

# Police log

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** With this issue the St. Helena Star begins a new feature—printing the St. Helena Police Department police log. In an effort to work with the police department and to protect the privacy of our citizens, the Star will not include names nor exact addresses in this feature.

### Monday, March 27

- 8:23 a.m. 600 block Pope Street, coroner's case.
- 11:20 a.m. 800 block St. Helena Highway south, vehicle fire.
- 12:54 p.m. 1300 block Railroad Avenue, alarm sounding (employee error).
- 4:41 p.m. Neighbor reports skateboarders may be causing damage at Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School.
- 5:47 p.m. Spring Street, alarm sounding (malfunction).
- 6:35 p.m. 1100 block Church Street, neighbor complaint.

### Tuesday, March 28

- 6:39 a.m. Charter Oak Avenue and Main Street, vehicle towed.
- 8:05 a.m. St. Helena Elementary School, theft from vehicle.
- 8:27 a.m. 400 block Main Street, accident — no injuries.
- 1:49 p.m. 1000 block Pope Street, theft from vehicle (could have occurred anytime during last six weeks).
- 1:55 p.m. 1000 block Main Street, tools stolen from business.
- 3:09 p.m. 1000 block Lodi Lane, medical aid.
- 3:10 p.m. 1100 block Main Street, theft reported.
- 6:40 p.m. 2000 block Main Street, intoxicated pedestrian.
- 7:19 p.m. 1100 block Church Street, suspicious vehicle reported.
- 8:42 p.m. 1100 Peppertree Court, arrest on warrant.

### Wednesday, March 29

- 7:14 a.m. 1400 block Library Lane, alarm sounding (malfunction).
- 7:44 a.m. 1700 block Hill View Place, dog barking.
- 7:55 a.m. 1000 block Charter Oak Avenue, smoke check.
- 10:56 a.m. 1400 block Main Street, accident — no injuries.
- 12:49 p.m. St. Helena Elementary School, juvenile harrasses by older juveniles.
- 6:22 p.m. 1100 block Main Street, alarm sounding (employee error).
- 6:22 p.m. 700 block Sanitarium Road, family dispute (notified sheriff's department).
- 6:29 p.m. 1100 block Main Street, alarm sounding (employee error).
- 6:36 p.m. 1000 block Adams Street, alarm sounding (malfunction).
- 7:27 p.m. 1100 Peppertree, arrest on warrant.
- 10:12 p.m. Traffic stop, arrest on warrant.

### Thursday, March 30

- 1:05 a.m. 1300 block Main Street, assault.
- 7:11 a.m. 1400 block Library Lane, alarm sounding (malfunction).
- 8:49 a.m. 1600 block Spring Mountain Road, lost dog.
- 2:37 p.m. Main Street and Mitchell Avenue, smoke check
- 4:15 p.m. 900 block Pope Street, medical assist.
- 4:42 p.m. 1100 block Church Street, neighbor complaint.
- 5:31 p.m. 1500 block Spring Street, vehicle accident (see related story).
- 6:05 p.m. Carpy field, broken faucet causing water overflow.
- 10:30 p.m. Lost passport reported.

### Friday, March 31

- 8:35 a.m. 1100 block Pine Street, disturbance.
- 9:07 a.m. 1900 block Vineyard, vandalism.
- 9:50 a.m. 1900 block Vineyard, neighbor complaint.
- 9:50 a.m. Monte Vista and Hunt Avenue, vehicle towed.
- 10:59 a.m. 1300 block Garden, family dispute.
- 12:08 p.m. 700 block Dowdell Lane, theft from house.
- 12:31 p.m. 1600 block Adams Street, bicycle stolen.
- 8:41 p.m. 1000 block north Crane Avenue, bicycle found.
- 11:54 p.m. Main Street and Hunt Avenue, two men fighting.

### Saturday, April 1

- 12:21 a.m. St. Helena Hospital, combative patient.
- 9:43 a.m. 1400 block Library Lane, alarm sounding (employee error).
- 10:04 a.m. Missing dog.
- 11:56 a.m. 1100 block Brittany Lane, alarm sounding (malfunction).
- 12:37 p.m. 1100 block Brittany Lane, alarm sounding (malfunction).
- 4:40 p.m. 1700 block Scott Street, citizen assist.
- 4:48 p.m. Woman reports harassing phone calls.
- 10:34 p.m. White Sulphur Springs area, juveniles in car causing disturbance.
- 11:32 p.m. Traffic stop on Highway 29, DUI arrest.

### Sunday, April 2

- 4:09 a.m. 1000 block Charter Oak Avenue, alarm sounding (employee error).
- 8:09 a.m. 1600 block Oak Avenue, reckless driver reported.
- 8:41 a.m. Driver identified and warned.
- 11:47 a.m. 2000 block Main Street, alarm sounding (malfunction).
- 2:38 p.m. Lost dog reported.
- 2:51 p.m. 2800 block Main Street, vehicle accident (see related story).
- 3:12 p.m. 1400 block Main Street, personal injury on city property.
- 5:39 p.m. 300 block St. Helena Highway, report of no water into home.
- 6:31 p.m. 1300 block St. James Street, license plate stolen.
- 11:39 p.m. 1900 block Main Street, coroner's case.

## School lunch menus

School lunch menus for the week of April 10 through 13 have been announced. St. Helena public schools will be closed April 14 for parent-teacher conferences and in-service training.

At St. Helena Elementary and St. Helena Catholic schools a brown bag lunch and a salad bar is offered every day. Or students may choose one entree from the two that are offered. Milk is included with each elementary school meal, which costs \$1.

On Monday, April 10, entrees include hamburger, burrito; also tortilla chips and oranges. On Tuesday, April 11, entrees include lasagna, sweet and sour pork; also, veggie dippers and fruit salad.

On Wednesday, April 12, entrees are nuggets, super toasted cheese; also, tater tots, and Jell-o fruit bowl. On Thursday, April 13, entrees are noon time scramble, fusilla primavera; also, garlic bread and banana.

At Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School and St. Helena High School, students have the choice of five entrees. Meals also include salad bar, tortilla chips, fresh fruit and milk. Cost is \$1.25.

Monday's entrees are: hamburger, burrito, corn dog, nuggets and pizza. Tuesday's entrees are: lasagna, sweet and sour pork, hamburger, hot pocket and pizza.

Wednesday's entrees are: nuggets, super toasted cheese, fried chicken, nachos and pizza. Thursday's entrees are: hamburger, fusilla primavera, burrito, hot bagel and pizza.

# Few injuries in rash of car crashes

Three vehicle accidents kept St. Helena public safety officials busy last week, although surprisingly only the most minor accident sent anyone to the hospital.

Last Tuesday, March 26, Jose Luis Vega, 23, of St. Helena smashed his vehicle into a Sylvaner Avenue home, causing major damage to his car, the garage and a car parked inside the garage.

St. Helena police officers believe Vega was traveling in excess of 55 miles per hour while westbound on Spring Street near the cemetery when he diverted his attention from the road to look at his speedometer.

Several feet before the Spring Street and Sylvaner Avenue corner, Vega crashed into the Spring Street curb, driving across lawns, through bushes and wiping out a mail box and tree before landing inside the garage at 1695 Sylvaner Avenue.

The occupants were not home at the time of the accident, which occurred at 10:52 a.m.

Vega was not injured. He was charged with reckless driving, excessive speed and driving with bald tires on his car, according to police reports.

On Friday evening, March 31, residents near Stockton and Spring streets got a jump start into the weekend when Jack Timothy Creason, 24, of Angwin, lost control of his truck.

The out-of-control vehicle skidded east on Spring Street more than 160 feet before landing on its side on the south sidewalk of Spring Street near Stockton Street.

Police reports indicate that Creason was traveling in excess of 50 miles per hour while eastbound on Spring Street. After attempting to pass a slower vehicle, Creason lost control of the truck. Sliding toward the sidewalk, the truck hit the curb and was knocked on its side. It then slammed against a hedge planted in front of a Spring Street residence.

St. Helena Volunteer Fire Department was called in to extinguish a fire that caused extensive damage to the vehicle. Creason was not injured.

Police officer Mike Parsons reported that Creason was arrested and charged for driving under the influence of alcohol,



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Jack Creason was cited for driving under the influence when he flipped his truck (above photo) on Spring Street. Jose Vega escaped injury when his out-of-control sports car slammed into the garage of a Sylvaner home.



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reckless driving and driving with a suspended license and carrying no vehicle insurance.

On Sunday afternoon, April 2, two women were taken to St. Helena Hospital after they complained of back and neck pain following a rear-end collision in front of Greystone Winery.

The 2:50 p.m. mishap occurred while Ward Sheldon of Fairfield was stopped in the northbound lane of Highway 29, waiting to make a left-hand turn into Christian Brothers tasting room.

Sheldon's BMW apparently was bumped from behind by Leif Ostern, 66, of San Rafael, who was driving a Ford Taurus. Ostern, Parsons said, will be cited for following too closely.

Female passengers of both vehicles were taken to the hospital.

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I am pleased to welcome you to this weekly column, and to be able to share some of my expertise in financial planning with you. As a long-time Napa Valley resident, and school teacher, I am familiar with the issues and concerns that small businesses and individuals face in our community. Please feel free to call my office for further information, or for an appointment, at 963-1040, located at 1216 A Church St. Tax returns and tax planning services provided.

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