

POLITICS

Signal Hill is getting voting districts. Here's how to shape the process.



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An election worker hands an "I Voted" sticker to a voter after turning in their ballot at the Signal Hill Community Center voting center on Nov. 7, 2022.

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Managing Editor

The City of Signal Hill held its first public hearing on Sept. 8 about creating voting districts, a dramatic shift in the city's political landscape.

Signal Hill has historically run its elections through an at-large system, where residents across the city receive an equal say in voting on all members of City Council. This change will introduce four to five districts, where residents are only permitted to vote for their district's representative. Districts will also run elections during separate cycles, similar to how Long Beach runs its elections.

The change was prompted after the threat of legal action from The Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP), which cited the California Voting Rights Act in a letter to the City back in June.

"The contrast between the significant Latino proportion of the electorate and the absence of Latinos elected to the Signal Hill City Council over its entire 102-year history is outwardly disturbing and fundamentally hostile towards participation from members of this protected class," SVREP wrote in its letter to the City.

Over 200 cities and roughly 350 school districts have made the switch from at-large voting systems to districts as a result of the California Voting Rights Act. Multiple cities have also been sued into doing so, including Anaheim (\$1.1 million), Modesto (\$3 million), Palmdale (\$4.7 million) and Whittier (\$1 million).

The voting rights organization gave the City until Aug. 20 to voluntarily begin the process of creating voting districts.

The City held multiple closed sessions to discuss the matter between June and August. There has since been one public workshop on Sept. 2 and one public hear-



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Election information in various languages is set up on a table in the voting center at the Signal Hill Community Center on Nov. 7, 2022, ahead of the election.

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YOUTH RESOURCES

Signal Hill kids can access free tutoring for math and reading

Through a unique partnership between Signal Hill Petroleum, the City of Signal Hill and private tutoring companies, over 300 students have improved their math skills by multiple grade levels.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

With the start of a new school year, some students will be facing subjects they find difficult to master, but are essential foundations for the rest of their educational journeys. Not every family can afford private tutoring for their child. Signal Hill Petroleum, the City of Signal Hill, Mathnasium and Kumon are teaming up to offer free services for roughly 50 students in grades 1-6 this school year.

Enrollment is now open for families who think their child could benefit from small-group tutoring sessions and an individualized plan to improve math and reading skills. Students must attend a Signal Hill elementary or middle school to participate.

Signal Hill Petroleum's Community Relations Manager Melissa Lynch said she and her team came across a Long Beach Press Telegram article from years ago about how post-COVID-19 test scores were dropping among local students.

"I thought, 'Gosh, you know, it'd be great if there's something that we could do that's impactful and affordable,'" Lynch said. "And then it took several years of reaching out, looking at educational resources, working with the city, trying to figure out what a program would look like, where physically it would be, how it would be managed."

The solution they came up with, where Signal Hill Petroleum subsidizes the services, Mathnasium teaches the students and the Signal Hill Public Library provides the space for sessions, which has helped over 300

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A student in Ms. Viado's first-grade class works on a class assignment at the Holy Innocents Parish School in Long Beach on Aug. 22, 2023.

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HEALTH

Long Beach Public Health Lab now offering environmental lead testing

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

Residents, businesses and organizations can now receive environmental lead testing from the Long Beach Health and Human Services (Health) Department.

The department's Public Health Laboratory received accreditation earlier this year and is now the only local public health lab in California to offer environmental lead testing.

Environmental lead testing can help identify hazards in homes, workplaces, schools, childcare facilities and other community settings. Lead exposure can have serious health effects, particularly for young children and pregnant people, making timely and reliable testing an important tool for preventing exposure.

"Lead is a toxic substance that poses serious risks to families, especially those with young children," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "Ensuring access to lead testing is essential to protecting public health in Long Beach. I'm proud to see this important service available so residents can identify hidden hazards and access the resources they need, particularly in vulnerable communities."



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A sign warns about the levels of lead and arsenic that are in the soil at the proposed site for the Pacific Place Project on May 28, 2021.

The laboratory can analyze four types of environmental samples:

- **Air filters:** Evaluate airborne lead generated during renovation, demolition, lead abatement or industrial activities.
- **Dust wipes:** Identify lead-containing dust on floors, windowsills, window troughs and countertops.



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A health care worker with the City of Long Beach Department of Public Health scans the bar code of a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) COVID-19 test at the Veterans Memorial Stadium parking lot in Long Beach on Jan. 3, 2022.

• **Paint chips:** Determine whether painted surfaces contain lead during hazard assessments, renovations and inspections.

• **Soil:** Identify lead contamination in residential, commercial and public areas, including playgrounds and gardens.

Testing services are available to residents, businesses, contractors, government agencies, property owners and environmental professionals throughout the region. The cost of testing is \$18 per sample for governmental agencies and \$30 per sample for private submitters.

"Accurate lead testing is essential to protecting public health, especially for children and families who may be exposed to hidden environmental hazards," said Alison King, Director of Health and Human Services, in a public statement. "This accredited service expands our ability to identify environmental lead hazards and support efforts to create safer, healthier environments across Long Beach and the surrounding region."

The new testing service complements the Health Department's broader lead prevention and response efforts. The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) provides services to eligible families of children with lead poisoning, including case manage-

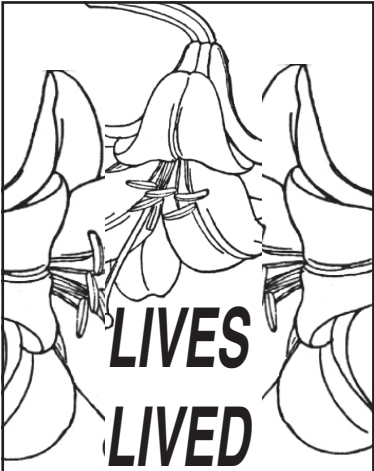
ment and in-home environmental assessments that may include collecting samples for laboratory testing.

The Bureau of Environmental Health's Lead-Based Paint Program works to prevent childhood lead poisoning through education, investigation and enforcement. The City also administers the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-funded Lead Hazard Reduction Program. This initiative addresses lead-based paint hazards in qualifying pre-1978 affordable housing in targeted high-risk areas of Long Beach.

Residents and organizations interested in Environmental Lead Testing Services, including information about sample submission requirements, testing fees, collection instructions and turnaround times, may contact the Long Beach Public Health Laboratory at 562-570-4080 or PHL-Inquiries@longbeach.gov.

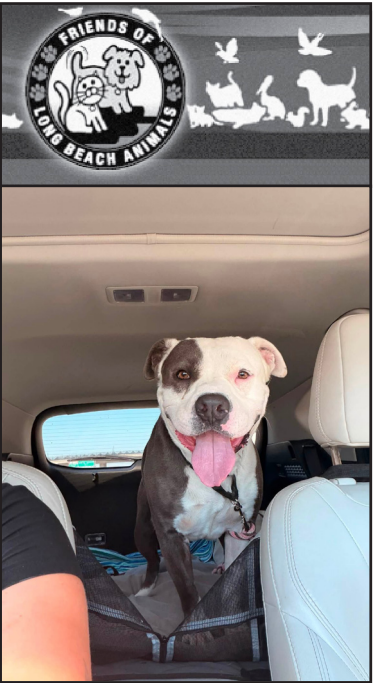
Additional information is available at longbeach.gov/labservices.

Information about the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is available by calling 562-570-4564 or emailing HE-CLPPP@longbeach.gov. For information about the Environmental Health Lead Hazard Program, call 562-570-4488.



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



Pet of the week: Rally

Rally has earned his name. He's a 4-year-old Longtime Legend, meaning that he's been at Long Beach Animal Care Services for over a year. That's mainly because he's been spending his weeks and months dealing with knee surgery that Friends of Long Beach Animals covered. And Rally has rallied and continues to rally! He's learning to walk gently on leash and enjoys rides in the car. On the day of his one-year "shelterversity," volunteer Sarah decided that Rally should observe the day with a Fido Field trip to get a Pup Cup and a burger. He loved the ride—he watched the scenery and thanked Sarah with some burger-breath kisses. Would you rally around Rally and take him home forever? Long Beach Animal Care Services is over capacity with dogs, so speed the process to adopt or foster Rally or any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Our shelter hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). Ask for ID#A746783.

SPORTS

Top-seeded Mustangs live up to billing, hammer Coast in onslaught

Joshua Min
Sports Reporter

Tied with three innings left, Game 1 of the 2026 Pioneer Baseball League (PBL) Championship Series had the makings of a wire-to-wire showdown in front of a sold-out crowd of 3,154 fans between the Billings Mustangs and Long Beach Coast.

Then, Mustangs' right fielder Adam Cootway took over. Leading off the seventh inning, Cootway swung at the first pitch and connected for a solo home run to left field, breaking the 1-1 deadlock.

That ignited a Mustang rally long enough to cycle through the batting order, giving Cootway another at-bat in the same inning — this time with the bases loaded and a 5-1 lead. Cootway outdid himself, hitting a grand slam for his second homer in a row.



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Long Beach Coast pitcher Brett Wozniak walks off the mound in despair after giving up seven hits and five earned runs in two innings pitched on Sept. 15, 2026.

The Mustangs showed their league-best regular-season record was no fluke, hammering the Coast for a 12-2 series-opening victory at Blair Field.

Since the Yuba-Sutter Freebirds became the first California-based team to join the Pioneer League in 2024, the Mustangs had not played

in the West Coast before Tuesday.

The Mustangs answered any questions about whether their high-powered offense could produce against a top-tier pitching staff in the Southern California climate.

Coast manager Troy Percival gave the ball to lefty Matthew O'Brien to start. One of several former UC Riverside Highlanders on the roster, O'Brien went 4-3 in 10 starts this season. O'Brien didn't receive a decision in this one, leaving the game tied after three frames. After missing the Big West tournament twice as a pitcher for UC Riverside, Game 1 of the PBL Championship Series may have drawn the biggest crowd for an O'Brien start.

"The family was great, everyone showed out, it was fun," O'Brien said. "Obviously, the game didn't go the way we wanted, but it was

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As the annual Long Beach Gives fundraiser reminds us what's great about this community, that sentiment is underscored by the variety of free and fun events for all ages taking place throughout the week.

Bixby Knolls has everything you need for a nourishing weekend, from a wellness event on a private farm on Friday to a diverse learning experience and fundraiser Saturday. Pour into yourself further at a relaxing zen garden workshop at the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden Saturday, a Latino Health Fair hours later in the day, a free pilates class Monday morning or a community yoga class Wednesday night.

There are multiple ways to give back this week, starting with the 42nd annual Coastal Cleanup Day Saturday at several locations. Also on Saturday, nonprofit Sowing Seeds of Change will unveil their new location to the public with a youth-led Harvest Hoedown. Residents can get in touch with more nonprofits at a jazz concert at The Shell on Sunday, or attend an uplifting printmaking class on Thursday evening.

18FRIDAY

WESTSIDE NIGHT MARKET
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The City of Long Beach will launch a new monthly Westside Night Market at Admiral Kidd Park (2125 Santa Fe Ave.), a vibrant community gathering that will celebrate and offer local street food, handmade goods, giveaways and live music. The Westside Night Market will be held on the third Friday of the month in September, October and November. Free.

BLISS & BEATS
5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy an eve-

ning of wellness, movement and community at The Farmhouse (550 W. Devon Place), featuring yoga, a soundbath experience, zumba, a custom charm bag station, a crystal manifestation bracelet station, pie, lattes, chair massages, access to family-friendly farm animals and more. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased on Eventbrite.

19SATURDAY

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY
9 a.m. to noon. The 42nd annual California Coastal Cleanup Day will take place at nine locations throughout the city, inviting the public to help keep their beaches clean and be stewardesses of the environment. Each site will feature unique and fun activities, educational components and giveaways. For more information, contact the El Dorado Nature Center at 562-570-1745. Free.

CAL HEIGHTS BLOCK PARTY
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The intersection of California Avenue and 37th Street will become a corner of celebration for the third annual block party and centennial celebration for the homes in the neighborhood built in 1926. There will be food trucks, games, music and raffles. Free.

HARVEST HOEDOWN
4 p.m. to 8 p.m. North Long Beach urban farm Sowing Seeds of Change (750 E. Via Carmelitos) is hosting this Harvest Hoedown as a way to kick off its Long Beach Gives fundraising efforts and to invite the public into their new space, which youth have spent months reviving and beautifying. The public can enjoy student-led farm showcases, live music, DJs, raffles, games and onsite merchandise sales. RSVP via the nonprofit's Linktree. Free.

U DON'T HAVE TO CALL
8 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy an evening of true expression through R&B music and dancing at Sala Coffee & Wine (3853 Atlantic Ave.), where every attendee will have their phone camera taped over to encourage a night of living in the music and in the moment. Tickets are \$17 on Posh.

20SUNDAY

READ 'EM SIP
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Readers in search of a book club to call home can meet members of various such clubs at The Wicked Wolf's (2332 Pacific Ave.) open house. Each book club will have its own table, club week at college style. Free.

JAZZ AT THE SHELL
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Kick off this year's Long Beach Gives fundraising efforts at the Bandshell at Recreation Park (4900 E. Seventh St.) with Jazz at the Shell. The Cal State Long Beach concert jazz orchestra will perform, and the public can meet multiple organizations that will be involved with Long Beach Gives, plus enjoy rock painting, an instrument petting zoo, giant jenga, coloring and much more. Free.

21MONDAY

ARTS AND CRAFTS
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Learn cardboard loom weaving at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.). Registration is required by calling 562-989-7330. Free.

PILATES
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Learn the foundational moves of pilates in this series at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.). This



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Community members can show off their dance moves at Sowing Seeds of Change's Harvest Hoedown and the u don't have to call party, both happening Saturday.

class is open to people of all skill and experience levels ages 18 and older. Attendees are asked to bring their own mat and a water bottle. Registration is required by calling 562-989-7323. Free.

22TUESDAY

SEEDS OF RESILIENCE
2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hosted by the City of Long Beach, Rancho Los Cerritos, the Historical Society of Long Beach and other organizations, this celebration is both meant to recognize the country's 250th anniversary and honor local families' deep roots to Long Beach. There will be performances, art and multiple interactive pop-ups where residents will tell their stories at Long Beach Civic Center Plaza (411 W. Ocean Blvd.). Free.

HOBBIT DAY CELEBRATION
6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Celebrate the works of J.R.R. Tolkien by pouring yourself a warm cup of tea and creating a terrarium inspired by hobbits at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.). Costumes are highly encouraged. All materials will be provided. Space is limited, so call 562-989-7323 to register. Free.

23WEDNESDAY

'OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD: THE FIRST CORAL REEFERS'
7 p.m. This feature documentary showing at the Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E. Fourth St.) journeys back to the 1970s and early 1980s to tell the story of Jimmy Buffett's original Coral Reefer Band. Set against the creative backdrop of Key West, the film explores the musicians, friendships, touring years

and studio sessions that helped shape Buffett's legendary sound. Featuring rare archival material, personal stories, and narration by Jeff Bridges. Tickets are \$16.50 and can be purchased online.

YOGA
8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Gather at KUBO LB (3976 Atlantic Ave.) for a trauma-informed gentle yoga practice designed to help you prepare for and invite rest through intentional breath and movement, led by three certified yoga instructors. Everybody is welcome. Mats will be provided or bring your own. There is a suggested donation of \$10-25, but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

24THURSDAY

PRINTMAKING
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Filipino Artists Collective will host a printmaking class focused on uplifting the community at the Carolyn Campagna Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum on the CSULB campus (1250 Bellflower Blvd.). All materials will be provided. Free.

SUNSET SKATE
6:30 p.m. Long Beach Skate Club's last weeknight sunset skate of the summer will start at Gaucho Beach (780 E. Shoreline Drive, Suite B), go for 4 miles to the pier and back to Gaucho's. All wheels and skill levels are welcome. Free.

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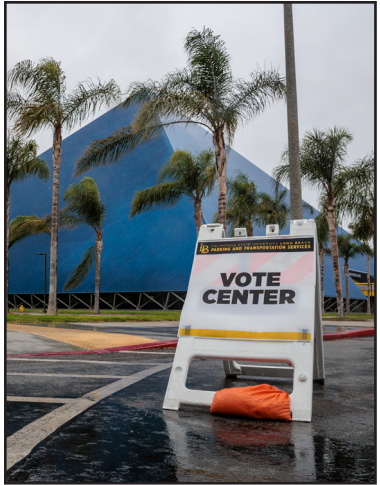
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ing on Sept. 8. About 20 residents attended the workshop in early September, said City Manager Carlo Tomaino.



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Rain drops trickle down outside of the Walter Pyramid, which is used as a voting center ahead of the Nov. 8, 2022, election.

Residents are now invited to shape Signal Hill’s first-ever voting districts through a series of workshops and map drawing opportunities. The City’s goal is to “draw lines that respect neighborhoods, history, and geographical communities of interest,” they stated on their website.

Signal Hill will be using data from the 2020 Census to deter-

mine population, which shows a total population of 11,911 and a voting-age population of 8,366.

Guidelines

While the California Voting Rights Act doesn’t provide any criteria on how a municipality can create districts, the Fair Maps Act of 2024 does have requirements. Under federal law, the number of districts is determined by the city’s population, and each district must have roughly the same population, allowing for a 10% deviation. There can be no racial gerrymandering, where district lines are drawn to undermine a minority population’s vote. However, according to the Federal Voting Rights Act—which has been newly brought back into the political zeitgeist—race and ethnicity cannot be the primary consideration for creating a district.

Instead, district lines have to consider “communities of interest,” which include everything from income, class and education to history and neighborhoods. The California Elections Code defines a community of interest as “a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”

California criteria requires that:

- All parts of a district must

touch, meaning there cannot be county islands or census blocks within the city

- The City must try to avoid the division of neighborhoods and communities of interest
- There should be easily identifiable boundaries
- The districts should be compact, not dividing or bypassing groups to reach certain populations

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A final prohibition states that boundaries cannot be drawn with the purpose of favoring or discriminating against certain candidates or parties. At the Sept. 8 public hearing, Dr. Justin Levitt with the National Demographic Corporation said Signal Hill does not have any data on this and will not be using it during the districting process.

How to Get Involved

Signal Hill residents have multiple opportunities to help shape the city’s district boundaries, beginning with a handful of meetings, all located at Signal Hill City Hall (2175 Cherry Ave.) at 7 p.m.:

- Sept. 22** - Public hearing where residents can ask general questions and discuss neighborhoods and communities of interest.
- Oct. 13** - First public hearing with the draft maps included, where residents can give feedback on drafts and revisions.
- Oct. 27** - Second public hearing with the draft maps included
- Nov. 10** - Map approval and

adoption

Signal Hill residents can submit their map of election district lines at drawsignalhill.org. At this site, the public can also access draft maps once they are posted. There are currently blank city maps and maps divided by Census data on the website.

The deadline to submit draft maps is Oct. 2. The draft maps will be made public on Oct. 6.

The City will host four more public hearings, two without drafted maps and two with the maps, where the drafts can be discussed and revised. The City hopes to adopt the final map on Nov. 10.



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A Los Angeles County ballot dropbox sits at Wardlow Park on July 29, 2026.

FREE TUTORING

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A student at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School looks towards other students while on recess during the first day of school, returning to in-person classes on Aug. 31, 2021.

Signal Hill students over the last three years. It’s a one-of-a-kind partnership, explained Andrew Boules, who heads the Mathnasium aspect, saying that out of the company’s 1,200 branches, he hasn’t seen anything else like it.

“They [Signal Hill Petroleum] kind of set a precedent for even public school partnerships and the right way to do it,” Boules said. “So it’s a cool, unique thing that I think could maybe be a little bit more widespread as we prove it has value.”

Boules said the majority of their students see jumps between 1 and 1.5 grade levels after one year with Mathnasium. Given the success of the math sessions, this year Signal Hill Petroleum has added a pilot program through a contract with Kumon to help 15 students with reading tutoring.

Both math and reading tutoring will continue to take place once a week at the Signal Hill Public Library with hour-long sessions. For math, students are taught in groups

of four with one teacher per group. Around 30 students will be accepted into this year’s math tutoring program.

Similar tutoring schedules range between \$250 and 500 per child, according to several online estimates, making this free program typically out of reach for many families.

The City of Signal Hill’s Library Department will head the selection process, contacting teachers and families to make sure the kids who need the tutoring most receive it. Sessions will run throughout the entire school year, with monthly progress reports and quarterly benchmarks.

“I think math compounds really quickly and people usually understand that even if you’re trying to work on grade 3 things, we gotta go back and do this thing that you might have forgotten from 2nd grade, and I think that’s kind of the magic of the program,” Boules said.

Signal Hill Petroleum also throws an end-of-year graduation party for

the participating students and their families, complete with food, prizes, a certificate and an appearance from the mayor.

“They [the students] accomplish something important. We want them to feel that, feel that it’s important and feel good about what they’ve done and what they’ve accomplished,” said Signal Hill Petroleum Chief Executive Officer Dave Slater.

Families interested in applying for free tutoring services can pick up an application at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.) or email SHPLtutoring@cityofsignalhill.org. There will be a waiting list once the available spots fill up, and kids may lose their spot if they are consistently missing sessions.

Reading sessions will take place Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and math sessions will take place Thursdays with options from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., or 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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9:39 a.m., Suspicious transient/felony warrant, Olive Ave./E. 27th St. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, September 10

12:16 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2100 block E. 19th St.
9:32 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block Redondo Ave.

Friday, September 11

5:15 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block Freeman Ave. (suspect arrested)
7:51 a.m., Auto burglary, California Ave./Vernon St.
9:00 a.m., Identity theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
9:03 a.m., Identity theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
10:17 a.m., Identity theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.

Saturday, September 12

12:26 p.m., Petty theft w/2 or more priors, 1600 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)

Sunday, September 13

2:23 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Temple Ave./E. PCH
5:08 a.m., Indecent exposure, 3300 block Cerritos Ave.
11:36 a.m., Petty theft, 2200 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)

Monday, September 14

1:36 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. Burnett St.

Tuesday, September 15

4:39 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, California Ave./E. Willow St.
11:32 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, E. 20th St./Raymond Ave.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Cory Matthew Mellor and Lisa Yonn, on behalf of Goku Mellor for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Cory Matthew Mellor and Lisa Yonn, on behalf of Goku Mellor, has filed a petition withthis court for a decree changing names as follows:Present Name: Cory Matthew Mellor Proposed Name: Cory Mathuin Present Name: Goku Mellor Proposed Name: Goku Mathuin 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: October 23, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. S28. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. September 18, 25, & October 2, 9, 2026___/ss//___Gary Tokumori, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: Sep 11, 2026

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The following person is doing business as: AN DELUXE, 14515 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA. 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: AN DELUXE LLC,14515 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA. 90650. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MARIA E GODINEZ,PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 07/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Sep 01, 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: September 18, 25, & October 2, 9, 2026

TST8258/Order No: 6253
Auto Lien Sale

On 10/05/2026 at 4961 FIRESTONE BLVD SOUTH GATE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 KIA VIN: 5XXGT4L38KG379592 STATE: CA LIC: 9PMM046 at 9AM

TST8257/Order No: 5094
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On 10/05/2026 at 6520 S 8TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 CHEVR VIN: 1G1FB1RX0L0113681 STATE: CA LIC: 8NME014 at 9AM

TST8255/Order No: 4626
Auto Lien Sale

On 09/29/2026 at 1856 E 65TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 TESLA VIN: 5YJ3E1EA6MF064699 STATE: CA LIC: 9CJB743 at 9AM

TST8254/Order No: 5936
Auto Lien Sale

On 09/29/2026 at 3800 EAST OLYMPIC BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2005 WORKH VIN: 5B4HP42P853404496 STATE: CA LIC: 37155Y1 at 9AM

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Proposals are due by 2:00 pm (PT) on October 9, 2026.

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TST8248 / 2026 174220 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as: KELLY'S STEAKHOUSE, 5716 2ND ST, LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MARTIN & MLOUK HOSPITALITY GROUP LLC, 5716 E 2ND STREET, LONG BEACH, CA. 90803. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all informa-

tion in this statement is true andcorrect. Signed: GEORGE MLOUK, 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 8/13/2026. 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: September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

TST8250 / 2026 188735 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as: 1. BETTER BUILT FENCE CO, 2. BETTER BUILT FENCE COMPANY, 3. BETTER BUILT FENCE, 4. BETTER BUILT MASONRY, 1015 SOUTH ATLANTIC DRIVE, COMPTON, CA. 90221. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GARY MOORE, 1015 SOUTH ATLANTIC DRIVE, COMPTON, CA. 90221. 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: GARY MOORE, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 05/1977. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Sep 2, 2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of

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alright. We go back and come back for Game 2.”

O’Brien forced the first two batters he faced to whiff for strikeouts, then gave up a big swing to Cameron Bowen that may have flown past the left-field fence in Billings, Montana. But at Blair Field, the ball landed safely in left fielder Eddy Pelc’s glove at the warning track.

Despite a lower regular-season strikeout rate of 29 strikeouts in 57 innings pitched, O’Brien recorded three strikeouts and allowed just one hit in his outing.

“Pounding the zone, that’s always the first step,” he said. “I always try to keep my pitch count down ... I’m not a big strikeout guy, but guys were swinging over my stuff. We had a good game plan coming in.”

Hitting in the cleanup spot, center fielder Emilio Corona opened up the scoring with a solo home run over the right field wall to lead off the second inning. That hit was the third home run Mustangs starter Cole Calnon allowed in his last nine batters faced, spanning back to his

last outing, but Calnon quickly put all troubles behind him.

Calnon threw a 133-pitch complete game, allowing nine hits and just one earned run.

“We’ll come back,” O’Brien said. “I mean [Calnon] pitched the ball pretty well, so it is what it is, but we’ll come back.”



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Long Beach Coast catcher Johnny Pappas walks in frustration as he heads back to the dugout during the Coast’s 12-2 loss to the Billing Mustangs at Blair Field on Sept. 15, 2026.

The Mustangs retaliated with a bomb of their own, courtesy of second baseman John McHenry’s solo homer to left field in the third.

The Billings fans who made the trip knew it was gone as soon as the ball jumped off of McHenry’s bat, forming an island of cheers within the Long Beach crowd.

Relief pitcher Marco Digirolamo got the first call out of the bullpen. After a double play helped his scoreless fourth inning, he faced a bases-loaded situation in the fifth. Strong defense saved him again, as well as a friendly umpire, as shortstop Anthony Mata secured the third out by underhanding the throw to second base, recording the fielder’s choice by fractions of a second.

Cootway broke the 1-1 deadlock in the seventh inning with a first-pitch swinging home run off Ryan Faulks to left field. The Mustangs followed that up with a walk and double. That sequence ended Faulks’ night and brought in Steven Ordorica to put out the fire of runners in scoring position with zero outs. After issuing a walk on seven pitches, Ordorica allowed a line drive to right field that scored

Game 2 will be played on Friday at 6:35 MDT at Dehler Park in Billings, Montana. Trademark Brewing will be hosting a watch party, starting at 5 p.m. at 233 E. Anaheim St.

one run.

With the vaunted top of the order getting a shot with the bases loaded and no outs, the Mustangs stretched their lead after leadoff hitter Jacob Gutierrez connected on a full count for a two-run single to shallow left field.

The Mustangs kept the endless inning going to give Cootway another chance at the plate with the bases loaded, which he capitalized on for a 9-1 lead.

Normally reserved for pinch-hitting and defensive situations, Robert Pitts got the start in right field for the Coast and delivered an RBI

single in the seventh to stop the onslaught.

The Mustangs kept their foot on the gas to end the game, tacking on three extra runs to solidify a double-digit margin of victory.

“I trust our offense, they’ll be able to get some good swings at the ball next time and our pitching will limit the big inning and that’ll be fine,” O’Brien said.

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EVENT

First-ever Long Beach 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb offers 2,200 steps of support

Samuel Chacko
Photo Editor

It’s 2001 and 16-year-old Charles Hakopian gets ready for school like any other day. He grabs a donut, picks up his girlfriend and heads to high school.

“I’m standing in the room, got the TV on, it cuts out, I see the footage and I’m just in shock,” Hakopian said. What he saw was the South Tower of the World Trade Center getting hit on the news.

Hakopian, now the Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) captain for Fire Station 1, shared personal memories with attendees at the city’s first-ever 9/11 memorial stair climb Saturday morning. He reminisced on old photos of him wearing firefighter helmets and mentioned how, as a kid, he always had a curiosity about being a firefighter.

That day, September 11, 2001, he remembers as the driving force for him to become a firefighter.

Hakopian began reading books, seeing footage and watching videos of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) responding to the attacks and became inspired to join the profession.

“I started asking myself the question: ‘Why would they do that?’ And learning about that, that completely threw me into becoming a fireman,” he said. “From 9/11 on, that was just my drive and my passion.”



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The 9/11 ceremony ends with a pledge of allegiance as all attendees stand up and put their hand on their heart on Sept. 12, 2026 outside the Long Beach World Trade Center.

Hakopian, LBFD firefighter Phil Hanlen and close to 100 attendees came together Saturday at the Long Beach World Trade Center to honor the 343 firefighters and 2,977 victims who lost their lives to the 9/11 attacks.

Hanlen, Hakopian and a few other firefighters visited the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York back in June.

“Going to the museum, hearing the stories, seeing the faces ... and then some of these stories are coming from family members, from their kids, so it’s really hard, having kids [and] a wife,” Hakopian said as his voice quivered with emotion.

He also described going through five New York City firehouses and hearing stories from the first responders who were there on 9/11, as well as family members who lost loved ones that day.

The idea of a stair climb came almost two decades ago when both Hakopian and Hanlen joined the department.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary and educate people who don’t have a living memory of 9/11, Hakopian and Hanlen decided to host the stair climb this year.

“We wanted to tell stories; we wanted for it to be a heavy moment. I think that trip really exposed us to

raw things about that day. It’s not just kind of brushing over some of the things, but actually watching it again,” Hakopian said.

The open-air event had photo posters plastered on the outer walls, along with memorandums, facts for the audience to read and videos of the 9/11 attacks.

Each attendee who signed up to climb the 22 stories had the name and photo of a firefighter who perished while responding to the attack clipped on their shirt as they pushed through each floor. The cards were supplied by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, one of the event’s two charitable beneficiaries alongside the FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation.

Hakopian said these photos were meant to honor the fallen first responders, as well as motivate those climbing the flights of stairs should they get tired along the way.

“What you get from that is the motivation [that] they never stopped; they kept going,” Hanlen said. “When you think about these guys climbing up the Twin Towers, the biggest buildings you could possibly climb in the worst conditions, it gives you that boost of energy.”

Hanlen said the resilience the FDNY had as the attack unfolded set the standard for firefighters, due to the impossible nature of the situation.

“It’s like, ‘Well, we might not be able to do anything for them when

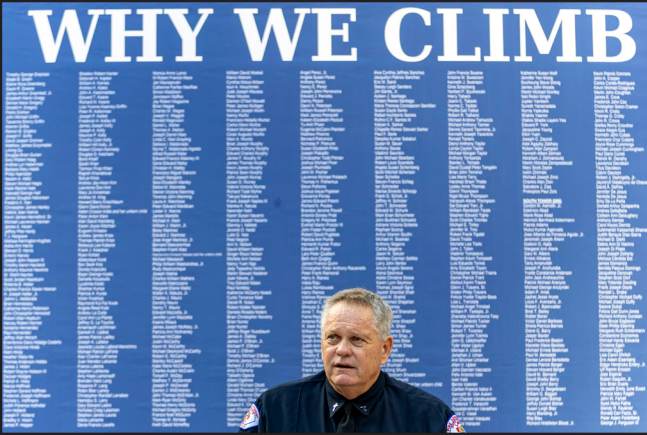
we get there. But we definitely can’t do anything for them down here, so we climb and so we go.’ And you can hear from the radio traffic that they are starting to get some water [on the fire], those sons of guns made it up there and started fighting the fire,” he said.

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- Phil Hanlen,
co-organizer of the event

The LBFD captain stressed the importance of commemorating 9/11 every year to learn from the past.

“We have to learn from the past to go forward and the future ... we have to learn about these things so that [they] can mold us and that could shape us to be better human beings for one another,” Hakopian said.



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(Left) Just before the Long Beach 9/11 ceremony begins, audience members look at the various posters and information that fills the Long Beach World Trade Center on Sept. 12, 2026. (Center) Long Beach Fire Department Chaplain, Paul Cheek, speaks to the audience during the first-ever Long Beach 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. (Right) Around 100 members of the Long Beach 9/11 ceremony participate in the city’s inaugural 9/11 memorial stair climb as they go all the way up to the 22nd floor of the Long Beach World Trade Center.

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