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Pier sign coming down Tuesday for restoration during bridge rebuild

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Crews will begin removing the Santa Monica Pier's iconic sign Tuesday, Oct. 20, sending the 1941 landmark to Las Vegas for a full restoration while the aging Pier Bridge beneath it is replaced.

The removal is temporary, city officials said. The sign is being refurbished, not replaced, and will return to its place at the top of the bridge once construction wraps up, which is expected in late 2027.

The work will be handled in stages using a crane and temporary support structures. Crews will first disconnect electrical power and remove the neon tubes, which will be crated for safekeeping. The Crown Sign will then be unbolted and lifted off by crane while the historic sign cage is temporarily supported.

Next, crews will take down the arched support truss and columns, lowering the pieces into protective steel shipping frames. The sign, truss and Crown Sign will be secured, braced and wrapped before being loaded onto separate flatbed trailers for the trip to Las Vegas.

The restoration will be led by YESCO, a sign company founded in 1920 that is known for its award-winning neon work and its restoration of historic signs. The company's past projects include the 105-year-old Sweet Candy Company sign and the "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas" sign.

YESCO's work on the Pier sign will include restoring the neon tubing, removing rust, repainting and making structural repairs. The sign will be kept at a secure YESCO

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Canines Beat the Heat at "North America's Largest Dog Festival"



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DOG: The Day of the Dog, billed by the organizers as "North America's Largest Dog Festival", returned to Santa Monica on Sunday, October 18. The afternoon was hot and the street was packed. Dogs cooled off in a snow play area and lapped up ice-cold Pawp Water from the can (a hydration drink for dogs), while vendors sold treats, clothing and accessories to canines and humans alike.

Santa Monica couple found dead in suspected murder-suicide, city's third this year

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A married couple was found dead Wednesday morning inside their Santa Monica home in what police believe was a murder-suicide. It is the third suspected murder-suicide in the city this year.

The Santa Monica Police Department received a request for a welfare check at about 9:04 a.m. on Oct. 14 at a residence in the 2400 block of Fourth Street, police said. Officers found two adults dead inside. Both had apparent gunshot wounds.

The Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner lists the death of Ryan Lewis, 44, as a suicide and the death of Elizabeth Lewis, 53, as a homicide on that date.

Detectives believe no one else was involved, police said. They described the deaths as an isolated incident and said there is no ongoing threat to the public.

The Lewis deaths are the latest in a series of suspected murder-suicides in Santa Monica and on the Westside in 2026. Before Wednesday, Santa Monica had recorded two such cases this year, and two more had occurred in nearby Venice and Westwood. In each of those four cases, a man and a woman who knew each other died and a firearm was involved.

On Sept. 26, Hendrik Rabitzsch, 48, fatally shot his wife, Nicole Rabitzsch, 47, and then himself in their Pico Boulevard home. The medical examiner ruled her death a homicide and his a suicide. No prior domestic violence calls have been reported.

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Justice Department arrests more than 2 dozen in California sweep targeting alleged noncitizen voters

Federal authorities arrested more than two dozen foreign nationals Monday in California as part of a statewide sweep targeting people who officials say have illegally registered and voted in U.S. elections.

The arrests are part of a Trump administration effort to root out noncitizen voting ahead of next month's midterm elections, even though data shows that the problem is incredibly rare, difficult to prove and has not been shown to change the outcome of races.

They also reflect a further escalation in a simmering voter roll fight between the federal government and California that came into focus last week when the Justice Department sued the state and later warned that local election workers who knowingly process or tabulate ballots submitted by noncitizen voters are at risk of investigation and potential prosecution.

The Justice Department said all those arrested as part of a sweep dubbed Operation Protect the Vote are lawful permanent residents — but not U.S. citizens who are permitted to legally vote. They are charged with crimes including making false statements on a naturalization application and submitting fraudulent voter registrations.

"Election integrity is really important to this administration. It should be important to every American," Bill Essayli, the top federal prosecutor in Los Angeles, told reporters.

"The right to vote is critical. It's the foundation of our system of government. And if we have noncitizens voting," he added, "it dilutes the votes of American citizens."

CALIFORNIA EMERGES AS A FLASHPOINT FOR VOTING DISPUTE

The federal government has made noncitizen voting a priority this year, demanding detailed voter information — including dates of birth, addresses, driver's license numbers and partial Social Security numbers — from the states. While some states voluntarily handed over the information, the department sued 30 states and the District of Columbia to obtain it — lawsuits that so far have been unsuccessful.

Before Monday, the Justice Department had charged about 90 people for various types of election misconduct so far this year, including 50 who are alleged to have voted as noncitizens. There were more than 227 million registered voters in the United States during the 2024 presidential election.

The operation Monday involved the four U.S. attorneys' offices across California in what the Justice Department intended as a statewide show of force.

Among the dozens of people arrested was a 72-year-old Belize-born man who is accused of voting illegally in four elections.

Dozens of federal agents descended on the man's residential cul-de-sac in Commerce, a small city in Los Angeles County, to make the arrest. The man was put in handcuffs in his pajamas and taken into federal custody downtown. Others emerged from the house to watch and questioned the number of heavily armed officers present for the arrest, as well as the need for handcuffs.

The arrests were the latest in a flurry of activity that has unfolded in heavily Democratic California, which is not typically regarded as a key battleground state but does have a handful of competitive congressional races that could help determine which party controls the U.S. House for the final two years of President Donald Trump's term. Over 23 million people are registered statewide.

The administration last week sued California to prevent it from counting mail ballots from people the federal government has identified as "likely" noncitizens until their immigration status can be confirmed.

The complaint was filed after California officials were given, and did not meet, a 48-hour deadline to review a password-protected thumb drive that contained a list of 20,000 names. The federal government says those are likely noncitizens who were sent ballots to participate in the Nov. 3 election, although the secretary of state said the administration has provided no evidence to support that claim. The state mails ballots to all registered voters.

Requests for comment sent Monday to the secretary of state, state attorney general and governor's office were not immediately returned.

A WARNING FOR POLL WORKERS

On Friday, the Justice Department followed up with a letter warning that state election officials who knowingly process ballots cast by noncitizen voters are at risk of investigation.

"The legal consequences for either facilitating or ignoring a federal crime are significant. Noncitizen voting in a federal

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Santa Monica deserves honesty and answers

When Caroline Torosis became mayor in December 2025, she called for honesty, transparency and accountability in City government. Her record raises serious questions that deserve answers before voters cast ballots by Nov. 3.

Those questions go beyond behavioral-health housing, homelessness, her ties to UNITE HERE Local 11 and the City's declaration of fiscal distress. They extend to vacant storefronts, restaurant closures, departing businesses and City policies Torosis supported that I believe discourage investment here.

While San Diego and Santa Barbara have recovered much of their pre-pandemic tourism, Santa Monica's annual visitation remains more than 50% below 2019 levels.

AIRPORT HOUSING AND A SOCCER STADIUM

Local 11 and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights recently endorsed Torosis. Leaders associated with both supported an initiative allowing about 3,000 permanently affordable housing units on Santa Monica Airport land.

Those endorsements don't establish Torosis' position, but voters shouldn't have to guess. Does she support 3,000 income-restricted units at the airport? If so, at what income levels and with what preferences?

Football Club Santa Monica has proposed a 20,000-seat professional soccer stadium there. Torosis has denied attending a presentation, though the club says its representatives met with her. Does she support the stadium? If so, how would she address traffic at a major gateway to our city?

OCEAN AVENUE: WHAT DID TOROSIS KNOW?

At an October 2025 council meeting, Torosis responded to allegations that she had long known about proposed behavioral-health housing on Ocean Avenue: "It is not true I have known about the project since [November 2024]."

Released emails show she participated in communications about proposed interim behavioral-health housing months before the public learned of it. In December 2024, project representatives sought City support for a grant application identifying 825 and 413 Ocean Ave. Torosis responded by requesting a draft and more information.

Torosis says those communications concerned a preliminary proposal and that she didn't know it had become an actual project until later.

When did she first know facilities were being considered on Ocean Avenue? When did she know the addresses? Why did nearby residents learn later?

AB 1740: WHY WASN'T THE PUBLIC INVITED?

Santa Monica co-sponsored AB 1740, legislation affecting the City's relationship with the California Coastal

Commission. Officials said staff had authority under existing policies, but the council never publicly debated or voted on it. Councilmember Lana Negrete questioned the process and said she hadn't been included.

Why was she left out? Even if staff had authority, why wasn't legislation specifically affecting Santa Monica discussed publicly first?

CALIFORNIA ROADHOUSE AND FAIR ACCESS

Disclosure: I founded California Roadhouse Inc., which negotiated with the City over a proposed California-themed restaurant and live music venue on the Santa Monica Pier.

Roadhouse was selected after more than 100 inquiries, nine proposals and nine months of public review. Before final lease approval, Local 11 met with City Manager Oliver Chi and the City Attorney about terms it wanted in our lease. The City later ended negotiations, saying we failed to agree to council-directed worker protections, even though we offered jobs to all former Rusty's employees, consistent with applicable law, and proposed about 50 new jobs.

Torosis describes herself as a certified mediator. Yet the Pier space has sat vacant for nearly two years, and despite multiple requests to meet, she never contacted us — not once. Why didn't a mayor with professional mediation skills try to bring the parties together?

Did Torosis or other councilmembers communicate with Local 11 about Roadhouse? Why did Local 11 get a meeting with the City Attorney about our lease when we didn't? Access shouldn't depend on political relationships or on whether someone criticizes a councilmember.

TRANSPARENCY SHOULD WORK BOTH WAYS

Torosis promised a "more transparent and accountable" City government. She has faced allegations, not independently established, that critical comments were deleted or hidden from her campaign Instagram account. Were they? If so, who decided, and why?

THE BIGGER QUESTION

Has Torosis consistently practiced the transparency she advocates?

I don't expect every councilmember to agree with me. I do expect candor. I don't agree with Lana Negrete or Ashley Oelsen on every issue, but my standard is integrity, not agreement. I trust their integrity, intentions and independence from special-interest groups I believe aren't always aligned with our city's best interests.

For my third vote, I'm weighing Doug Trussler, who brings substantial business experience to the City's

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: 71.8

TUESDAY
FAIR TO GOODSURF: 4-5ft
Chest to head

Peakier than Monday but still fun at the points too. Semi clean morning but some lump/warble likely. Surf should be a bit more broken up for the beachbreaks than Monday as NW windswell bumps up to blend with lingering mid period NW swell. SSW swell energy holds nice size all day, keeping the points fun and combo spots in play. Widespread surf in the chest-shoulder high range with focal points head high+ at times. Wind settles through the morning for improving conditions but there's potential for some lump. Afternoon onshore winds look reasonably light/manageable.

WEDNESDAY
FAIRSURF: 4-5ft
Chest to head

Beachbreaks out west stay on the peaky side, points with some fun lines to cruise on. Surf stays broken up for the beachbreaks as reinforcements from the NW and SSW keep size in the ballpark of Tuesday. Chest+ lines at the points, better spots topping out a bit overhead. Keeping an eye on conditions as a low slides down just off the coast. S wind in the cards during the day, but that timing still needs to be dialed in through Mon/Tue - if it can stay away the points should have decent to good conditions all day.



Weather

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Showers likely, mainly after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Low around 59. Chance of precipitation is 90%

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2026/10/20	Tue	12:18 AM	0.68	L
2026/10/20	Tue	07:15 AM	4.20	H
2026/10/20	Tue	12:31 PM	2.67	L
2026/10/20	Tue	06:02 PM	4.48	H
2026/10/21	Wed	12:50 AM	0.61	L
2026/10/21	Wed	07:27 AM	4.54	H
2026/10/21	Wed	01:08 PM	2.06	L
2026/10/21	Wed	06:51 PM	4.64	H
2026/10/22	Thur	01:18 AM	0.62	L
2026/10/22	Thur	07:44 AM	4.95	H



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Jackpot: 413 M



Draw Date: 10/18
EVENING: 2 1 6
Draw Date: 10/18
MIDDAY: 4 5 9



Draw Date: 10/17
3 25 27 29 37
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 7 M



Draw Date: 10/18
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2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
Race Time: 1:40.11

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Pico Neighborhood Association Urges NO on local Measures GG and ES

The Pico Neighborhood Association urges all Santa Monica voters to vote NO on Measure GG and NO on Measure ES. About the Pico Neighborhood Association: The PNA is a non-profit 501c3 dedicated to the residents of Santa Monica's Pico Neighborhood. Learn more or become a member at pnasantamonica.wordpress.com.

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Bryson Fire evacuation orders lifted as Malibu schools reopen

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All evacuation orders and warnings tied to the Bryson Fire in the Santa Monica Mountains have been lifted, and four Malibu schools reopen Monday after crews held the 146-acre blaze without the loss of a single structure, officials said.

Two evacuation zones were downgraded to advisories, according to Los Angeles County, meaning residents there should remain alert and be ready to leave if conditions change. Firefighters continued working across the fire's footprint to extinguish hot spots and bring the blaze to full containment.

The fire started at about 4:41 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, near Encinal Canyon Road, and fire personnel suffered only minor injuries, county officials said. More than 414 emergency personnel were assigned to the fire at the height of the response.

The National Weather Service's red flag warning expired over the weekend, because of improved conditions, signaling a lower immediate fire risk, according to the county.

All roads closed because of the fire, including Topanga Canyon Boulevard, have reopened to the public. Planned power outages have been canceled, and utilities are working to restore electricity to sites that were shut off to reduce the risk of fire. Residents can monitor road closures countywide at pw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures.

Several emergency services set up during the fire have wound down. The evacuation shelter at Agoura High School, which served Malibu residents, has closed, as has the large

animal shelter at Pierce College. The Agoura Animal Care Center has returned to regular hours.

The Los Angeles County Probation Department determined it is safe for 38 female and gender-expansive youth who had been temporarily relocated to Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall to return to Campus Vernon Kilpatrick. Staff members are coordinating the return, and the department said it will notify parents and stakeholders once the move is complete.

SCHOOLS REOPEN

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is reopening Malibu High, Malibu Middle, Malibu Elementary and Webster Elementary schools Monday, Oct. 19, with school buses running their regular routes.

The district closed the four campuses Friday, Oct. 16, out of what it called an abundance of caution. Malibu High, Malibu Middle and Malibu Elementary were under an evacuation warning at the time. The district offered continuity of learning resources to students and said there would be no negative academic impact on those unable to access them.

In announcing the reopening, the district said Malibu is no longer under a red flag warning or within an evacuation zone and that power has been restored. The decision followed continued monitoring of the fire and communication with the city of Malibu's Emergency Operations Center.

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officer, wrote in a message to media and community partners. "The safety and well-being of our students, families and staff remain our top priority."

WIND-DRIVEN START

The Bryson Fire was one of several brush fires fueled by Santa Ana winds that swept Southern California on Thursday, prompting utilities to cut power to tens of thousands of customers statewide.

The fast-moving Malibu blaze triggered evacuation orders and warnings across a large area of the Santa Monica Mountains, including Zuma and Trancas canyons and areas south and west of the fire. It grew to more than 100 acres and threatened a county juvenile detention and rehabilitation facility, and the weather service warned that overnight gusts could intensify fire activity.

Crews also fought a fire in Azusa, where forward progress was stopped after more than 40 acres burned, and another at Camp Pendleton that grew to more than 1.5 square miles and briefly closed part of Interstate 5.

STAYING PREPARED

County officials urge residents to register for emergency alerts through Alert LA County and their city's notification system, and to look up their evacuation zone at protect.genasys.com or in the Genasys mobile app. Preparedness information is available at ready.lacounty.gov and through the Fire Department's Ready! Set! Go! program.

Residents can call 211 for preparedness resources and referrals, including information for people with disabilities and other access and functional needs. For an immediate threat to life or safety, call 911.

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AI agents are only as good as the personal information you share. That raises privacy concerns

Matt Robb wanted to sell his computer keyboard. So he made a listing on Facebook Marketplace — and, as an experiment late last month, he put Meta’s new artificial intelligence agent Muse in the driver’s seat.

Muse got to work. But within a day, Robb got an alarming update: A buyer he didn’t know had shown up outside his house late at night. How? Muse had struck a deal on its own and shared Robb’s home address after agreeing to a pickup. It even sent an automated “Yep, I’m here!” message from his account when the buyer arrived — all without Robb’s knowledge.

“Not only did it give my address when the guy asked and it accepted the offer, but it literally was almost like teasing the guy (about me being there when I wasn’t),” said Robb, a Toronto-based content creator who also detailed the experience in his now widely-shared social media posts.

Many have welcomed AI agents into their online lives, and raved about how personalized assistants like Muse can handle everyday tasks with ease — from snagging a dinner reservation or planning a trip, to organizing email inboxes. But like other AI bots, the agents are only as good as the information they have access to. They perform better the more they know about a user — and perhaps also that person’s friends, family and even colleagues. That raises privacy concerns.

Robb and the buyer eventually made amends, and he learned from Meta that

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the sharing of his address came down to permissions he granted when first giving Muse access to his Marketplace profile. But the episode showed real-world risks that can arise from sharing extensive personal information with the technology.

“Using an AI agent is similar to handing

someone your keys and a to-do list,” said Veronica Rivera, assistant professor at Georgia Tech’s School of Cybersecurity and Privacy. “How helpful they are, and by extension how risky, depends on which keys you hand over.”

COMPANIES HAVE VARIED PRIVACY POLICIES FOR AI AGENTS

Since its September launch, downloads of Meta’s Muse app have skyrocketed. And competition is only growing. OpenAI recently rolled out its own lineup of “always on” AI helpers, called dots, which can be integrated into ChatGPT and workplace platforms like Slack and Microsoft Teams.

Older generative AI chatbots, like the standard version of ChatGPT, respond to specific prompts. At the user’s request, they can write essays, generate new images or music, or even write lines of code.

Meta’s Muse and OpenAI’s dots go a step further to perform day-to-day tasks on a person’s behalf. AI agents are powered by the same large language models as chatbots, but they run in a loop. That allows an agent to take proactive steps, even when the user isn’t looking.

“One of the things that makes these AI agents really appealing is that they are unprecedentedly useful,” said Rivera, who is also a Microsoft-funded Computing Research Association Trustworthy AI Research Fellow.

But the convenience comes with the price of sharing more details about your life.

Once AI agents obtain users’ information, it’s very difficult to fully withdraw access, said Ebrahim Bagheri, a professor at the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Information.

“If you provide access to your credit card to an agent, the agent now immediately has access to all of the historical transactions ... they will immediately — within less than seconds — ingest all of that data,” Bagheri said. And while users can later withdraw access, Bagheri said there’s “no taking back” data the agent has already seen, and how developers store historical data can be murky.

Both Meta and OpenAI outline privacy policies for their new AI agents, which operate on their own dedicated cloud computers. You can turn off memory sharing between dots and ChatGPT, but information the agent previously received isn’t automatically deleted. OpenAI gives users an option to request access to, delete or correct personal information, although rights can vary depending on where you live.

Meta’s Muse gives users options to delete message history and other information, too. For day-to-day use, the agent prompts users for access permissions — and Meta has said Muse learns about a user and who they interact with “based on public information and from what you’ve chosen to share.” But the company says that all stays secure for each user.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

California

Newsom announces first new marine protected areas in a decade, expands Point Dume safeguards

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced California’s first new marine protected areas in more than a decade, including expanded protections off Malibu’s Point Dume, as the Trump administration pushes to open the state’s coast to offshore oil drilling.

The California Fish and Game Commission approved the changes last week. They add about 15,000 acres of protected coastal waters and raise the share of the state’s coastal waters under conservation to 22.2%. The state’s goal is 30% by 2030.

The expanded Point Dume State Marine Conservation Area covers additional kelp forest habitat off Malibu, which state officials said will help the ecosystem withstand a warming ocean.

The commission also created two new conservation areas. The Point Sal State Marine Conservation Area in San Luis Obispo County protects habitat for fish, seabirds and migrating whales. The Mishopshno State Marine Conservation Area in Santa Barbara County protects Carpinteria Reef, home to one of the healthiest kelp forests in the Santa Barbara Channel. Officials also strengthened the Pyramid Point State Marine Conservation Area on the North Coast to protect declining fish populations while preserving tribal harvest of a culturally important species.

Chumash tribes proposed both new areas, making them the first tribally nominated marine protected areas in California’s network. The state said they will open new opportunities for joint stewardship between state agencies and tribes.

“This area has important cultural and spiritual values that deserve to be protected for future generations,” said Kenneth Kahn, tribal chairman of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

Newsom framed the announcement as a contrast to federal policy.

“While Donald Trump attempts to roll back decades of environmental protections and open our shoreline to new oil drilling, we’re protecting more of our coast and ocean than ever before,” he said.

The Trump administration is seeking to open federal waters off California to new oil and gas leasing for the first time in decades and has launched a review of the state’s Coastal Management Program. State officials have warned the review could weaken California’s ability to protect its coast.

California completed its statewide network of 124 marine protected areas in 2012. State officials said monitoring shows the areas increase marine life and diversity and can benefit tourism and fisheries outside their boundaries.

The changes followed three years of outreach to tribes, local governments, fishermen, scientists and the public after the network’s first 10-year review in 2023.

“These new protected areas proposed by tribal partners provide important protections at a critical time,” said California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot.

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SMC Jazz Ensemble to perform jazz favorites Oct. 26

The Santa Monica College Jazz Ensemble will perform a live concert at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Music Hall at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St., at Santa Monica Boulevard.

Conductor Frederick Keith Fiddmont will lead the ensemble in an evening of jazz favorites, including music by Oliver Nelson, Bob Mintzer and others.

General admission tickets are \$10 plus a service charge. Admission is free for all students with any student ID. Advance tickets are available at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005, Monday through Friday during limited hours. Tickets will also be sold at The Broad Stage Box Office at the SMC Performing Arts Center starting 45 minutes before the performance.

Free parking is available on site. Seating is strictly first come, first served.

More information is available from the SMC Music Department at 310-434-4323. The latest details are posted at smc.edu/events. Performances are subject to change or cancellation.

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JAZZ: The Santa Monica College Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Frederick Keith Fiddmont, presents an evening of jazz favorites featuring the music of Oliver Nelson, Bob Mintzer, and more — on Monday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Music Hall at the SMC Performing Arts Center.

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SMC Wind Ensemble to perform ‘Fall Concert’ Oct. 25



Courtesy Image

SMC: The Santa Monica College Wind Ensemble, directed by Kevin McKeown, will present “Fall Concert” on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 1 p.m. in The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center.

The Santa Monica College Wind Ensemble will present its “Fall Concert” at 1 p.m. Oct. 25. The performance will be at The Eli & Edythe Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St., at Santa Monica Boulevard.

The ensemble will perform music by Giannini and Bernstein featuring woodwinds, brass and percussion. Kevin McKeown will conduct.

General admission tickets are \$10, plus a service charge. Tickets are free for students with any student ID. Advance tickets are available at smc.edu/tickets or by calling 310-434-3005 Monday through Friday during limited hours. Tickets also will be sold at The Broad Stage box office beginning 45 minutes before the performance.

Parking is free on site. Seating is first-come, first-served.

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BRIDGE

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facility while bridge construction continues.

When it returns, the sign will be reinstalled at a higher elevation to make it more visible and to give vehicles more clearance underneath.

The city has installed a temporary half-scale replica of the sign on the Pier. Visitors can find it by walking down the bridge toward the Pier; it sits on the left just before Pier Burger, with the Pacific Park roller coaster and the shoreline in the background. The replica lights up at night and provides an opportunity for photos while the main Pier is being refurbished.

The original sign was designed by the Pan Pacific Neon Sign Company and unveiled June 17, 1941. It is listed on the California Register of Historical Resources and is considered a classic example of neon-era signage. It is also one of the most photographed spots in the city for tourists and residents alike.

The sign's removal is part of the larger Santa Monica Pier Bridge Project. The bridge, originally built in 1939, no longer meets modern structural or seismic standards, according to the city. The federally funded replacement will be seismically sound and

will include a 15-foot-wide sidewalk meant to improve access for pedestrians and cyclists. The new bridge is scheduled to reopen in time for the 2028 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Construction is already underway. Crews are building the bridge's underground foundation, starting at the base of the Pier and working toward Ocean Avenue. A two-month closure of the Moomat Ahiko Way on- and off-ramps began Sept. 28 so the contractor can finish demolishing the bridge over the roadway and start foundation work. Detour signs direct drivers to and from Pacific Coast Highway and Ocean Avenue.

Intermittent closures of Ocean Front Walk under the Pier bridge will continue on weekdays from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. throughout construction. Flaggers will be on site to guide pedestrians around the work.

The Pier remains open during construction, including its restaurants, shops and attractions. Vehicle access is available from Pacific Coast Highway. City officials recommend Beach Lot 4 South, Beach Lot 3 North and Parking Structure 8 for parking.

More information about the project is available at www.santamonica.gov/pierbridge.

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AI

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But the tech giant also notes that Muse can still "make mistakes or take unexpected actions."

RISKS OF MISHAPS RISE WITH AI AGENTS' LEVEL OF ACCESS

In Robb's case, he learned the disclosure of his address came down to "always allow" permissions he granted when he first let Muse on his Facebook Marketplace profile, where he had shared his pickup address as part of a broader template for the agent to respond to prospective buyers. But he warned others could similarly misunderstand the extent of that access — and said he initially thought the AI agent would check with him before sharing that information or accepting offers, regardless.

His AI agent didn't follow the rest of his instructions without error, either. For another item Robb was selling, Muse seemingly suggested he would accept a price \$100 below the previously-set minimum. When reached by The Associated Press, Meta acknowledged the agent's pricing error without offering further comment.

Robb later largely disconnected Muse from his apps. In an interview earlier this month, he said it could've been a far worse situation, especially "if some stranger turned up to someone more vulnerable's house." Still, Robb said he expects these agents to be fine-tuned and he would consider re-enabling Muse in the future. He's since been testing another AI agent — Grok Bot from Elon Musk's X.

Other tech companies have become wary of the influx of AI agents. Earlier this month, Apple said it would introduce new controls for its Mac operating system in response to AI agents' broader access of apps like mail, messages and even browsing history without users' "full knowledge and understanding."

"As AI agents become increasingly capable and autonomous, the risks associated with this level of access will grow substantially," Apple wrote in an Oct. 2 update.

Apple didn't specify any developers or agents by name, but the update arrived after Inc. Magazine columnist Jason Aten reported that Muse watched notifications on his Mac — including Messages — without him giving the agent that specific access.

Meta spokesperson Andy Stone has maintained such integration is "entirely opt-in," writing on social media last month that users would have to enable both the Apple security feature "Full Disk Access" and a Messages connector through Muse. Aten said he didn't grant the agent those permissions.

Even those who do not join the AI agent boom aren't necessarily shielded. Consumers who don't download an AI agent might still interact with others who do. And beyond potential confusion when AI sends messages on behalf of a user, experts warn of ripple effects when it comes to privacy.

"When your agent reads your inbox or your texts, it's also reading what your friends and family sent you, even if they never explicitly agreed to that," Rivera said.

By WYATTE GRANTHAM-PHILIPS AP Business Writer

MURDER

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On July 10, Gul Erdogan, 45, was fatally shot in Westwood by her husband, Aytac Camdeviren, 43, who then killed himself.

On April 21, Jeremy Ferguson, director of operations for Downtown Santa Monica Inc., shot his wife, Mandy Zelinka, 49, and then himself at their Venice home.

On Feb. 7, officers conducting a welfare check in the 1900 block of Ocean Avenue found the bodies of a man and a woman, both 54. Police described the pair as "known to one another" and called the case a suspected murder-suicide.

Nationally, murder-suicides claim an estimated 1,000-plus lives a year, according to the Violence Policy Center's ninth "American Roulette" study.

The study analyzed news reports of murder-suicides from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2025. It found 237 murder-suicide events in that period, or about nine a week. Those incidents left 526 people dead: 289 homicide victims and 237 people who died by suicide. The VPC doubled that figure to estimate 1,052 murder-suicide deaths for all of 2025.

Firearms were involved in 207 of the 237 cases, or 87%. Of the people who died by suicide, 92% were male. Of the homicide victims, 76% were female.

Sixty-five percent of the cases involved an intimate partner. In those cases, 99% of the victims were women killed by their partners, and 88% involved a gun. Eighty percent of all the murder-suicides happened in the home.

Children were also affected. Forty-five of the homicide victims, or 16%, were younger than 18. Another 27 children and teens survived after witnessing some part of a murder-suicide.

"The presence of a gun can escalate an argument to homicide and suicide in an instant," said Kristen Rand, the VPC's government affairs director. "The catalytic role played by firearms must be taken into account in any prevention strategy."

No publicly available comprehensive national database tracks murder-suicides, so the study relies on news reports, the VPC said. The group says its yearly estimate is

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election is a federal crime — and knowingly facilitating such conduct is equally unlawful," warns the letter from Trent McCotter, the acting deputy attorney general at the Justice Department.

It adds: "If persons knowingly tabulate ballots cast by individuals identified by federal agencies as noncitizens, they risk becoming aiders and abettors to a federal crime."

The letter is addressed to the Los Angeles County Counsel's office and also is copied to California Secretary of State Shirley Weber

GUEST COMMENTARY

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financial challenges but is endorsed by Local 11, and Phil Brock, an independent alternative opposed by Local 11. I need to see and hear more.

Every Santa Monica official, Torosis included, should be held to the same

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The presence of a gun can escalate an argument to homicide and suicide in an instant

- Kristen Rand, the VPC's government affairs director

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consistent with other research.

The VPC recommends several measures:

- stronger domestic violence prevention laws and state domestic violence task forces
- restricting firearm access where the risk of murder-suicide is higher, such as when a person has a history of domestic violence or has threatened suicide
- aggressive enforcement of laws barring people with misdemeanor domestic violence convictions or domestic violence protective orders from having guns
- support for older caregivers dealing with depression
- a public national database to track murder-suicides

Anyone in crisis can call or text 988. The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 800-799-7233.

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and Los Angeles County Registrar Dean Logan, effectively putting the entire state on notice.

In response to the letter, Logan said his office is focused on conducting a fair and secure election while noting that Election Day is a mere 18 days away.

"The U.S. Department of Justice has chosen to litigate their unverified assertions of voting eligibility. At this point, it is best for this to be addressed in court," he said.

By SAFIYAH RIDDLE Associated Press. Associated Press writer Eric Tucker contributed to this report from Washington.

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Santa Monica deserves much better than Caroline Torosis.

By Sean Ahaus



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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 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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New England Range

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Boilers	Dust	Museum	Studs
Bolivia	East	North west	Trees
Busy	Elkhorns	slopes	Trout
Cars	Elsmore	Nuts	Trucks
Cattle	Fishing	Owls	Valley
Coal	Goannas	Peel	Walcha
Copper	Gorges	Plan	Wheat
Crisp	Jeogla	Ranger	Wool
Dairy	Lake	Rocky	
Dams	Lush	Rugged	
Dense	Mines	Rural	

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 20)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love’s challenge starts with seeing yourself as you guess the other person sees you. Then you try to reconcile their version with your own. Remember that you know yourself from the inside. They know what you show them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The tricky thing about loving someone is respecting their individuality and need for autonomy while participating in their life at the level of intimacy you desire. Today you will find a comfortable distance that suits all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If only you could say the loving words on your heart, but alas, you are too savvy to selfishly start spilling your guts without first considering what the other person needs, wants and might be receptive to. Discretion is eloquence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What charmed someone in the early stages can get repetitive and dull, so you change it up. You may have to grow to do this. New vocabulary and new interests can feel embarrassing to acquire for love. What better reason is there?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People can change, though in your experience they usually stay much the same over the relatively short span of certain relationships. Look at the pattern you already know. In this light, what do you think is going to happen next?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you were younger, you thought certain gestures meant someone really loved you. Now you recognize more ways people show love. You accept a wider range of evidence as care and affection. This gives people more chances to delight you.

HOROSCOPES

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You’re accustomed to helping people treat you very well by showing them how to meet your expectations. That’s work you won’t have to do today because you’ll be around people who just know instinctively the best way to celebrate you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If love is an ocean, you hope there will be many islands to port. Long journeys at sea can get boring after a while. You need new influences and fresh scenery. Together you will find another shore to explore.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Instead of expecting one person to provide ten things, you could have ten people providing one apiece. Some other configuration may suit you even better. Spread your social needs around and you will put less pressure on each relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have loved people for their potential before. Today you will deal with the person in front of you. Note what they value, how they live and whether that’s something you could be interested in if it stayed exactly the same.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can love someone and still find parts of their world tedious enough to skip. They can have interests that belong to them and only to them and so can you. One relationship, two separate people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You sometimes understand the reason behind someone’s behavior so well that you excuse the behavior itself. Today, keep the explanation and examine what actually happened and whether that’s acceptable to you.

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 Swindles (out of)
- 6 Swiss mountains
- 10 Shade trees
- 14 “__ you cute!”
- 15 Gather, as crops
- 16 Yuletide season
- 17 More sensible
- 18 Cold-cuts department
- 19 Medicinal amount
- 20 Tried hard
- 22 Letters like PDQ
- 23 Part of MPG

- 24 Author Hemingway

- 26 Parmesan or cheddar

- 30 Bit of parsley

- 32 Trumpet or bugle

- 33 Leaf-gathering tool

- 35 Southern pie nut

- 39 “All kidding ____.”

- 41 Espionage org.

- 42 Wear away

- 43 Happen again

- 44 Group of cattle

- 46 Theme of the puzzle

- 47 Formal ceremonies

- 49 Least polite

- 51 Less messy

- 54 Lion or leopard

- 55 Biblical paradise

- 56 Donations to colleges

- 63 Boxing locale

- 64 Island near Oahu

- 65 *Rigoletto* or *Carmen*

- 66 Dirt for planting

- 67 “__ sesame!”

- 68 South Korea’s capital

- 69 Television award

- 70 Pied Piper followers

- 71 Moral principle

DOWN

- 1 Bottom of a pedestal

- 2 Nation bordering Iraq

- 3 Give temporarily

- 4 Leg joint

- 5 Handbag handles

- 6 Strong devotion

- 7 Impolite look

- 8 White as a sheet

- 9 Miss Muffet frightener

- 10 Placed at risk

- 11 Off the leash

- 12 Flat-topped elevations

- 13 Took a nap

- 21 Change course suddenly

- 25 Ready for harvesting

- 26 Burn slightly

- 27 Hydrant attachment

- 28 Viking explorer

- 29 In a permanent way

- 30 Planes fly through them

- 31 Bartlett or Bosc

- 34 Muscle discomfort

- 36 Funnel shape

- 37 Throws in

- 38 Hatchling’s home

- 40 A Great Lake

- 45 Do sketching

- 48 Slight quake

- 50 Maximum effort

- 51 Using few words

- 52 Figure of speech

- 53 Jeans fabric

- 54 Dimes and nickels

- 57 California wine region

- 58 Song for two

- 59 Fencing sword

- 60 Gas in some store

- lights

- 61 Factual

- 62 Pretzel seasoning

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TUESDAY | OCTOBER 20

TEA TIME WITH TRANSFER: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRANSFERRING

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA. Thinking about transfer? Join Tea Time with Transfer for a warm, welcoming space to get personalized guidance, explore resources, and ask questions — no matter where you are in your transfer journey. Let's make it a success, one cup of tea at a time. Food will be provided. (while supplies last). Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/tea-time-with-transfer-everything-you-need-to-know-about-transferring/19500882/2026-10-20T10>

GHOST AGENCY WORKSHOP: BUILDING A LOCAL NETWORK

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 18th Street Arts Center 1639 18th Street Santa Monica, CA. A free workshop led by Ghost Agency exploring privacy, secure communication, and digital autonomy. Participants' contributions will help shape a new public sculpture for the 18th Street Arts Center. Ghost Agency — Gro Sarauw (DK) and Anni Garza Lau (MX) — invites local and visiting residents, artists, neighbours, and local community members to take part in a three-hour workshop developed specifically for the 18th Street Arts Center community. Through conversation, collaborative exercises, and hands-on experimentation, the workshop opens up questions of privacy, secure communication, digital autonomy, and collective self-determination. Participants will be invited to share their own experiences and perspectives while contributing to the development of Smooth Criminal, Ghost Agency's new site-specific public sculpture for the 18th Street Arts Center campus. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ghost-agency-workshop-building-a-local-network/20081245/2026-10-20T13>

ACRYLIC/OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP TUESDAY

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Paint Lab 1453 14th St Santa Monica, CA. A workshop for painters of any level to work on their own acrylic or oil projects with individual guidance from an instructor. In this workshop each student will work on their own project with guidance from an instructor. \$61.60. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/acrylic-oil-painting-workshop-tuesday/19429773/2026-10-20T13>

ELEMENTARY ART STUDIO 3:30-4:20PM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Community Renewal Center 3212 Nebraska Ave Santa Monica, CA +1 310-744-1310. A weekly art studio for elementary students at Palisades Community Renewal Center exploring drawing, color, collage, and mixed media. 3:30 - 4:20pm Open to all skill levels, sparking creativity through drawing, color work, collage, and mixed-media techniques. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/elementary-art-studio-3-30-4-20pm/18825639/2026-10-20T15>

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EMERGENCY RADIO TRAINING

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Palisades Recovery Coalition - Community Center 15233 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades, CA. Hands-on training on using the Palisades Emergency Radio Network. Learn to stay connected with neighbors during emergencies. Contact organizer for details. Learn about the Palisades' Emergency Radio Network and how to stay connected with your neighbors in the case of an emergency! Join us for a practical, hands-on, training session on the Palisades' Emergency Radio Network. 5:30 - 7:00pm, Palisades Recovery Coalition (15233 La Cruz Dr): The first session, led by Hank Wright & Michael Sheehy from the city's Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS), will teach us how to use walkie-talkies and best practices for effective communication. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/emergency-radio-training/18689688/2026-10-20T17>

MYSTERY & THRILLER BOOK GROUP

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Zoom. This staff-led book group discusses a variety of mystery and thriller titles via Zoom on the third Tuesday of each month. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 21

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Ocean View Park 2701 Bernard Way Santa Monica, CA. A 45-minute guided mindfulness meditation outdoors, with an ocean view and shade from the trees. Open to newcomers and experienced practitioners; bring your own chair or cushion and settle in. 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). \$10.00 to \$20.00—Suggested donation. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/19479748/2026-10-21T10>

BLACK GIRL THERAPY

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pearl Annex Room 76, Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA. A recurring group space for Black women to discuss mental health, share experiences, and build community in a supportive therapy-oriented setting. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/black-girl-therapy/19657598/2026-10-21T11>

EGO CLUB

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Montana Branch. Explore the limits of your building imagination or try out one of our suggested builds. All materials provided. For ages 18 months - 11 years old.

PLUS ME PROJECT: TEEN EDITION

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Montana Branch. Build confidence, reflect on your experiences, and connect with other teens through personal storytelling in this writing workshop. For ages 13 - 18.

MAHJONG AT MAIN

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Main Library, Multipurpose Room. Connect with your community with an evening of friendly Mahjong play. All skill levels welcome. Registration required: <https://tinyurl.com/26gcj7ey>

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 22

REACH PROGRAM APPLICATION SUPPORT

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Main Library, Lobby. Office of Sustainability staff answer questions about the city's Renter's Energy and Cooling/Heating Program, which offers free appliances for income-qualified Santa Monica renters.

COMPUTER PRACTICE: OPEN LAB

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Main Library, Computer Classroom. Build computer skills at your own pace through guided online lessons. Support is available if needed.

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Main Library, Lobby. Need your legal questions answered? An LA Law Library Legal Research Specialist can help! Assistance provided on a drop-in basis, no appointment necessary.

NOTABLE FICTION BOOK GROUP

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Ocean Park Branch. This community-led, monthly book discussion group returns to in-person meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Ocean Park Branch. The book group discusses prize-winning fiction titles.

HISTORY OF THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fairview Branch. Join historian and founding member of the Santa Monica Conservancy Nina Fresco for a discussion of her new book. First Around the World: The History of the Santa Monica Municipal Airport traces the rich history of the Santa Monica Airport, which once served as home base for the largest airplane company in the world, the first round-the-world flight, and the first women's air derby. Learn how the enduring impact of aviation continues to shape Santa Monica today. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

MONTANA BRANCH TEEN BOOK GROUP: GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER BY HOLLY JACKSON*

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Montana Branch. Teens and tweens are invited to discuss books and have fun together. Free books are available at the Montana

Branch while supplies last. For ages 12 - 17

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 23

BEACH WALK MEDITATION

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Santa Monica Lifeguard Tower 272700 Ocean Ave Santa Monica, CA. A guided silent walking meditation along the beach, led by Stacey Polacco, offering a chance to practice mindfulness in nature; RSVP recommended. Meditation isn't something that needs to happen only in a quiet room without any distracting sights or sounds. In fact we can develop our mindfulness while in nature; walking on the shore feeling the warmth of the sun on our face, the cool ocean splashing around our feet. Stacey Polacco, founder of Mobile Community Meditation Center offers an opportunity to practice walking meditation; to develop as individuals, as a community, and as stewards of the earth with this gentle practice that helps to open our hearts and minds to discover what it means to truly be alive. We'll meet every Friday. After a brief explanation how to do the practice, we'll silently walking along the coastline for approximately 40 minutes ending up back at Tower 27. Please RSVP on FB or IG or by email and remember to check FB or IG for any changes or cancellations. \$20.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/beach-walk-meditation/18828982/2026-10-23T08>

PALISADIAN COFFEE AND CHAT

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Palisades Garden Cafe 15231 La Cruz Dr Pacific Palisades, CA. An informal coffee meetup for Palisades residents returning or settling back, with no agenda and a friendly hello. An informal hello run by Palisadian resident Rebecca Martin. No Agenda, no powerpoint, just a chance to say hello for those who have moved back to the Palisades, or are working on it. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/palisadian-coffee-and-chat/19242128/2026-10-23T09>

BUNDY TRIANGLE NIGHT MARKET

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bundy Triangle 1500 S Bundy Drive Los Angeles, CA. Cayton Children's Museum offers free hands-on activities for families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market every Friday through October. Cayton Children's Museum will offer free, weekly hands-on activities for children and families at the Bundy Triangle Night Market in Sawtelle every Friday from March 27 through the end of October, the museum announced. The programming, offered in partnership with Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park, will run from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday at the Bundy Triangle, a public space at Ohio Avenue and Bundy Drive. The broader night market, presented by Raw Inspiration, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/bundy-triangle-night-market/18490079/2026-10-23T17>

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