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QUEEN MARY PREVIEW'S DARK HARBOR, HIGHLIGHTED BY NEW PARANORMAL PASSAGE



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A teddy bear with blood inside its head and stomach hangs on one of the laundry lines inside the Queen Mary on Sept. 23, 2026.

Samuel Chacko
Photo Editor

Whether it's the original elevator that slightly shakes as it rises, the new Paranormal Passage or the traveling Spookeasy, one thing remains true on the Queen Mary: "Every room has a story." The ship's paranormal history is one of the many reasons why it's such a popular and eerie Long Beach attraction.

"There's an incredible fascination with The Queen Mary's paranormal history and the stories that have become part of her lore," said Dylan Matteson, the Queen Mary's General Manager. "Our guests want to know more, explore more and get closer to the stories."

When spooky season rolls around, the Queen Mary hosts Dark Harbor, a Halloween festival and attraction centered around the most spine-chilling stories from the ship.

This year, the Queen Mary will unveil the Paranormal Passage, a collection of three immersive staterooms — B326, B328 and B334 — each with its own lore. The staterooms are tied to B340, the Paranormal Suite, which the Queen Mary reactivated last year.

"Everybody who comes on the ship, they keep coming back and back because there are new nooks and crannies that you find, so it's kind of a celebration of that and a celebration of the lore of the ship," Matteson said. "People love all the spooky activations that we have here, and for good reason. There's this energy around the ship and people love that."



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Ouija boards, lighted candles and Edgar Allan Poe's "The Black Cat" sit in a tiny box outside of the Jackie's Spirit Shoppe on Sept. 23, 2026.

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SCARY STORY CONTEST

What's better than a good scare? How about sharing your own frightful creation with others, and using your creativity to raise the hairs on someone's neck? Or making someone hold their breath in suspense of what's coming next?

We know this city is full of creative people of all ages, containing multitudes of talents. Whether you consider yourself a writer or not, we ask that you channel your imaginative prowess to try and scare your fellow neighbors for our scary story contest!

From now through Oct. 27, we'll be accepting submissions for spooky stories and publishing them online. At the end of the month, we'll publish our favorites in our Halloween print issue in two separate categories: youth ages 0-18 and adults 18 and older.

For adults who submit a story, you'll be entered for the chance to win two tickets to the Long Beach Playhouse. Their current show is a modern adaptation of "Night of the Living Dead," playing through Oct. 17, followed by a comedy of ghostly charms, "BLITHE SPIRIT," running from Oct. 31 to Nov. 28.

Those 18 and younger who enter a story will be entered for the chance to win a \$25 gift card to Big E's, where they can enjoy delicious pizza, pasta and sandwiches with their family or friends.

If writing isn't your thing, we are also accepting submissions for Halloween and fall-themed photos throughout the month. (See page 4 for details).

We sincerely look forward to reading your creepiest concoctions!

Rules for entering:

- Must live in Long Beach or Signal Hill
- Any submissions found to be using AI will be disqualified and not published
- Please keep stories under 1,000 words
- Must be an original work from your own mind; no plagiarizing
- Must be able to respond to simple edits regarding grammar before publication
- Please refrain from using racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic or prejudiced language

How to enter:

- Email your submission to Newspaper@SignalTribune.com by Oct. 27 at 11:59 p.m.
- Include the subject line SCARY STORY
- Include your full name and age, as well as your neighborhood if you feel comfortable doing so
- Please include a phone number or email address preferred for contacting you if edits are necessary. We will also need to contact you if you win a prize and to approve the art to accompany your story.

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ENVIRONMENT

Long Beach braces itself for El Niño

After Hurricane Marie, Peninsula residents barricade their homes with sandbags as the City tries to ease worries.

Jorge Hernandez
Photojournalist

Still recovering from the impacts of Hurricane Marie weeks ago, Long Beach's Peninsula neighborhood is preparing for more oncoming winter storms fueled by El Niño.

Residents near the seaside walk area are barricading their homes with wood and sandbags placed at the entryway.

While neighbors are helping each other protect their homes, Long Beach has declared a Local Emergency, and community meetings hope to alleviate worries.

So far, the City estimates that the damages related to Hurricane Marie will reach over \$1 million. This does not include the cost of proposed preparation efforts for the remainder of hurricane season, which ends Nov. 30.

The aftermath of the waves left the boardwalk between 65th Place and 68th Place severely damaged in areas and some of the walkway temporarily closed. Beach sand disappeared, sucked into the ocean, exposing parts of the bulkhead that hadn't been seen in decades.



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Long Beach Fire Department's Marine Safety Battalion Chief Scott Dixon watches City officials move planks of the Peninsula boardwalk on Sept. 27, 2026.

Long Beach Declares Local Emergency

The City announced a Local Emergency on Sept. 22 related to the impacts of Hurricane Marie and threats of the 2026-27 El Niño and winter storm season.

Long Beach's action follows California Governor Gavin Newsom's State of Emergency proclamation on Sept. 21, directing agencies to take early action to protect vulnerable communities, critical infrastructure and emergency response capabilities.

"We are asking the entire community to take this storm season seriously. Preparation is essential when forecasts point to the possibility of significant winter storms," said City Manager Tom Modica in the state of emergency announcement. "This action will help City departments plan and deploy resources efficiently, maintain essential services and work with our regional and state partners to respond to a historic level of potential storm damage that may occur throughout the City and along the coast."

A Local State of Emergency allows the City to take certain actions quicker and with less red tape surrounding them. This includes approving the cost of repairs for approximately 1,000 linear feet of the bulkhead and plans to expand the beach surrounding the Peninsula, which is set to begin in a few weeks.



(Left) Barricaded homes and debris are left at Seaside Way between 65th Place and 68th Place as the Peninsula boardwalk remains temporarily closed to the public on Sept. 27, 2026. (Right) Residents of the Peninsula asks questions to Long Beach Councilmember Kristina Duggan and City staff in attendance at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Clubhouse on Sept. 28, 2026.

A Community Braces Itself

Homes near the seaside walkway remain barricaded with wood, while sandbags are piled high in front of others; a neighborhood holding its breath. One home is still yellow-tagged by the Fire Department and is being treated with restricted use.

Mavi Vergara, a resident who has lived in the Peninsula for 22 years near the end of the boardwalk, got help from a friend from Torrance to place sandbags at the entryway of her home and garage as they prepare for the upcoming waves. Vergara worries about the damage that could impact other homes, and the sand barrier disappearing from the front of her home.

"Before Hurricane Marie, it was about 50 feet out. But now, after Hurricane Marie, it was like, 'Oh, you're going there,'" Vergara said. "I felt like living on a cliff, it's too deep down."

The City is considering five plans to restore the sand and repair the bulkhead in preparation of this year's storms and future years, from replacing 100,000 cubic yards of sand to installing layers of rocks.

Marilyn Perona, a longtime resident of the Peninsula since 1966, witnessed the damaged remains of wood that once stood next to the boardwalk. She worries about the residents living at the boardwalk losing their beaches.

"It's all gone, all the sand, so all we got now is this boardwalk and that could be undermined. That's the biggest fear; it could be undermined and then get under the homes. So they're working hard for the next three to four days to save that," Perona said. "That just shows how much sand has really been taken away this time. The ocean's been getting rougher and taking in more sand every year."

Mixed Emotions at Community Meeting

A neighborhood meeting was held on Sept. 28, at the Los Alamitos Yacht Club with Third District Councilmember Kristina Duggan, along with members of various City departments, to inform residents about emergency preparedness and updates on repairs.

"There are coastal cities who lost hundreds and hundreds of feet of beach," Councilmember Duggan said. "I've learned over the last

few weeks, the more I understand, Hurricane Marie was about as close to the worst-case scenario."

During the meeting, residents were informed about emergency preparedness for natural disasters, provided by the City's Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications (DPEC) Director Reggie Harrison and Fire Department Deputy Fire Chief James Farley.

Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) Marine Bureau Manager Todd Leland informed residents about efforts to mitigate any damage to the bulkhead and prevent worsened coastal erosion.

"We're on our own in the Peninsula. We have to look out for our neighbors because we're not going to have the help that we need."

- David Black, 67th Place resident

The first phase is cleaning up the debris and getting residents access to their homes as soon as possible. The second phase is to repair the damaged bulkhead with new lumber and large sandbags to temporarily protect the current repairs until they find a long-term solution.

"Think about it this way, with the bags, as if you're a trainer for a heavyweight boxer, and that boxer is just hitting you in your abdomen, wouldn't you want something in front of it? So that's what we're looking to do right there," Marine Bureau Manager Leland said. "What you put in front of you is going to take damage, but what we want to do is to protect the body."

The meeting concluded with a Q&A as the City answered questions from residents regarding anything not mentioned in the presentation and updates. From potential permanent plans to requests



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to keep visitors off the area during disasters, there were both compliments and criticism of the events that followed Marie and the recovery efforts.

David Black, a resident from 67th Place, was the last to speak to Duggan and City staff about the lack of available flood pumps during the events of Marie and requested that pumps be available during the winter storms.

"We're on our own in the Peninsula. We have to look out for our neighbors because we're not going to have the help that we need," Black said. "You've done a lot for Long Beach, but don't come to me and say, 'I'm sorry.' Don't say you're sorry to me. That's what children do when they say that to their parents."

Expanding the Beach

Public Works Director Joshua Hickman informed residents about a short-term support plan called the Alamitos Bay Channel Dredging Project.

According to Hickman and the 24-page memorandum published on Sept. 25, the plan will restore navigable depths within the en-

trance channel to -20 ft mean lower-low water (MLLW), the average of the lower low water height of each tidal day observed over the National Tidal Datum Epoch according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The entrance channel provides recreational and commercial vessels access to the City's marinas, boating facilities and waterfront destinations including Marine Stadium, Spinnaker Bay, Davies Boat Launch Ramp and Naples Island.

Dredging is expected to result in over 400,000 cubic yards of sand to nourish the beach. Long Beach set aside over \$11 million from its Capital Improvement Program for the 2027 fiscal year.

"So the goal here is to take those 400,000 cubic yards of sand, nourish the beach, so you get kind of a win-win. We get better access to the bay as well as expanded beach," Hickman said.

Construction is expected to begin later this month and the City has worked with the contractor in hopes to get the work completed by the end of November, according to the Sept. 25 report.



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A WEEKLY LIST OF THINGS TO DO IN LONG BEACH AND SIGNAL HILL

To put it mildly, the weather for the next week will be ... not so mild. Though the heat will be back in full force, there will be a plethora of activities that can be enjoyed with water and copious amounts of sun protection.

It's the start of a new (and spooky) month, which means the First Fridays art walk is back in Bixby Knolls with artistic and Halloween-themed activities. Speaking of spooky, the Bembridge House is offering haunted house tours this Friday and Saturday, The 4th Horseman will host horror trivia Tuesday and Dolores is hosting a nighttime screening of "Practical Magic" Thursday.

This week also brings bountiful ways to celebrate the city's cultural diversity, including the Cambodian Food Festival at Trademark Brewing Saturday, Centro CHA's Hispanic Heritage Celebration, also Saturday and the two-day UbeFest, taking over Cerritos Performing Arts Center Saturday and Sunday. Plus, don't forget that Monday starts the third edition of Latino Restaurant Week, and if you want more details — we've got you covered.

02 FRIDAY

FIRST FRIDAYS

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Atlantic Avenue will be abuzz with dining and shopping deals, live music, artistic activities and more during Bixby Knolls' monthly First Fridays art walk. Festivities will include an open house at Sunshine Rabbit Center (4202 Atlantic Ave.), free face painting at Pixie Toys (3914 Atlantic Ave.), a skull decorating contest at Eclipsed Emporium (4376 Atlantic Ave.) and complimentary Halloween treats at Long Beach Clothing Co. (4218 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

WHISPERS IN THE WALLS

7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Receive a ghostly tour of The Bembridge House (953 N Park Circle) by lantern light, happening three consecutive Friday and Saturday nights. Ticket options on Eventbrite include general admission (\$28), VIP admission (\$50), admission for Long Beach Heritage members (\$23) and entry for children under 13 (\$13).

03 SATURDAY

LONG BEACH OPEN STUDIO TOUR

Various times. Explore over 80 studios and the works of more than 120 Long Beach artists throughout four weekends in celebration of Long Beach Arts Month and National Arts and Humanities Month. The Long Beach Open Studio Tour begins this Saturday and Sunday in the Belmont neighborhood and visitors are welcome to check out each stop on the interactive map at their own pace during open hours. Participating studios and neighborhoods will be marked with lawns bearing the LB Open Studio Tour logo. Free.

LONG BEACH CAMBODIAN FOOD FESTIVAL

Noon to 6 p.m. Chef Chad Phuong of Battambang BBQ invites all to enjoy a day of Khmer music, culture, vendors and mouthwatering cuisine at Ten Mile Brewing Co. (1136 E. Willow St.). Free entry.

HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Centro CHA is throwing its fourth annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration, complete with live music, lowriders, food, art, folklórico and much more at Cesar Chavez Park (401 Golden Ave.). Attendees can also cast their votes at the event for the first-ever

Long Beach Latino Cultural Center logo. Free.

UBEFEST

4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bring your appetite for the fifth anniversary of UbeFest. Held in front of Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (18000 Park Plaza Drive), this event will showcase a wide range of Filipino cuisine, most notably mangos and ube. The festivities will continue Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the same location. Free entry and parking.

04 SUNDAY

NORFSIDE LB OUTREACH

9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are requested for Norfside LB Outreach's upcoming distribution in North Long Beach. If you can't join, they are accepting monetary donations, as well as donations of tents, blankets, toothbrushes, pants, wagons, shoes, water and more for neighbors in need. Sign up online for the exact location. Free.

HOLISTIC HEALERS MARKET

11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of art, healing and community at Valparaiso Plaza (1 S. 18th Place) on the Long Beach Bluffs. This market will feature readers and healers, a tea ceremony, sound healing, a drum circle and massage therapy, as well as vendors selling crystal jewelry, local art, tamales, natural skincare and more. Free.

05 MONDAY

LATINO RESTAURANT WEEK LBC

Various Times. See, and, most importantly, taste what 18 of Long Beach's standout Latino-owned



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From Oct. 5-11, check out the 18 local eateries partaking in the third annual Latino Restaurant Week, including La Chancla Mexican Grill.

restaurants have to offer during the third annual Latino Restaurant Week. To learn more, check out latinorestaurantweeklbc.com. Prices vary.

PLANT MUSIC

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This monthly, family-friendly gathering returns to Earthing (2022 E. Fourth St.) for games, music and community bonding time. There will be checkers, chess and cards, as well as 30-minute vinyl sets of all genres with open turntables (sign up at the event for your set). Free.

06 TUESDAY

PAWS ON THE PROMENADE

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring your furry friends and converse with fellow dog owners at this monthly dog-friendly meetup in downtown Long Beach. Attendees will meet at 6 p.m. at Dog Haus Biergarten (210 E. Third St.) and begin walking at 6:15 p.m. Free.

HORROR TRIVIA

7 p.m. Fans of horror films and cinematic screams are invited to this 21 and older trivia session at The 4th Horseman (121 W. Fourth St.) on the first Tuesday of each month. Test your knowledge of classics, cult favorites and new-age films and icons for the chance for your group to win tickets to this year's Queen Mary Dark Harbor festivities. Free.

07 WEDNESDAY

NATIONAL COFFEE WITH A COP DAY

Various Times. To help bridge the gap between communities and law enforcement, residents are invited to converse with police officers over

a cup of joe during National Coffee with a Cop Day. Meet up with Long Beach Police Department personnel from the South Division (8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.) at RightMealz (422 E. Fourth St.), West Division (10 a.m. to 11 a.m.) at Starbucks (4101 E. Willow St.), North Division (noon to 2 p.m.) at Starbucks (4704 Cherry Ave.) and East Division (1 p.m. to 2 p.m.) at Cassidy's Corner Cafe (5900 E. Spring St.). Free.

08 THURSDAY

BIRD WALK

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Amateur and expert birders alike are welcome the morning of every second Thursday at Rancho Los Cerritos (4600 Virginia Road) for a guided walk around the property. Staff will be on hand to answer bird and nature-related questions. Participants are asked to meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. and are encouraged to bring binoculars if they have them. RSVP online. Free.

NIGHTMARE ON 4TH STREET

7 p.m. Dolores Long Beach (2105 E. Fourth St.) is getting into the Halloween spirit by offering spooky food, drinks and treats, available all month long, and playing Halloween films every Thursday night in October. This week's selection is the 1998 fantasy comedy "Practical Magic." The screening will start promptly at 7 p.m. Free.

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The No. 3 Speakeasy has intriguing bottles and frames of spooky characters hung on the walls on Sept. 22, 2026.

The Dark Harbor’s signature mazes, monsters and maritime mayhem are open now through Nov. 1.

The Queen Mary will have its 21-plus Spookeasy (Oct. 5, 12 and 19), Murder on the High Seas dinner (Oct. 5, 12 and 19) and horror-themed Movies on the Mary screenings (Oct. 12 and 19) on Mondays throughout October.

To learn more, visit queenmary.com



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Bloody hand prints, scary framed photos and dead bodies haunts the Grey Ghost Galley on Sept. 23, 2026.

Here is some of the lore of each of the new rooms:

- **Jackie’s Room (B326):** The room is centered around the story that a little girl named Jackie drowned in the pool and subsequently haunts the ship. People have reported seeing and hearing her and even paranormal investigators have heard the name Jackie consistently, according to Matteson.
- **The Dressing Chamber (B338):** This room is known to be the favorite room of the “Lady in White,” who has been seen around the ship over the years. The story goes that she is one of the war brides who resided on the ship. When World War II hit, the Queen Mary was the fastest ship in the world, making it instrumental in moving troops worldwide. At one point, Adolf Hitler put a \$250,000 bounty on the ship because of its importance to the Allies, and Winston Churchill had said that without the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth, the war would have lasted at least another year.
- **Officer Court Quarters (B334):** The Officers Court Quarters is a nod to all the officers that supposedly still roam the halls of the ship. There are many stories of officers dying while on duty or on the ship and all the lives they were in charge of.

What’s thought is that she still roams the hall, still stuck in that time in history

These three immersive staterooms were chosen this year because of the consistent stories The Queen Mary staff hear about Jackie, the Dressing Chamber and the Officers.

“[These] are the three that just keep coming up, and it’s come up so often now that where it’s on the verge of fact because there are so many people that experienced these three entities,” Matteson said.

New additions also include the Grey Ghost Galley, an all-you-can-eat Halloween feast serving up a variety of food and the Spookeasy, where audience members hear The Queen Mary’s haunted stories over a spooky cocktail.

The Queen Mary has done the Spookeasy for a few years in a single room, but this year they wanted to make it a little bit more interactive.

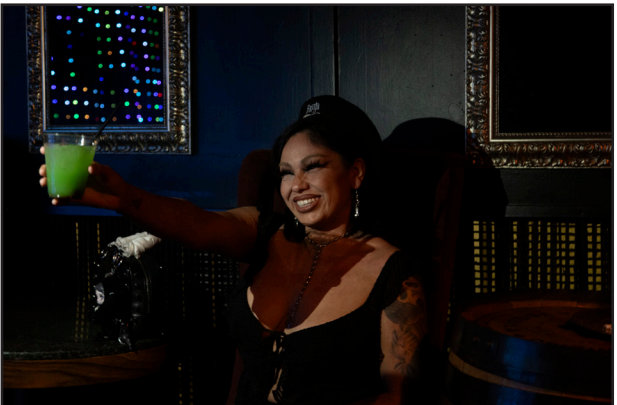
“It’s almost like a traveling Spookeasy [where] you start off in one location, you hear ghost stories, you have a cocktail and then we do almost like a mini tour and bring them back into the No. 3 Speakeasy ... and it ends with [a] palm reading and tarot card reading,” Matteson said.



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Inside the Spookeasy, Queen Mary first officer Paul Jacek tells secret stories about the ship on Sept. 23, 2026.



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Halloween-themed photos and a poster of the Lady in White adorn the bar area inside the Queen Mary on Sept. 23, 2026.



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Social media influencers and the press try out the green-like cocktail served inside the Spookeasy on Sept. 22, 2026.



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COMMUNITY FRAMES

Spooky snaps requested!

From the cottagecore pink and white decorations to the creepy, crawly and downright terrifying, there’s no wrong way to celebrate spooky season.

How do we celebrate here? By asking you to send in some pictures, of course! We want to see the favorite fall recipes you’re perfecting, pumpkins you’ve carved, pretty leaves you’ve spotted, paintings you’ve painted, a decorated area you’re especially proud of. If it’s Halloween or fall-related, we’d love to share the seasonal joy with our readers.

No need to break out a fancy camera either; we want to emphasize the spontaneity and beginner-friendly aspects of this occasion. Use your phone, let your kid use their V-tech camera, charge your dead early 2000s digital camera and see what happens! We look forward to seeing your masterpieces!

As usual, we ask that there are no people or children included in the photos (but pets in costumes are especially encouraged!) We’ll publish your spooky kooky photos throughout the month if we receive enough to post, or we’ll show off the top submissions in our Halloween print issue at the end of the month.

The deadline for this month is Oct. 27 at 11:59 p.m.

The rules:

- Submissions can be sent to Newspaper@SignalTribune.com via email by the stated deadline to be considered.
- Send submissions with the subject line **COMMUNITY FRAMES**
- Submissions can contain a maximum of five photos.
- Along with photos, please include your name and neighborhood. If you don’t want certain info printed in the paper or online, specify in your email and we’ll be sure to accommodate.
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- Captions are not required, but are preferred; context of where a photo was taken and where, for example, or any flourishes you want to add. If there are no captions, we will write our own and are permitted to take humorous liberties.
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Wednesday, September 23

7:53 a.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 3500 block E. PCH (suspect arrested)

12:06 p.m., Stolen vehicle - recovered, 3000 block California Ave.

1:59 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

2:58 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, September 24

2:17 p.m., Burglary, 3100 block California Ave.

6:13 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, California Ave./E. 27th St.

6:23 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Walnut Ave./E. Willow St.

7:47 p.m., Person with a knife, California Ave./E. Burnett St. (suspect arrested)

Friday, September 25

5:43 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.

10:11 p.m., DUI, E. Willow St./Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, September 26

6:03 a.m., Prowler, 2400 block Lewis Ave. (suspect arrested)

11:49 a.m., Burglary, 3100 block California Ave.

7:00 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)

Sunday, September 27

3:02 a.m., Burglary, 1100 block E. Willow St.

7:39 a.m., Auto burglary, 3300 block Walnut Ave.

8:26 a.m., Auto burglary, 3300 block Myrtle Ave.

8:47 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 1200 block E. Wardlow Rd.

4:20 p.m., DUI, 1900 block Freeman Ave.

6:12 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 1800 block St. Louis Ave.

Monday, September 28

4:28 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2100 block Cherry Ave.

Tuesday, September 29

9:09 a.m., Battery, Obispo Ave./E. 20th St.

2:55 p.m., Battery, 900 block Nevada St.

4:25 p.m., Identity theft, 900 block Nevada St.

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**TST8252 Case No. 26LBCP00303
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Cory Matthew Mellor and Lisa Yonn, on behalf of Goku Mellor for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Cory Matthew Mellor and Lisa Yonn, on behalf of Goku Mellor, has filed a petition withthis court for a decree changing names as follows:Present Name: Cory Matthew Mellor Proposed Name: Cory Mathuin Present Name: Goku Mellor Proposed Name: Goku Mathuin 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall 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: October 23, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. S28. The address of the court is the same as 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, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. September 18, 25, & October 2, 9, 2026 ___/ss//___Gary Tokumori, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: Sep 11, 2026

**TST8253 / 2026 188129
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: AN DELUXE, 14515 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA. 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: AN DELUXE LLC,14515 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA. 90650. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MARIA E GODINEZ,PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 07/2026. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Sep 01, 2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date.The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: September 18, 25, & October 2, 9, 2026

**TST8263 Case No. 26LBCP00319
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Marvin Edselle Poquiz for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Marvin Edselle Poquiz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Marvin Edselle Poquiz Proposed Name: Marvin Edselle Poquiz Centeno 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall 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: November 12, 2026; Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept. S28. The address of the court is the same as 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, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026 ___/ss//___Gary Tokumori, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: /Sep 23, 2026

**TST8265 / 2026 207592
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: RC SQUARED INVESTIGATIONS, 4224 OSTROM AVENUE, Lakewood, CA. 90713. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ROBERT C. CRAVENS, 4224 OSTROM AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CA. 90713. Stateof Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ROBERT C. CRAVENS, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 05/2022. This statement was filedwith the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 9/29/2026. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of

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Pet of the week:
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LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TST8256
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF DEDICATION EASEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Long Beach Unified School District (“District”), at its regular board meeting to be held on October 7, 2026, at 5 p.m. in the District Administration Building located at 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach, CA 90810, will consider dedicating an easement to Southern California Edison Company for electrical utility and communications system facilities. The easement will allow Southern California Edison Company to construct, use, maintain, operate, alter, add to, repair, replace, reconstruct, inspect, and removeelectrical supply and communication systems and related appurtenant facilities within the designated area as described in the Grant of Easement. Said proposed easement will be located on a portion of the District’s Washington Middle School located at 1450 Cedar Ave, Long Beach, CA 90813.

Questions and/or comments should be directed to David Miranda, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities & Operations at (562) 997-7550.

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EVENTS

Our Halloween calendar for frightful, delightful fun

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

There's no chill in the air quite yet, but it is indeed the start of spooky season in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

Beloved traditions will return, like the 30th annual Historical Cemetery Tour and Signal Hill's family-friendly Halloween Carnival and Ghostly Gus scavenger hunt. New attractions promise frightful fun too, like Dolores' weekly movie night and The Wicked Wolf's pumpkin carving parties.

Break out the calendars, text the group chat and bookmark this page to curate your month of Halloween fun. The Signal Tribune will continue to promote fun events throughout the season with our weekly Around Town roundups and see our preview of this year's Dark Harbor on pages 1 and 4.

Recurring

All Month: Ghostly Gus. Signal Hill's favorite friendly ghost returns for his annual scavenger hunt. Residents can search for Gus around the city, in local businesses, government buildings and landmarks, with the hope of filling their scavenger card for a special treat. Scavenger cards can be printed from the City's website.

Every Monday: Movie Night. Long Beach's freakiest movie night takes place every Monday throughout the year at The 4th Horseman (121 W. Fourth St.). Curated by Nick Cruse, this evening



Jorge Hernandez | Signal Tribune

A vintage Ford with pumpkins perched on the hood is parked with other decorated vehicles at Signal Hill's annual Halloween Carnival on Oct. 25, 2025.

offers an all-night happy hour, a special introduction before the film and a variety of horror classics from the darkest corners of cinema. Ease your fear with handcrafted, cleverly-named and creatively concocted pizzas (vegan options included), craft beer, wine and a wide array of classic arcade games. Films play from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursdays in October: Nightmare on 4th Street. Enjoy spooky food, fun treats and tasty drinks from a new menu along with Halloween classic films at Dolores (2105 Fourth St.). Movies will begin at 7 p.m. every week and will be screened on their surround sound system and new state-of-the-art projector. Films on the slate include

"Death Becomes Her," "Practical Magic," "Beetlejuice," "Scream," "The Craft" and "Halloween." Reserve your table at the link in the bio @doloreslbc.

Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 2 - 17 - Whisper in the Walls. Step inside one of Long Beach's historic homes for a special tour of the haunted Bembridge House (953 N. Park Circle). History will whisper, shadows will stir and rooms will unveil their secrets to the brave souls who enter. On your chosen night, you will step through the doors and join a small group of fellow explorers (six to eight at a time) guided by lantern light through shadowed staircases, haunted rooms and the attic where the whispers grow

loudest. Refreshments will also be available for purchase in the spooky garden. Tours will run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and run around every 20 minutes. Attendees who miss their slotted time will not be refunded. Purchase tickets for \$12 on Eventbrite, where you can find additional parking details.

One Day Only

Oct. 5 - Pumpkin Carving Party. Explore your inner artist by partying and decorating pumpkins while sipping on delicious crafted cocktails and mocktails inside the splendor of The Wicked Wolf (1332 Pacific Ave.) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A \$25 ticket purchase includes a cocktail, a medium pumpkin and all supplies needed to carve. It's not a competition, but there will be prizes! Purchase tickets on The Wicked Wolf's website. There will be another edition of this event specifically for singles on Oct. 18 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 6 - Horror Trivia. Long Beach's famed gothic pizza parlor and bar, The 4th Horseman (121 W. Fourth St.), is reviving its Horror Trivia nights, not only in October but throughout the year for true horror fans. Test your knowledge of classics, cult favorites and new-age films and icons for the chance for your group to win tickets to this year's Queen Mary Dark Harbor festivities. Trivia begins at 7 p.m.; entry is free and open only to those 21 and older.

Oct. 10 - Halloween Block Party. The Parkview Village (5423

E. Village Road) is hosting a huge Halloween bash featuring 40+ vendors, DJ Zombie, a Captain Jack Sparrow photo op, trick-or-treat opportunities and two costume contests, one for humans and one for pets. The human costume contest begins at noon and the pet costume contest begins at 1 p.m.

Oct. 10 - Second Saturdays.

Long Beach's East Village Arts District is hosting its monthly street activation to encourage residents to walk the neighborhood and get to know their local businesses. Visitors can enjoy trick-or-treating from all participating businesses on First Street between Elm and Linden Avenues (no age limit), as well as vinyl DJ sets, flash tattoos, local vendors, tarot and more.



Scan to read the full roundup online at sigtrib.com ... if you dare

SPORTS

Despite championship loss, Coast outlook is trending up



Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Cooper Vest, Long Beach Coast right fielder, (right) rushes to the Coast dugout as shortstop Jacob Jablonski (left) puts on the Long Beach Coast chain on Sept. 10, 2026. Vest's home run propelled the Coast to a 5-1 victory against the Modesto Roadsters in game one of the PBL playoffs at Blair Field.

Joshua Min
Sports Reporter

It's never easy for a new professional baseball team to win immediately. Instead of building upon prior seasons, everything is built from scratch – from the coaching staff to the players. Results can be unpredictable when a new roster comes together and has little time to build chemistry, but the Long Beach Coast front office managed to bridge that gap.

Fifteen Coast players played together as members of the Idaho Falls Chukars last year. The Chukars reached the Championship Series in 2025 and held a 2-0 series lead, but lost to the Oakland Bal-lers in five games. The first five hitters in the Chukars' Game 5 lineup played pivotal roles for the Coast in

2026. If you had to gut one team's roster, the squad that led the Pioneer Baseball League (PBL) in batting average, on-base percentage and slugging percentage might be a good start.

The cherry on top, however, was signing the manager who coached all of those players: Troy Percival. Percival's arrival had extra significance, considering he was an elite closer for the geographically closest MLB team, the then-Anaheim Angels, and recorded the final out in the team's 2002 World Series-clinching victory.

A year after that PBL Championship Series loss, Percival brought his corps back to the same stage. Unfortunately, his squad came up short again, this time in a two-game sweep against the Billings Mustangs.

Percival brought big-league names on his coaching staff. His hitting coach was Troy Glaus, the Angels' 2002 World Series MVP and 11-year Major Leaguer Jerome Williams was the pitching coach. Many of the team's players credited the coaching staff with their development throughout the season.

Despite the final result, the Coast should be proud of their inaugural season, especially after reaching some high marks.

After an ordinary 3-3 start, the Coast vaulted into contender status by winning 22 of their next 25 games. During that span, Long Beach averaged 10.08 runs per game while allowing 5.6 and their three losses came by one run.

That stretch helped the team clinch the first-half pennant and secure home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs. They did, however, finish a half game back behind the Mustangs for the top overall record, which awarded home-field advantage in the Championship Series to Billings.

However, the race for next year's title has added another competitor – Orange County Baseball Club.

That set the stage for the biggest win of the season, which occurred during the first round of the Pioneer League Playoffs at Blair Field, the Coast's first-ever playoff game and it came down to a game 3 win-or-go-home match against the

Modesto Roadsters. The Coast rose to the occasion and beat the Roadsters 6-3 to send the Coast to the championship.

The second half of the season saw individual players get their shine.

Outfielder Eddy Pelc transformed into a prototypical leadoff hitter, breaking the PBL record for walks in a season. His 120 walks shattered the old record of 86, which stood for 55 years.

Outfielder Emilio Corona displayed a rare combination of power and speed by hitting 27 home runs and stealing 50 bases. In addition to leading the league in stolen bases, he became the first player in PBL history to record a 25/50 season.

Closer Zach Voelker shut down opposing offenses with 71 strikeouts over 51 innings and a league-record 22 saves.

The star power was good enough to propel this team to the Championship Series.

Now they just have to build off of it.

However, the race for next year's title has added another competitor – Orange County Baseball Club.

Starting next year, the PBL will expand to include a team based in Irvine, which has yet to be officially named. This addition places a second team in Southern California, setting up a natural rivalry between the two clubs.

A Farewell to Arms

Per PBL eligibility rules, players on an active roster shall have completed no more than two prior years of professional baseball experience. As one of the older teams in the league, the Coast will be affected by these rules to some degree. Each

club is allowed to designate one position player and one pitcher as "franchise players" as an exception.



Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Third baseman Benjamin Rosengard (top) and starting pitcher Gary Grosjean are among the Long Beach Coast players with maximum service time.

Notable names who have accrued the maximum service time include Jacob Jablonski (SS/OF), Benjamin Rosengard (3B), Steven Ordorica (RHP) and Gary Grosjean (RHP).

Percival, who has a large voice in personnel decisions, has a keen eye for talent. Even with the potential loss of impact players, the seasoned PBL manager has a proven track of bringing in talent to his squad. In back-to-back seasons, Percival has managed and lost the final game of the PBL calendar, but it's a matter of when, not if, his club will be the last one standing.

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