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Arrest made in fatal March road rage shooting near SMPD headquarters

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Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica police have arrested a 26-year-old Adelanto man in connection with a fatal shooting in March near Fourth Street and Olympic Drive, after he was tracked down in Mexico and extradited to the United States.

Manuel Reyes is charged with one count of murder and one count of attempted murder, according to the Santa Monica Police Department. He remains in custody with bail set at \$3 million.

The arrest stems from a fatal shooting late Saturday, March 28, near Fourth Street and Olympic Drive, about a block from City Hall and adjacent to Santa Monica Police Department headquarters, in what investigators said appeared to be a road rage confrontation between occupants of two vehicles.

Officers responded about 10:30 p.m. and found an adult man suffering from a gunshot wound. He was taken to a hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

According to police, the shooting followed an altercation during which a suspect produced a firearm and fired at least one round, striking the victim. The suspect fled before officers arrived.

The intersection, near the onramp to Interstate 10, was closed from about 11:15 p.m. until about 4:30 a.m. Sunday.

After what the department described as an extensive investigation, detectives identified Reyes as the suspect.

Reyes was arrested Oct. 20 in the Mexican state of Nayarit in a coordinated effort involving Santa Monica police, the U.S. Marshals Service's Mexico Foreign

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Wise Women, Wild Herbs & a Little Halloween Magic



Koki Morton Hall

SPELLBOUND: What if the most misunderstood women in history weren't witches at all, but simply women who knew a little too much? Residents of Brookdale Ocean House in Santa Monica make witch hats during a Halloween workshop exploring the folklore of medieval wise women, herbal traditions, black cats and broomsticks. The Wise Women's Witch Hats workshop celebrated women's wisdom, creativity and the joy of making something together.

Council expands senior rent aid, steers \$23.5M to affordable housing but shelves final paycheck ordinance

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The City Council on Tuesday approved most of a broad affordability package, expanding a cash assistance program for low-income senior renters and moving \$23.5 million in Measure GS housing money toward new affordable projects, but declined to introduce an ordinance that would have let workers name someone to collect their final paycheck.

Instead, on a motion by Mayor Caroline Torosis, the council voted 6-0, with Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Zwick absent, to direct the city attorney to fold final paycheck rights into the city's new in-house wage enforcement program and return with options.

The package grew out of a January item brought by Torosis, Councilmember Ellis Raskin and Councilmember Dan Hall directing staff to study ways to lower costs for food, childcare, wages and housing.

The council approved changes to the Preserving Our Diversity, or POD, program, which provides cash help to low-income, longtime renters. The minimum age drops from 65 to 62, the required tenure in a rent-controlled unit falls from 15 to 10 years and eligibility extends to deed-restricted affordable housing. Benefits will also get an annual cost-of-living adjustment tied to the Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index.

Housing and Human Services Director Aileen Reynolds said 29 households that applied in the past year and were rejected would

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Trussler outspends council field as Negrete, Oelsen pull ahead in local money race

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Daily Press Editor

The final campaign finance reports before the Nov. 3 election show Doug Trussler spending far more than any other City Council candidate, largely on his own money. Lana Negrete and Ashley Oelsen have pulled ahead of the rest of the field in donations and local support, and Mayor Caroline Torosis has burned through most of her cash in the final stretch.

In the City Council race, Trussler leads all candidates with \$225,230 raised, \$150,000 of it from loans he made to his own campaign. Without the loans, Negrete leads the field with \$118,036 and the largest base of local donors of any candidate on the ballot. Oelsen and Torosis follow close behind. In the down-ballot races, Robbie Staenberg has widened his lead for School Board with help from labor and an Assembly member's campaign committee, and Oscar de la Torre has moved ahead in the Santa Monica College Board race. Sue Himmelrich is still funding her Rent Control Board campaign entirely herself. The figures come from Form 460 reports covering Jan. 1 through Oct. 17, plus contributions of \$1,000 or more reported on 24-hour Form 497s since then.

CITY COUNCIL

Ten of the 12 council candidates on the ballot have filed detailed financial disclosures for the three open seats. Trussler's \$225,230 tops the field, including \$150,000 in self-loans

made in March, July and September. Oelsen followed with \$125,173, including \$25,700 she lent her own campaign, and Negrete raised \$118,736. Torosis raised \$106,469, and Brett Morrow raised \$62,656. Daniel Ivanov, Eli Gill and Derrick Townsend posted totals between roughly \$27,000 and \$39,500. Ericka Lesley reported \$10,795 through Sept. 19, and Phil Brock reported \$9,912. Lindsay Davis filed a statement that she expects to raise and spend less than \$2,000, and Wade Kelley has no campaign finance filings on record.

The race tightens once loans are set aside. Excluding loans, Negrete leads with \$118,036, followed by Olsen at \$99,473, Torosis at \$97,369 and Trussler at \$75,230. Most of Torosis' \$9,100 in reported loans are balances left over from loans she made in 2022 and 2025. She lent her campaign \$2,200 this year, including \$1,200 in late September.

Trussler has spent \$179,734, more than double any other candidate's total. That leaves him with \$43,096 on hand as of Oct. 17 and \$150,000 owed on his loans. Negrete now holds the most cash, with \$76,806, followed by Olsen with \$73,997 and Morrow with \$47,687. Torosis, who had spent only about \$8,600 through mid-September, spent more than \$60,000 in the following four weeks. That brought her total spending to \$69,257 and left her with \$32,645 on hand. Olsen reported \$37,943 in outstanding debts, including her loans. Townsend has the thinnest reserves among candidates who reported through Oct. 17, with \$5,469 remaining. Brock's \$14,617 in cash on hand includes money carried over

from an earlier committee.

Donor geography varied widely. Negrete reported the strongest local network, with 195 of her 258 itemized donors, or 76%, giving from Santa Monica addresses, accounting for 65% of her money. Oelsen was close behind with 73% of donors and 66% of dollars coming from local residents. Brock's small donor pool was the most local in the race, at 24 of 27 donors. Gill and Townsend each drew a majority of their donors from the city. Torosis draws 42% of her donors and 40% of her dollars from Santa Monica, with much of the rest from elsewhere in California. Trussler and Morrow drew heavily from outside the city. Fewer than four in 10 of Trussler's donors and about a quarter of Morrow's live in Santa Monica, and each raised 30% of his outside contributions locally. Trussler's donors include contributors in New York and Minnesota. Counting his self-loans, which list a Santa Monica address, local money rises to 77% of his total. About a third of Ivanov's donors live in Santa Monica, and Illinois accounts for more than \$14,000 of his contributions, including about \$3,900 from Ivanov himself under an Illinois address. That is more than any other state, including California.

Late contributions since the Oct. 17 cutoff include \$1,200 to Trussler from the California Real Estate PAC, \$1,200 to Torosis from Building A Stronger California and \$1,200 to Morrow from AFSCME Local 36's management team association.

Independent groups are also spending

heavily in the council race with a focus on a handful of candidates. Committees have reported about \$330,000 in spending supporting Trussler and \$252,000 supporting Negrete, along with \$8,000 opposing her. Torosis had drawn about \$72,000 in outside support. Ivanov and Oelsen have also received over \$10,000.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE BOARD

De la Torre leads the College Board race with \$25,469, including a \$3,000 personal loan. Twenty-one of his 45 itemized donors are from Santa Monica, but they account for 74% of his money. His largest donors are John Alle Co., which gave \$4,000, and Santa Monica residents John Putnam, Seta Kardashian and Haig Matosian, who gave \$2,500 each. His committee ended the period with \$14,385 cash on hand and \$13,723 in outstanding debt, the most of any candidate in the four races.

Kera Blades-Snell reported \$16,506, including a \$1,295.65 personal loan, from 64 contributors, 33 of them from Santa Monica. She ended the period with \$11,314 cash on hand. Appointed trustee Luis Barrera Castanon reported \$13,946, including a \$4,000 personal loan, with 10 of his 53 donors from Santa Monica. Board Chair Sion Roy reported \$9,328, much of it from political committees: \$2,500 from the Union of American Physicians and Dentists, \$1,000 from a Los Angeles County Medical Association committee and,

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ROBERT “BOB” LITVAK

February 18, 1940 - October 10, 2026

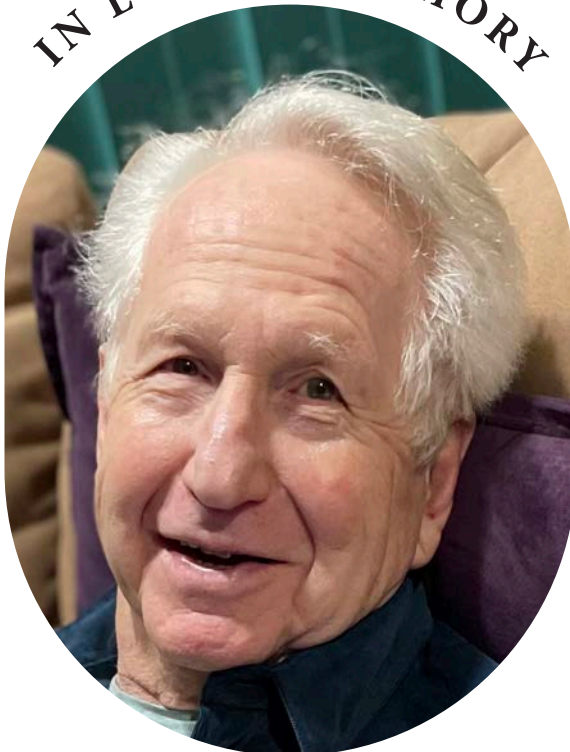
With heavy hearts, we share the passing of our beloved father, Papa, and friend, Robert "Bob" Litvak, who passed away on October 10, 2026, at age 86, with his children by his side. Bob was born on February 18, 1940, in Buffalo, New York, to Norman and Mary Litvak. He lived in several states throughout his life before spending his final 38 years in California. He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald, in 2020.

Bob is survived by his children, Dusty Litvak (Rowena) and Shira Frantzich (Josh), and his grandchildren, Ella Frantzich, Colin Frantzich, and Lincoln Litvak, who brought him great joy. He is also survived by his nephew, Steven Litvak (Kimberly) and grand-nephew Joshua Litvak.

Bob earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from UCLA in 1961, studied social sciences and social work at UCSB and USC, and received his master's degree in Recreation and Camp Administration from Springfield College in 1972.

Bob dedicated his career to serving others, particularly children and families. Beginning as a teenage camp counselor, he later worked with United Synagogue Youth, the Valley Jewish Community Center and Temple, and the Los Angeles County Probation Department. He spent 18 years in recreation and Jewish communal life, directing

IN LOVING MEMORY



camps, preschools, and Jewish Community Centers across several states.

Bob later devoted nearly 30 years to Santa Monica Homeopathic Pharmacy, the family business founded by his parents in 1944. There, he carried forward a family legacy rooted in knowledge, care, integrity, and service, helping countless customers with their health and wellness needs.

Outside of work, Bob enjoyed reading, movies, sports, travel, art museums, photography, cards, Scrabble, crossword puzzles, and Wheel of Fortune. Above all, he loved spending time with children.

Genuine, funny, kind, compassionate, and loving, Bob lived with gratitude and generosity. He delighted in laughter, never hesitated to laugh at himself, and enjoyed sharing meaningful quotations that offered wisdom, humor, or inspiration.

Though Bob held many roles throughout his life, none meant more to him than Dad and Papa Bob. His family was his greatest joy, and his warmth, laughter, and unwavering love will remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

Bob will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered. A celebration of his life will be held at Mount Sinai Memorial Park in Los Angeles on December 20, at 11 a.m. All who knew and loved Bob are welcome.



OPINION

UNMUTED

Devan Sipher

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Election cheatsheet part 2

It's been four months since the first debate of the election season at the Santa Monica Democratic Club, which I wrote a column about at the time. For better or worse, not a lot has changed.

School board candidate, Robbie Staenberg, and Rent Control Board candidate, Heather Thomason, have continued to showcase a rare ability to listen to—and empathize with—a broad range of the public, which has deservedly won them endorsements from an equally broad range of organizations.

The Rent Control Board is fortunate to have two other candidates, Sue Himmelrich and incumbent Kurt Gonska, who are passionate about affordable housing and deeply knowledgeable about the topic.

As for the candidates for Santa Monica College Board of trustees, the less said the better. With the exception of Luis Barrera Castanon, who has only served for a year, the incumbents bear responsibility for a capsized organization, yet refuse any accountability. The only thing more disturbing is that their supposed challengers have also demurred from holding them accountable.

Before addressing the City Council, I'm going to circle the bases on the Sacramento races. Most of them are Democrat vs Republican, and as long as the Republican party remains sycophantic to the President, the lines are rather strongly defined. (FYI, the candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction aren't listed by party, but Richard Barrera is the Democrat in the race and the nominee who isn't disparaging transgender students).

Of the remaining races, the only saving grace of losing term-limited Ben Allen as our state senator is the opportunity to have his conscientious leadership as Insurance Commissioner. Meanwhile, the race to succeed him in the senate has resulted in a deluge of mailers and mudslinging.

Brian Goldsmith entered the race with minimal name recognition and maximal endorsements, from Nancy Pelosi and Pete Buttigieg to Traci Park and Eric Garcetti. I was skeptical about his skillset beyond befriending politicians. However, he has come across as knowledgeable, thoughtful and willing to listen to contrary views. "My mother always told me that you have two ears and one mouth, and you should use them in that ratio," he said at a debate this summer.

His opponent, John Erickson, is a quick-witted West Hollywood council member, with a narrower progressive outlook. As a retail politician, he can run circles around Goldsmith. It's as a person that he comes up a little short. Frequently glib, at the same debate, he mocked Goldsmith for his studious consideration of issues, when "gut instinct" should be enough.

Erickson's instincts resulted in him

approving a \$10 million contract with a security firm facilitating ICE deportations, but he brushed aside the embarrassing error, explaining that West Hollywood was breaking the contract despite significant penalties. "I'm happy to pay those penalties," he said. Meaning he's happy for residents to pay for his impetuous mistakes.

The problem isn't mistakes. That's just being human. The problem is the echo chamber created when leaders surround themselves with too many like-thinking people and become deaf to contrary voices, and that's a primary concern for our Council.

So I'm particularly interested in Ashley Oelsen, a conservation biologist and sustainability commissioner, who's one of the only candidates expressing apprehension about the city's diminished interest in environmental issues that impact residents' health and quality of life. She's also clearheaded about economic development and displays a willingness to hear all perspectives.

On the flip side, Brett Morrow continues to sound like a walking, talking progressive chatbot. His day job is as a communications director for the county, which means he's mastered the art of not communicating. He's one of the candidates endorsed by Santa Monicans for Renters Rights (SMRR), even though the members of the group didn't vote to endorse him. That's allowed by SMRR's bylaws, but it raises questions all the same.

Unfortunately, questions also need to be asked about Daniel Ivanov for a different reason. Three months ago, the Council was forced to call an emergency meeting to rescind a rent control ballot measure they had passed 6-1 at their previous meeting, because it violated state law. This is a serious blemish on the record of the six councilmembers, but even more so for Ivanov, who as chair of the Rent Control Board is accountable for the mess. It's not a good time for him to be asking the voters for a promotion, but he's only 30 and has ample opportunity to prove himself in the future.

When I wrote about the first Democratic Club debate this summer, I said that the two most qualified candidates were Mayor Caroline Torosis and former Mayor Lana Negrete. That hasn't changed. Both incumbents are hardworking and sincere civil servants who devote countless hours to the city, with Torosis offering detailed policy acumen and Negrete providing authenticity and empathy. What's changed is that I've grown increasingly concerned about the repercussions of an insulated and imbalanced 6-1 council (including the ballot measure fiasco), and Torosis is one of the six.

There are also four county judge races,



Surf report WATER TEMP: 71.8

THURSDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

SSW swell creeps up through the day with just a touch of NW mixing in. Clean start, tide a factor. New round of SSW swell builds in through the day. Summer exposures haul in the most size while there's just enough NW energy for an occasional corner but points are best. The tide is a little better for the dawn patrol but many breaks are still slow and the late-AM high tide is over 6' again (predicted, will be pushing 7.5'+). Wind is light for a clean start, a bit of structure helping the cause. Onshore flow develops in the afternoon but stays manageable.

FRIDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

SSW swell continues to trend up. Decent shot there's enough NW for semi broken up shape. While it won't be as big as the run of Southern Hemi swell we've been on, the end of October into early November gets another series of overlapping SW/SSW swells. Size comes up into Halloween weekend, with the first couple of days in November looking largest on the SPAC swells. Probably enough NW energy to break shape up initially. Then WNW/NW swell could add some additional size to the equation the first few+ days in November. Will be on conditions watch with another coastal low possible.



Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 70. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 11am. Partly sunny, with a high near 68.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

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2026/10/29	Thur	07:02 PM	-0.59	L
2026/10/30	Fri	02:02 AM	3.39	H
2026/10/30	Fri	05:35 AM	2.85	L
2026/10/30	Fri	12:15 PM	6.00	H
2026/10/30	Fri	08:12 PM	-0.32	L
2026/10/31	Sat	03:44 AM	3.47	H
2026/10/31	Sat	06:51 AM	3.17	L



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Jackpot: 463 M

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2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
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AROUND TOWN

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Halloween Hijinks and Holiday Hints

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Día de los Muertos on the Pier, Halloween parties for every level of mischief, and an early look at Santa Monica's holiday season!

Día de los Muertos at the Pier: The Santa Monica Pier celebrates with a free, family-friendly two-day celebration honoring loved ones and the Mexican tradition of remembrance. The historic Merry-Go-Round will be transformed with colorful ofrendas, marigolds and papel picado, with face painting, an Aztec blessing and procession, Ballet Folklórico, mariachi and live music. Guests can also contribute a photo to the community altar honoring someone they've lost. Saturday, Oct. 31, 11 a.m.–7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 1, noon–5:30 p.m. santamonicipier.org/diadelosmuertos

Santa Monica Halloween Bar Crawl: Round up your boo crew for a Halloween crawl through six Santa Monica bars, with 2–3 drinks or shots included, drink and food specials, no cover charges during the crawl and an after-party at Jameson's Irish Pub. Costumes encouraged; dignity optional. Saturday, Oct. 31, 4 p.m.–midnight, check-in at Cabo Cantina, 1240 Third Street Promenade. eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-halloween-bar-crawl-2026-tickets-1583826741419

Met Her at the Disco Party: Trade the usual Halloween soundtrack for a trip back to the '70s, with disco beats, dancing and spooky-season fun. Break out the bell-bottoms, platform shoes or whatever passes for your best Studio 54 look. Saturday, Oct. 31, 10p.m. – 1:30a.m., 2651 Main St. instagram.com/p/DeVd4mDqpLE

Lula Halloween Party - Masquerade & Margaritas: Lula Cocina Mexicana celebrates Halloween with a costume contest, prizes, food and drinks, plus celebrity hosts Matthew Moore and Mindy Sterling. Come dressed to impress — or at least dressed as something other than yourself. Saturday, Oct. 31, 6:30 - 7:30p.m., 2720 Main St. lulacocinamexicana.com

Chanukah Boutique: Get a jump on holiday shopping at this Beth Shir Shalom pop-up featuring local vendors selling jewelry, art, gifts and treats. DJ Rabbi Alex provides the soundtrack while shoppers support small businesses and hunt for gifts that won't be mistaken for a last-minute drugstore purchase. Wednesday, Nov. 4, 3–7 p.m., 1827 California Ave. eventbrite.com/e/chanukah-boutique-tickets-2002177335307

HaLouLouween Goes Rooftop: LouLou takes Halloween to the rooftop with dinner, cocktails, DJs, dancing and live entertainment. Costumes are encouraged for this French-inspired party above Santa Monica Place. Saturday, Oct. 31, starting at 7p.m., Santa Monica, 395 Santa Monica Place instagram.com/loulousantamonica

Montana Avenue Halloween Hop: Bring the kids for an afternoon of trick-or-treating, family-friendly activities, shopping deals and costumed characters along Montana Avenue. It's a chance to fill the candy bag while supporting neighborhood businesses — a win-win, assuming the kids let you keep any of the candy. Saturday, Oct. 31, 2–5 p.m., Montana Avenue instagram.com/montanaaavesm

Carb Loaders Run Club at Louma Bakery: Run three miles, then reward yourself with pastries from one of the neighborhood's bakeries. Finally, a fitness plan that understands



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REMEMBRANCE: The Pico Improvement Organization will host a free Día de los Muertos celebration at the historic Woodlawn Cemetery on Sunday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pier

Pacific Park offers free Funhouse admission for 'Trick or Treat' before attraction closes

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier will offer free Funhouse admission during Halloween weekend before the attraction closes permanently Sunday, Nov. 1.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, and Sunday, Nov. 1, guests who visit a Pacific Park ticket booth and say "Trick or Treat" will receive one complimentary Funhouse admission.

The 2,800-square-foot Funhouse at Pacific Park features nine rooms and attractions designed to disorient, amuse and entertain visitors with optical illusions, tricky layouts and unexpected surprises, from giant ice cream cones to disorienting mazes — and maybe even an encounter with Sprinkles the Clown.

The attraction was inspired by the Toonerville Funhouse, which appeared at Ocean Park Pier in the 1920s and later at Pacific Ocean Park beginning in 1958.

"Halloween weekend is the perfect time to give our guests one final chance to experience the Funhouse, and saying 'Trick or Treat' for free admission makes the farewell even more fun," said Steve Garcia, Pacific Park's director of sales and marketing. "While the Funhouse may be closing its doors, the fun isn't going anywhere. We're looking forward to bringing something new and exciting to the space soon and giving our guests another fun-filled reason to visit Pacific Park."

Pacific Park, Los Angeles' only admission-free amusement park, offers 12 amusement rides, 14 midway games, Snackville with five food offerings and retail beach shops. Its signature rides include the Pacific Wheel, the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel, and the West Coaster, a steel roller coaster that races 55 feet above Santa Monica Bay.

For information and hours, call 310-260-8744, visit pacpark.com, or go to [Facebook.com/pacificpark](https://www.facebook.com/pacificpark), [Instagram.com/pacpark](https://www.instagram.com/pacpark) or [X.com/pacpark](https://www.x.com/pacpark).



Photo courtesy of Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier
EVENT: Pacific Park offers free Funhouse admission Halloween weekend before the attraction closes permanently Nov. 1.

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Pier

Santa Monica Pier to honor Pedro Infante at seventh annual Día de los Muertos celebration

The Santa Monica Pier will honor Mexican singer and actor Pedro Infante during its seventh annual Día de los Muertos Celebration, a free, two-day event Saturday, Oct. 31, and Sunday, Nov. 1, inside the historic Merry Go-Round building.

Infante, a star of the Golden Age of Mexican cinema known for portraying working-class heroes, starred in more than 60 films, recorded more than 350 songs and earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame before his death in 1957.

"This year, we're especially honored to recognize Pedro Infante, whose music and films remain such an important part of Mexican culture and Los Angeles history," said Jim Harris, the pier's executive director and historian.

On Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., guests can explore and contribute to community ofrendas created by local artist and producer Sylvia Sanchez and participating artists.

Sunday's events run from noon to 5:30 p.m.:

Noon: Ofrenda altars and face painting in the Merry Go-Round building, plus a classic car cruise to the pier followed by a classic car show through the afternoon.

1 p.m.: Traditional Aztec blessing at the west end of the pier, followed by a procession led by Aztec dancers toward the Merry Go-Round building.

2 p.m.: Santa Monica Ballet Folklórico.

3 p.m.: Mariachi and ballet folklórico performances.

4 p.m.: Remarks by Ambassador Carlos González Gutiérrez, consul general of Mexico in Los Angeles.

4:30 p.m.: Live music by Brotherhood.

The Merry Go-Round building will be decorated with marigolds, papel picado and ofrenda installations, and the pier's 100-year-old carousel will be adorned with traditional Día de los Muertos decorations.

Guests are encouraged to bring copies, not originals, of photos of loved ones who have passed for the communal ofrenda, and may wear traditional attire and join Sunday's procession. Frames will not be provided. The Santa Monica Pier Corporation is not responsible for damage to personal items.

The celebration is supported in part by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Department of Arts and Culture and by community partners including Kaiser Permanente, Northgate Market, Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier, Playland Arcade and Woodlawn Cemetery.

The pier is at 200 Santa Monica Pier. More information is available at www.santamonicapier.org/diadelosmuertos.

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Where to vote, or drop your ballot

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.

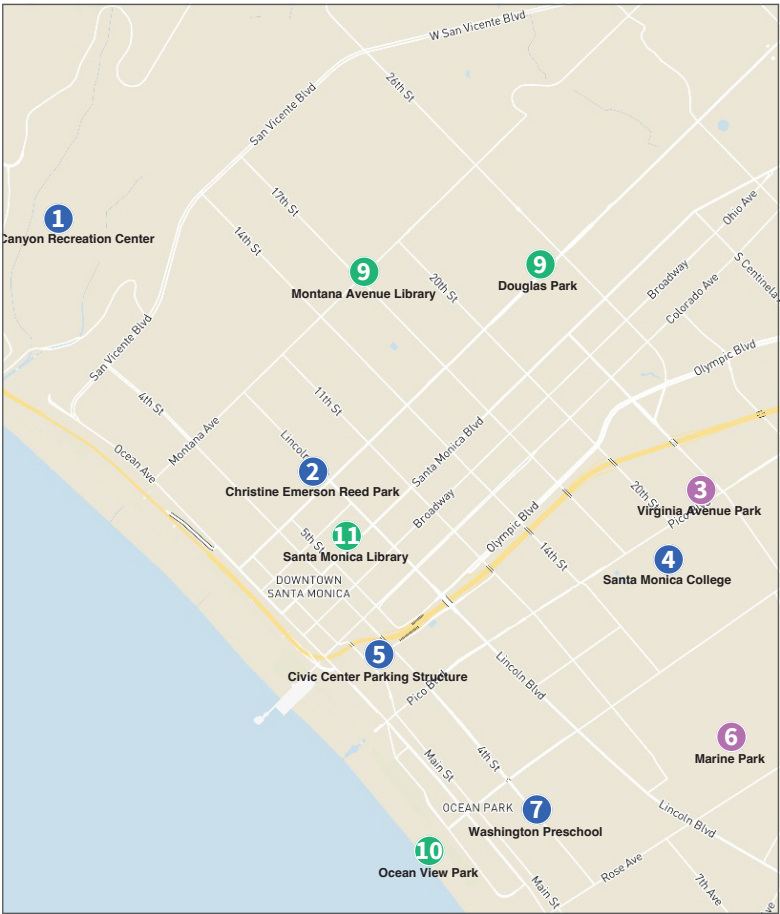
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OPTION 3

Vote center

Vote in person, register, or return your ballot. Open 10 AM–7 PM daily, 7 AM–8 PM on Nov. 3.

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Nearby locations to vote or drop your ballot

No.	Location	Address
1	Rustic Canyon Recreation Center	601 Latimer Rd
2	Christine Emerson Reed Park	1133 7th St
3	Virginia Avenue Park	2200 Virginia Ave
4	Santa Monica College	1900 Pico Blvd
5	Civic Center Parking Structure OPEN	330 Olympic Dr 2nd Floor Plaza Level
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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FUNDRAISING

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since the Oct. 17 cutoff, \$2,500 from Becerra for Governor 2026. Three of his 16 donors are from Santa Monica. Tom Peters reported \$6,189, including \$2,000 in personal loans, with 12 of 22 donors from the city.

SCHOOL BOARD

Stenberg dominates fundraising among the five candidates for four open School Board seats, reporting \$83,573 in total contributions, including a \$1,000 personal loan. His largest backer is Re-Elect Rick Chavez Zbur, the Assembly member’s campaign committee. It gave \$5,000 through Oct. 17 and another \$10,523.15 since, part of \$18,023.15 in late contributions that also includes \$5,000 from SEIU Local 99. Forty-five of his 91 donors are from Santa Monica, but they account for just 21% of his money. Stenberg has spent \$48,186, leaving him with \$17,364 cash on hand.

Vice President Laurie Lieberman reported \$29,929 and still has the most concentrated local donor base, with 57 of her 70 donors, or 81%, based in Santa Monica. President Alicia Mignano reported \$28,556, with 29 of 40 donors from the city. Her committee carries \$2,000 in debt from personal loans made in prior election cycles. SEIU Local 99 also gave \$5,000 each to Lieberman and Mignano after the Oct. 17 cutoff. Stacy Rouse reported \$8,620, including a \$1,900 personal loan. Harry Leshner reported \$6,491, including a \$1,500 personal loan, and has \$873 cash on hand.

RENT CONTROL BOARD

Himmelrich has raised \$20,000 for one of three open Rent Control Board seats, all of it in two \$10,000 loans she made to her campaign in June and October. She has spent \$12,819 and had \$7,181 cash on hand as of Oct. 17.

Heather Thomason reported \$19,065, including \$4,000 in loans she made to her own campaign. Twenty-nine of her 41 donors are from Santa Monica, accounting for 81% of her donations. She ended the period with \$8,003 cash on hand. Soledad Marcial reported \$2,805, including a \$700 loan from Santa Monica resident Ann Marie Hernandez, and all six of her itemized donors are from the city. Kurt Gonska filed a statement that he expects to raise and spend less than \$2,000, and Zoë Muntaner has no 2026 campaign finance filings on record.

HOW THE NUMBERS WERE CALCULATED

Totals combine each campaign’s 2026 Form 460 filings, which run through Oct. 17 for all candidates except Lesley, whose latest report runs through Sept. 19. They also include Form 497 late contribution reports filed through Oct. 26. Cash on hand, spending and debts reflect each campaign’s latest Form 460. Donor counts include only itemized contributors, meaning those who gave \$100 or more; contributions under \$100 are reported as a lump sum with no address. A donor is counted as a Santa Monica resident if their reported address is in Santa Monica.

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AROUND TOWN

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the importance of balance. Sunday, Nov. 1 at 10a.m., 3223 Wilshire Blvd. [instagram.com/p/DeNZwuLEtKD/](#)

“Absolutely Halloween!” Musical Comedy: The annual family musical at Santa Monica Playhouse follows young Candy on a magical Halloween adventure filled with songs, interactive fun, and trick-or-treat bags for kids. Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. & Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Oct. 3 – Oct. 31, 1211 4th St. [santamonicaplayhouse.com/absolutely-halloween.html](#)

Tony Shalhoub Talks Food & Family at LiveTalksLA: Emmy- and Tony-winning actor Tony Shalhoub discusses his new memoir, exploring the food, family recipes and stories that shape a family’s history. His daughter, Josie Adams, joins him for an evening of conversation and culinary memories. Thursday, Nov. 5, 8p.m., New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. [livetalksla.org/events/tony-shalhoub](#)

Frost on Fifth Brings Holiday Skating Downtown: SaMo’s outdoor ice-skating rink returns for the holidays, bringing a winter tradition to a decidedly less wintry setting just steps from the beach and Third Street Promenade. Grand Opening is Thursday, Nov. 5 and it skates through Monday, Jan. 18, 1324 Fifth St. [frostonfifth.com](#)

ONGOING: Museum of Illusions; The CUBE VR; Splatter Studio; Locals’ Night Third Thursdays;

WHAT’S NEW & DELICIOUS?

Halloween at AJA: Spooky Sangria, Halloween specials and costume-friendly vibes make AJA a festive stop for a Halloween drink. Because sometimes the best costume accessory is a glass of wine. Saturday, Oct. 31, 1417 2nd St. [ajavineyards.com/events](#)

Seven Santa Monica Spots on New LA Times 101 Best Restaurants List: Dave Beran’s Seline (#13) and Mélisse (#22) lead the local contingent. Also making the list are Pasjoli, Holy Basil, Rustic Canyon, Cosetta and Jade Rabbit, giving Santa Monica a mix of destination dining and more casual neighborhood favorites. [latimes.com/food/list/101-best-restaurants-los-angeles](#)

Giorgio Baldi on The Infatuation’s Top Italian Restaurants in LA List: “Located in that magical oceanside junction where Santa Monica, the Palisades, and Malibu all collide into a who’s who of 1996, Giorgio Baldi is a flat-out LA classic. This is where you go to overhear Jane Fonda and Gwyneth Paltrow talking about school districts while an old Italian man gets pushy about his gnocchi. With people-watching this good and old-school dishes that remain excellent, Giorgio’s still holds a place in our hearts.” [theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-italian-restaurants-los-angeles](#)

Halloween Cinema by the Sea: Watch Practical Magic with ocean views at the Regent’s Halloween screening. Unlimited popcorn and soft drinks are included, while ORLA bites and themed cocktails are available to make the evening a little more bewitching. Saturday, Oct. 31, 6:30 p.m. seating, 1700 Ocean Ave. Films begin at 7 p.m. [santamonica.regenthotels.com/experience/bookable-experiences/?experienceId=cinema-by-the-sea-5ab5d71c](#)

Kids Eat Free this Weekend at Tocaya and Tender Greens: A Halloween-weekend treat for parents: dine in at either restaurant and get one complimentary kids’ meal with the purchase of an adult entrée. Less trick-or-treating, more letting someone else handle dinner. Tocaya is at 507 Wilshire Blvd. and Tender Greens is at 201 Arizona Ave.

Stiletto Takes Flight in Santa Monica: A new restaurant is bringing “fire and finesse” to 3200 Airport Avenue, grilling meats, seafood and vegetables over an open flame. Its name pays tribute to the Douglas X-3 Stiletto, an experimental jet built at the Douglas plant on the site in 1951 — a little local aviation history served with dinner. [la.eater.com/restaurant-news/307857/stiletto-live-fire-steakhouse-opening-santa-monica](#)

Further Afield: Howlo’ween Pawrade Puts Pups in Costume: RUNWAY Playa Vista’s annual canine costume parade gives four-legged fashionistas their moment in the spotlight. Dress up your pup, browse pet vendors and enjoy festive activities, with contest registration benefiting Wags & Walks of Los Angeles. FREE. Sunday, Nov. 1, 12–3 p.m., 12775 W. Millennium, Playa Vista [eventbrite.com/e/runway-howloween-costume-contest-pet-pawrade-tickets-2002103237679](#)

Looking Ahead: Frost on Fifth Grand Opening (opens 11/5); SaMo Pier Swiss Winter Village (opens 11/18); Regent Santa Monica Beach Tree Lighting (11/19); Promenade Holiday Tree Lighting (11/22); Main St. Tree Lighting & Holiday Party (12/6)

Know something I missed? Send tips, events and questionable culinary decisions to [sean@smdp.com](#) or [instagram.com/seanbesser](#).

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00498. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of Brooke Lyn Clark for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Brooke Lyn Clark filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Brooke Lyn Clark to Brooke Lyn Smith. 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: 12/11/2026, 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: 10/20/2026. HON. LAWRENCE CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 10/29/2026, 11/05/2026, 11/12/2026, 11/19/2026	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 26SMCP00479. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Petition of for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Peter Thomas Brejcha ; b. Jack Griffin Brejcha; c. Henry Charles Brejcha; d. Grace Stewart Brejcha to a. Peter Thomas Brecca ; b. Jack Griffin Brecca; c. Henry Charles Brecca; d. Grace Stewart Brecca. 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: 2026-12-04, 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: 2026-10-09. LAWRENCE H. CHO, Judge of the Superior Court. SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS Publish: 10/29/2026, 11/05/2026, 11/12/2026, 11/19/2026	
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 29)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You’ve taken a few tumbles and landed on your feet. You’ll do it again, because climbers sometimes fall. That’s the price of wanting the view from the top. Pick your next branch and go for it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A cat finds the warm patch of sunlight without wondering whether another spot might be better. You’ll know what suits you today. Stay there a while. Contentment attracts good things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Of course you let the cat out of the bag. It would be cruel to do otherwise. Some information isn’t meant to be contained. And there are stories that seem to have lives of their own, and other people’s interpretations don’t have to be yours to manage.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You’re particular about your company for a reason. When you curl up beside someone, it’s because that person makes you feel safe enough to purr. You know what you’re doing. Trust your own comfort.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Every cat assumes the best chair belongs to it. Walk into the room with that same certainty. You’ll claim your place without a struggle because people often follow the example you set.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Cats spend plenty of time grooming because details deserve attention. You tend to the external details today. You sharpen a pencil, polish a sentence or straighten a shelf and get a surge of confidence just knowing it’s all in order.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A slow blink tells another cat, “I feel safe with you.” You have your own version. There’s someone who thrills to your sly smile, your shared joke or the sweet thing you remember about them. It says everything that needs saying today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A cat watches the yard for a long time before making a move. You’ll recognize your opening because your whole body leans toward it. You don’t decide when to pounce; you just feel the wild moment, then do it instinctually.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The fence probably exists for a good reason, but it’s one that doesn’t seem to apply to you. You’ll hop over, slide through and wander where you please like the cat that owns the neighborhood. Life rewards your willingness to explore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Cats are always looking for a way up. They leap to the counter, then the cabinet, then the highest perch in the room. Follow that instinct today. Spot the next place you want to be and figure out how to get there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some cats knock things off shelves because they want to know what happens next. Experiment today. Rearrange the order, ask the strange question or test the unlikely idea. Discovery loves a curious mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Cats won’t be herded. They’re more likely to hide under the bed than greet company at the door. Honor your own social instinct today. You’ll enjoy yourself much more on your own terms.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Parts of overalls
- 5 Defeats easily
- 10 Bake sale orgs.
- 14 Restarting fresh
- 15 Plane-seat selection
- 16 “Horrors!”
- 17 Palm-tree berry
- 18 Forster novel setting
- 19 Inventor Rubik
- 20 Zealous drive for success
- 23 Zealous
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- 25 Sodium hydroxide solution
- 26 Beast of burden
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- 34 Amalgamates
- 35 Short fuse
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- 40 Trojan War hero
- 41 Kindling’s kin
- 44 Horse color
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- 48 Ft. Worth summer setting
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- 51 Betting setting
- 53 Ruckuses
- 57 Not ___ many words
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- 8 Skycam locale
- 9 Lobster habitat
- 10 Lyricist, essentially
- 11 Mystery tale
- 12 Less than pleased
- 13 Oklahomans
- 21 Sundance Festival film
- 22 Antarctic vista
- 28 Irish singer
- 29 Utility device
- 31 Bowls over
- 32 Hurricane product
- 33 Silver State city

- 35 Disney’s “concert feature”
- 36 Admission of fault
- 37 TWA competitor
- 38 Sort of art print
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- 43 Plywood source
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qualify under the new rules, and staff will contact them immediately. A \$360,000 budget amendment covers \$250,000 for cost-of-living increases through fiscal year 2027-28, \$10,000 for outreach and up to \$100,000 for a study of expanding the program to families and households with disabilities.

Councilmember Natalya Zernitskaya said she has heard from residents of deed-restricted units facing rent increases of 8% or more a year and asked staff to look at other tools, including checking that those rents stay within required limits.

The council also approved adding up to \$23.5 million in Measure GS housing production funds to the Housing Trust Fund guidelines, which will let the city reopen its “over-the-counter” funding process for affordable housing developers in January 2027. Staff will also prioritize an extra \$300,000 a year in the 2027-29 budget for food assistance and childcare subsidies through the Human Services Grants Program. Reynolds said subsidies cost \$18,000 to \$20,000 per child a year, so each \$100,000 serves about five more children.

The council authorized staff to begin drafting and outreach on amendments to the Tenant Harassment Ordinance that would expressly prohibit landlords from interfering with tenant organizing.

Staff did not recommend new rules on surveillance pricing or digital-only coupons, citing limited local authority and San Diego’s experience, where a grocery chain cut promotions after a coupon ordinance passed. Staff also recommended against a city-run grocery store for now, while negotiating for an affordable grocer at the city-owned affordable housing site at 1318 Fourth Street.

The final paycheck ordinance drew the sharpest split. As drafted, employers would give workers a form at hire and once a year to

designate someone to pick up a final paycheck if they are suddenly unable to, including because of immigration detention. It would have taken effect July 1, 2027.

Torosis, who co-authored the original request, said she had researched the issue and talked with labor and business groups. “Quite frankly, I feel that it’s a solution in search of a problem,” she said. She argued the ordinance would require employers to decide a worker had quit when that person might be temporarily detained, and that state labor law already requires employers to offer an emergency contact form. She said worker groups told her members would be too afraid to fill out such a form, and she objected that each violation would be a strict liability misdemeanor carrying up to \$500 and six months in jail.

Raskin pushed back. He described a car wash worker who was detained and ended up in Guatemala three days later, while it took about a week to find a relative to accept his last paycheck. “We have a problem. This is a solution,” he said.

Hall also backed the ordinance, saying immigration enforcement has left families struggling to access paychecks and that staff’s outreach found Familias Latinas Unidas and the CLEAN Carwash Worker Center strongly in favor. Snell said he was sympathetic but worried about the burden on businesses of annual paperwork.

Torosis also questioned staff’s report that city and county enforcement had recovered only about \$115,000 in unpaid wages since 2020. “Let’s do better,” she said.

In public comment, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Shawna Epstein said the chamber opposed the paycheck ordinance, citing existing state and federal protections, added regulation for small businesses and legal exposure.

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ARREST

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Field Office and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, police said. He was extradited to the United States and booked into the Santa Monica Police Department Jail on Thursday.

Reyes was arraigned Monday at the Airport Courthouse.

“The Santa Monica Police Department thanks our law enforcement partners for

their assistance in locating and apprehending Reyes,” the department said in a statement.

Anyone with information about the investigation is asked to contact Detective Lawrence Kayondo of the department’s Criminal Investigations Division at 310-458-8931, or the watch commander, available 24 hours a day, at 310-458-8427.

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and while it’s hard to know much about them, in Office 64, Rhonda A. Haymon has been held in contempt of court by one judge and had her courtroom temperament criticized by another, while her opponent, Maria Ghobadi, received

the highest rating from the American Bar Association. For office 131, I’m leaning toward David Ross, because prior to his 30 years as a public defender, he spent 10 years as a news reporter. We all have our biases.

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THURSDAY | OCTOBER 29

HALLOWEEN MOVIE SHOWING

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Room 192 SMC Library, SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA. A Halloween-themed movie screening, perfect for getting into the spooky spirit. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/halloween-movie-showing/19761730/2026-10-29T11>

CARMELINA PICKLEBALL

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. 1231 3rd street/Promenade 1231 3rd street/Promenade Santa Monica, CA 585-448-2005. Group pickleball lessons with a USTPA coach covering grip, serving, volleys, and game control, for live-level players. Vessy Jivkova — USTAP association coach, 76, leads group pickleball lessons for lived level players. \$20.00 to \$45.00. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/carmelina-pickleball/20146726/2026-10-29T12>

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.

GHOST STORIES TOLD BY THE CAST AND CREW OF MAD TV

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave #Unit F4 Santa Monica, CA. Cast members from Mad TV share personal ghost stories in this intimate Halloween storytelling event, blending humor with the paranormal. On a recent podcast of Mad Rewind (season 2 Eps. 3), several cast members of Mad TV mentioned they had ghost stories. \$23.11. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/ghost-stories-told-by-the-cast-and-crew-of-mad-tv/19895973/2026-10-29T20>

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 30

HALLOWEEN PARADE

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Canyon Elementary School 421 Entrada Dr Santa Monica, CA +1 310-454-7510. An elementary school Halloween parade, with kids in costume winding through a festive morning celebration. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/halloween-parade/19699903/2026-10-30T08>

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 gathering for Palisadians returning or considering a return, with no agenda beyond saying hello and connecting. 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/19242128/2026-10-30T09>

MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDITATION CENTER - GUIDED MEDITATION

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Santa Monica Beach lot

5 South 2701 Bernard Way Santa Monica, CA. A guided 45-minute mindfulness meditation on the beach, open to all levels. Bring your own chair or cushion and arrive a few minutes early. Suggested donation \$10-\$20. 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) Whether you’re new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, everyone is welcomed. Bring your own chair or cushion and try to arrive 5 minutes early. Be prepared to enjoy a truly peaceful moment as we relax, be present and make new friends; giving ourselves the love and attention we deserve by quieting our minds, finding peace and creating community. \$10.00 to \$20.00— Suggested donation. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/mobile-community-meditation-center-guided-meditation/19479748/2026-10-30T10>

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CRAFTS

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Palisades Branch Library 861 Alma Real Dr Pacific Palisades, CA +1 310-459-2754. A family crafting session for Dia de los Muertos, with supplies to create masks, ofrendas, and colorful papel picado. Families of all ages are invited for an afternoon of festive Día de los Muertos crafting. Supplies will be provided for creating masks, ofrendas (altars) and colorful papel picado. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/dia-de-los-muertos-crafts/20209687/2026-10-30T15>

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/18490079/2026-10-30T17>

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

9:30 a.m. Club Joyful 2121 Lincoln Blvd Venice, CA +1 310-758-1911. A playful Halloween social with morning activities designed for young children and a festive atmosphere for the grown-ups. Come dressed up and stay awhile! We’re turning Club Joyful into a playful, festive Halloween mini-festival with something fun happening throughout the morning for little ones — and plenty for the grown-ups to enjoy, too. Visit: <https://www.smdp.com/calendar/#/details/halloween-social/20131873/2026-10-31T09>

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