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MAYOR'S CORNER

City to host important series of public workshops starting September 6

The City of La Habra Heights is hosting a series of public workshops at City Hall over the coming months to address some of our community's most important long-term challenges. Each workshop will focus on a single topic—from infrastructure and public safety to city operations and funding—and will provide residents with the opportunity to learn more, ask questions and share ideas.

The series will conclude with a general session to review the issues discussed and gather community input on potential solutions.

First Workshop: STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Saturday, September 6, 2025 • 10 a.m. • City Hall

At this workshop, we will review the current condition of our streets and examine the findings of the Roads Advisory Committee. We'll compare current General Fund spending with projected needs over the next 5 to 10 years and discuss the risks of allowing the roads to deteriorate.

Our current allocated budget was based upon projections in 2017 that allowed a small inflation factor. As the result of actual inflation, we have had to continually reduce the size of our road-related projects to remain within our funding.

Without additional investment, the cost to maintain our roads to an acceptable condition accelerates. This session is your chance to learn about the state of our roads and streets and help shape priorities for future improvements.

Second Workshop: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, October 4, 2025 • 10 a.m. • City Hall

Our Fire Department plays a critical role in protecting life and property, but it faces increasing challenges. This workshop will provide a historical overview of how the Department has evolved over the past decade, including the impacts of unfunded state and county mandates, including the relatively new, stringent LA County-required paramedic program that has continued to cause LHH Fire Department overruns requiring significant transfers from the General Fund.

We'll address the effects of aging equipment, delays in replacing firefighter gear and a substandard apparatus bay. Participants will also examine the limitations of the current Fire Assessment and consider how to ensure that our LHH Fire Department remains fully equipped and ready to respond.

Future Workshops

- **November: PUBLIC SAFETY**
- **January: ADMINISTRATION**
- **February: REVENUE (General Session)**

Please watch *Heights Life*, *GuacTalk* and the City website (lhhcity.org) for dates and details about these future meetings.

I encourage every resident to attend these workshops and take an active role in shaping the future of our city. Your input will help ensure that La Habra Heights remains safe, resilient and well-prepared for the years ahead.

New motorcycle patrols by Habitat Authority Rangers to improve trail safety and fire prevention



The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority Rangers have begun motorcycle patrols on our trails to improve safety and speed up response times. This new approach allows them to cover more ground in less time, making it easier to reach remote locations that can be difficult to access by foot or traditional patrol vehicles.

The Puente Hills Habitat lands are a vital part of La Habra Heights, offering miles of trails, native wildlife habitat and scenic open space that define the character of our city. The Rangers' work goes far beyond law enforcement—they play a key role in protecting sensitive habitats, monitoring wildlife and educating the public on responsible trail use. Their brush inspections help identify fire hazards early, reducing the risk of wildfires that could threaten both the natural environment and nearby homes.

By increasing patrol presence, the Rangers can respond more quickly to reports of unsafe conditions, trail misuse or suspicious activity, ensuring these open spaces remain safe for hikers, equestrians and nature enthusiasts. Their efforts directly contribute to preserving the quality of life we value so highly in La Habra Heights.

Hope everyone had an enjoyable summer!

—**John Pespisa**



Gil Taylor



P R E S I D E N T ' S P E N

As you can see from the reminder below, we're getting ready for our favorite fall event! LHHIA boardmembers Lynn Kelley and Angela Owen are once again making plans and seeking volunteers to transform the gym at The Park into "La Haunted Heights" for our annual *Halloween Haunt* on the evening of October 31. If you want to get spooky and have some fun helping with the preparations, you'll find their contact information on page 16.

Attendance at our "spooktacular" has set records for the past several years, and we hope to continue the trend! If you're planning to take part in the family-friendly festivities, please remember to bring one bag of individually-wrapped candy for each participating child. That candy will be liberally handed out from our numerous trick or treat houses! You'll also find lots of games, goodies and spooky music, as well as a parade of creative costumes to admire.

As always, the November issue of *Heights Life* will arrive a few days later than usual so that we can include plenty of photos from the *Halloween Haunt*.

Last month I mentioned that this September issue of *Heights Life* would contain a by-name recognition of our much-appreciated "Friends of Music in The Park" who have generously donated to help us keep the music playing each summer. We haven't forgotten you! But boardmember Monica Gunns, who managed the concerts again this year, asked us to delay publishing the list until October for a very good reason: she was still receiving donations as our print deadline approached, and we want to make sure everyone gets recognized. Please allow me thank you in advance for your support!

Save December 6 for *Morning With Santa!*

We're already in the midst of planning for our ever-popular LHHIA *Morning With Santa*, the annual Christmas season celebration in the gym at The Park that will take place this year on Saturday, December 6. Mark your calendar and join us at 9 a.m. for some yuletide cheer!

—Gil Taylor

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City retains specialized attorney to help improve safety and property values through better code enforcement

The quality of life and safety of all our residents depends on the enforcement of the La Habra Heights Municipal Code. Because we all want to make our homes as safe and valuable as we can, the city recently retained the law firm Dapeer, Rosenblit and Litvak, which specializes in code enforcement and compliance.

Established in 1979, this firm represents many other cities in southern California (e.g., Malibu, La Cañada Flintridge and Diamond Bar) and has handled prior cases in La Habra Heights with good results. Our assigned attorney lives nearby and is actively working with our city staff on new, more efficient procedures to enforce code compliance—especially on neglected properties—including more frequent inspections and new methodologies that enable our limited staff to check more properties in less time.

‘Broken Windows Theory’



Many high-ranking law-enforcement officials (including former Los Angeles Police Commissioner Bill Bratton) are advocates for the “broken windows theory” that when a community appears neglected, people are more likely to feel that the area is unsafe and that residents don’t care about their surroundings. Such a negative atmosphere is conducive to vandalism and other crimes—so keeping our community safe and attractive is a major factor in crime prevention.

Real estate professionals know that property values depend in large measure on whether a city appears well-maintained. Why do lovely, large homes and lots in La Habra Heights sell far below the average price per square foot in similar nearby communities? In 2023 the average price per square foot in the Heights was \$458.51, while in Sierra Madre it was \$743.89, in Diamond Bar \$569 and in San Dimas \$535. An obvious contributing factor is the number of poorly maintained sites in our city. *We must do better*—and the key is code enforcement and compliance.

Our 10 most common code violations

As with most cities, our Municipal Code contains numerous ordinances. Our ordinances support our General Plan and preserve safety and privacy, as well as our beautiful natural terrain, scenic views and dark skies. But if these ordinances are not understood by residents and properly enforced, they will not improve our safety and property values as they are meant to. You can find all our ordinances on the city’s website: lhcity.org.

Here’s a brief overview of commonly violated ordinances that affect public safety, make our city look shabby and lower our property values.

- The ordinance with which most residents are familiar—thanks to the continual efforts of our Fire Department and many articles in *Heights Life*—is that all properties must be kept entirely clear of flammable dead brush and trees, as well as accumulated debris, trash and junk that not only can fuel a fire, but can also interfere with firefighter access in an emergency. Fire prevention is a year-round, paramount concern in La Habra Heights since so much of our city falls into a “very high fire risk severity zone” as defined by the California State Fire Marshall. *Protecting our community is our shared responsibility!*



- Abandoned or unkempt structures are prohibited, since they pose a threat both as fire fuel and as public nuisances that encourage vandalism and are dangerous to anyone who enters them, especially children.

- Dangerous “attractive nuisances” such as abandoned, broken or neglected equipment, machinery, refrigerators and freezers, as well as hazardous excavations, are not allowed in the Heights.

- “Visual blight” must not be visible from a street, alley or public or private property, including junk, trash, litter, boxes, discarded building materials, broken or discarded furniture, household equipment and furnishings, as well as graffiti and tagging on structures.

- Inoperable, neglected or partially disassembled vehicles, utility trailers and camper tops must not be parked in places visible to the public.



- Onsite parking of vehicles, RVs and boats is restricted to improved surfaces, and visual screening is required.

- As a safety measure, on-street parking is prohibited where it impedes emergency vehicle passage.

- Noise limits are in place to prevent disturbing the peace—e.g., human, animal and mechanical noises, loud parties and fireworks (which are strictly prohibited in La Habra Heights both for noise and fire danger).

- Illegal, non-permitted construction and grading constitute the majority of open code violations in the Heights. Many building and grading standards are dictated by state or county regulations, but they must be enforced by the city. A detailed publication titled *Development Review in La Habra Heights* is available at City Hall and at lhcity.org. Anyone planning to build or remodel in our city must also be aware of specific La Habra Heights ordinances that preserve views, protect our hilly terrain and ensure space and privacy between houses.

- Our “dark skies policy” is an ordinance that requires residents to use only outdoor lighting that is subdued, shielded and directed downward to avoid interfering with the visibility of our beautiful night skies in La Habra Heights.



Help keep our ‘rural oasis’ safe and attractive

Our city is a very unique, rural oasis in a sprawling urban environment. We all want to be safe in our homes and to enjoy our scenic hillside community. That’s why you need to be fully aware of our Municipal Code that governs how we wish to live in La Habra Heights—and also why you should be prepared for *more frequent property inspections and stricter compliance enforcement*.

If you are violating any of these ordinances, please bring your property into compliance as soon as possible. If you need clarification about requirements or other assistance, please call City Hall at **562-694-6302**.

If you see a code violation in your neighborhood or elsewhere in the Heights, please report it by filling out and submitting the *Code Violation Complaint Form* at lhcity.org. You may also report violations anonymously in writing, but if you do so, include specific information and photos concerning the location of the alleged violation. After confirming the violation, the city will get in touch with the property owner to discuss actions needed to resolve the issue. Often owners are not aware of regulations and will voluntarily fix a problem within a reasonable time. More complicated situations may take more time. Either way, we sincerely appreciate your help in making our city safer and more attractive.



IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM ALLAN HERZOG

WILLIAM ALLAN HERZOG, a 60-year resident of La Habra Heights, passed away peacefully on July 25, just three days after his 95th birthday, at the Walnut Village Retirement Community in Anaheim, where he had lived since 2022.

He was born on July 22, 1930, in the Long Beach, California, community of Lakewood Heights (now called Lakewood Village). He preferred using his middle name and was known by his family and friends as Al.

Al's high school sweetheart, Willa Ann Noble, was from the Belmont Heights neighborhood in Long Beach. The two graduated from Wilson High School in Long Beach in 1948.

Al attended the University of California at Berkeley and later UCLA, where he received his degree in business administration. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity and participated in the ROTC program, from which he earned his commission in the U.S. Army.

Willa attended Stanford University, and she and Al often rode the train to be together on weekends. They were married at All Saints Episcopal Church in Long Beach on June 28, 1952 (right).



Al served as a U.S. Army Finance Corps officer at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, California, from 1953 to 1955. He was one of a small group of officers chosen to receive additional education while working on a new Army accounting system.

After his military service, Al earned his master's degree in finance at the University of Southern California and passed the exam to become a Certified Public Accountant. He and Willa moved to Portland, Oregon, where Al became a vice president in a local mortgage firm.

In 1961, the Herzogs returned to California when Al accepted a position with Atlantic Savings and Loan, and in 1962, the couple purchased their home on Cloister Drive in La Habra Heights.



Al was an enthusiastic, longtime member of the Southern California Tuna Club (SCTC), of which he was president in 2010; he was also president of the SCTC Marine Biology Educational Association. The photo below shows Al (second from left) with some of his longtime SCTC fishing buddies.



Al and Willa were very active in their new community, especially in the La Habra Heights Improvement Association during the period leading up to cityhood in 1978. Their daughters Lisa and Karen were members of Highland Riders, and Al became the president of that equestrian club. He later was president of Los Compadres.

Al joined the board of the La Habra Heights Mutual Water Company and helped establish the La Habra Heights County Water District, which he served for 17 years. He also served on the board of directors of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital and the Financial Executives Institute, and for many years he was a member of the administrative committee for the Cloister Drive homeowners association.



Willa passed away on January 20, 1987. Al later married the Rev. Carole Snyder, who survives him.

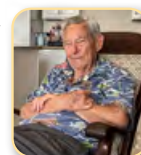
In 1989, Al received the TKE Alumnus of the Year Award, as well as the Fraternity for Life Award in 2001. He served on the TKE Educational Foundation board of directors, and a fraternity scholarship was established in his name in 2008.

Over the years, Al was a financial executive with Jefferies & Company, Smith Barney and Wells Fargo Advisors until he retired in 2009.

Al loved boats, the ocean and deep-sea fishing, and he was an avid member of the Southern California Tuna Club, which he served as president in 2010. He was also president of the SCTC Marine Biology Educational Foundation.

He is survived by his wife Carole and his daughters Lisa Herzog and Karen Orzel, as well as Karen's children Stephanie and Hank.

*Al Herzog
in 2023
at the age
of 93.*



Problem plants in the Heights

Dry brush like that shown in this photo is dangerous fire fuel, and it must be kept cleared year-round in the Heights! In addition to such mixed brush, the LHH Fire Department has identified specific plants that you should diligently control on your property.



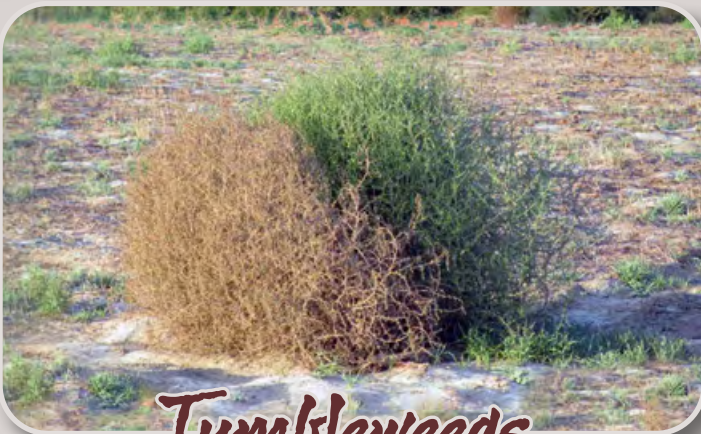
Castor Bean Plants

The castor bean plant (*Ricinus communis*), is a fast-growing, highly invasive spurge that grows wild throughout La Habra Heights. Spread by both wind and insect pollination, it can grow to the size of a small tree. Its mottled brown seeds, sometimes called “beans,” contain ricin, a highly toxic, water-soluble poison that can be fatal to humans and animals if ingested. Its milky sap also contains the same toxin that can seriously irritate skin and eyes. Wear gloves and protective clothing when removing the plant—or hire a professional to do it.



Arundo Cane

Arundo (*Arundo donax*) is a tall perennial cane or reed, also known as giant cane, elephant grass and carrizo. It was introduced into California in 1820 to control erosion around drainage canals and subsequently was used as an ornamental plant. It quickly became naturalized to our climate. Arundo was initially planted in the Heights in the 1920s for erosion control around avocado and citrus groves, but since it is quite invasive, it rapidly spread to other areas. Uncontrolled, it can grow to heights between 20 and 30 feet.



Tumbleweeds

Tumbleweeds (*Kali tragus*), also known as “Russian thistles” (their country of origin) are invasive, fast-spreading annual plants. When the green plant dies, it breaks off at the stem and disperses a multitude of seeds as the wind rolls it along—which is why this noxious weed proliferates so quickly. The dead, dried plants are exceptionally flammable, and you should never allow them to accumulate against your buildings and fences. It’s best to cut them when they are still green, and be sure to dispose of them promptly before they dry out.



Chaparral

Chaparral, unlike the other plants on this page, is not an invasive species; in fact, it’s a California native shrub that was once found in abundance on our Heights hills. The collective term “chaparral” refers not to a single plant, but to a shrubland “plant community” found not only in California, but also in Arizona, Texas, Mexico and southern Oregon. Several different types of chaparral grow in our city. The problem is that when chaparral shrubs dry out and die, they become especially hazardous fuel for fire—so get rid of dead plants quickly.

Heights-grown blackberries: a delicious jewel among fruits

By DAVID NOLTE, *Heights grower of 150 different organic fruit trees and bushes*

Blackberries are a seasonal delight, offering a trifecta of taste, beauty and health benefits. Each plump, juicy berry bursts with a sweet-tart flavor, a perfect balance that satisfies the palate whether eaten fresh, baked into a pie or swirled into a smoothie.

Visually, they're stunning, their deep, glossy purple-black hue making them a jewel among fruits. Beyond their irresistible flavor and aesthetic appeal, blackberries are packed with vitamins C and K, fiber and antioxidants, contributing to improved digestion and boosted immunity—a truly delicious and nutritious gift from nature. My wife Kathryn and I have been picking and thoroughly enjoying our homegrown blackberries since July. You can grow them too!

For the work involved, blackberries are the highest-payoff berry in our garden. Blackberries are easy to grow and quite prolific. They're way more productive than raspberries or strawberries and are faster and easier to pick than blueberries. They're hardy and have fewer diseases and insect pests. If you enjoy blackberries, they're a great way to start your fruit garden.

Properly pruned, blackberries are attractive, vigorous plants, and their small white flowers are striking (*below*).



Our native blackberries have thorns, but 10 thornless varieties that grow well in southern California are readily available. I suggest you start with thornless plants, which look and taste great and are easier on your hands when it's time to harvest.

Blackberries grow in most soils, but they won't do well if their roots are in excessively wet soil. Although blackberries can tolerate dry soil, they either won't produce berries or the fruit will be dry and unusable. Most blackberries prefer a slightly acidic soil, so consider amending your soil with peat moss or another acidic conditioner.

To fruit well, blackberries like full sun, but the hottest summer hours in La Habra Heights could burn the leaves, so you might want to cover your plants part of the time during prolonged hot spells.

Since blackberries are self-pollinating, you don't need to plant different types of blackberries next to one another to obtain fruit. However, you'll achieve better production if you plant two different varieties side by side. Planting more than one variety can also extend your picking season through August.

Blackberry canes (branches) have a two-year growth cycle. In the first year, branches grow but don't flower and produce fruit. In the second year, flowers and fruit appear. At the end of the second year, branches die or become less vigorous—so that's the time to cut dead, woody branches at ground level.

Blackberries need a trellis, fence, pole or other structure to support the plant and aid harvesting. Unlike some climbing



A small portion of the Nolte harvest.

plants, blackberries don't have grabbing tendrils, so you'll likely need to tie the canes to the structure to prevent them from falling.

Birds love blackberries, so I built a protective structure from half-inch metal hardware cloth to thwart them. Some canes grew through the cloth openings and produced berries outside the structure, and to my surprise, birds left those outside blackberries alone.

Although you can fertilize blackberries, I've found them to be so vigorous that





after picking, you'll probably want to freeze a portion of your plentiful harvest. Just spread berries in a single layer on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Once they've frozen solid, repackage them in a freezer-proof container.

Fresh blackberries are fantastic, and homegrown berries are far better than fruit at the grocery store. As you can tell, I love blackberries—and I even wrote a corny poem about them:

*Oh, luscious orbs of summer's prime,
A jewel-toned bounty, sweet, sublime.
From canes, your beauty gleams,
A midnight harvest, fit for dreams.*

*With tart embrace and sugary kiss,
Each juicy bite, a pure, wild bliss.
A healthful marvel, dark and deep,
Secrets of wellness, you softly keep.*

*Blackberry, queen of sun-kissed days,
Your flavor lingers in countless ways.
A humble fruit, yet grand and bold,
A story of summer, beautifully told.*

they don't need any extra feeding. I do provide a layer of mulch to eliminate most weeds, protect the roots from excessive temperature variations and limit water evaporation. As the mulch deteriorates over time, it provides all the feeding that my plants have needed so far.

Blackberries can be eaten fresh and frozen and preserved as jam, jelly, syrup and sauce. In our household, they're a favorite for pies and cobblers served with whipped cream, and they make great tarts.

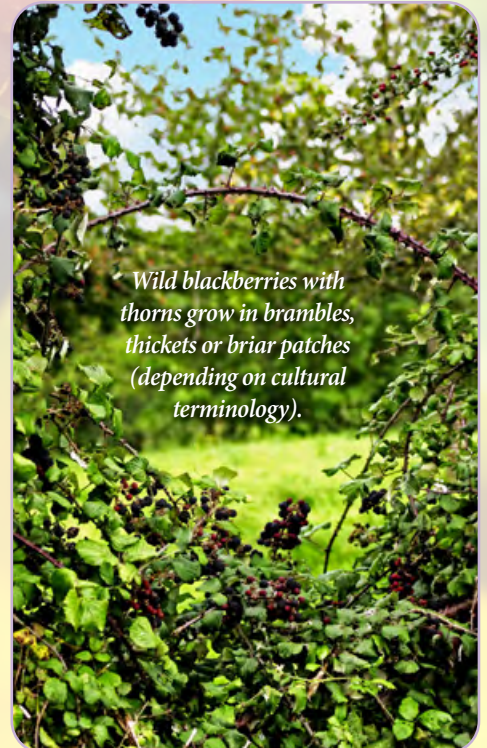
Because blackberries won't last long



Old saying: "Blackberries are red when they're green." That's true, but they're also green before they're red. Just remember to wait until they turn black before you eat them!



You'll find thornless blackberry varieties at local nurseries.



Wild blackberries with thorns grow in brambles, thickets or briar patches (depending on cultural terminology).

Botanically speaking, the name "blackberry" is actually a misnomer, because the fruit isn't really a berry—it's known as an "aggregate fruit" composed of numerous small "drupelets." There are more than 375 species of this popular fruit throughout the world, with many new hybrids developed every year. We can trace human consumption of blackberries back about 2,500 years to the 5th century BCE.

A Heights resident for more than 30 years, DAVID NOLTE is a lifelong member of the California Rare Fruit Growers.

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770 & 778 E Avocado Crest Road
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46 Corazon Street
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1422 Deborah Place
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Rancho Mission Viejo | \$1,290,000
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9818 Capulet Avenue
Whittier | \$1,125,000



311 N Dextford Drive
La Habra | \$875,000
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621 Hacienda Drive
La Habra Heights | \$977,000



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Community Events

- September 1** *Happy Labor Day!* City Hall closed.
September 6 **PUBLIC MEETING** at City Hall concerning
STREET IMPROVEMENTS: 10 a.m. (page 3)
September 8 City Council meeting: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
September 18 Emergency Preparedness: 6 p.m. at City Hall.
September 23 Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
September 24 Road Advisory meeting: 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.



See story on page 8!

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Emergency & City Numbers

EMERGENCY	911
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RANGER SERVICES.....	562-698-1446
FIRE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency).....	562-694-8283
LA HABRA HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT.....	562-697-6769
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LHH Fire Report

JULY 2025

Advanced life-support calls: 19 (12 in LHH, 7 in LA County), Basic life-support
 calls: 24 (13 in LHH, 11 in LA County), Public assist: 3 (1 in LHH, 2 in LA
 County), Fire calls: 20 (17 in LHH, 3 in LA County), Traffic collisions: 1 (1 in
 LHH, 0 in LA County), "LHH Island": 2, Automatic aid into LA County: 25.

Total calls: 69



Sheriff's Report

JULY 2025

Residence burglary: 1, Vandalism: 1, Vehicle burglary: 1, Suicide: 1, Robbery: 2,
 Petty theft: 2, ID theft: 1, Sex misdemeanor: 1, Natural death: 1, Elder abuse: 2,
 Aggravated assault: 1, Explosion, relinquish firearm: 1, Traffic accidents: 2.

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