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Halloween goes secondhand as swaps and thrifting take center stage

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

As shoppers look for ways to celebrate Halloween without overspending or adding to the landfill, swapping, thrifting and do-it-yourself costumes are emerging as a theme of the season, and two upcoming events give local residents a chance to trade in last year's getup for something new to them.

A Santa Monica resident will host a Gothic-themed costume and trinket swap in Douglas Park on Saturday, while a costume donation drive that collected nearly 200 costumes in its pilot year returns with drop-off sites across the region and swap days Sunday and Oct. 16.

Peyton Valdovino will host the "Murder of Crows Trinket & Costume Swap" at 4 p.m. Saturday at Douglas Park, 2439 Wilshire Blvd. The event will feature trinket trading, crafts, sweet treats and photo opportunities, according to a flyer for the event, which invites attendees to "bring a costume, take a costume." The suggested dress code is "Gothic, dark and elegant," and RSVPs are being collected through Partiful.

Valdovino said the idea for a "crow party" came from Pinterest, and her partner suggested adding a costume swap to the trinket trade.

"I was inspired by my love for Halloween, but did not want to



Courtesy image

COSTUME: A community event will be held on Saturday.

From scorching to soaked: LA weather swings as Rachel nears and tides rise

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Southern California's extreme weather season is making a sharp turn, from a long, dangerous heat wave to the season's first widespread rain. Tropical Storm Rachel is churning toward the region, and forecasters are warning of coastal flooding, powerful surf and possible thunderstorms over the weekend.

The shift comes as an unseasonably cold trough of low pressure drops down the California coast and meets moisture and wind from Rachel. The National Weather Service called the setup

"a very complex situation" and urged residents to keep monitoring forecasts.

Thursday was the predicted end of the heat wave and cooler air is on the way as onshore flow returns with the weekend expected to be at least 5 to 10 degrees cooler.

RAIN CHANCES BUILD THROUGH THE WEEKEND

Showers could begin late Saturday. The weather service said widespread light to moderate rain is likely from late Saturday through Tuesday, with the greatest

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Santa Monica's Realignment Plan cuts crime, narrows deficit in first year

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Daily Press Editor

A one year update to the city's Realignment Plan says a variety of actions in recent months has increased safety and improved the city's finances.

The report from City Manager Oliver Chi's office says the city needed \$26.7 million in one-time reserves to close the 2025-26 fiscal year, \$7.3 million less than the \$34 million budgeted. Excluding \$22.5 million in capital spending, the General Fund operating budget ran a \$4.3 million deficit in a year when most of the plan's new revenue measures were only partly in effect.

The council adopted the plan Oct. 28, 2025, when the city faced a projected \$29.6 million structural deficit, about \$98 million in unobligated reserves and retail and office vacancy rates among the highest in Los Angeles County. The plan drew on \$60 million in reserves while the city lined up new revenue.

Staff says those new revenues and cost savings now total about \$28.8 million a year, above the \$24 million originally targeted, and that the city remains on track for a balanced General Fund operating budget by July 1, 2027, without

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica Disabilities Commission will hold an Annual Public Forum on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026** beginning at 6:30 P.M. inside City Hall Council Chambers, Room 250, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. This Annual Public Forum aims to gather perspectives from disabled community members and their families, friends, and colleagues, with an opportunity for the public to provide direct input to the Disabilities Commission on disabilities-related topics that matter most to them. Community input will help inform the Commission's priorities and work plan for the coming year.

Community members are encouraged to provide comment either by attending the Annual Public Forum in person, via mail or email prior to the meeting, or by telephone during the meeting (prior registration required). Questions to consider when providing public comment may include:

- How can the City of Santa Monica improve its programs, services, activities, facilities, communications, and information-sharing for people with disabilities?
- What accessibility concerns, problems, or barriers have you experienced when accessing or participating in City of Santa Monica programs, services, or activities?
- Do you have any feedback about the accessibility of specific City programs, services, activities, facilities, or information?

Written comments may be submitted via email to hhs.commissions@santamonica.gov or by mail to: Housing and Human Services Department, 1685 Main Street, MS22, Santa Monica, CA 90401. All written comments received will be distributed to the Disabilities Commission and posted on the Disabilities Commission website.

To make arrangements for public comment by telephone at the Annual Public Forum, contact Thomas.Philbin@SantaMonica.gov.

Spanish language oral interpretation will be available onsite at the Annual Public Forum.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Check your 401(k) before casting stones

Susan Sheu asks whether voters should judge Doug Trussler by the companies he invested in. Fair enough. But the standard has to apply to everyone, including those who criticize him.

If you own a standard S&P 500 index fund, as tens of millions of Americans do, you co-own these companies:

Palantir builds the data and targeting software behind immigration enforcement. Sheu objects to ICE-linked work, yet index investors own it directly.

Lockheed Martin makes the F-35s and missiles at the center of the world's wars, and its dividends depend on the next one.

ExxonMobil modeled climate change accurately decades ago while funding public doubt about it. Santa Monica sits on a rising Pacific.

Meta built a fortune on harvesting personal data. Internal documents show it knew its products harmed teenagers. Sheu warns of big-tech surveillance, but she'd own it too.

Tesla faces a California civil-rights suit over alleged racial harassment at its Fremont factory, and its CEO spent 2025 helping gut the federal workforce.

Owning an index fund isn't a moral crime. But it shows that "you profited from something controversial" is a test no one with a retirement account passes.

The better test is what someone did with real control. By Trussler's account, Bison inherited Sentinel's problems, then eliminated most participant-paid monitoring, settled litigation and strengthened compliance. Passive holders of Palantir and Exxon reform nothing. They collect checks. Voters can ask which record shows more accountability.

Santa Monica deserves a campaign about housing, homelessness and public safety. If we litigate portfolios, let's do it consistently, for every candidate and every pension.

Dylan Nugent, Santa Monica

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

Santa Monica Conservancy Announces Preservation Awards

The Santa Monica Conservancy will honor the people, places and projects shaping the city's architectural and cultural legacy at its 2026 Preservation Awards on Sunday, Nov. 8, at the historic Santa Monica Bay Women's Club.

The event opens at 2 p.m. with the Taste of Santa Monica reception, featuring food from local restaurants, followed by the awards program at 3 p.m.

This year's honorees reflect the many forms preservation can take, from adapting historic buildings for contemporary use to restoring the city's coastal landscapes and building community connections through historic places, according to the Conservancy.

The headline, a Special Tribute Award, will go to Frederick Fisher & Partners, an architecture firm whose five decades of work have linked Santa Monica sites' histories with their futures. Its local projects include Bergamot Station, the Annenberg Community Beach House and City Hall East, each of which turned a site into a space for public life while respecting its architectural and cultural past.

Architecture and design analyst Frances Anderton will host the tribute and lead a conversation with architect Fred Fisher about his ideas, projects and lasting influence. Anderton, former host of KCRW's "DnA: Design and Architecture" and author of "Common Ground: Multifamily Housing in Los Angeles," now teaches at USC.

The Conservancy will also recognize efforts focused on the natural and community landscapes.

The Bay Foundation will be honored for restoring coastal dunes, work that has revived native habitat and strengthened the ecological resilience of Santa Monica's shoreline.

Hilda Weiss will receive a Volunteer Service Award for creating a garden tour highlighting California native plants at the Conservancy's historic Ocean Park headquarters, giving visitors a new way to connect with the region's natural and cultural history.

The Taste of Santa Monica reception will feature offerings from Bun & Mi, Lula's, Roll'd Sushi, Vucacious Catering, Dolcenero and Divine Vintage.

Together, the honorees represent a broad view of preservation that spans architecture, environmental stewardship, adaptive reuse and the volunteers who keep local history relevant and accessible, organizers said.

Proceeds support the Conservancy's advocacy, education and community engagement work to protect significant historic places, encourage thoughtful reuse and share the stories behind Santa Monica's distinctive identity.

The event runs from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Santa Monica Bay Women's Club, 1210 Fourth St. Tickets and information are available at smconservancy.org/2026preservationawards.

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CORRECTION:

In an Oct. 7 story regarding AC units at Samohi, SMDP used the word "walkout" to describe student protest. Students told SMDP they protested the lack of AC but SMMUSD officials said there was no organized action and students did not walk out of class over the issue.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The facts behind my investment record

In response to Susan Sheu’s guest commentary

After reading the guest commentary from Ms. Susan Sheu, I’d first like to speak more generally about this trend of individuals and groups irresponsibly spreading misinformation meant to manipulate voters and influence political opinions, with little to no prior research or knowledge on certain topics. I am a firm believer and strong advocate of our democratic process, which often includes intense discussion, debate, disagreement and criticism.

So, I’m going to give you the informed perspective, and the fact-based reality, which you can then use to analyze the approach and intentions of those that wish to influence you with poorly researched narratives aimed to manipulate.

Ms. Sheu’s recent commentary singled out two of the more than 100 investments Bison Capital has made since 2001 and presented them as my “track record.” She did not contact me before publishing, and her research was limited to Reddit posts and websites. I welcome scrutiny, because debate, disagreement and criticism are what our democratic process is for. But voters deserve scrutiny grounded in how these businesses actually work and the facts and circumstances around our investments.

Electronic monitoring. The company we invested in makes software and hardware. Its customer is the government, not the offender, and it makes no enforcement decisions. What it offers is an alternative to incarceration. A person who stays out of jail keeps their job, their family and their housing, and the city, county or state saves millions of dollars.

Los Angeles County is one of the largest electronic monitoring customers in the United States. Ms. Sheu votes on endorsements for the LA County Democratic Party. If she wants the county to end the practice or provide the service itself, she can support candidates who will do that.

Financial wellness. This business is employer-sponsored. The company works with employers to give employees tools and relief that help them avoid bankruptcy and rebuild their credit. Keeping someone out of financial disaster keeps them out of potential poverty.

I would love for cities and states to provide these services free of charge. They don’t, and they can’t: they lack the resources, the technology and the funding. So what is the alternative? Sending people to jail or financially ruining their lives?

The full record. Two investments are not a track record. Since 2001, Bison Capital has created more than 20,000 jobs and protected another 30,000 from being lost. We have invested in healthcare, mental health, long-term care, health insurance, court systems, renewable energy, recycling, logistics and seismic protection technology, among other fields. I am accountable for all of it, and our community impact should be measured across all of it.

Our investments are complicated. They require hands-on involvement, and they usually come with a regulatory, legal or financial problem we were brought in to fix.

Our purpose led investment thesis involves improving the outcomes for everyone, for example – How can we improve the timelines for judicial processes? How can we improve mental health outcomes in facilities? How can we do a better job of long-term care and hospice? How can we keep someone from incarceration for which societal costs are astronomical? How can we keep someone from financial distress or bankruptcy? How can we improve financial wellness for those who need it most? How can we improve efficiency of solar panels? How can we reuse automotive components? How can we take non-renewable resources and make them renewable? How do we make last mile delivery as efficient as possible to avoid the environmental impacts? How do we ensure people with pre-existing conditions get access to health insurance? These are just some of the questions I spend my time trying to answer.

Our investors include CalSTRS (the California teachers’ pension fund), General Electric, Northwestern Mutual, TIAA, Prudential, and numerous state pension funds and college endowments. Some have invested with me for more than 25 years. They would not still be here if my record needed to be “brought to light.”

I have always been open about the fact that our strategy involves challenging situations, and I will stay that transparent. Fixing difficult businesses is the experience I would bring to the challenges Santa Monica faces now.

If Ms. Sheu would like to sit down for a recorded interview about any of our investments, I am available immediately, and she is welcome to publish it in full. Until then, I’ll leave readers with two questions:

Do we want low-level offenders incarcerated with no other options?

Do we want people who are struggling financially pushed into further ruin, without the tools to recover?

My answer to both is no. I hope yours is too.

We have an important election on November 3rd. Let’s get serious about the challenges in front of us, have honest and well-intentioned discussions about how to address them, and right the ship together.

Doug Trussler



Surf report WATER TEMP: 74.5

FRIDAY FAIR TO GOOD SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder

Mix of southerly swells provides continued fun waves ahead of the weekend. There will be several southerly swells running which will continue to favor the summer exposures. Swell from Rachel lingers, mixing in with overlapping pulses of Southern Hemi. A little bit of NW swell sticks around and helps the cause at the beachbreaks but won't contribute to any additional size. Overall it should be pretty consistent with the summer breaks going head high or so on the sets. Keep in mind the deep AM tide if targeting a session then.

SATURDAY FAIR TO GOOD SURF: 4-5ft Chest to head

Fun swell mix for broken up surf, especially north of Hermosa. Cleanest/best on the AM tide push. Decent tide push and clean conditions to start the day with a blend of long period SW/SSW swell and mid-period energy lingering from Rachel. NW energy also mixes in for quick corners/sections spread around the South Bay, best size north of Hermosa where waves push waist-chest high. Afternoon tide drop is worth watching into the early afternoon, before onshore flow adds moderate lump for the mid/late afternoon windows.



Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 82.

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 72.

Saturday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 66.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Immunotherapy gave me my life back. Proposition 38 can do the same for the next family

When my daughter was six years old, she came home from school and said, “Daddy, I don’t want you to die.” I was 45 years old, months into chemotherapy for lymphoma and she was getting used to seeing “Daddy resting” in bed. Until then, I’d been laser-focused, fighting my battle with stage 3 cancer with my head down.

The next day, I forced myself out of bed, gripped the banister on the staircase and made it to the front door before she walked in from school. I wanted to greet her the way I used to, the way I hadn’t been able to in months. The joy in her eyes was all the reason I needed. That 10-minute conversation cost me the rest of the day in bed, but it was worth every minute.

This November, we can help more families facing cancer and other debilitating diseases by voting Yes on Proposition 38, the Immunology Medical Research & Cures Initiative.

Prop 38 will fund immunology research to cure and prevent cancer, Alzheimer’s and heart disease at California’s nonprofit universities and research institutions.

Before my diagnosis, I’d been a college athlete and a cyclist, always moving. For months I ignored my symptoms. When the scan came back, my doctor told me, “Great news, it’s lymphoma.” How was that great news? Because of medical research conducted years before my diagnosis, new treatment options were now available.

Immunotherapy saved my life, and my cancer has been in remission for a decade.

I see my oncologist every six months, and I’m the annoying guy checking recovery scores on his phone. I set a goal of a 100-mile bike ride. It took three years, but in 2019 I rode all the way around Lake Tahoe. While I was recovering, I found Blood Cancer United, which helps cancer patients and their loved ones and funds research to find cures. I now serve

on its board because my goal is to make sure today’s patients become tomorrow’s survivors.

And that only happens if the research keeps going.

Under Prop 38, at least half the funds, \$4.2 billion, are dedicated to cancer, Alzheimer’s and heart disease. The money goes only to California nonprofit universities and research institutions, never to for-profit corporations.

UCLA Health already treats cancer patients and offers access to clinical trials right here in Santa Monica, and Prop 38 could open the door for UCLA to take part in the clinical trials the measure funds. That’s how a discovery in a lab becomes a treatment for a patient.

And while Prop 38 is designed to pay for itself, the real question I’d ask Californians who are considering how to vote is: Can you put a price tag on a life? On millions of lives? What if it was you or your loved one? Prop 38 could save your life or the life of someone you love.

My daughter didn’t understand cancer, but she felt the weight of it as time went on. She also felt our community step in, with friends picking her up from school and meal trains feeding our family. She learned what love looks like when a family pulls together instead of falling apart.

Now she’s in college studying political science and is about to vote in her first election.

“We’re in a world right now that is a little scary,” she told me. “But we, as young adults and as the future generation, have the power to do something about it. That starts by voting Yes on Proposition 38.”

My daughter was my second wind and Prop 38 can be someone else’s. Please join our family in voting yes on Prop 38.

Andrew Dale, Santa Monica resident, lymphoma survivor and board member of Blood Cancer United

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Montana Ave

Bacio di Latte opens second Santa Monica gelato shop on Montana Avenue

Italian gelato chain Bacio di Latte has opened its second Santa Monica shop and 30th U.S. location at 1510 Montana Ave.

Founded in 2011 by Edoardo Tonolli on Rua Oscar Freire in São Paulo, Brazil, the company has more than 250 locations in Brazil and calls itself the world’s largest artisanal gelato chain. It expects to reach 35 U.S. locations by December, with shops planned in Mission Valley, Los Cerritos, Walnut Creek, Manhattan and Scottsdale, Arizona.

The shop offers more than 22 regular flavors, made in-house daily, including best-sellers Pistacchio, Giandujotto and Cioccolato Belga, plus rotating seasonal specialties such as Crema Positano, which launched in September. The gelato is made with milk from Clover family farms in Sonoma County, fruit from California farms and organic cane sugar.

Customers can also order a signature upgrade, with cups and waffle cones coated in hazelnut and pistachio spreads, or visit an affogato bar pairing gelato with espresso.

Each shop is designed to resemble an Italian country kitchen, with hand-glazed tile, exposed wood beams and white millwork meant to evoke milk. Shelves reached by a rolling library ladder hold milk bottles, copper bowls, whisks and other tools. Playlists change through the day, from jazz in the morning to bossa nova in the afternoon and tango and electronica in the evening.

“Our journey has been driven by a passion for sharing the authentic taste of Italian gelato with the world,” Tonolli said. “Each new store represents not just a place to enjoy our creations but a new opportunity to connect with more people and spread the joy that gelato brings.”

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California

New law aims to protect Californians from losing home insurance coverage

A bill by state Sen. Ben Allen, D-Pacific Palisades, has been signed into law to help more Californians at risk of losing coverage on the private insurance market.

SB 1301 requires insurers to explain why they are dropping a policyholder, including by identifying a specific risk to the property. Insurers must then give the policyholder a chance to keep coverage by addressing that risk to meet the insurer’s underwriting standards.

“Californians are facing more expensive and fewer insurance options to keep their families secure right now, exacerbating the broader affordability crunch we’re all feeling,” Allen said. “With this new law, we will soon have commonsense protections that will prevent more people from being wrongfully or unnecessarily dropped by their insurer.”

Insurers must send a nonrenewal notice to tell a policyholder they will not cover a property beyond the current contract term. Californians have faced the fourth-highest rate of nonrenewal in the country, and the notices often give little to no explanation. That can leave people scrambling for new coverage. Many are forced onto the heavily subsidized FAIR Plan, which has more than tripled its total exposure since 2022.

The added transparency will help consumers contest documented instances of faulty reasoning, such as mold or algae on a roof that never existed. It will also guide owners to take steps that lower their property’s risk.

The law extends the required notice period to 90 days, with more time for people renovating their property to address a risk. That gives owners more time to fix their property or shop for new coverage before turning to the FAIR Plan.

The law also bars nonrenewals based solely on a policyholder inquiring about an existing claim, filing a claim that is not payable or within the deductible, or filing a claim not covered by the policy.

“SB 1301 gives families more notice before losing coverage and clear instructions on what it will take to stay insured,” said Carmen Balber, executive director of Consumer Watchdog.

“This law says Californians deserve to be treated like customers, not liabilities to be shed,” said Joy Chen, executive director of Every Fire Survivor’s Network.

The protections take effect Jan. 1, 2028.

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Malibu

State Parks awards emergency contract for Malibu Pier repairs

California State Parks announced that repairs will begin later this month on Malibu Pier in Malibu Lagoon State Beach, following the recent award of an emergency contract.

The work marks a major step toward safely reopening the end of the pier, which has been closed since January 2025 as a precautionary safety measure to address critical structural concerns. The rest of the pier has remained open to the public.

Cushman Contracting Corporation is expected to begin construction in mid-October, and the work is expected to last about three months. State Parks anticipates completing repairs by the end of January 2027.

The \$2.125 million project, funded through Proposition 4, the 2024 Climate Bond, will repair or replace deteriorated and missing pilings and replace bracing to strengthen the pier.

Gov. Gavin Newsom’s Sept. 21 emergency proclamation, issued ahead of the anticipated El Niño storm season, helped speed up the contract. State Parks said the proclamation cut red tape to streamline contracting and permitting for the project. It will also help state and local agencies take early, decisive action to protect critical coastal infrastructure ahead of what is projected to be a historic El Niño season.

After the end of the pier closed, above-water and underwater inspections confirmed the need for significant repairs. A specialized ocean engineering consultant completed a comprehensive structural assessment in June, identifying deteriorated and missing pilings that need to be repaired or replaced.

State Parks is coordinating with the State Fire Marshal, California Coastal Commission, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State Lands Commission and State Water Resources Control Board to expedite regulatory reviews and emergency permitting. The department also continues to work closely with the city of Malibu and other partners.

Malibu Pier offers fishing, dining and views of the surf. State Parks said it will post project updates and information about the closure on its FAQ webpage as major repair milestones are reached.

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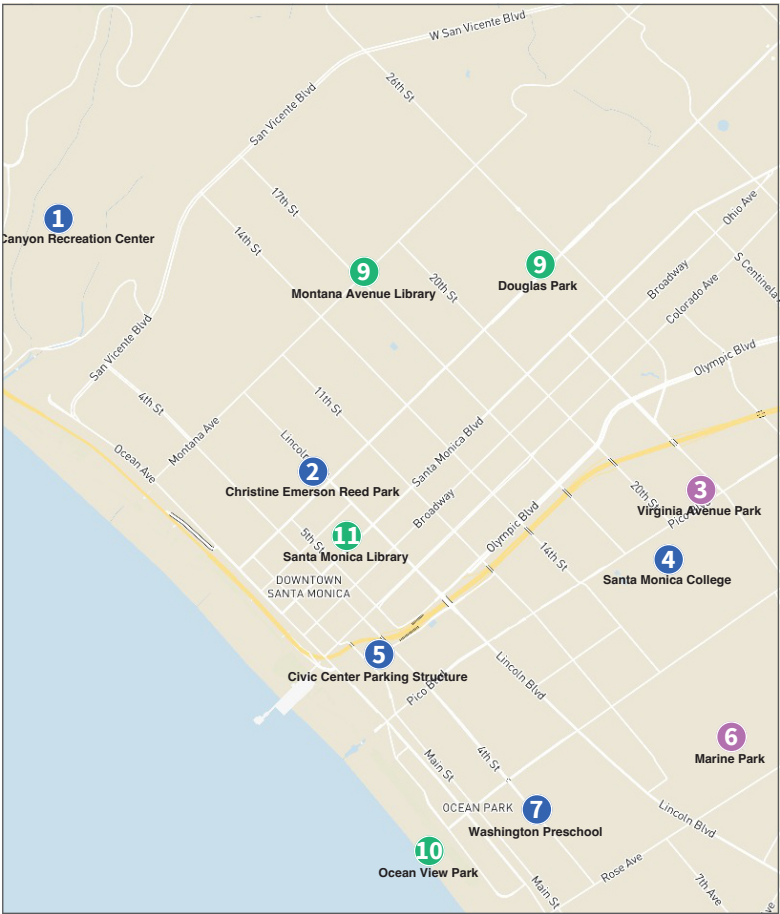
The General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026. Every active registered voter in Los Angeles County gets a ballot in the mail by Oct. 5. Here is how to return it on time, plus a map of nearby vote centers and drop boxes.

KEY DATES

Oct. 5 Ballots mailed & drop boxes open	Oct. 19 Registration deadline (same-day registration at vote centers after)	Oct. 24 Select vote centers open	Oct. 27 Last safe day to mail your ballot	Oct. 31 All vote centers open	Nov. 3 Election Day 7 AM–8 PM
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HOW TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT

OPTION 1 By mail No stamp needed. Postmarked by Nov. 3 and received within 7 days, it counts. Mail by Oct. 27 to be safe	OPTION 2 Drop box Seal, sign & date your return envelope, then drop it at any official box. Open until 8:00 PM on Election Day. 400+ boxes countywide	OPTION 3 Vote center Vote in person, register, or return your ballot. Open 10 AM–7 PM daily, 7 AM–8 PM on Nov. 3. Select sites Oct. 24 · all Oct. 31
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6	Marine Park	1406 Marine St
7	Washington Preschool	2802 4th St
8	Douglas Park	2439 Wilshire Blvd
9	Montana Avenue Library	1704 Montana Ave
10	Ocean View Park	2701 Barnard Way
11	Santa Monica Library	601 Santa Monica Blvd

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COUNCIL

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tapping reserves.

Serious Part I crimes fell 12.5% in 2025, from 4,793 to 4,194. Violent crimes and burglaries dropped another 11.2% from January through September compared with the same period last year, while arrests rose 62% and traffic citations more than doubled. The City Attorney’s Office now files charges in about 91% of legally fileable cases, up from 65% to 70% before the plan.

The city’s Homeless Support Team collected 790 tons of debris over the past year, compared with 254 tons in all of 2024. The \$3.5 million downtown capital program is about 80% complete. Retail vacancy fell from about 16% to 11.8% and office vacancy from about 35% to 21%, the city’s scorecard shows.

All branch libraries are open at least four days a week for the first time since 2020, and on-time first-round plan checks rose from about 51% in August 2025 to 87% in July. The 2026 Point-in-Time Count showed unsheltered homelessness down 18.1%, and during the last fiscal year 72 people moved from the street into interim housing while 107 were reunited with family.

Staff lists more than 90 of the plan’s 179 tracked activities as complete. The report also cites an Oct. 1 RAND Corporation study that called the city’s recent reforms “a meaningful break with the past,” though interviewees told RAND the city’s reputation as a hard place to do business persists.

Staff says the focus now shifts to revitalization and is asking the council to approve several initiatives.

A Downtown Catalyst Incentive Program would concentrate the city’s \$3 million Economic Development Fund on two or three high-visibility projects on and around the Third Street Promenade, offering forgivable loans of up to \$1.5 million per project track and favoring businesses that pair food and drink with entertainment.

Parking pilots with operator Metropolis would bring ticketless, license plate-based

entry and exit to Parking Structures 1 and 9 and the Main Library garage in early November, plus Promenade valet stations at Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue starting Nov. 27. Metropolis would cover pilot costs through July 1, 2027. A separate deal would let Amazon-owned Zoox lease up to 150 city parking spaces for its robotaxi fleet, generating an estimated \$500,000 or more a year.

The council will also consider a contract with 3Di Systems to launch a rent registry in early 2027 for about 15,000 units not covered by rent control, at \$52.35 a unit. Staff is separately developing a Promenade capital refresh ahead of the 2028 Olympics, with a concept plan due early next year.

The report also flags unfinished business: The city’s roughly \$12 million annual payment to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District expires June 30, 2027, and if voters reject the Measure ES parcel tax Nov. 3, the city plans to end it.

The report will be presented to council on Tuesday alongside several other items.

The council’s consent calendar includes accepting a \$49,895 federal Justice Assistance Grant, a contract of up to \$700,000 with ComSonics for license plate recognition for parking enforcement, and Mills Act contracts for three historic properties. Also on consent is a resolution allowing ESPN to use the Pier deck and beach for the 2027 Super Bowl.

Council members will hear a first reading of an ordinance extending the Off-Site Affordable Housing program’s re-entitlement deadline to Dec. 31, 2027, and hold a public hearing on zoning updates to comply with state law. A closed session includes childhood sexual abuse litigation, negotiations over the sale of city property on 5th street and additional rental of property near the Pier for the Olympics, and the city manager’s performance evaluation.

The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1685 Main St., Room 250.

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WEATHER

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confidence for Sunday and Monday. Chances are highest south of Point Conception.

How much rain falls depends largely on Rachel’s track, which forecasters called the main source of uncertainty as it has shifted farther south. Most computer model runs show at least some tropical showers south of Point Conception by Sunday, and about 10% show more than an inch of rain. The more likely outcome is a tenth to a quarter of an inch, with locally higher amounts in the mountains.

Sunday temperatures should be mostly in the 70s, but forecasters said a sharp rise in humidity from Rachel’s moisture will likely make it feel much warmer. There is about a 10% chance of thunderstorms Sunday through Monday, though models suggest storms will stay mostly farther east and south.

An upper-level low is expected to move into Southern California late Sunday and Monday and could interact with leftover tropical moisture to produce more showers. Rain chances on Monday extend across the entire four-county forecast area, but most locations can expect only a tenth to a quarter of an inch. Highs Monday should fall to the mid-60s to low 70s.

Forecasters said a 20% to 30% chance of rain could linger into Tuesday, depending on how quickly the low moves out. Wednesday should be mostly dry, with 3 to 6 degrees of warming, though highs will still run about 6 degrees below normal.

COASTAL FLOODING IS THE BIGGEST LOCAL THREAT

A coastal flood advisory is in effect until 2 p.m. Tuesday for the Malibu coast, Los Angeles County beaches, Ventura County beaches and Catalina and the Santa Barbara islands. The weather service expects minor to locally moderate coastal flooding, elevated surf and dangerous rip currents.

High tides are forecast to reach 7 to 7.5 feet over the weekend, 1 to 1.5 feet above astronomical predictions. Forecasters said the greatest risk is Sunday, especially during the morning high tide. If Rachel takes a more northerly track, stronger wind-driven waves and lower air pressure could push tides even higher.

Seawater is likely to flood vulnerable low-lying areas around high tide, including beach parking lots, bike paths and harbor walkways. Forecasters said moderate to significant beach erosion is likely and isolated damage is possible.

The weather service warned of an increased risk of drowning. Rip currents can pull swimmers and surfers out to sea, and waves can wash people off beaches and rocks and capsiz small boats near shore. Officials urged people to stay out of the water or near occupied lifeguard towers, stay off rock jetties and never drive around barricades or through water of unknown depth.

Conditions at sea are also expected to

deteriorate. Winds will increase to at least 20 to 30 knots by Saturday afternoon, and there is a 40% to 50% chance of gale-force winds Sunday, mainly in nearshore waters off Los Angeles and Orange counties. Large, steep and choppy seas are expected from Saturday through at least Monday.

RACHEL TURNS TOWARD THE BORDER

As of Thursday, Rachel was about 915 miles west of the southern tip of Baja California, with maximum sustained winds near 70 mph, according to the National Hurricane Center. It was moving west-northwest at about 7 mph.

Forecasters expect a sharp turn to the northeast Saturday, with an increase in speed, as an approaching trough steers the storm. The center of Rachel is forecast to approach northern Baja California late Saturday and could make landfall Saturday night or Sunday somewhere in northern Baja California or near the U.S.-Mexico border.

Dry air and cooling waters have been weakening the storm, and the hurricane center expects gradual weakening to continue. Rachel is still forecast to be at tropical storm strength as it nears land. A tropical storm watch could be needed for parts of extreme northern Baja California, the northern Gulf of California and Southern California as early as Thursday night.

“There is still a high degree of uncertainty on if Rachel will be a tropical or post-tropical system as it approaches northern Baja California and southern California,” hurricane center forecasters wrote. Either way, they said, it is expected to bring heavy rain and tropical-storm-force winds. Moisture from Rachel could raise the threat of flash and urban flooding across the Southwest.

Farther south, Tropical Storm Simon formed Wednesday off southwestern Mexico, about 175 miles south-southeast of Lazaro Cardenas. Forecasters said it could become a hurricane by late Thursday and possibly a major hurricane by Saturday, with up to 25 inches of rain possible in parts of Colima and Michoacan.

EL NIÑO AND A KELVIN WAVE RAISE THE STAKES

The high tides are being pushed up in part by a Kelvin wave, a slow-moving bulge of warm ocean water that forms when El Niño weakens the equatorial trade winds. After crossing the Pacific, it travels north along the coast.

The Climate Prediction Center said Thursday that a strong to very strong El Niño is likely through March.

Malibu is already preparing. The City Council on Sept. 28 declared a citywide local emergency over threats tied to El Niño, including flooding, mudslides, debris flows and coastal erosion.

“El Niño’s impacts are already being felt,” Mayor Bruce Silverstein said. “We are taking action now to be prepared so we can keep our community safe.”

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Classifieds

Name Change

Summons

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00429. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Adrien Marley Kosinski Coly for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Adrien Marley Kosinski Coly filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Adrien Marley Kosinski Coly to Adrien Marley Kosinski. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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: 10/23/2026, Time: 8:30 am, Dept:K. The address of the court is same as noted 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: SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS. Date: 09/25/2026. Lawrence Cho, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 09/25/2026, 10/02/2026, 10/09/2026, 10/16/2026

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for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center, your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. The name and address of the court is: Santa Monica Courthouse, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff’s attorney is: J. Russell Tyler, Jr., 1 Park Plaza, Suite 600, Irvine, CA 92614, 949-852-7360. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 08/18/2026, 09/25/2026, 10/02/2026, 10/09/2026

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HEY, LOOK! I FOUND A BOTTLE THAT'S IN THE SHAPE OF A HEDGEHOG!

MAYBE IT IS VALUABLE!

MAYBE?! HOW COULD IT NOT BE?! HOW MANY OF THESE COULD EXIST?!

FIFTY THOUSAND? SIXTY THOUSAND?

WHAT?! IT'S A HEDGEHOG BOTTLE! NOT A KETCHUP BOTTLE!

TASTE IT AND SEE IF IT'S REALLY A HEDGEHOG.

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

WHEELER, I THINK IT MAY BE TIME TO DISCUSS YOUR DIET.

BEN & JERRY'S PUMPKIN SPICE CREAM IS THE BEST!

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

CARL! PLEASE GET RID OF THAT THING!

OH, IT'S A RAT? A DEAD RAT... BOSTONS WERE BRED TO KILL RATS...

DON'T YOU GET IT? CAGNEY'S PROUD OF IT! HE'S OFFERING YOU A GIFT!

A GIFT?! IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

COFFEE SHOP

"I'D LIKE THE PUMPKIN SPICE CHERUBS."

"BUT I'M NOT JUST THE OWNER OF LEAF CLUB, I'M ALSO A CUSTOMER!"

FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 7088

Making a blockbuster

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A-list	Deadpan	Lights	Schedule
Angle	Deft	Lose	Sets
Aside	Director	Make-up	Short
Audience	Dolly	Movie	Sound
Best boy	Ecstatic	Nominee	Style
Boom	Edit	Process	Supervisor
Cameo	Egos	Quiet	
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Comedy	Film	Rushes	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Definitely not for me



TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 9)

In your Year of the Beautiful Bargain, you understand what makes an exchange worth it. You trade what you have in abundance for something you value more. Everyone leaves the table feeling lucky -- a scenario that repeats eight times through your solar year. More highlights: Gaming suits you. You'll make friends and earn prizes. Love and finance intertwine auspiciously. Pisces and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 1, 33 and 28.



HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have riches to share today and you certainly will, though the most valuable thing you will share is your attention, which you will apply to letting others know the riches you see in them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People support what they have a hand in. Ask the person most likely to resist your idea how they would improve it. Their answer may reveal the obstacle you weren't aware of. You can turn a critic into a fan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Give people enough show to spark their curiosity and leave the rest behind the curtain. Mystery creates room for imagination, and imagination can do more for your appeal than any performance you could supply.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Emotions come in hot, but you stay cool. Whether the feeling burbles up from inside you or you're witnessing another person's temper, you're able to distance yourself by using your feet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You see what someone did, but it will still take your own process of trial and error to do this yourself. Your hands have their own way of learning. Their experience teaches you what no manual or instruction video ever could.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know how a certain person keeps score: Every exchange must end with more on their side. Even if they are the only person around, avoid dealing with them. It takes effort to seek a different scene -- worth it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Enjoy this string of green traffic lights. Your way is completely unimpeded. People gladly step aside to let you pass, not out of obligation but because they instantly feel you're someone to be nice to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will see more of the world because of what you do today. The first move is an easy one: Let your curiosity take on the form of a dream. Daring to dream is the first step in this adventure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A mild interest in a subject is growing into an attraction. The people who devote themselves to it are part of the appeal. Their language, rituals and standards draw you closer. Soon you may count yourself among the serious ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are things that benefit you to keep track of -- receipts for taxes, plant care, what you owe a friend -- and things that hurt you to track -- past mistakes, daily weight fluctuations, what a friend owes you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Make your schedule by yourself and do it early, before the rest of the world starts demanding things from you. Let them get in line behind the things you already deem important. If they are to cut the line, make sure it's really for a good reason.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're kind. Still, not everyone should have access to you. Neither should you keep giving out extras. A fancy doormat is still a doormat. People will continue to use it for what they have always used it for.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Fit well together
- 5 Narrow shoal
- 9 Adapter designation
- 13 '70s tennis star
- 14 Bear up in the air
- 15 Sushi selections
- 17 Defeat forcefully
- 19 Secondary celebs
- 20 Asp, for instance
- 21 Confidential talk
- 23 Competitively red-hot
- 25 Eightfold
- 26 Barely visible
- 27 Roundup accessory
- 29 Bagpipe, e.g.
- 30 Start to tire
- 31 Write on glass, perhaps
- 32 Roundup gatherings
- 33 Leveled off
- 36 Old money in Munich
- 39 Old-style “dudes”
- 40 Dungeons & Dragons, for short
- 43 Have status
- 44 Taper off
- 46 Portrayed
- 47 Gallery offering
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HALLOWEEN

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indulge in consumerism,” Valdovino said. “These prepackaged Halloween costumes made poorly of polyester that are thrown away on November 1st are not the vibe.”

She said the swap is a way to find a good home for costume pieces that would otherwise go back to the thrift stores where they were found.

“I feel like Halloween gives people permission to do that in ways they might not be comfortable doing the rest of the year,” Valdovino said. “I want to foster that without adding to the landfill so a costume and trinket trade seemed like the perfect party.”

Valdovino, who described a habit of collecting junk that doubles as a supply of craft materials, said the event will include a bracelet booth with pony beads and letter beads, fabric markers for anyone who wants to start a DIY costume, secondhand tote bags to decorate and “trinket boxes” that attendees can decorate to carry home and display their new finds.

The event is open to all ages, though Valdovino said most of those who have RSVP'd so far are in their 20s and 30s. Valdovino said the swap is also meant to address isolation among young adults.

“Young adulthood can be very isolating,” Valdovino said. “Most of my time is tied up in work or family obligations. It feels so hard to make friends in real life.”

This is Valdovino's first attempt at a neighborhood event, and Valdovino said more may follow.

“If you want to see more of these types of events in your neighborhood, YOU have to be part of that change,” Valdovino said. “In order to be part of a village, you have to be a villager.”

RSVPs are required for the event at: <https://partiful.com/e/Y12SIOZlcQ2tVzJSVKXR>.

For those looking to swap on a larger scale, Lextober's Ultimate Halloween Swap lets families drop off costumes they no longer need and pick out new-to-them ones for free, including costumes for children, adults and pets.

Drop-offs and swaps are available through Nov. 15 at Heal the Bay, Opera Santa Barbara, Occidental College, Girls Inc. of LA, Knox Elementary and 93rd Street Elementary. Dedicated swap days are scheduled for Sunday at a Heal the Bay aquarium by the Santa Monica Pier and Oct. 16 at Occidental College.

Sustainable fashion advocate Lexy Silverstein launched Lextober as a pilot in California and Maryland in October 2025, partnering with environmental nonprofit Heal the Bay in Los Angeles and Clinical Associates in the Baltimore area.

The pilot collected nearly 200 costumes, which Silverstein estimated kept 200 to 400 pounds of textile waste out of landfills. Silverstein has said nearly 35 million Halloween costumes are thrown away in the U.S. each year, that 85% of textiles end up in landfills or incinerators and that most costumes are made of synthetic materials that do not biodegrade.

California has a new law aimed at keeping clothes out of landfills, but its statewide collection system is years away.

The swaps come as more shoppers turn to secondhand and homemade options. According to research commissioned by Goodwill, 85% of surveyed costume shoppers plan to incorporate thrift shopping or DIY elements into their costumes this year. The survey found 60% primarily create DIY costumes, and 71% are looking for costumes that can be reused or repurposed beyond Halloween.

More than half of respondents, 53%, said

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- Peyton Valdovino

saving money is a key reason they shop thrift stores for Halloween, while 44% said they do so to create DIY costumes and 44% to find unique costume pieces. The survey also found 72% plan to use thrift or DIY elements in their Halloween decorations.

“Halloween is one of the best times of year to get creative,” said Daniela Davis, chief marketing officer of Goodwill Southern California. “Whether you're building a costume from scratch, decorating your home or looking for a unique finishing touch, Goodwill offers affordable finds that help bring ideas to life.”

The shift toward secondhand comes even as Halloween remains a major spending occasion. Consumer spending is expected to reach \$13.5 billion this year, according to the National Retail Federation's annual survey conducted by Prosper Insights & Analytics, holding near last year's record of \$13.1 billion. Shoppers are expected to spend an average of \$115.14 per person, in line with \$114.45 in 2025.

“Consumers continue to make Halloween a spending priority, but they are also approaching the season with affordability in mind,” said Allison Zeller, NRF vice president of industry and consumer insights.

About 34% of consumers plan to look for items they can reuse in future years or repurpose for other occasions, according to the survey. Seventy-four percent of consumers plan to celebrate the holiday, and half plan to dress in costume.

Costumes account for \$4.4 billion of projected spending, with 71% of shoppers expected to buy them. Shoppers are expected to spend \$2 billion on adult costumes, \$1.5 billion on children's costumes and \$920 million on pet costumes.

Among children, 4.6 million plan to dress as Spider-Man, followed by superheroes, princesses, witches and ghosts. Witches top the list for adults at 4.8 million, followed by vampires, Batman, Spider-Man and ghosts. For pets, pumpkins lead at 11.6%, followed by hot dogs at 5.9% and ghosts at 2.8%.

Discount stores remain the top destination for Halloween purchases at 39%, followed by specialty Halloween and costume stores at 32% and online retailers at 27%. Thirteen percent of consumers plan to shop at local and small businesses, nearly double the 7% recorded in 2016.

The NRF survey of 7,889 consumers was conducted Sept. 1-9 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 1.1 percentage points.

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FRIDAY | OCTOBER 9

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ocean View Park 2701 Bernard Way Santa Monica. A 45-minute fully guided mindfulness meditation outdoors, open to all experience levels; bring a chair or cushion and settle in by the ocean. Please join Mobile Community Meditation Center aka Buddhist Boondockers Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 am for a 45 minute fully guided mindfulness meditation - on the grass, under the shade of the trees, with a view of the sparkling ocean. (Tuesday and Thursday offered via zoom). Free— Any contributions are accepted and appreciated. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/19479748/2026-10-09T10>

FIX-IT FAMILIA STORYTIME

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. / Pico Branch, The Annex. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and enjoy a special storytime featuring Lucky Diaz's, Fix-It Familia, followed by a craft inspired by the book. For ages 5 - 11.

SUNSET SESSIONS

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Penmar 1233 Rose Avenue Los Angeles, CA. Live music at The Penmar as the sun sets. A weekly series of outdoor evening concerts with a relaxed vibe. Music and good vibes as the Sun sets. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/sunset-sessions/18537173/2026-10-09T17>

CHRISTY CARLSON ROMANO WITH MARA WILSON! ONCE UPON A TRAINWRECK!

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Zibby's Bookshop 1113 Montana Ave Santa Monica, CA. Disney Channel alum Christy Carlson Romano talks with Mara Wilson about childhood fame, resilience, and memoir, in a candid author-event conversation. \$34.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/christy-carlson-romano-with-mara-wilson-once-upon-a-trainwreck-/19783889/2026-10-09T18>

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 10

ONCE UPON A GARDEN: A STORYTIME

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main Street, Santa Monica 90405. Join us for a garden-themed story time surrounded by nature! We'll enjoy stories about flowers, plants, and growing gardens. Along with garden-inspired songs, and fun movement activities and songs. Come explore, read, and learn as we celebrate all the wonderful things that grow in the garden. “Once Upon a Garden: A Storytime” will be led by librarians from the Santa Monica Public Library. Story time begins at 10 am. Join us at 9 am to grab a cup of coffee, kid friendly snacks and wandering around the gardens to see what's growing, pick up seed packets and chat with gardeners. Limited seating, please bring blankets or chairs. For more info: [SANTAMONICA.GOV/Events](https://www.santamonica.gov/events).

CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Zoom. This community-led, monthly book discussion group meets virtually at 11 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month. The group discusses classic fiction titles. For Zoom link, email library@santamonica.gov.

SCREAM AND STREAM – TEEN MOVIE

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Main Library, Youth Activity Room. Connect with friends and celebrate the spooky season with themed snacks and a film. For ages 13 - 18.

LGBT HISTORY MONTH FILM SCREENING

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Miles Memorial Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd. Join us for Janis Ian: Breaking Silence, a documentary about lesbian pop artist Janis Ian from Santa Monica filmmaker Varda Bar-Kar.

Q&A with the director to follow. Runtime: 114 min.

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 11

CONTINUUM: HONORING THE HISTORY OF BELMAR AND BLACK SANTA MONICA

Noon to 5:00 p.m. Historic Belmar Park. This free, all-ages cultural activation presented by the city of Santa Monica and GV Black honors the history of Belmar and the Black experience in Santa Monica and will include conversations with award-winning journalist and radio host Sam Sanders, DJ sets by KCRW's Tyler “Boogie” Boudreaux, live music performances from Katalyst Collective, Songs With Strings, and NPR Tiny Desk Concert Winner Cure For Paranoia, fusing live strings, hip-hop and jazz. Shop the vendor village curated by Black Market Flea and enjoy art-making, art installations and more.

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 11

LOWE FAMILY YMCA PUMPKIN PATCH

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Simon Meadow 15551 W Sunset Blvd Pacific Palisades, CA The Lowe Family YMCA Pumpkin Patch returns to Simon Meadow Monday to Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the playful hay maze, snap photos with festive photo props, enjoy an art installation and shop pumpkins of all sizes. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/lowe-family-ymca-pumpkin-patch/20059545/2026-10-11T10>

PALIBU RECOVERY EXPO

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. American Legion Ronald Reagan - Palisades Post 283 15247 La Cruz Drive Pacific Palisades, CA. Join the PaliBu Chamber of Commerce for the October Recovery Expo, the final quarterly Recovery Expo of 2026, in the heart of Pacific Palisades. Connect with trusted rebuilding professionals, local businesses, nonprofits and recovery resources to help navigate every stage of the rebuilding process. Whether you're seeking expert guidance, products, services or community connections, you'll find the information and support needed to move forward with confidence. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palibu-recovery-expo/19481196/2026-10-11T11>

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