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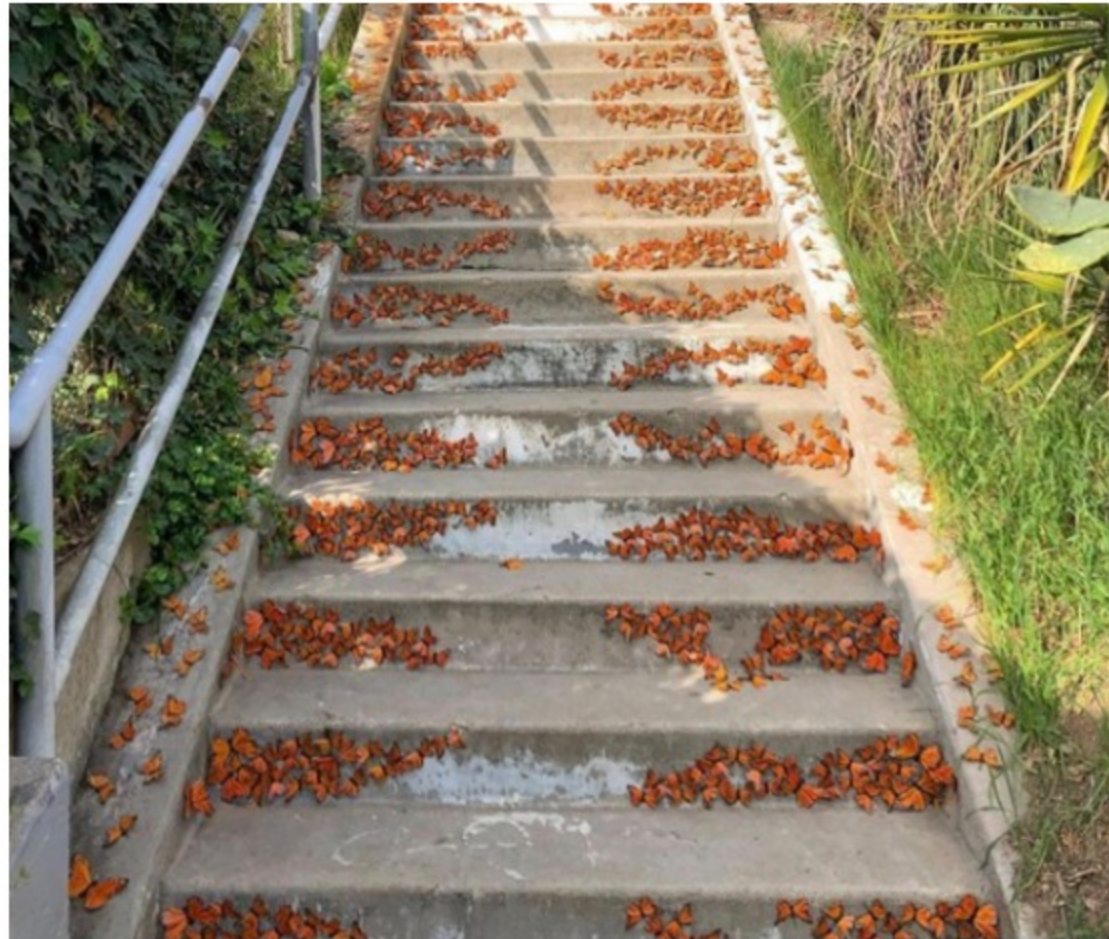
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This Weekend: Butterflies Alight on Silver Lake Stairs

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Los Angeles based Mexican artist and photographer Olivia Barrionuevo will bring her installation “The Monarch” to Silver Lake this weekend, bringing thousands of butterflies to perch on the neighborhood’s iconic public staircase off Riverside Drive.

Attendees will learn about the Monarch butterfly’s natural habitat and migration, as well as explore themes of environmental awareness, migration and human rights.

According to a media release about the event, the Silver Lake site was chosen due to its intimate nature and its similarity to a monarch butterfly sanctuary, despite being located in a city. Additionally, it is close to surrounding public schools, making it easy for students to visit the installation and interact with the butterflies.

“The project flies by itself,” Barrionuevo said. “I identify a lot with it, as my entire family are immigrants as well.”

The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Department of Cultural Affairs of Los Angeles, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC), the SLNC’s Green Committee and Arts and Culture Committee, Silver Lake Improvement and Silver Lake Stairs.

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