

SPORTS

Coast hurler departs to pursue MLB dream

Joshua Min
Sports Reporter

Right-handed pitcher Julien Hernandez has entered a new chapter in his baseball career. After five years in the NCAA and 1 1/2 in an independent minor league, Hernandez is moving on to play in a Major League farm system.

It's the night after his first team win as a member of the Visalia Rawhide and Hernandez, still getting acclimated to a new team in a Major League-affiliated league, is concerned with spin rate.

Not the advanced baseball metric that measures a ball's revolutions per minute — but the new laundry machine he has.

With many changes happening, and even more looming, Hernandez describes his last seven days as "pretty wild."

On June 23, the Arizona Diamondbacks purchased Hernandez's contract from the Long Beach Coast, marking the first time a Coast player was sent to play in a Major League Baseball (MLB) farm system.

"If this last week has taught me anything, craziness will happen, I can't necessarily expect it, but I can only make the most of what's in front of me today," he said. "Be grateful for where you're at, be thankful for those who helped you get there and then give it everything you have. It's really all you can do in this game. The game will humble you, but the game will be honest with you, and giving it everything you can is all you can really do."

The right-hander from the San Francisco Bay Area has been dominant as a relief pitcher for the Coast this year. In 13 relief outings, Hernandez posted a 0.70 WHIP (walks and hits per inning pitched) and 28 strikeouts over 18.2 innings pitched.

The path didn't come easy — nor was it traditional. Hernandez didn't attend a baseball powerhouse, nor was he drafted as a collegiate player. Even transferring to a Division I school didn't result in more attention from Major League scouts. Despite that, Hernandez defied the odds and made a name for himself.

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Former Long Beach Coast pitcher Julien Hernandez had his first-ever pitching appearance at Blair Field against the Red-Pocket Mobiles on June 2, 2026. Hernandez has since signed with the Arizona Diamondbacks and plays for their Single-A affiliate, the Visalia Rawhide.

BUDGET

Signal Hill approves biennial budget for 2026-28

With a focus on the future and many projects on the horizon, the City emphasized fiscal prudence and preparation.

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor



Courtesy of the City of Signal Hill

Recent upgrades to the City Council Chambers at Signal Hill City Hall include updated acoustics, furnishings and audio-visual systems. The City Hall renovation efforts include new workstations and offices.

The City of Signal Hill approved its first-ever biennial budget for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 at the June 23 city council meeting, with a focus on upcoming projects and optimistic planning. For fiscal year 2026-27, Signal Hill projects a general fund balance of \$82.6 million, and for fiscal year 2027-28, a budget of \$73.8 million is projected.

The roughly \$8 million difference between the two years is due to investments into future projects, City staff said.

This marks the first time Signal Hill has approved two annual budgets simultaneously. The reason for

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OP-ED

Long Beach has a chance to close a major opportunity gap: school counseling standards

This opinion-editorial is written by Kennedy Dixon, a veteran school counselor in the Long Beach Unified School District and a former assistant principal and student support services administrator.

Long Beach Unified is entering a new era of leadership. That creates a rare opportunity — not simply to talk about equity, achievement, student wellness, attendance and college and career readiness, but to build the systems that make those promises real for students.

One of the most important places to start is school counseling.

At the June 25 Board meeting announcing the selection of Long Beach Unified School District's (LBUSD) next superintendent, several Board members spoke directly to the moment the district is

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Students walk up the front steps of Woodrow Wilson High School on Nov. 2, 2021.



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HEALTH

Residents urged to protect against West Nile Virus after first case of summer



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Local health officials are encouraging residents to take precautions during hot weather months (June to October) to mitigate the risk of West Nile virus.

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On June 26, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services announced the first confirmed human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in Long Beach this summer. This case also represents the first symptomatic case of WNV reported in California during the 2026 season.

The infected person was hospitalized with neuroinvasive illness and is currently recovering at home. Before this case, there had already been WNV-positive mosquito detections in the state.

According to Long Beach Health and Human Services, the risk of WNV and other mosquito-borne diseases increases during hot weather months, typically from June to October.

WNV spreads through the bite of an infected Culex mosquito, with possible symptoms including:

- Fever
- Body aches
- Rash
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Headache

Though most people who are infected have no symptoms, roughly 1 in 150 may develop a more serious illness, which can result in brain inflammation, paralysis or death.

People who are over 55 years old or have chronic health conditions are at higher risk for severe illness. Those who do have symptoms are advised to seek immediate medical

care. There is no vaccine or treatment for WNV.

Acting City Health Officer Dr. Cliff Okada strongly encourages residents to take the following precautions:

- Prevent mosquito bites by applying insect repellent with EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or lemon eucalyptus before going outside.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants if spending time outside during dawn and dusk. WNV-carrying mosquitoes are most active during those times.
- Install or repair door and window screens.
- Dump and drain standing water around your home.
- Report increased mosquito activity and learn more about mosquito prevention by visiting longbeach.gov/mosquitoes.
- Report dead birds online or call 877-WNV-BIRD (968-2473).

Long Beach's Vector Control Program, alongside the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District and Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District, are treating areas in Long Beach with high populations of mosquitoes daily.

To learn more about mosquito bites and how to best protect yourself, call the Mosquito Hotline at 562-570-4132. For local updates on WNV, visit longbeach.gov/WNV and keep up with @LongBeachCity and @LBHealthDept on Instagram, Facebook and X.

CULTURE

Festival of AAPI Books returns to celebrate AAPI heritage

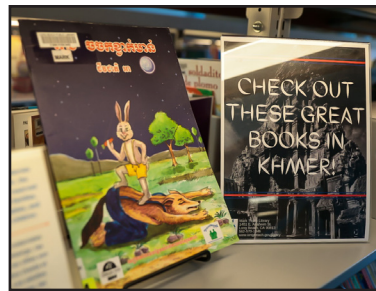
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The Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) announced the return of the biennial Festival of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Books on July 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.).

To celebrate AAPI Heritage Month, the Festival of AAPI Books (FAB) brings together authors, artists, educators and community members for a day of storytelling, connection and honoring the diverse histories and experiences of AAPI communities.

The FAB will feature author panels, book signings, children's storytimes, cultural activities, local vendors and community organizations.



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A selection of books written in the Khmer language is available in the children's section of the Mark Twain Community Library in the Cambodia Town neighborhood of Long Beach.

Attendees have the opportunity to engage with authors across multiple genres, discover new books and participate in family-friendly activities throughout the day.

"Events like the Festival of AAPI

Books reflect Long Beach at its best—diverse, creative and deeply connected through shared stories," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "This celebration honors the voices that shape our city's cultural fabric and inspires the next generation of readers and leaders."

Attendees will have access to a lineup of author panels, which include:

- The Romance Panel, moderated by Grace Salvador from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m., will bring together romance authors Emery Lee, Joss Richard, Julie Tieu and Kaye Rockwell to discuss love, relationships and crafting unforgettable memories.

- Young adult literature fans can join moderator Kristina Swilling from 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. for a conversation with acclaimed authors Aimee Phan, C.B. Lee, David Yoon and Jennifer Chen as they explore themes of identity, belonging, and the power of storytelling.

- The Adult Panel, moderated by Elaine Villanueva Bernal from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m., features authors Devi S. Laskar, Jasmin Iolani Hakes, Vanessa Hua and Ellie Yang Camp, whose works highlight history, culture, family and resilience.

- A special Publishing Roundtable featuring author Kaila Yu, author and illustrator Kenneth Tan, literary agent Noelle Falcis Math and author Melody "Fuzz Garden," will share a behind-the-scenes look at the publishing world.

The event will also feature a community book signing at 3 p.m. with 22 participating authors, where

attendees can meet their favorite writers, ask questions and take home signed copies of books.



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Brandy Myers holds up a Cambodian picture book that helps children learn the Khmer language at the Scherer Park duck pond on July 22, 2022.

Families can also look forward to a day of storytelling with children's authors and illustrators featuring:

- Ann Chau — "My Ong Ngoai's Garden: Cal's Guide to Vietnamese Fruits and Culture"
- Kimberly Tso — "Tic-Tac-Toe Chicken"
- Ann Suk Wang — "The House Before Falling into the Sea"
- Min Tonai and Jolene Gutiérrez — "Unbreakable"
- Michelle Sterling — "Riding Through Rice Fields"
- Susie Yi — "Cat & Cat Adventures #6: The Lair of the Owl King"

Beyond the author events, the festival will be filled with hands-on fun, including interactive craft activities for children and families throughout the day.

To view the full calendar of AAPI heritage events, visit the Long Beach Public Library's events webpage.

ENVIRONMENT

Long Beach to host Independence from Litter Cleanup following Fourth of July celebration

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM), alongside many neighborhood and community associations, will host a post-Independence Day beach and park clean-up on July 5, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

With July 4 around the corner and over six miles of scenic beaches in Long Beach, thousands of residents and visitors are expected to gather to celebrate, which increases the amount of trash and debris left behind.

The City is encouraging community members to celebrate Independence Day, then engage in civic stewardship in a meaningful way the next day.

"We invite residents to declare their independence from litter by joining us at this patriotic clean-up," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "This is an easy way for folks to show pride in our community and quickly restore popular areas of our coastline after a big holiday rush."

The event is a drop-in volunteer opportunity with no registration required. Gloves and trash bags will be provided at each site and participants are encouraged to bring their own reusable supplies,

such as work gloves, buckets and grabbers, to limit waste.



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A woman picks trash out of the rocks along Alamitos Bay on April 10, 2022, during a beach cleanup in Long Beach.

The clean-ups will take place simultaneously on these beaches and park locations:

- Junipero Beach Lot, meet near LBFD Lifeguard Headquarters (2100 E. Ocean Blvd.), hosted by Aquarium of the Pacific with support from Long Beach Fire Department's Junior Lifeguards.
- Bluff Park, meet at Lone Sail-

or Memorial (Paloma Avenue and Ocean Boulevard), led by Litter FreeLB.

- Belmont Memorial Pier Lot (3998 E. Allin St.), led by PRM's Adopt-A-Beach program.

"Every cleanup tells a story. It shows what reaches our waterways, what wildlife may encounter, and what is possible when a community comes together to care for a place. That spirit of stewardship, along with the collaboration with volunteers and our community partners is what gives me hope," Cassandra Davis, Aquarium of the Pacific director of volunteer services, said in a public statement. "Together we can make a difference in our ocean backyard."

Parking in City lots will be free for volunteers during the cleanup duration.

For more ways to get involved in PRM's Adopt-A-Beach program, call 562-570-1745.

Corrections & Clarifications

Sometimes, we make mistakes

- In Long Beach nonprofit Grow2Zero gets a friendly visit from EPA Administrator, we stated that Grow2Zero Farms co-founder Leif Kemp served in the Army. Leif actually served in the Marines.

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

Step into the second half of 2026 with outings in the park, Fourth of July festivities and opportunities to clean up after.

This week, the Long Beach Municipal Band will play the defining music of Disney across three concerts from Tuesday through Thursday and residents can watch free evening screenings of “Lilo & Stitch” on Monday and Wednesday. Plus, with the FIFA World Cup into the round of 32, Long Beach begins its Matches in the Park series, including free watch parties on Monday at El Dorado Park West and Thursday at Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

Saturday marks America’s 250th anniversary, and local semiquincentennial celebrations include the Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association’s “Unofficial” party and simultaneous fireworks shows launching from Granada Beach, Junipero Beach and the Queen Mary that night.

The day after the pyrotechnics, community members can volunteer for a trio of Sunday morning clean-ups at local beaches and a Paws & Purpose for dog owners helping to clean up Rosie’s Dog Beach.

03 FRIDAY

‘BLADE RUNNER’

Times vary. Watch the classic 1982 sci-fi film “Blade Runner: The Final Cut” at The Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E. Fourth St.) at select times. Tickets are \$13 and can be purchased online.

BUBBLE BOOGIE

10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Shake, wiggle and pop into this joyful music-and-movement program for babies and toddlers (ages 0–3) with singing, dancing and play to

support early learning and help little ones build important skills through movement, at Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E. Hill St.). Caregivers can join in the fun to move, connect and grow together. Free.

LIVE MUSIC

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Listen to the moody, dancey vibes of Myla Roja at The Wicked Wolf (2332 Pacific Ave.). Free.

04 SATURDAY

‘UNOFFICIAL’ SPONTANEOUS GATHERING

10 a.m. The Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association invites neighbors to this unofficial 4th of July parade, starting at Pine Avenue and traveling down Country Club Drive to Los Cerritos Park (3750 Del Mar Ave.), followed by a party at the park. Free.

FIREWORKS SHOWS

9 p.m. Residents can flock to the Shoreline to view three simultaneous fireworks shows coming from the barges of Granada Beach, Junipero Beach and the Queen Mary. The shows will be about 20 minutes. Free.

05 SUNDAY

LITTER CLEAN-UP

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The public is invited to help clean local beaches following the 4th of July festivities, by volunteering at one of three locations: Belmont Pier Area (3998 E. Allin St.), Junipero Beach (2100 E. Ocean Blvd.) and Bluff Park (Paloma Avenue & Ocean Blvd.). All materials will be provided. Free.

WOOD ON THE STREET

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wood workers both experienced and novice can meet at Wood Coffee (2728 E. 10th St.) to chat with others with the same hobby. RSVP in the link in the bio of @woodonthestreet.la on Instagram. Free.

PAWS AND PURPOSE

6 p.m. Dog owners and lovers are invited to help clean up Rosie’s Dog Beach (5000 E. Ocean Blvd.) following 4th of July festivities. This event is dog-friendly, supplies will be provided along with refreshments and raffled prizes. Meet at Monty’s Dog Bar at 5:30 p.m. RSVP at the link in the bio of @restorative.resonance on Instagram. Free.

06 MONDAY

MATCHES IN THE PARK

5 p.m. Residents can watch World Cup games at El Dorado Park West (2800 N. Studebaker Road) on a large screen, with group activities for youth. Guests can bring blankets, chairs and food. Free.

SUNSET BOXING

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. This beginner-friendly boxing class is designed for youth ages 12–26, and aims to provide an inclusive environment for all genders and body types at 2300 E. Ocean Blvd. A second session will take place from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Register online. Free.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

6:30 p.m. Families and neighbors are invited to watch the 2025 live action film “Lilo & Stitch” at Pan American Park (5157 E. Centralia St.). Guests are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, food and drinks. Festivities include a bouncy



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Free concerts happening this week include Disney-themed performances by the Long Beach Municipal Band and a summer concert at El Dorado Nature Center.

house, free popcorn and raffles will begin at 6:30 p.m., while the movie will start at dusk. Free.

07 TUESDAY

RESUME WORKSHOP

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Youth ages 16–24 are invited to this workshop where they can learn how to build a successful resume at the District 3 field office (340 Nieto Ave.). Register online. Free.

LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL BAND

6:30 p.m. Enjoy one of Long Beach’s oldest traditions by listening to a live orchestral band at Bixby Annex Park (East Ocean Boulevard and Junipero Avenue). This week’s theme is the ageless music of Disney, from soaring ballads to playful, upbeat numbers. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, food and drinks. Free.

08 WEDNESDAY

FREE MOVIE

11 a.m. The Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E. Fourth St.) is hosting a series of free kids movies all summer long, with adult tickets available for \$5. The film this week is the 2006 animated movie “Happy Feet.” Reserve and purchase tickets on the theatre’s website.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

6:30 p.m. Families and neighbors are invited to watch the 2025 live action film “Lilo & Stitch” at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.). Guests are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, food and drinks. Festivities include a bouncy house, free popcorn and raffles will begin at 6:30 p.m., while the movie will begin at dusk. Free.

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6:30 p.m. Enjoy one of Long Beach’s oldest traditions by listening to a live orchestral band at Los Cerritos Park (3750 Del Mar Ave.). This week’s theme is the ageless music of Disney, from soaring ballads to playful, upbeat numbers. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, food and drinks. Free.

09 THURSDAY

BIRD WALK

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 N. Virginia Road) will open early for birders to enjoy the space on the second Thursday of each month. This is a guided walk with staff available to answer bird and nature-related questions. Guests should meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars. Novice birders welcome. RSVP online.

SUMMER CONCERT

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy an evening of live music in a beautiful lakeside setting at El Dorado Nature Center (7550 E. Spring St.). Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person at the door (cash, card or smart pay available). Concertgoers are encouraged to bring an eco-friendly dinner and low chairs. Free.

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- Julien Hernandez,
former Long Beach Coast relief pitcher

Humble Beginnings

After a decorated career at Whitman College, Hernandez had an extra year of eligibility due to the shortened COVID-19 season in 2020. That’s when he enrolled at the University of Oregon to extend his career as a student-athlete. As an environmental studies and biology undergraduate major, Hernandez earned a Master’s of Public Administration at Oregon. The academic experience and athletic program played a major role in school choice, he said. For now, Hernandez is laser-

cused on being the best baseball player possible. While his two degrees may not be in direct use, Hernandez applies the experience he gained from that pursuit to his journey as a ballplayer. “We’re all told at some point that we can’t play the kids’ game anymore, so [I want to] play baseball for as long as I can,” Hernandez said. “But without the baseball side, my whole goal with my academics is to open up as many doors as possible. I have so many different options, connections, incredible mentors and people who would help me do really whatever I want.”

Hernandez’s time on the mound in Eugene wasn’t as fruitful, as he only pitched 10 innings in eight games for the Ducks, allowing a 7.20 ERA. Despite his struggles on the mound, an opportunity to play professionally in the Pioneer League with the Missoula Paddle-Heads emerged in the summer of 2025.

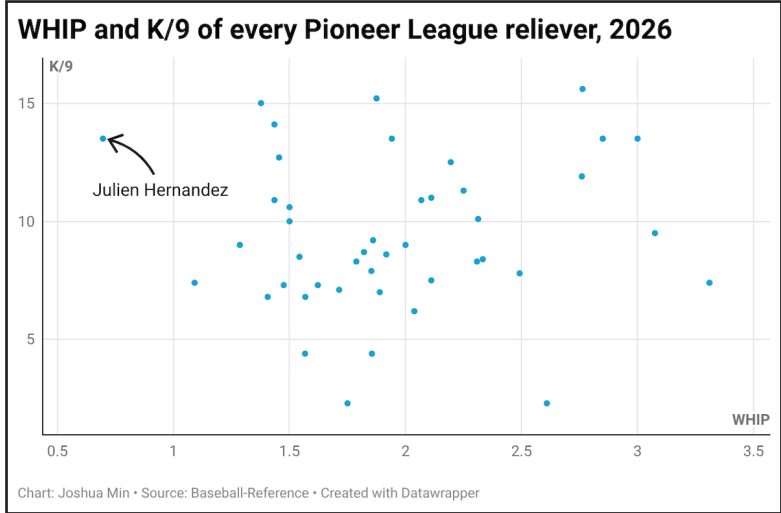
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Hernandez’s first year in the Pioneer League resulted in a 6.14 ERA and 2.25 WHIP between the PaddleHeads and the Idaho Falls Chukars. The wear-and-tear of competitive pitching had clearly been taking its toll

“At the end of the year with the Chukars, I was really kind of starting to find my stride,” Hernandez said. “It was hard being at the end of the year, I was pitching a lot and my body was pretty worn down, so I think coming into the offseason, it was just regained back to full health.”

Prioritizing recovery, fine-tuning his pitch arsenal and a fresh start with a new team changed everything for the 24-year-old. Hernandez was selected to be on the Coast’s inaugural roster in April 2026.

With the die-hard Long Beach fanbase, superstar ownership headlined by rapper Warren G and a coaching staff with a combined 38 years of MLB playing experience, the Coast had a lot of pressure to compete going into its inaugural season.



Julien Hernandez ranks among the Pioneer League leaders in WHIP and strikeouts per nine innings (K/9) for relievers.

As a member of the Coast, Hernandez put together a statistical resume that argued his spot as the best reliever in the league.

Out of the 44 pitchers in the Pioneer League who have only made relief appearances, Hernandez ranks first in WHIP and fifth in strikeouts per nine innings. With a 0.696 WHIP, Hernandez stands alone as no other reliever as of June 30 is posting a sub-one WHIP.

Upgraded & Affiliated

In the midst of a breakout season, on June 23, the Arizona Diamondbacks signed Hernandez to a minor league contract. Four days later, he suited up for the team’s Single-A affiliate, the Visalia Rawhide, in a matchup against the Ontario Tower Buzzers, the climax of what was surely a whirlwind week.

Although the Rawhide lost 5-3, Hernandez pitched the final two innings, retiring all six batters he faced and striking out five.

“There’s obviously a lot of things that might be a little bit different between affiliate ball and indie ball, but the transition has been real-

ly smooth,” Hernandez said. “I’m really grateful for everybody that’s helped me get here.”

Despite his short stint in Long Beach, Hernandez said he built friendships with his Coast teammates who have shown him support throughout his departure.

“The culture we had, it’s unique, you don’t necessarily get that in all of pro ball so I’ve stayed in contact with a lot of those guys,” Hernandez said. “I will stay in contact with them probably for the rest of my life.”

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2:57 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.
3:31 p.m., Battery, 2200 block E. Willow St.
6:20 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave south of E. Burnett St.
9:31 p.m., Disorderly conduct, 700 block E. Spring St.
10:58 p.m., Burglary, 2600 block Walnut Ave.

Thursday, June 25

5:06 a.m., Grand theft, 3200 block Lewis Ave.
7:15 a.m., Burglary, 3300 block California Ave. (suspect arrested)
8:42 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2000 block E. 21st St.
7:36 p.m., Battery, 2500 block Cherry Ave.

Friday, June 26

12:15 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Town Center E.
3:01 p.m., Fire, 1500 block E. Burnett St.
3:59 p.m., Auto burglary, 2200 block Molino Ave.
4:05 p.m., Elder abuse, 2300 block E. 21st St.
8:08 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, June 27

1:04 p.m., Petty theft, 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)
4:14 p.m., Petty theft, 2500 block E Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)
5:20 p.m., Battery, 3000 block California Ave.

Sunday, June 28

12:05 p.m., Grand theft, 2700 block Walnut Ave.
5:27 p.m., Petty theft; misdemeanor warrants, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
11:39 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2400 block Rose Ave.

Monday, June 29

No information available at the time of publication

Tuesday, June 30

10:05 p.m., Missing adult/found, 1900 block Temple Ave.

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

TST8185 NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Signal Hill on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the following Officers:

Two Members of the City Council	Full term of four years
One City Clerk	Full term of four years
One City Treasurer	Full term of four years

The nomination period for these offices begins on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and closes on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

If nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the City are not filed by Friday, August 7, 2026 (the 88th day before the election), the voters shall have until the 83rd day before the election, Wednesday, August 12, 2026, to nominate candidates other than the person(s) who are the incumbents on the 88th day before the election, for that incumbent's elective office. This extension is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by § 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

Vote centers will be open as required during the identified voting period pursuant to sections 4007 and 14401 of the Elections Code. Vote centers can be found at www.lavote.gov.

_____/ss/_____
Daritza Perez
City Clerk

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Posted in accordance with S.H.M.C. Section 1.08.010 on or before: July 3, 2026

TST8158 / 2026 112685 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: CHEESY'S SWEET FUNNEL CAKES & TREATS, 552 E. CARSON ST., SUITE 104-349, CARSON, CA. 90745. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 327 HOSPITALITY GROUP LLC, 552 E CARSON ST. SUITE 104-349, CARSON, CA. 90745. 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: ALEXANDRIA HUTCHINSON, MANAGING MEMBER. 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 5/21/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 12, 19, 26 & July 3, 2026

TST8168 Case No. 26SLBP00182 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Olamide Abolaji Sonuga for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: OLAMIDE A. SONUGA has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Olamide Abolaji Sonuga Proposed Name: Olamide Sonuga Finney 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: July 15, 2026; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-28, Room: 5300. 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. June 12, 19, 26 & July 3, 2026. ___/ss/___Sabina A. Helton, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: June 4, 2026

TST8170 Case No. 26SLBP00190 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Monica McCurdy for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Monica McCurdy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Monica McCurdy Proposed Name: Satya Om 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: July 20, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. S25, Room: 5600. 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 June 12, 19, 26 & July 3, 2026. ___/ss/___Nicole M. Heeseman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: June 5, 2026

TST8171 / 2026 094205 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: CORONADO CLEANING SERVICES, 140 E. WILLARD ST, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ADRIANA D. CORONADO LOZOYA, 140 E. WILLARD ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. 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: ADRIANA D. CORONADO LOZOYA, OWNER. 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 Apr 29, 2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed

prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 12, 19, 26 & July 3, 2026

TST8172 / 2026 126793 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. HOTEL MAYA, 2. THE MAYA, 700 QUEENSWAY DRIVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: QUEENSBAY HOTEL, LLC, 444 W OCEAN BLVD SUITE 650, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802. State of Incorporation/Organization: DE. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: KAMBIZ BABAOFF, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 06/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 6/10/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 12, 19, 26 & July 3, 2026

TST8177 / 2026 128621 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: L AND G INVESTMENTS, 720 E. 37TH ST., LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GALE MOLATTORE, 720 E. 37TH ST., 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: GALE MOLATTORE, OWNER. 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 Jun 11, 2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 19, 26 & July 3, 10, 2026

TST8181 / 2026 137054 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: KUCZYNSKI HOLDINGS, 4000 E. 2ND STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90803. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ELANA KARNOLD TRUSTEE, P.O. BOX 15678, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: a Trust. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ELANA KARNOLD, TRUSTEE. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 06/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Jun 23, 2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must

TST8182/Order No: 5162
Auto Lien Sale

On 07/16/2026 at 1969 FIRESTONE
LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will
be held on a 2024 HONDA
VIN: 1HGCV2F68RA091928
STATE: CA LIC: 9ROC402 at 9AM

TST8180 Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice SecureSpace Self Storage Signal Hill located at 3177 California Avenue Signal Hill CA 90755 intends to hold a public sale to the highest bidder of the property stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 7/22/2026 at 4:30 PM. David Osorio; Shelly Arnwine; Lorenzo Sanchez; Candice Arnwine; Rosie Adams; Brandon Wright; Shanice Partee; Heather Sawyer; Ondrea Shaw; Hazel Thomas; Jinae Johnson Young; La Franz D Pitts; Eric Marin; Desirae Llanas; Lauren Mahand; Jose Perez; Janette Bentley; Lovetta Johnson; Dania Vergara. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Pub. The Signal Tribune: July 3, 10, 2026

TST8184 Case No. 26CMCP00125 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COMPTON COURTHOUSE, 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA. 90720 PETITION OF: Chidinma Judith Sutton for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Chadinma Judith Sutton has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Sutton, Chidinma Judith Proposed Name: Dsita Ogbonnaya, Chidinma Judith 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: September 3, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. E, Room 1004. 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 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026. ___/ss/___Michael B. Wilson, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: June 24, 2026

TST8186 / 2026 138035 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: LB SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES, 1700 OCEAN BLVD #12, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: NATRESE THOMAS, PO BOX 1556, LONG BEACH, CA. 90801. 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: NATRESE THOMAS, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 06/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 6/24/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

TST8187/Order No: 5404
Auto Lien Sale

On 07/21/2026 at 17650 CLARK AVE
BELLFLOWER, CA a Lien Sale
will be held on a 2026 HONDA
VIN: 7FAR55H3TE012040
STATE: CA LIC: 9WJE765 at 9AM

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the proposed biennial budget was to “exercise additional caution in recognition of ongoing economic uncertainty, elevated costs, and the potential for slower revenue growth,” according to the 228-page budget. City departments have been analyzing their own operating budgets since the beginning of the year in preparation for this budget.

The police department has the largest budget among all departments, making up 41% of the general fund, followed by Public Works taking up 20% of the budget and finance, IT and non-department spending making up 14% of the general fund. Signal Hill expects to spend about \$38 million each year for the following departments:

- Police: \$16 million
- Public Works: \$7.5 million
- Finance, IT and Non-Department: \$5.5 million
- Parks, Recreation, and Library Services: \$3.9 million
- Legislative and administration: \$3 million
- Community Development Department: \$2.5 million

The reason for the proposed biennial budget was to “exercise additional caution in recognition of ongoing economic uncertainty, elevated costs, and the potential for slower revenue growth,” according to the 228-page budget.



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The Signal Hill Police Department will make up 41% of the general fund in the City’s 2026-27 and 2027-28 fiscal budgets, with annual spending at \$16 million.

The City projects a revenue of about \$38.3 million for 2026-27 and \$38.9 million for 2027-28. Signal Hill expects about \$28 million, roughly 66% of its general fund, to come from sales and use taxes, a \$1.4 million reduction from previous years. This dip is due to the unknown economic state of the country, like widespread inflation, high interest rates and higher energy costs.

Meanwhile, property tax makes up 7% of the City’s revenues and is expected to remain stable, according to the budget. Oil production only makes up about 1% of the City’s revenue.

Signal Hill also has about \$27 million in its reserves committed to items such as insurance, parks, police equipment, art, the Civic Center Master Plan, economic development, workforce and unforeseen emergencies. Reserves consist of rollover funds from previous years and planned contributions for future years.

Signal Hill organizes its reserves into three buckets:

- Type I: For emergencies and ad-

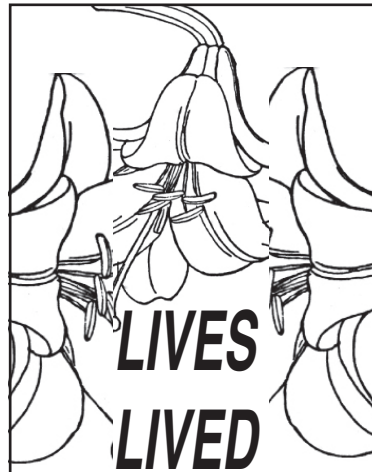
versities like economic downturns

- Type II: For specific purposes only, including employee retirement funds and insurance

- Type III: This makes up the remaining uses for reserve funds, which in the budget are listed as debt service, park, police equipment, capital improvement, general plan, art and more.

A few big projects are on the horizon in the next couple of years, including one of the largest items in the Civic Center Master Plan: the new Signal Hill Amphitheater at Signal Hill Park, expected to be completed soon. As part of that plan, Signal Hill received \$1.8 million from Congressman Alan Lowenthal’s office for the Civic Center Parking Lot Improvement Project, slated for completion next fiscal year.

The City will also use \$2.78 million from a CalTrans Active Transportation Program grant to fund the East Burnett Street Historical District Pedestrian and Bike Enhancement Project, projected to be completed by July 2027.



- Alfredo Dela Cruz 91
- Diane Barbre 74
- Harris David 59
- Jade Hepp 47
- Jean Gill 97
- Gloria Berg 90
- William Murdaugh 67
- Rasoul Zareie 68
- James Ellis 65
- Daniel Marquez 86
- Midori Fujikawa 85
- Lynn Putnam 88
- Nathaniel White 73
- Sam Sea 46
- Eugene Schachter 89

The families were assisted by McKenzie Mortuary. For more details on service dates and times, contact (562) 961-9301

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Pet of the week: Mr Worldwide

A special plea for this week’s Pet of the Week: Mr Worldwide, a 2-year-old brown-and-white pitie, is much loved by Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) staff and volunteers. He’s done all the things a good dog does—he walks well on leash, inspecting every inch of pavement and grass; accepts treats politely; presents his belly for rubs; and covers human faces with wet kisses. Mr Worldwide was recently adopted but was returned to LBACS because of aggression toward his new family. His days may be numbered but may be extended for a long time if a person who is experienced with pit bulls comes forward and is willing to sign a behavior waiver. Mr Worldwide requires both an exceptionally skilled adopter and professional training so that this behavior doesn’t escalate. His friends at the shelter passionately hope for a break for Mr Worldwide before it’s too late. Speed the process to adopt Mr Worldwide (no period after the honorific “Mr,” if you search for him on the LBACS adoption page) 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#A761120.

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facing. Board Member Maria Isabel López spoke about moving the district in a new direction.

Board Member Juan Benitez emphasized the need to improve opportunities for students the system has not yet fully served, including students with disabilities, foster youth, low-income students, Black students, multilingual learners, LGBTQ+ students and others who continue to face barriers. Vice President Erik Miller reminded the community that some of LBUSD’s greatest progress emerged from difficult moments and bold leadership, specifically referencing the work of former superintendent Dr. Carl Cohn.

Those comments matter.

They outlined the work ahead: a new direction, a renewed focus on underserved students and the kind of structural change that has helped move LBUSD forward in the past.

Incoming Superintendent David Zaid echoed that theme, stating that the district must “align resources with our values.” That principle should guide every conversation about student success moving forward. If equity, student wellness, attendance, college and career readiness and belonging are truly among the district’s core values, then the systems and resources supporting those outcomes must reflect that commitment.

School counseling standards provide one way to ensure that alignment exists not just in words but in practice.

When district leaders talk about equity, attendance, student well-



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Students at Roosevelt Elementary School raise their hands to answer questions from California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond during their return to in-person classes on Aug. 31, 2021.

ness, academic achievement and preparing students for life after graduation, they are describing outcomes that comprehensive school counseling programs help make possible every day — when counselors are provided the structure, leadership, role clarity and resources necessary to do their work effectively.

From elementary through high school, school counselors help students build belonging, stay engaged in school, navigate academic requirements, explore careers, access college opportunities and prepare for life after graduation.

Yet, access to that support remains too inconsistent across LBUSD.

After more than three decades

serving students and families in Long Beach schools — as a school counselor, assistant principal and district support staff member — I have seen students thrive when meaningful counseling support is available and struggle when it is not. Time and again, the difference has had less to do with their potential than whether the system was designed to ensure that support was there when they needed it.

This is not a criticism of LBUSD’s counselors. Across the district, counselors work tirelessly on behalf of students and families. The problem is not commitment. The problem is structure. Even the most dedicated professionals cannot consistently serve students when the system itself creates barriers

to access.

The Reimagining School Counseling in LBUSD report, which I authored in 2022 on behalf of the Teachers’ Association of Long Beach School Counselors Organizing Committee, documented many of these challenges. In a districtwide survey, 85.7% of counselors reported they did not have sufficient time to meet with students, while 68.3% reported they did not have sufficient time to build meaningful relationships with students.

Those findings should concern every parent, educator, community member and district leader because they point to a systemic issue, not an individual one.

The same survey found that counselors are frequently pulled away from direct student support. More than 82% reported being assigned supervision duties. More than 84% reported testing-related responsibilities. Nearly 64% reported scheduling duties.

Those tasks may need to happen somewhere within a school system. But when they consume the time of professionals specifically trained to support students, students pay the price.

No student’s access to counseling should depend on whether their counselor is supervising a lunch area, coordinating state testing, covering another assignment, responding to multiple crises or managing a caseload too large to provide meaningful access.

Read the full story online at SigTrib.com

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