjoy car-free exploration of the city's Uptown neighborhood, with travel by foot, skateboard and bicycle encouraged. There will be entertainment hubs with live music, local pop-up vendors and activities at Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.) and the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.), with the primary hub at the intersection of Artesia Boulevard and Cherry Avenue. Free.

COMMUNITY QUILT PROJECT

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Residents can participate in this community art project and help to sew a quilt at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). Attendees are encouraged to bring family photos to scan, transfer to fabric and sew into the quilt. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own sewing machines. While supplies will be provided, they are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration is required to attend, and Spanish language support will be available.

JAZZ AND BIG BAND NIGHT ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY

8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The public is invited to an evening of jazz and big band classics aboard the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy, Long Beach). Guests will be treated to timeless hits by legends like Bing Crosby, Louis Armstrong and Glenn Miller, including big band standards such as Sing, Sing, Sing. Attendees are encouraged to wear black-tie, formal or vintage glam attire to enhance the experience. Tickets can be purchased on the Queen Mary's website for \$40.

10 SUNDAY

SUNDAY DRAG BRUNCH

10 a.m. to noon. Hamburger Mary's (330 Pine Ave.) holds a weekly drag brunch featuring brunch, bottomless mimosas and live entertainment. There is a \$7 cover charge. Food and drink prices vary.

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING

2 p.m. This live jazz concert at the Carpenter Center (6200 E Atherton St.) will feature American Songbook favorites spanning from the golden age to contemporary classics, played by Emmy-nominated trumpeter and crooner Benny Benack III, joined by vocalist Stella Katherine Cole and tap dancer Jabu Graybeal. Together, they breathe new life into Broadway's greatest hits. Tickets are available on the Carpenter Center's website for \$53-75.

11 MONDAY

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. In honor of Veterans Day, The Queen Mary invites veterans and their guests to this celebration, featuring live entertainment, meet-and-greets with the ship's Commodore and Captain, letter writing to troops, arts and crafts activities, stories from veterans and more. Free with online reservations, which can be made on the Queen Mary's website.

READ & CREATE

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Children between the ages of 6 and 12 are invited to listen to a story and create a craft together at Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.). Free.

12 TUESDAY

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. This celebration of Native American culture and heritage by Red Boy Productions at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) will feature music, dance and storytelling. Light refreshments will be provided. Free.

SPEED + GROUP DATING

8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Singles in their 20s and 30s are invited to meet new people at Trademark Brewing (233 East Anaheim St.). This event combines elements of speed dating and group dating, and gives attendees a chance to chat, connect and maybe meet someone special. Enjoy lively conversations in a laid-back setting, where each round promises new people and engaging interactions. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite for \$12.51.

13 WEDNESDAY

BABY BOP

11 a.m. to noon. Parents and caregivers are invited to bond with their babies and meet other local families during Baby Bop, a storytime session at the Dana Neighborhood

Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.). This event is designed for babies that can't walk yet, and includes songs, rhymes, bounces and more. Free.

CITY OF LONG BEACH CAREER FAIR

Noon to 3 p.m. Job seekers are invited to the City of Long Beach Career Fair at Long Beach City College (1305 East Pacific Coast Highway). This event offers a chance to explore employment opportunities within the City's 24 departments, with roles available at entry, professional and highly skilled levels. Attendees can pursue full-time, part-time and internship positions. The event will include workshops to assist with the hiring process, scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is required. To register, visit forms.office.com/r/UGmmtGG1n1.

14 THURSDAY

WOMEN'S COACHING FAIR

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Women can receive a 30 minute laser empowering coaching session from diverse female professionals at the Tichenor Orthopedic Clinic for Children (1660 Termino Ave.). There will also be snacks, water and sandwiches. An online RSVP is required to book your time slot. Free.

COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Learn about film photography during this hands-on workshop at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) where participants create their own pinhole camera and experiment with darkroom techniques. All materials will be provided. Register for this workshop for \$5 on the museum's website.

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SPACE FORCE

The newest military branch, the Space Force, is a one-of-a-kind military branch that serves the United States' space interests.

Created in 2019, the Space Force is part of the Department of the Air Force, led by the secretary of the Air Force. The military heads of the Space Force are the chief of space operations, one of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and vice chief of space operations.

The Space Force is organized, trained, and equipped to provide freedom of operation for the United States in, from, and to space, conduct space operations and protect the interests of the United States in space.

The U.S. Space Force traces its roots to the beginning of the Cold War, with the first military space programs starting in 1945. In 1954, the Air Force established the Western Development Division, the world's first dedicated space organization and unified its space forces under Air Force Space Command in 1982.

In 2019, the House and Senate passed the United States Space Force Act, and this was signed into law by President Donald Trump, establishing the U.S. Space Force as the first new independent military service since the Army Air Forces were reorganized as the U.S. Air Force in 1947.

Currently the smallest branch of the military as of January 2023, the Space Force had 8,600 military personnel and operates 77 spacecraft in total across various programs such as GPS, Space Fence, military satellite communications constellations, X-37B spaceplanes, U.S. missile warning system, U.S. space surveillance network, and the Satellite Control Network.

The Space Force works with many various other government agencies, including NASA, which it hosts launch operations for at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.



FUN FACT: The branch's motto is Semper Supra, Latin for "always above."

COAST GUARD

George Washington authorized and began the Coast Guard then known as the "cutters" on Aug. 4, 1790 as part of the Tariff Act. Ten vessels would enforce federal and tariff laws and stop smuggling. As the infant nation grew, the scope of the "Revenue Cutter Service" grew. The U.S. Coast Guard was founded then, but it was established on Jan. 28, 1915 to be an official military branch. There are 11 missions dealing with ports, waterways and coastal security, drug interdiction, aids navigation, search and rescue, living marine services, marine safety, defense readiness, migrant interdiction, marine environmental protection, ice operations and other law enforcements. There are 38,000 active-duty men and women, 8,000 reservists and 35,000 auxiliary personnel who serve in a variety of job fields ranging from small-boat operators to aviation mechanics.

The Coast Guard was created after five separate federal services were combined; the U.S. Lighthouse Service, the Revenue Cutter Service, the Steamboat Inspection Service, the Bureau of Navigation and the U.S. Lifesaving Service. IN 1915, a congressional act combined the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter service to form the Coast Guard. The service was placed under the control of the Treasury Department until 1967, when an executive order transferred the Coast Guard to the newly formed Department of Transportation.

Currently, the Coast Guard operates under the Department of Homeland Security during peacetime, under the Navy during wartime or by special presidential order. In addition to protecting our nation's waterways, the 43,327 active-duty members of the Coast Guard perform search and rescue, law enforcement and environmental cleanup operations.

In 1915, a congressional act merged the Revenue Cutter Service with the U.S. Life-Saving Service, another governmental agency devoted to saving the shipwrecked, and thus made the Coast Guard. The Lighthouse Service joined the Coast Guard in 1939. Congress moved the Commerce Department's Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to the Coast Guard in 1946.

The Coast Guard has been involved in wars such as the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War and the American Civil War. The last time the Coast Guard operated as a whole within the Navy was during World War II. Usually, military and combat units within the Coast Guard will operate under Navy or joint control while others remain under the Department of Homeland Security.



THE NAVY

The mission of the Navy is to maintain, train and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas.

The department of the Navy has three principal components: The Navy Department, consisting of the executive offices mostly in Washington, D.C.; the Operating Forces, including the Marine Corps, the reserve components and, in time of war, the U.S. Coast Guard (in peace, a component of the Department of Homeland Security); and the shore establishment.

The names of commissioned U.S. Navy ships are prefixed with the letters "U.S.S.," which stands for United States Ship. Each ship also has a letter-based symbol for classification to indicate the vessel's type and number.

The Navy began as the Continental Navy. Soon after the end of the Revolutionary War, the last ship was sold and the Continental Navy was disbanded. The Continental Navy was founded on Oct. 13, 1775, which was the day of the passage of the resolution of the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Eleven years later, conflicts between American merchant shipping and pirates in the Mediterranean Sea led to the Naval Act of 1794, which created the U.S. Navy. The Department of the Navy was established on April 30, 1798.

The first victory of the U.S. Navy was on July 7, 1798, when the U.S.S Delaware captured Le Croyable, a French Privateer during the Revolutionary War. The first victory over an enemy warship was when the Frigate Constellation captured the French Frigate l'Insurgente on Feb. 9, 1799. Over the next 20 years, the Navy fought the French Navy in the Quasi-War, Barbary states in the first and second Barbary Wars and the British in the War of 1812. On Dec. 7, 1941, the Navy fought in World War II after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Soon after, the Navy fought in the battle of the Coral Sea, the Battle of Midway and the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

The U.S. Navy's Sea, Air and Land teams (SEAL) are that branch's principal special operations force and a part of the Naval Special Warfare Command. They originated sometime during the second World War, when the U.S. Navy had the need for covert reconnaissance.



MISSING TEEN



Long Beach girl still missing five months later

Courtesy of California Department of Justice

Izabella Macy Solares has been missing for over five months, dating back to her disappearance in the early hours of May 27. Solares was last seen on the 500 block of East Pleasant Street in Long Beach.

Kristen Farrah Naem

Staff Writer

A 13-year-old girl from Long Beach has been missing for over five months.

Izabella Macy Solares was last seen leaving her family home on the 500 block of East Pleasant Street at 1:30 a.m. on May 27. Her destination is unknown.

Solares is described as a Latina girl with brown eyes and brown hair. She is 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighs around 140 pounds. She was last seen wearing a black sweatshirt and black sweatpants.

Solares has been described as a frequent runaway by the National Missing and Unidentified Persons

System.

According to multiple nonprofit agencies, runaway youth are at a greater risk of suffering sexual exploitation, human trafficking and substance abuse.

Anyone who may have information about Solares' whereabouts is urged to call the LBPD Missing Persons Detail at (562) 570-7246 or Police Dispatch at (562) 435-6711. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may submit a tip through "LA Crime Stoppers" by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), downloading the "P3 Tips" app to your smartphone (available at the Apple App Store and Google Play), or visiting www.lacrimestoppers.org.

PUBLIC INPUT

Learn more about the Orange Avenue Bikeway project at community open house

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Residents can learn about the upcoming Orange Avenue Backbone Bikeway project at Long Beach Public Works' two upcoming open house events.

The open houses will take place Saturday, Nov. 16 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Cal Rec Community Center at Ernest McBride Park (1550 Martin Luther King Ave.), and Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the EXPO Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.).

The Orange Avenue Backbone Bikeway is part of the five-year Elevate '28 infrastructure plan, which is made up of roughly 200 projects aiming to make Long Beach more accessible while restoring its parks and community facilities.

The goal of this project is to make Orange and Alamitos Avenues safer and more accessible with a multi-modal corridor, and has an estimated \$30 million budget. The proposed improvements include protected bike lanes and intersections, high-visibility crosswalks along with accessibility improvements for pedestrians and public transit riders.

These upgrades are inspired by the Safe Streets Long Beach initiative, with the goal of eradicating traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2026. According to the Vision Zero Action Plan, Orange Avenue is one of the City's minor roadways with the most traffic collisions resulting in pedestrians

being killed or seriously injured.

At the open house events, the project team will discuss the proposed improvements and attendees will be able to ask questions and provide immediate feedback. The public input received will then be applied to the project's final design.



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The Orange Avenue Backbone Bikeway project will aim to make Orange and Alamitos Avenues more accessible and safer for bikers and pedestrians.

Language interpretations services will be available in Spanish, Khmer and Tagalog. Parents can bring children to these events and light refreshments will be provided.

The Orange Avenue Backbone Bikeway is currently scheduled to go to bid in late summer 2025, with construction expected to begin in late winter 2025, barring any significant changes. This project joins other local accessibility-focused construction already underway or planned for Studebaker Road, Pacific Avenue and Artesia Boulevard.

To learn more about the Orange Avenue Backbone Bikeway, visit longbeach.gov/orangeaveproject or email contact LBPW@longbeach.gov.

FUNDRAISER



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Proceeds raised from the California Native Plant Sale will go towards the Friends of El Dorado Park Nature Center.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) kicked off its California Native Plant Sale on Tuesday, beckoning those with a green thumb to shop locally grown flora to brighten up their local gardens, patios or interiors.

Hundreds of native plants will be on sale at the El Dorado Nature Center, located at 7550 E. Spring St, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays through Tuesday, Nov. 26 while supplies last.

Plants purchasers are advised to follow these steps to complete their order:

- Download a plant order form from the PRM website, in advance at the El Dorado Nature Center, or when arrived at the sale.
- Complete the form by checking the type and quantity of plants you want to buy.

- Drive through the designated order fulfillment line.
- Bring an acceptable form of payment to the pickup (cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted).

Once staff accepts the completed order form and payment, they will place the purchased plants into the shopper's vehicle.

Plant quantities are limited, and some plants may sell out. There is no pre-order option and items selected on each plant order form will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards the Friends of El Dorado Nature Center, an affiliate of the Partners of Parks nonprofit that is dedicated to the upkeep and community presence of the El Dorado Nature Center.

To learn more about the California Native Plant Sale, visit the El Dorado Nature Center webpage or call 562-570-1745.

AIR FORCE

According to the National Security Act of 1947, the Air Force's mission is to prepare the air forces necessary for effective prosecution of war unless assigned otherwise and, in accordance with integrated joint mobilization plans, for the expansion of the peacetime components of the Air Force to meet the needs of war. The Air Force is one of three military departments within the Department of Defense. It is managed by the civilian secretary of the Air Force and under the control of the Secretary of Defense.

Their jobs include explosive ordnance disposal, combat rescue, pararescue, security forces, combat control, disarming bombs, rescuing downed or isolated personnel, calling in air strikes and setting up landing zones in forward locations.

The U.S. Army Signal Corps began the Aeronautical Division in 1907, in the wake of the Wright brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903. The division experimented with aircraft and mostly explored balloons and dirigibles. In 1914, the Army started the Aviation section of the Signal Corps, and soon thereafter World War I began. However, all the other European combatants' aerial technology outstripped American technology.

President Woodrow Wilson took notice and established the Army Air Service, placed directly under the War Department, on May 24, 1918. The air service grew to more than 19,000 officers, 178,000 enlisted men and 11,754 aircrafts. Post-war demobilization and a name change resulted in the Air Corps, a modest peacetime operation.



Then World War II came. The Department of War created the Army Air Forces (AAF) and deemed it equal to the Army Ground Forces. The Air Corps remained a branch of the Army, subordinate to the AAF. The AAF fought in every theater of war and had 80,000 aircrafts and 2.4 million personnel at its peak. Again, America demobilized post-war and the U.S. Air Force finally earned its independence from the Army on September 18, 1947.

The increased power of new aviation technology, the Vietnam War and the Cold War arms race accelerated the capabilities of the U.S. Air Force. The Air Force also began to explore space with the advent of launch vehicles and orbital satellites. In the 1970s, the Air Force focused on modernizing its fleet and missiles. The Iran Hostage Crisis spurred America to further develop the Air Force. By the 1990s, a collapsed Soviet Union led the U.S. to streamline the Air Force and downsize it overall.

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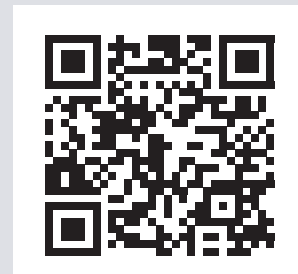


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