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Algae bloom leads to unique reddish hue off Pier

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For those who saw the colors of the ocean change to red off the Santa Monica Pier this week, it wasn't a shark attack, but rather a rare sighting of the "red tide."

A sizable algae bloom was seen for miles down the Pacific coastline on Tuesday, turning the typical blue waters into a reddish-brown sensation that attracted considerable tourist attention. The "red tide" is also known as a phytoplankton bloom, occurring when a species of the organism known as dinoflagellates reproduce rapidly in warmer and calmer waters.

Typically occurring between Santa Barbara and San Diego, Heal the Bay Senior Director of Community Outreach and Connection Meredith McCarthy



Photo by Thomas Leffler

TIDE: An algae bloom around the Santa Monica Pier created a unique "red tide" event on Tuesday.

stated that while the blooms do occur in Santa Monica occasionally, it typically isn't to this size.

"Usually it's a seasonal (thing) but definitely these kind of super intense ones don't happen all that often," McCarthy said. "We'll definitely get some red tides up and down the coast, it's a natural process, but when you have these sort of super blooms, the last really intense one we had was (around) 2005."

While no beach closures were announced due to the bloom, and the current phytoplankton emergence is non-toxic, toxic blooms caused issues in Silverwood Lake in San Bernardino County and in Lake Elsinore earlier this year.

"We definitely pay attention to what's blooming and what could

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Oscar de la Torre faced multiple accusations of racism in Tuesday's Council meeting

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Tuesday's City Council meeting did not disappoint in terms of entertainment, there was colorful language, attendees being ejected out of chambers, accusations, counter-accusations and a suspicious smell. As an end of season finale before the election, this one was an Emmy Award winner.

Councilmember Oscar de la Torre has faced an escalating number of accusations recently, from a number of different sources, over racist and anti-semitic statements he has allegedly made. A letter written by Jon Kean, published in the *Daily Press* on October 11, 2024, claimed that de la Torre said, "The biggest problem with the school board is that it's run by the Jews" on August 6, 2019. De



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COUNCIL: Santa Monica City councilmember Oscar de la Torre was front and center at the Oct. 22 meeting.

la Torre responded to this, with an editorial, published the following day.

Subsequently, other school board members reiterated the

accusations.

The first indication that was going to be a rocky road came early on, during Public Input on Non-Agenda Items from Jason

Mastbaum who previously accused de la Torre of antisemitism based on 2013 city documents that described resignations from the Pico Youth and Family Center that de la Torre

founded. He accused both de la Torre and Mayor Phil Brock of racist, anti-semitic and anti-Islamic behavior again this week.

De la Torre exercised his right to personal privilege since Mastbaum did in fact mention the Councilmember by name, saying, "These tactics, this mud-slinging, these political attacks, they're very dishonest and very hurtful."

Brock chose to exercise a moment of personal privilege and in a rare moment of the Mayor getting visibly angry, he said, "I appreciate the fact that you're so intensely interested in me. However, [rather than] dredge up people's reputations, you actually talked about facts, you actually talked about things in the city that are important and try to help the city, rather than continue to tear it

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Santa Monica students help to get out the vote



VOTE: Local students are working in the community to help residents vote.

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On October 22, all student from the PBL Pathway at Santa Monica High School went into the community to get out the vote. They offered to assist people in the voting process. They helped people get registered, check registration, know where and when they can vote in person or drop a ballot. They also conducted interviews of people of about their experiences with and feelings about voting. They will be at Salvation Army and Venice Family Clinic next week.

The project is funded in part by a grant. Through the Get Out the Vote Project, students answer the question, “How can we apply our understanding of rhetoric and the history, laws, and barriers to voting to persuade a particular group of people to vote in the upcoming federal election?” Through research, discussion, and collaboration, students designed and created posters and t-shirts utilizing thoughtful rhetorical devices to educate, advocate and activate citizens to register to vote and actually cast their ballot in the November 5th election.

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OPINION

NOTEWORTHY

Charles Andrews

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It’s a living thing ...

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES — You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for more than a decade now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style ‘30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure. Don’t take them for granted and put your rollickin’ Monday night off. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, free.

RECOMMENDED:

Tonight -“KOOZA,” CIRQUE DU SOLEIL – This is a good bet HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, and hopefully I will be able to report back on that, but a couple of friends gave it high marks. No one else really does what they do, on this scale. They invented it. I’ve only seen a few of their shows but they seem to have retained their high standards all these years, ever since I saw their first one also here on SM Beach, by the Pier, 37 years ago, that launched them to great international success. I think they know they have a rep to maintain with Santa Monicans. Thurs, Fri, Sat, next Thurs 8 p.m., Sat 4:30 p.m., Sun 2, 5:30 p.m., Santa Monica Pier, \$69-310.

THE WEST COAST JAZZ HOUR BIG BAND “Celebrates the Double Centennial of TERRY GIBBS and SHORTY ROGERS” – at the Culver City Jazz Festival. That’s a mouthful, but both musicians were born in 1924 and met while with Woody Herman’s band, and became close friends. They transformed West Coast jazz, Rogers as an “architect” in so many areas and Gibbs became a world-renowned vibraphonist (“Downbeat” winner five years running), and he is still with us. (Rogers died 20 years ago.) The WCJHBB is a 17-piece big band with some big names, like Chuck Berghofer, Sal Lozano, Bob Sheppard, Larry Koonse, Rusty Higgins, led by pianist Josh Nelson and drummer Kevin van den Elzen. (Personnel subject to change, of course.) Looks like empresaria Ruth Price of Santa Monica’s Jazz Bakery has snagged another extraordinary show. What a treat and a bargain this has been! Every Sunday in October, at the beautiful Kirk Douglas Theatre, don’t miss this last one! There is free covered parking for three hours at the Culver City Hall with ticket validation. Sun 7 p.m., Kirk Douglas Theatre, Culver City, \$10-20.

RICK HOLMSTROM BAND, DAVID HIDALGO – So many great shows, especially coming out of our own McCabe’s, but eventually I will catch the Holmstrom Band that everyone raves about. And no wonder with our own Steve Mugalian usually sitting behind the drum kit of this tight ensemble. This would be the one. They always invite a guest musician of the highest caliber, this time Los Lobos’ David Hidalgo. So every one of their shows is unique. Sun 8 p.m., McCabe’s, Santa Monica, sold out but, you know, go beg.

JEFF LYNNE’S E.L.O. – The last time they cruised through town I thought — eh.



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BOO: Nosferatu comes to Walt Disney Concert Hall next week.

But then I read the absolute rave reviews from those who went, and when you think about it they had quite a few really good songs, and the large ensemble did not rely on an all-star cast, just original ELO co-founder Jeff Lynne, so this seems like a really good bet. Especially since it’s called the Over and Out tour. Fri, Sat Kia Forum, Inglewood, \$36-685.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – No, he didn’t give up his decades-long Sunday night residency at our oldest blues bar in LA, Harvelle’s – somehow he slipped out of my listings and I just now noticed it. Toledo heads up a unique show, a blend of ‘50s hipster jazz and his dancing dames and a most modern smokin’ hot band that gets better all the time. Every Sunday, 9:30 p.m., \$12.

“NOSFERATU”: A Symphony in Horror , Halloween Organ, Film & Music – It’s over by 9:30, you’ll still have plenty of time for your personal spooking, or this may just be enough Halloween for you, the 1922 F.W. Murnau German Expressionist silent vampire classic but served up thunderously in Disney Hall with the scariest fries you’ve ever seen or heard that didn’t have the McDonald Mango’s stubby fingers attached, next Thurs, Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, \$95.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): “KOOZA,” CIRQUE DU SOLEIL, Santa Monica Pier, 10/24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 11/1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30; , WEST COAST JAZZ HOUR BIG BAND, Jazz Bakery/Culver City Jazz Festival, 10/27; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle’s, 10/27, 11/3, 10, 17, 24; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 10/28, 11/4, 11, 18, 25; JEFF LYNNE’S E.L.O., Kia Forum, 10/25, 26; RICK HOLMSTROM BAND, DAVID HIDALGO, McCabe’s, 10/27; Halloween Organ, Film & Music: “Nosferatu,” Disney Hall, 10/31; LA SANTA CECILIA, Wiltern, 10/31; MICHAEL MAYO, Jazz Bakery, 11/9; JON COHERD-JOHN PATITUCCI-BRIAN BLADE, Jazz Bakery, 11/10; CARLA OLSEN GENE CLARK TRIBUTE, McCabe’s, 11/16.

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Spooktacular Adventures: Your Ultimate Guide to Halloween Fun!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town include Halloween celebrations all around town, a Dia de los Muertos Celebration, and much more!

International Artists Day: Celebrate creativity at Gallery 33 with a special artist walkthrough by Spencer Mar Guilburt, showcasing his solo exhibition LA: BORN ON A FAULT. Sip on a complimentary glass of wine as you immerse yourself in a new body of work that reflects the meticulous effort and thoughtfulness of the artist response to our current times. Friday, Oct 25, 6 - 8 p.m., The Georgian, 1415 Ocean Ave. <https://www.gallery33sm.com/>

Swim Center Spooky Splash Spectacular: Dive into our Floating Pumpkin Patch, brave the Sharks Haunted House, and test your skills on the Floating Obstacle Course. Enjoy Spooky Flicks, arts & crafts, treats, and more. Don't miss out on this family-friendly event packed with fun activities, food trucks, and recreational swimming! Friday, Oct. 25, 5 - 8 p.m., Santa Monica Swim Center, 2225 16th St. <https://www.santamonicaswimcenter.org/swim-center-special-events>



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SPOOKY: The Downtown De los Muertos Celebration returns on Saturday.

SMPD Halloween Movie in the Park: Face painting begins at 5 p.m. and The Nightmare Before Christmas movie is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 at the Colorado Center Park on Broadway/26th St.

Downtown Dia de los Muertos Celebration: The festivities feature live entertainment, public art, a Latinx pop-up market, community altars, kids arts and crafts, face painting and games for all ages (and pups too!). Saturday, Oct. 26 2:00 - 8 p.m., Third Street Promenade <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dia-de-los-muertos-celebration-in-downtown-santa-monica-tickets-1014028876667>

Heal the Bay Fishy Fest: Pick Up Your Trick-or-Treat Treasure Map and embark on a candy-filled adventure along the beautiful SaMo Pier. And join the family-friendly Halloween fun at Heal the Bay Aquarium to explore the "Ghoulish Green Room," Deep-Sea Creature Lab, and Ocean Graveyard. Spooktacular Story Time is Saturday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m., and the Pier Trick-or-Treat Treasure Hunt is Sunday, Oct. 27, 12:00 – 3:45 p.m. <https://healthebay.org/event/fishy-fest-at-heal-the-bay-aquarium/>

Marina Spooktacular: This two-day event featuring pumpkin decorating, arts and crafts, DJ music, food vendors, a graveyard treasure hunt and more. FREE. Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 26 & 27, 4 - 10 p.m. each day at Burton Chace Park. <https://visitmdr.com/events/halloween-marina-spooktacular>

The Penmar Halloween Spooktacular: The concert Halloween party features The Horny Toad Live, a costume contest & prizes, and more. Saturday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m., 1233 Rose Ave. <https://fanimal.com/fanimal-event/the-penmar-halloween-spooktacular-450544517141030930>

BroadStage Celebrity Opera Series - Angela Gheorghiu & Freddie De Tommaso: Soprano Angela Gheorghiu makes her graces the stage alongside the tenor sensation Freddie de Tommaso, making his West Coast debut. Saturday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m., 1310 11th St. <https://www.santamonica.com/event/celebrity-opera-series-angela-gheorghiu-freddie-de-tommaso/>

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk: 3- to 5-mile noncompetitive walks provide a supportive community for courageous breast cancer survivors, people living with metastatic breast cancer, caregivers, and families alike. Participants can sign up as individuals or teams, encouraging friends and family to join the fight against breast cancer. Sunday, Oct. 27, 8 a.m., Santa Monica Pier <https://www.santamonica.com/event/making-strides-against-breast-cancer/>

Halloween Dog Costume Parade at Jamaica Bay Inn: Show off your pup in their



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.4****THURSDAY**
FAIR TO GOOD**SURF:** Waist to chest
3-4FT

Day to target for the summer focal points. Selective, good size round of SSW swell tops out for exposures. Small NW energy in the mix so shape is best at spots with some structure but beachbreaks have a corner. Morning winds are light.

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

SSW swell starts to ease, keeping plenty of size in the water through the day. Structured spots are still the best option for quality. Smaller NW in the mix but could be just enough to open some beachbreak corners.



Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny.

Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 69.

Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

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2024/10/24	Thu	10:44 AM	3.35	L
2024/10/24	Thu	4:02 PM	4.61	H
2024/10/24	Thu	11:43 PM	0.30	L
2024/10/25	Fri	06:54 AM	4.29	H
2024/10/25	Fri	12:05 PM	2.84	L
2024/10/25	Fri	5:25 PM	4.56	H
2024/10/26	Sat	12:31 AM	0.36	L
2024/10/26	Sat	07:21 AM	4.57	H
2024/10/26	Sat	12:56 PM	2.28	L
2024/10/26	Sat	6:28 PM	4.59	H
2024/10/27	Sun	01:07 AM	0.49	L
2024/10/27	Sun	07:43 AM	4.82	H
2024/10/27	Sun	1:35 PM	1.75	L
2024/10/27	Sun	7:18 PM	4.59	H
2024/10/28	Mon	01:36 AM	0.69	L
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3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
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CITY COUNCIL

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down.” Mastbaum returned to the podium to speak again regarding an agenda item by de la Torre to support an antisemitism conference.

Mastbaum said, “This is an offensive attempt by Oscar to prove that he’s not anti semitic by allocating \$2,500 of taxpayer money to a conference which does not need the money.” He went on to claim that Oscar had attempted to “corner me in the hallway just now playing dumb, asking if I’m Jewish.”

“Oscar and Phil have been all over social media trying to dismiss the myriad of allegations of antisemitism, racism and violent threats against Oscar as old news ... Maybe Christine has the right idea. She attacked me on Facebook, calling me a disgusting little man,” Mastbaum said.

Councilmember Christine Parra reacted, shouting from the dais, “He is talking about a bunch of other things. This is not related to the point of order.”

City Attorney Doug Sloan attempted to intervene saying, “Mayor, at this point, the comments should be limited to matters on this agenda, which would exclude, I think, the Continued Items.”

However, Councilmember Jesse Zwick pointed out that the last speaker spoke regarding entertainment zones, “So that should have also not been allowed to be spoken about,” he said.

At this point, things began to fall apart and Brock attempted to draw Mastbaum’s remaining time to a close by asking that his microphone be switched off and he step away from the podium. “We need to maintain our decorum, regardless of what anyone in the audience or any speaker may say,” Brock said.

De la Torre again took personal privilege and said, “First of all, I want to clarify a couple of things. The item that I’m bringing forward tonight was created on Thursday, the day before Jon Kean’s letter hit the Santa Monica Daily Press ... It shows where my heart is, not where your false allegations are. You call it a stupid stunt. I think that’s anti semitic.

Some back and forth continued between de la Torre and Mastbaum as Brock once again tried to quash any inappropriate conduct, threatening to have Mastbaum escorted out of chambers.

Two more speakers came to the podium, including Jon Katz, President of the Santa Monica Democratic Club, who spoke

aggressively regarding the accusations against de la Torre. Then, after some consultation between Sloan and Assistant City Attorney Susan Cola in the background, it was decided that Mastbaum could return to the podium and finish. However, friction remained and in between some heavy sighs from Brock, Sloan suggested that in the best interest of the First Amendment, Mastbaum be allowed to finish speaking.

De la Torre responded once again and there were multiple, heated exchanges between de la Torre on the dais and Mastbaum and Katz in the seating area resulting in the two men being escorted out of the chamber by the Santa Monica Police Department.

When introducing his item related to the conference, de la Torre attempted to clarify that he had not brought this forward as a response to the “false allegations that have been raised against me in this election season” and in particular the accusations made in Kean’s letter.

In the item, de la Torre requested that the City work with SMMUSD to create awareness on the impact of hate crimes and racism using a hate crime letter from 1991. He also wanted to allocate \$2,500 from Council Discretionary Funds to sponsor the 2024 Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism conference.

Straightaway, Brock set the record straight. “I’m attending this conference and I have checked that the antisemitism conference does not need any funding whatsoever from Santa Monica. So I would like to ask that you remove that part of the item,” he said.

Brock spoke of how that letter had been well publicized for over 30 years, asking, “Are we beating a dead horse that’s already been beat on this one?”

Councilmember Gleam Davis concurred. “I am not in favor of supporting this conference financially. I’m glad to hear Mayor Brock is attending, and I think by his attendance, we will be showing our support for antisemitism,” she said.

Davis also suggested that rather than have the City Manager instruct the SMMUSD superintendent, which she said was not within the City’s role, perhaps de la Torre could visit in person and talk about antisemitism, using it as a learning moment. “Why go through the city manager? Why not go just directly to the school board?” she asked.

De la Torre said he didn’t feel welcome talking to the board given its members had made accusations against him. The ongoing discussion included talk of additional DEI

training and ideas to promote awareness on a community level, until Councilmember Jesse Zwick asked the all-important question that cut to the heart of the conflict.

“Are you denying what these three members of our community who have come forward to confirm, that these were never words that you spoke?”

In response, de la Torre said, “I wrote that exactly ... exactly what I said in my letter is that I never said that. I deny ever making those comments. That comment that was made, allegedly, it came from a conversation that I had with a consultant that has a relationship with Jon Kean.

“I did talk to that consultant about how in our school district, the majority of the elected officials on the school board reside north of Wilshire, and I did say that the wealthier part of our city is well represented,” he said, adding, “If there was a misinterpretation by the consultant ... discussing these social dynamics within our city. You know, I don’t know where that comment came from, but I can just tell you that the people that you say are credible are not credible to me.”

Davis addressed de la Torre directly, “Council Member de la Torre, you have called me racist on numerous occasions on this dais ... I’m really hurt that somebody has called me anti semitic when you apparently give better than you get ... If this is going to be a healing moment, everybody needs to heal, including you.”

Davis said that she believed the people who had written the letters accusing de la Torre, saying, “Maybe you’re right. It was a misinterpretation. I wasn’t there, so I can’t say, but I do feel compelled to say that I have heard you make other comments that at least could be interpreted as anti-semitic. One was made directly to me.”

She said that long before de la Torre was on the Council, she had met with him regarding his work at the youth center. She said Oscar had dismissed her suggestion to contact a Jewish vocational organization regarding job opportunities for youth on the basis that Jews wouldn’t know anything about helping Latinos get work.

De la Torre said he had no memory of the comment said he actually had a partnership with the organization in question.

“All I’m going to say is I have a vivid memory of that, because it did, I found it to be a stunning comment, and I not surprised that you say you don’t remember it, but

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— Councilmember Oscar de la Torre

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know, I still haven’t figured that out,” he said while stating he is always looking for ways to improve. “But you look at all leaders throughout our history, everything that’s trying to challenge the status quo, to make change, to bring justice or equity or whatever, those individuals run into a lot of problems with the people in power. And so, you know, I guess it comes with the territory, but now I’m in a position of power and I guess that’s what I’m getting right, is people are trying to assassinate my character. But you know, I’m not, I’m not backing down from what I believe in, because I think that you believe in it as well. It’s just different coming from your perspective and coming from my perspective.”

Eventually, a motion was made to “reaffirm that we are united against hate, racism, religious intolerance, etc ... and that we will give direction to our city manager to work with our DEI professionals to bring back healing and restorative options, to educate us about antisemitism and all forms of hate” and to direct the city manager to have a discussion with the SMMUSD superintendent and return with any options related to the hateful letter from 1991. It passed unanimously 7-0.

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Los Angeles County's form of government hasn't changed since 1912, when our population was just 500,000 and women didn't have the right to vote. Today, we are home to over 10 million people—one of the most diverse populations in the world. Despite this growth, our governance remains stuck in the past, with just five elected Supervisors representing two million people each. It's clear this outdated system no longer works. Measure G offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a County government that is more transparent, representative, and accountable to Angelenos.

Transparency is central to Measure G. It requires an open and public budget process, ensuring the County's budget is developed in full view of the public. No more closed-door decisions—our communities will have clearer oversight of how their tax dollars are spent.

Measure G also establishes an independent Ethics Commission to hold elected officials accountable, especially those who have violated public trust. The commission will oversee campaign finance, lobbying, and County contracts to ensure leadership operates with integrity and transparency. The Ethics Commission would be codified by a vote of the people, so it isn't subject to the whims of future Supervisors. This ensures lasting ethics oversight, creating a permanent structure to safeguard public trust for generations to come.

At its core, Measure G is about ensuring that our County government can meet our greatest challenges. One of the key reforms it introduces is the creation of an elected County Executive, which is not merely an elected CEO but instead a separation of executive and legislative powers that creates checks and balances. For the first time, the people of Los

Angeles will choose who manages the County's \$46 billion budget. Just as cities have mayors and states have governors, LA County will adopt a system of checks and balances, making leadership more accountable to the public. This change is critical to tackling major crises like homelessness and housing.

Another essential reform is the expansion of the Board of Supervisors from five to nine members. Instead of one Supervisor representing two million people, each Supervisor would represent about one million. For communities that have long been underserved, this means a real voice at the table, bringing representation closer to the people. Measure G ensures a more inclusive government, where the public has greater access to their elected officials.

Importantly, Measure G achieves these reforms without adding any cost to taxpayers. The existing County budget will be restructured to support this new system, ensuring no programs or services are sacrificed. For decades, experts have called for these changes—expanding the Board, introducing an elected County Executive, and strengthening ethics oversight. Measure G makes these long-overdue reforms a reality.

This marks the first significant change to Los Angeles County's government in over a century. Nearly nine in ten voters agree that our government needs reform, and Measure G is the solution we've been waiting for. It's time to build a government that is responsive, transparent, and representative of the people who live here.

Now is our chance to create real transformative change and bring Los Angeles County into the 21st century. Let's seize this moment and ensure LA County has a government that truly works for everyone. We urge you to support Measure G and help shape a better future for us all.

mixes with this plankton, and it just needs a little sunlight, and you'll have this massive plankton bloom, which is this red tide."

Algae agitation has also amazed beachgoers at night via bioluminescence, creating a dazzling blue light from ocean waves. The unique occurrences, McCarthy said, is a part of being "incredibly lucky to live here" and also sends a message that the environmental nonprofit needs to continue advocacy "to make sure that they keep ... moving in the direction of being really healthy for people and marine life."

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ALGAE

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cause harm," McCarthy added. "Usually you'll have people (that) have different sensitivities, certainly to the algae or the different plankton."

She also stated that the bloom can stay anywhere from a couple of days to a couple of months, depending on the wind factor.

"It's partly the wind that caused this plankton bloom that uses the water offshore and (wind) allows for this upwelling, and it brings up all these nutrients from the deep ... when you have (the) big winds that we had this week, it pulls the water off shore and brings up this nutrient-rich water. It

Early cancer detection motivating factor for survivor's walk

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SMDP Staff Writer

With the American Cancer Society Making Strides of Santa Monica at the Santa Monica Pier coming up Oct. 27, one survivor's motivation is to prioritize the importance of early screening and detection for breast cancer.

Now in her seventh year raising funds in support of Making Strides, Odile Ledoux-Tartaglia is a 20-year survivor of breast cancer, crediting yearly mammograms for catching the disease at an early stage. Her two sisters also faced cancer, including an older sister battling breast cancer a decade before her own diagnosis, prompting her to start mammograms at 30 years old.

At 42, the screening determined she had the disease at a time where she was working on a big project translating a television series from English to French, as well as caring for her four-year-old son.

"The first thing that came out of my mouth was, that's not possible, I have a baby at home," Ledoux-Tartaglia said. "That was my initial reaction. Of course during that weekend, it was a bit like the sky had fallen on my head. I remember being in bed crying and wondering, what now?"

Her cancer journey led her to a doctor that "took the time" to explain everything to her, which gave her the confidence to make an informed decision. That decision was a bilateral mastectomy, which turned out to be a shrewd decision, as though her tumor was on the left side of her breast, precancerous cells were found on the right side, making it "very possible" she would have developed the cancer again in the future.

"I couldn't fathom the idea of revisiting this issue or not taking every measure I could to make sure I would be alive," she said. "So that's what I did, and it turns out it was the right thing to do."

After five rounds of chemotherapy treatment and reconstructive surgery, Ledoux-Tartaglia was fully on the mend about a year later, and has been a survivor ever since, something she credits entirely to early detection knowing her family's history.

"My outlook the whole time was (that) I am so lucky because I had the information of other people in my family having this problem before me, which indicated that I should really be screened as early as possible," she



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said. “Because I was diagnosed at a very early stage, I was Stage 1, that meant the treatment was a little easier than when you’re at a more advanced stage ... so for me, prevention and screening is really key. There’s no doubt, I always say that it saved my life.”

Along with championing early detection, she also stated that gene testing could be beneficial for those with family histories. The third daughter of the same generation to have cancer, Ledoux-Tartaglia was tested and was found positive for a BRCA1 variant. That knowledge led to both her having a total hysterectomy done to prevent risk to her ovaries, as well as having her son tested.

Her son also being positive for the gene variant, she added, gives him crucial information for his own family in the future.

Stating that “once you’re a survivor, you have this need to give back,” she has been fundraising for well over a decade, including seven years with Making Strides. She calls the annual event, beginning 8 a.m. on Oct. 27, a “fun day” since fundraising campaigns are over and it’s time to be celebratory.

“When you’re among the survivors, you meet survivors who are survivors hanging on and hoping to stay survivors ... (I) feel like I am never going to be able to stop this, because there’s going to be a need for many, many years to come, until every woman can be treated and saved,” Ledoux-Tartaglia said.

Her Making Strides fundraising team, La Vie En Rose (“Life in Pink”), has raised \$1,592 of a \$3,000 goal as of Oct. 10. Ledoux-Tartaglia began her fundraising campaigns years ago by sending letters, but even with the transition to online donations, her message starts the same way, telling prospective donors that Thanksgiving will mark another year of being a survivor.

“My bilateral mastectomy was the night before Thanksgiving, so I always say, (while) I’m French and Thanksgiving is not a French tradition, now I have a reason to celebrate Thanksgiving every year,” she said.

For more information on this year’s Making Strides of Santa Monica walk, visit the American Cancer Society website at cancer.org.

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The Santa Monica Daily Press is a proud sponsor of American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Santa Monica Walk.

As we approach the end of this significant month, we want to remind you that there is still time to sign up for the Making Strides Walk on October 27th. This event is an incredible opportunity to come together as a community, honor survivors, remember loved ones, and continue our efforts to fight breast cancer. Let’s join hands, take those final steps towards making a difference, and show our unwavering support on October 27th. Together, we can create a future where breast cancer is no longer a threat.



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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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6373

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Blame	Exceed	Prang	Tank
Bush	Exhaust	Provisional	Test
Cable	Expect	Rims	Throttle
Cars	Fees	Road	Tools
Close	Flood	Roof	Tram
Clutch	Free	Rules	Trial
Cope	Fuel	Sedans	Turn
Corner	Lift	Shaft	Tyre
Crash	Lines	Skill	Valve
Curve	Motor	Slow	
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.

Birthday celebrations

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 24)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It could be argued that it's not really an opportunity until you figure out what's in it for you. Opportunities won't come in an obvious shape. They are like lumps of clay you must massage and form a bit to get to the form that will please you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your standards are part of what makes you so strong. Even so, you don't expect others to have the same ones. Everyone's walking their own path, and what the others are doing can be interesting, even if you don't agree.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The one you admire is large on your screen today. Take heart. There was a time they were just like you, paying dues. No one reaches the top without the climb.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No one is OK all the time, but because you have things that matter to you much more than the momentary feelings, you learn to ride the waves. "Being OK" isn't the goal. The goal is to keep moving, caring, fighting, building and finding your resilience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When someone's actions sync up perfectly with your plans, it feels like magic. Today brings a bright and delightful stroke of cosmic precision. It means exactly what you determine it means.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Flattery is nice, but you don't rely on others to make you feel attractive. It's more about the feeling inside you anyway. You're in the thrust of life, expressing your talents, skills and passions, and there's nothing more attractive than that.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a problem solver. Perhaps this does earn affection and attention from your loved ones, but that's not why you're doing it. It's in your nature to be helpful, and a lot of this comes very easily to you. You're an asset to your people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). One of your greatest joys is making something that didn't exist before and couldn't exist in this particular way without you. The creative energy is flowing today. Those who give you the space or tools to bring your ideas to life will earn a special place in your heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Once you're aware of the cost, don't bargain. Commit fully without. This mindset demands full dedication, accepting that achieving what you want requires paying the price without complaint or negotiation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's no time and no point to training the ones who can't, won't or just don't know how to give you the focus you prefer today. Pay attention to the ones who get it right and enjoy the love, laughter and lift.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It comes over you again, this feeling of gratitude for everything you need to learn being just a click away, and today you'll seize that opportunity, diving headfirst into the vast well of knowledge at your fingertips.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Maybe it doesn't matter how well people match up in theory. Life isn't run by theories; it's made by what happens. It is the act of engaging with people that makes relationships.

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 Wall St. happenings
- 5 Little bug
- 9 What some checkers check
- 14 Made haste
- 15 Clinton attorney general
- 16 Domed structure
- 17 Reunion group
- 18 Certain truant's status
- 19 Picture postcard features
- 20 Compare favorably with
- 23 Trip part
- 24 Slice of history
- 25 Japanese sliding screen
- 29 Bows out
- 32 Creator of Kermit and Ernie
- 35 Phillips Petroleum merger partner
- 37 Apt. coolers
- 38 Software version
- 39 Not a priority
- 42 Vivid crayon type
- 43 NY setting in Aug.
- 44 Baffler
- 45 Psychic ability
- 46 Mr. Clean alternative
- 48 Quite a spread
- 49 Ginnie ____
- 50 Center starter
- 52 Loves unrequitedly
- 59 Trite, as a joke
- 61 Ne'er-do-wells
- 62 Knock flat
- 63 Unembellished

- 64 Source of eye color
- 65 Inclusive abbr.
- 66 Century 21 rival
- 67 Nod off
- 68 Controvert

DOWN

- 1 Cast wearer's annoyance
- 2 Royal pastime
- 3 What slander has to be, legally
- 4 Email command
- 5 Mealtime blessing
- 6 Grammy category
- 7 Unattributed: Abbr.
- 8 Divulged
- 9 Abes in wallets
- 10 Anxious feeling

- 11 *Pinocchio* goldfish
- 12 Roadside assistance
- 13 What the USCG may respond to
- 21 Rabbit chaser of fiction
- 22 Doesn't disturb
- 25 Muffin cousin
- 26 Makes keener
- 27 Numero uno
- 28 Name of 23 popes
- 30 Hobbyist's knife brand
- 31 "Ew-w-w!"
- 32 Block-stacking game
- 33 Bullet points
- 34 French Revolution radical
- 36 Compliant one

- 38 Fondue cheese
- 40 Craigslist postings
- 41 Ill-suited
- 46 Voice source
- 47 Musical with "Valjean's Confession"
- 49 Extreme enthusiasm
- 51 So last year
- 52 Jam-pack
- 53 Footnote abbr.
- 54 Franc's replacement
- 55 Initialed, perhaps
- 56 Appraise
- 57 Printer's primary color
- 58 Sanctified
- 59 Lifeguard's skill
- 60 World Cup cry

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AROUND TOWN

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best Halloween costume for prizes, happy hour specials, and dog treats. FREE. Sunday, Oct. 27, 3 p.m., 4175 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/happy-hour-howl-o-ween-costume-contest-tickets-1029154106637>

Belles Annual Dog Halloween Costume Contest: The most adorable contest of the year is back. Bring your furry friends to the Belles patio for a chance to win our halloween costume contest. Sunday, Oct. 27, 4 – 6 p.m. <https://www.bellesbeachhouse.com/event/dog-halloween-costume-contest/>

Annual Volley-Ween Beach Volleyball Tournament: Enjoy games, entertainment, food, a friendly volleyball tournament and a Halloween costume contest. \$35 to attend and/or play either on your own or with a volleyball team of 2, 4 or 6 players. All proceeds will go towards Santa MoniCARES and its charities. Wednesday, Oct. 30, 3 - 6:30 p.m., 2400 Ocean Front Walk <https://santamonicares.org/volley-ween-2024/>

Annual Marina Monster Paddle Parade & Costume Contest: Paddle into the sunset in your spookiest getup with fellow witches, goblins, and ghouls for an unforgettable Halloween-themed paddleboarding and kayaking cruise at Marina del Rey. Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m. <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/prosupshop/items/264238/availability/1542508086/book/>

Trick or Treat Downtown: Ready for a trick-or-treating adventure in Downtown Santa Monica? We’re conjuring up the perfect roadmap, so make sure you’re dressed to impress! Participating businesses will be handing out candy. Don’t forget to share your hauntings with us on Instagram by tagging @dtsantamonica! Stay tuned for more updates on all the Halloween fun. Thursday, Oct. 31, 3:00 – 6 p.m., Downtown Santa Monica <https://downtownsm.com/events-calendar/8912/trick-or-treat-downtown>

Montana Ave. Halloween Hop: Calling all ghosts, ghouls, and goblins! Join organizers for the annual Halloween Hop on Montana Avenue! Bring the family for a spook-tacular day filled with candy, fun activities, and Halloween surprises. Costumes encouraged! See you there for a fang-tastic time! Thursday, Oct. 31 3 – 6 p.m., Montana Ave. from 6th - 17th Streets. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DAt6UOIJ4oV/>

Halloween Murder on the Dance Floor Party at Gran Blanco: \$130 includes open bar, light bites, and more. Thursday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m., 80 Windward Ave., Venice. <https://resy.com/cities/los-angeles-ca/venues/gran-blanco/events/murder-on-the-dance-floor-at-gran-blanco-2024-10-31>

Esters Wine Shop Hallo-Wine Party: \$25 per ticket + tax Complimentary Specialty Wine, Beer OR Cocktail Horror Film Screenings Live DJ Set Best costume wins a bottle of champagne! Thursday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m., 1314 7th St. <https://resy.com/cities/los-angeles-ca/venues/esters-wine-shop-and-bar/events/esters-hallo-wine-party-2024-10-31>

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Mixology Classes at FIG: Guided by an expert mixologist, you’ll learn to craft delicious signature cocktails from selecting ingredients to perfecting your technique. Two cocktails and bar snacks are included! This hands-on experience is for all skill levels whether you want to enhance your bartending skills or enjoy a fun night out with friends. \$45. Tuesday, Oct. 29 6:00p.m., Fairmont Miramar <https://www.fairmont-miramar.com/experiences/#!/event/7e2959cc-fd4a-4cb4-a896-850444eff2764>

The Infatuation’s “The Best Mexican Food On The Westside” Features Multiple SaMo Spots: Highlights include Socalo (casual spot from the Border Grill chefs), La Purépecha (for tacos in downtown SaMo), La Isla Bonita (food truck regularly parked on Rose Ave.), and Casablanca (the Lincoln Blvd. staple). <https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/the-best-mexican-food-on-the-westside>

Gjusta and Gjelina chef-founder returns to Venice with RVR, a modern izakaya: This LA Times review of the new Abbot Kinney eatery states “Lett’s trademark farmers-market focus that became hallmarks of his other Venice restaurants is now at RVR, but seen through a Japanese lens.” 1305 Abbot Kinney Blvd. <https://www.latimes.com/food/story/2024-10-14/venice-rvr-ati-echo-park-olive-rose-bagels-long-beach>

Jeni’s Releases Ice Cream Holiday Collection: Flavors include Iced Molasses Gingerbread, Lemon Crinkle, White Chocolate Peppermint, and Pistachio Macaron.

Further Afield: West Hollywood Halloween Carnaval: The city of West Hollywood’s massive block-party style Halloween spectacle comes to a one-mile stretch of Santa Monica Blvd between Doheny Dr and La Cienega Blvd. Expect DJ sets, food trucks and thousands of attendees dressed in their costumed best. FREE. Thursday, Oct. 31, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. <https://www.visitwesthollywood.com/halloween-carnaval/>

Looking Ahead: SaMo Pier Dia de los Muertos Celebration (11/1); Main St. Howl-o-ween Event (11/2); Ice at Santa Monica (11/9 - 1/20)

If there’s something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Spooktacular Adventures: Your Ultimate Guide to Halloween Fun!



THURSDAY | OCTOBER 24

LA LAW LIBRARY OFFICE HOURS

2 - 6 p.m. Lobby, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. A legal research specialist helps patrons find answers to legal questions. Legal research specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice, help fill out forms, or interpret the law.

TECH & TASKS

2 - 4 p.m. Tutoring Center, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes and more.

WAGS & WITCHES

5 p.m. Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, 101 Wilshire Blvd. Enjoy a special Happy Hour menu while your furry friend competes for prizes in our dog costume contest. Capture the moment with on-site doggie portraits and celebrate Halloween in luxury. The top three costumes will win exciting prizes.

LOVE FEST OF THE WESTSIDE

6 - 10 p.m. MUDWTR, 2515 Main St. Love Fest is a conscious dating event for people who are more serious about dating and are more willing to be vulnerable in their search for love. There will be fun dating games, ice breaking activities, small group exercises and more. Beverages served by MUDWTR and will have some light snacks. Age ranges between 26-48, this is a heterosexual/monogamous forward dating event. Tickets \$40, to purchase visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/love-fest-of-the-westside-fall-edition-tickets-1025079368987>.

HAUNTED HOWL-O-WEEN PARTY FOR DOGS

6:30 - 8 p.m. Wag Hotels - Santa Monica, 1653 19th St. We warmly invite you to an unforgettable night of spooktacular fun at Wag Hotels’ 9th Annual Haunted Howl-o-ween Party. Canine and human guests alike will be thrilled and chilled by photos with Cruella de Vil, a costume contest with prizes, a spooktacular silent auction, dog and family-friendly activities, Wag Swag, goodie bags and more. All proceeds will benefit the Frosted Faces Foundation and help them provide shelter, comprehensive veterinary care, and innovative resources to at-risk senior dogs. Children under 17 free, general admission \$12. To purchase, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/haunted-howl-o-ween-party-for-dogs-at-wag-hotels-santa-monica-tickets-1015665060537>.

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 25

MOVIE IN THE PARK

5 - 9 p.m. Colorado Center Park, 26th St. and Broadway Ave. Get ready for a thrilling evening under the stars as BXP and the Santa Monica Police Department presents “The Nightmare Before Christmas.” Bring your picnic baskets, blankets, lawn chairs and your Halloween spirit for a cozy night filled with laughter, chills, and some of your favorite characters. The fun begins with face painting at 5 p.m., movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

SOCCER SKILLS CAMP

6 - 8 p.m. Santa Monica High School Football Field, 601 Pico Blvd. Led by the talented Samohi boys soccer team players, this fun-filled evening of soccer skills and games is perfect for young athletes ages K-6th grade. Learn new tricks, make new friends and have a blast on the field. Fun and supportive environment, all skill levels welcome. Bring cleats, shin guards, soccer ball and a water bottle. \$35 per

player, pizza and drink included, to purchase visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FACAA29A1FECE9-51208874-friday#/>.

HALLOWEEN BAR CRAWL

8 p.m. - 2 a.m. The Brixton, 2827 Pico Blvd. This Halloween season, experience the ultimate zombie apocalypse with the Walking Dead Halloween Bar Crawl. Round up your zombie crew, slip into your most creative costumes and prepare to crawl your way through 6+ bars with access to epic Halloween drink deals. Participating bar locations are The Brixton, Mom’s Bar, The Room, The Nickel Mine, Lanea and 121 Santa Monica. Tickets also apply for Saturday, October 26th and Thursday, October 31st. Tickets \$20, to purchase visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-halloween-bar-crawl-walking-dead-santa-monica-bar-crawl-3-days-tickets-1022656371737>.

TITANIC MASQUERADE HALLOWEEN PARTY CRUISE

8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Entertainer Yacht, 13755 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey. Set sail for a haunted masquerade ball on the Marina del Rey harbor. Prepare for the ultimate Halloween costume party cruise that will be transformed into a haunting Titanic, with an all-star lineup of LA’s top DJs. Tickets \$47, to purchase visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/titanic-masquerade-los-angeles-halloween-party-cruise-tickets-855120858507>.

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 26

TRUNK OR TREAT

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Santa Monica Elks Lodge #906, 1040 Pico Blvd. Join for a spooktacular time at a free in-person event where kids can trick or treat from car to car in a safe and fun environment. Dress up in your favorite costume and get ready for a morning of candy and community spirit.

BELONGING- A SOUND INSTALLATION

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Annex Community Meeting Room, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. This 4-channel sound installation is a dynamic sonic tapestry that weaves together the voices of Santa Monica’s community and its soundscape, responding to the profound questions, “Do you feel you belong here in Santa Monica? How? When? Where?” This is a project by Freewaves and is funded by the City of Santa Monica’s Art of Recovery initiative.

DEA DRUG TAKE BACK

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Santa Monica Public Safety Facility, 333 Olympic Dr. National Take-Back Day is a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. For other participating locations visit [DEAtakeback.com](https://www.deatakeback.com).

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

2 - 8 p.m. Third Street Promenade. The annual Día de los Metros Celebration on Third Street Promenade is back, featuring live entertainment, large-scale art, a Latinx pop-up market, community altars, kids arts and crafts, face painting and games for all ages. To RSVP for free, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dia-de-los-muertos-celebration-in-downtown-santa-monica-tickets-1014028876667>.

BEYOND THE VISIBLE

5 - 8 p.m. Gallery 612, 612 Santa Monica Blvd. Joanna Becket’s solo exhibit will have its opening reception, supported by Madre Mezcal. Exhibit runs through November 9. Gallery hours are Friday and Saturday 1 - 9 p.m., Sundays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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