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Jack Merrill's one man show 'The Save' is a 100 percent must see

SCOTT SNOWDEN
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You might not know the name Jack Merrill, but chances are you've probably heard of the name John Wayne Gacy. And while that connection is not the only major event in his life, it's as good a place as any to serve as an introduction to the frankly incredible life of Jack Merrill.

Merrill comes from a family who worked hard to create an seemingly-enviable life in prosperous Evanston, Illinois. However, he managed to flee his abusive homelife and through the support of his friends and his boyfriend — a relationship that presented its own set of problems in the late 70s — he finished high school after being unofficially adopted by his neighbors and left Evanston behind, diving headfirst while still a teenager into Chicago's exploding disco and underground gay scene.

"My father was Jerome Holtzman," Merrill says, adding, "Yeah, I changed my name. He was a baseball journalist and he was the official historian for Major League Baseball from 1999 until he died in 2008. He's in the Baseball Hall of Fame."

Merrill's one man show is called, "The Save," a term that has become common in today's everyday parlance, but it was Merrill's father that actually coined the term.

"It's a statistic in professional baseball now … Let's say that somebody starts a game, like a pitcher, and they don't do that well, then a relief pitcher comes in and actually holds the lead or wins the game, right? It used to be that the starting pitcher got the win. And baseball loves statistics," Merrill said.

"So he'd want to make sure they know who won that game, right? And my dad realized that they weren't getting their due, so he came up with the idea in 1959 and it was officially adopted as a statistic in 1969."

However, as Merrill puts it, his father just wasn't interested in actually raising any of his children and there were five back then, Merrill and four sisters. Despite growing up in a three story mansion with seven bedrooms on Sherman Avenue, he sought parental guidance elsewhere.

"I didn't get along with my dad or my mom. My mom had a narcissistic personality disorder and an interesting brand of Munchausen by proxy, in a way," Merrill said. "When I was 16 years old, I got in a fist fight with my dad on Christmas Eve, left the house and moved in with the family down the block, which, without a doubt saved me."

He finished high school and moved into his own apartment in downtown Chicago on his 18th

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ENRICHING: Merrill's show will provoke some contemplation.

Samohi students pair with clinic for voting awareness campaign

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

With the constant advertising and social media fighting going on around the 2024 election cycle, everything can feel too big for some people. Even something as simple as casting your ballot can feel like a tall task through all the noise, leading to a local initiative to empower voters to take action on the individual level.

On Tuesday, the Venice Family

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Photo by Thomas Leffler

VOTING: Samohi seniors Sage Lima and Felicity Stone were at the Venice Family Clinic Tuesday as part of their Get Out the Vote campaign.

Locals to stroll against food insecurity this weekend

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A beautiful beachside venue in Santa Monica isn't just an excuse for a Sunday stroll, it's a movement to secure a core resource for Westside residents.

Starting at 1 p.m. with pre-walk festivities, the Westside Food Bank's Hunger Walk returns Sunday for its 34th year, raising awareness for the ongoing hunger crisis in Los Angeles County. The 5K "course" along the Santa Monica beach begins and ends at Ocean View Park, where locals can take part in pre and post-walk activities.

The nonprofit has raised $62,800 of its $150,000 event fundraising goal as of Oct. 30, with every $5 providing 20 meals for food insecure residents. Now going over three decades strong, Westside Food Bank President and CEO Genevieve Riutort is grateful for the signature event's continued support.

"It's really wonderful, I love how much this event brings the community together," Riutort said. "We get people who come year after year, as well as people who (will)

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Howl-o-ween on Main St. & More Halloween Happenings

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Howl-o-ween on Main St., lots of other Halloween happenings, and much more!

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 – 6:00 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 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Montana Ave. from 6th - 17th Streets. https://www.instagram.com/p/DAt6UOlJ4oV/

SaMo Pier Dia de los Muertos Celebration: This two-day event features free, family-friendly programming, community altars, and the interactive "Letters of Life" installation. Friday, Nov. 1, 5:00 - 8:00p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2, 5:00 - 10:00p.m. https://www.santamonicapier.org/diadelosmuertos

Main Street HOWLOWEEN Event & Pet Costume Contest: Enjoy a spooktacular afternoon at the annual Main St. HOWL-O-WEEN event. Dress up your furry friend in their best costume and enter the Costume Contest for a chance to win some fang-tastic prizes. Additional activities: Face Painting Pet Photo Booth Pet Adoption by: theyari.org Pet-Approved Vendors Performances by: Sophie Dance West & Lincoln Middle

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DOGS: The annual Howl-O-Ween on Main Street headlines the local holiday offerings.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Attacks and name calling

Editor:

"We're all neighbors," Mayor Brock said. "We should act as if we're all neighbors."

Such was a quote in a recent Opinion piece in the SMDP by Devan Sipher. Acting as neighbors has many options – Hatfields & McCoys feud lasted almost thirty years and more than a dozen were killed, North & South Civil War lasted four years and 600,000 died. So the actions of neighbors can sometimes be "inappropriate."

Sipher describes the current atmosphere in Santa Monica as " 'brittle.' There's a fragility and a sharpness to our reactions." I would agree to a certain validity of the description. For the first time in nearly forty years the dominant political power in Santa Monica is being challenged. After a surprise election four years ago when the old was challenged partially, the 2024 election could result in an over turn of the Old SM Political Power. If the Santa Monica Safety Coalition wins – Brock, de la Torre, Roknian, Putnam – there could be major changes throughout the entire city government and its management.

The various attacks and name calling at the most recent City Council meeting were to be expected. How does any Council Member sit idly by after being accused of being a racist or antisemite? To not "Punch back" would be political suicide. Just ask John Kerry, who in the 2004 Election let the Swift Boat attacks on his military service remain unanswered effectively for almost a month.

Politics is not now and never has been for the weak or feint of heart. It just seems this year the anger, vitriol, and viciousness of the National election has seeped into our local Santa Monica elections. Not a pretty site, but not surprising. Hopefully it will not continue into the new year because at the end of the day WE are ALL SANTA MONICANS.

John Medlin, Santa Monica

Smears against Oscar

Editor:

As a concerned Santa Monica resident, I've been digging into the recent smear campaign against incumbent city council candidate Oscar de la Torre. What I've uncovered is deeply troubling: a developer-funded PAC is attempting to destroy Oscar's career with baseless accusations of anti-Semitism.

The "Streets For All" PAC, primarily funded by Todd Wexman, a major LA developer, has been running ads painting Oscar de la Torre as anti-Semitic. Wexman's company, 4Site Real Estate, has a history of controversial projects, including the "Cha Cha Cha" condo development in East Hollywood – named after the beloved Caribbean restaurant they displaced, a move former owners called "a slap in the face".

Wexman's firm has been gobbling up properties across L.A., with major projects in Lincoln Heights, Westlake, Silver Lake, and Echo Park. In Lincoln Heights alone, they're planning a massive 100-unit residential complex with a 100-room hotel. It makes you wonder: what plans does he have for Santa Monica?

The allegations against Oscar de la Torre stem from two people: Jon Kean and Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, who were both themselves part of a 2021 school board recall effort because they were accused of "serious malfeasance," including corruption and Brown Act violations. Ironic, isn't it?

What all this tells us is the big money around the establishment slate (Dan, Ellis, Barry, Natalya) are not just trying to win an election. They're attempting to destroy Oscar's entire career with unfounded accusations of anti-Semitism. Dan Hall, who's running against Oscar, has remained silent on these smear tactics. Given Dan works for Amazon in diversity and inclusion, you'd think he'd speak out against this kind of character assassination against a minority candidate like Oscar. But now you know Dan has sold his soul just like everyone else on his slate - Ellis Raskin, Barry Snell, and Natalya Zernitskaya.

We must ask ourselves: Is this the democracy we want? Where money talks and truth walks? Do we really want city council members who rode to victory on a wave of smears and lies? Are we going to let thinly sourced character assassination masquerade as progressive values? It's time to stand up against these dirty tactics and demand integrity in our local politics. Santa Monica's future depends on it.

Michael Thompson, Santa Monica

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Santa Monica Daily Press editor@smdp.com



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **59.4**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR* | **SURF:** Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Looks like a small surf day at this point but light wind/clean conditions and pleasant weather due. Maybe a fun little day for the groms or the big boards. Fading NW and SSW swells.

FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR* | **SURF:** Knee to thigh 1-2FT

Watching for a possible rebound in steep-angled NW swell, building through the day. Small SSW swell mixes in. Local conditions looking to be OK for now for at least the AM.

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 66. Light and variable wind becoming south southwest 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 51. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)	High/Low
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2024/10/31	Thu	08:56 AM	5.72		H
2024/10/31	Thu	3:41 PM	0.17		L
2024/10/31	Thu	9:48 PM	4.11		H
2024/11/01	Fri	02:59 AM	1.76		L
2024/11/01	Fri	09:15 AM	5.85		H
2024/11/01	Fri	4:13 PM	-0.02		L
2024/11/01	Fri	10:25 PM	3.90		H
2024/11/02	Sat	03:19 AM	2.03		L
2024/11/02	Sat	09:37 AM	5.91		H
2024/11/02	Sat	4:48 PM	-0.10		L
2024/11/02	Sat	11:07 PM	3.65		H
2024/11/03	Sun	02:39 AM	2.30		L
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21 27 32 48 67
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 39 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 10/29
16 22 26 36 56
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 281 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 10/26
2 8 10 36 46
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 35 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/29
9 18 23 30 34

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/29
EVENING: 6 7 9
Draw Date: 10/29
MIDDAY: 0 9 0

Daily Derby
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2nd: 04 - Big Ben
3rd: 07 - Eureka
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RFP questions to be submitted to via OpenGov, no later than **3:00PM on November 13, 2024.**

Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov, no later than **3:00PM. on November 28, 2024.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

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AROUND TOWN

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School Choir. After the contest, grab some popcorn and settle in for a special outdoor screening of the original Ghostbusters. Sunday, Nov. 3, Ashland Hill Parking Lot, 2807 Main St. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/main-street-howloween-costume-contest-and-movie-on-the-street-tickets-1049022653997

Main St. Halloween Movie on the Street - Ghostbusters: This year's movie (as voted by the community) is the original Ghostbusters (1984). Lincoln Middle School Madrigals will kick off the evening at 5:45pm with a 15 minute medley of Halloween carols before a showing It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown, followed by the original Ghostbusters! The movies and popcorn are free, but *BYO whatever else you want (food, drink, lawn chairs, blankets). Sunday, Nov. 3, Ashland Hill Parking Lot, 2807 Main St. Click here to RSVP to the movie and/or pet costume contest.

Westside Food Bank's Hunger Walk: Proceeds from the free walk will benefit those experiencing food insecurity in Los Angeles County. Based in Santa Monica, Westside Food Bank aims to end hunger in our community by providing those in need with access to free, nutritious food. The 5K begins at noon and all participants will receive a free t-shirt and swag bag. Sunday, Nov. 3, 12:00p.m., Ocean View Park 2701 Barnard Way https://my.wsfb.org/event/34th-annual-5k-hunger-walk/e575986

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

EaterLA Profiles Orla, Chef Michael Mina's New Santa Monica Restaurant: "Chef Mina explores Egyptian and Mediterranean food inside the new Regent Santa Monica Beach resort "serving an ambitious Egyptian-Middle Eastern menu from the Egypt-born chef." "With its striking view of the Pacific, it will likely become Santa Monica's new hot spot for oceanside fine dining." 1700 Ocean Ave. https://la.eater.com/2024/10/15/24271215/orla-restaurant-seafood-egypt-mediterranean-middle-east-michael-mina-restaurant-opening-santa-monica

Halloween at the Edgemar: Enjoy some thrilling surprises and a party atmosphere, in addition to regular dinner service, set in an original 1928 bowstring truss warehouse space further developed by Frank Gehry in the 1980's, including Special $10 cocktail menu all-night, additional off-menu surprise beverages, best dressed contest, and a DJ spinning all-night along with ongoing later evening programming. https://www.instagram.com/edgemar.restaurant/

Halloween Pre-Game Party at The Rose Venice: Guests can enjoy chilling music, festive treats and a costume contest to kick off Halloween on Thursday, Oct. 31, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. $40 admission includes passed appetizers and two craft cocktails. 220 Rose Ave. https://www.exploretock.com/therosevenice/event/506579/the-roses-spooktacular-halloween-pre-game-event

Halloween Murder on the Dance Floor Party at Gran Blanco: $130 includes open bar, light bites, and more. Thursday, Oct. 31, 8:00 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, 6:00 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

Wanderlust Creamery x Williams Sonoma Ice Cream Demo Event: Wanderlust Creamery owner, Adrienne Borlongan is hosting an ice cream demo and book talk at the Williams Sonoma at 1600 Montana Ave. on Friday, Nov. 1 at 6pm. Adrienne will walk everyone through her Chicha Morada ice cream recipe, chat about her book, and hand out Wanderlust scoops! https://wanderlustcreameryevent.squadup.com/

Luke's Lobster Opens in Downtown SaMo: It is serving its signature lobster, crab, and shrimp rolls, along with side dishes like poppyseed slaw, kettle chips, and soups, along with drinks from local craft breweries Crown & Hops and Three Weavers. 200 Santa Monica Blvd. https://lukeslobster.com/pages/santa-monica

Further Afield: Día de los Muertos Family Day at LA Plaza de Cutura y Artes: Remember deceased loved ones by building ofrendas adorned with photos, candles, marigold flowers and more at this family event with a wind music band, Oaxacan folk dancers and authentic foods such as tamales, tacos, pan de muerto, mole and hot chocolate. Friday & Saturday, Nov. 1-2, 501 N Main St. https://lapca.org/event/dia-de-los-muertos-family-day-free-3/

Looking Ahead: Ice at Santa Monica (11/9 - 1/20); Main St. Holiday Party & Tree Lighting (12/8)

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FOOD BANK

FROM PAGE 1

come for the very first time this year. We're expecting a record turnout ... and it just means so much that people want to come back and do this event."

She added that the organization has ramped up its pre-walk festivities this year, including giving out free swag bags, having a family fun zone, and including both a raffle and silent auction with a number of prizes. The silent auction in particular will be for two hotel staycation packages provided by Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows and The Culver Hotel.

The pre-walk will be hosted by Good Day LA anchor Brooke Thomas, while the post-walk "Beach Bash After-Party" is a partnership with sponsor Perry's Cafe, who will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie and salad options for those looking for a meal on the beach.

Riutort stated that because of the nature of the food bank, the free family-friendly walk was a better option than a traditional gala setting with a fancy meal, which "didn't seem to be in alignment" with the food bank's goals.

"We have families that have grown up with the bank, and so we wanted our signature event to be something that everybody could attend, whether they are someone who receives food at one of our member agencies or someone who can write a big check and wants to bring their kids along," Riutort said. "We just wanted this event to be accessible to the entire community."

Accessibility is a core tenant of the food bank, which serves 72,000 households around the Westside and provided over 4.1 million meals during the 2022-23 fiscal year. Events like the Hunger Walk come at a crucial time for the nonprofit, with Riutort stating that food insecurity is "still at an all-time high in Los Angeles County," especially with COVID-19 pandemic-era supports now nonexistent.

"We're trying to cope with much more demand, both at our direct service pantries and at our member agencies, and we have fewer resources to do that with, because our funding is also down compared to during COVID," she added. "So our operations, thankfully, have grown, we more than doubled in just about every way, but we're struggling to keep up."

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>
> - Genevieve Riutort, Westside Food Bank President and CEO

On top of growing operations in its coverage area, the food bank recently partnered with RAND Corporation for a study on "the landscape of food insecurity" in Los Angeles County, with the main takeaway being that the organization may have to expand to the south and east to tackle more underserved areas.

Along with the Hunger Walk, the food bank will be a part of two key December local events. The Santa Monica Pub Crawl returns on Dec. 14, with over 20 local restaurants and bars participating in a fundraiser. The next day, the food bank will partner with the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows for its annual "Meet Me Under the Fig Tree" event.

Tickets for the Beach Bash After-Party after Sunday's walk are $48. To purchase or get more information on the walk, visit wsfb.org.

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FOOD BANK: The Westside Food Bank's annual Hunger Walk takes place on Sunday.

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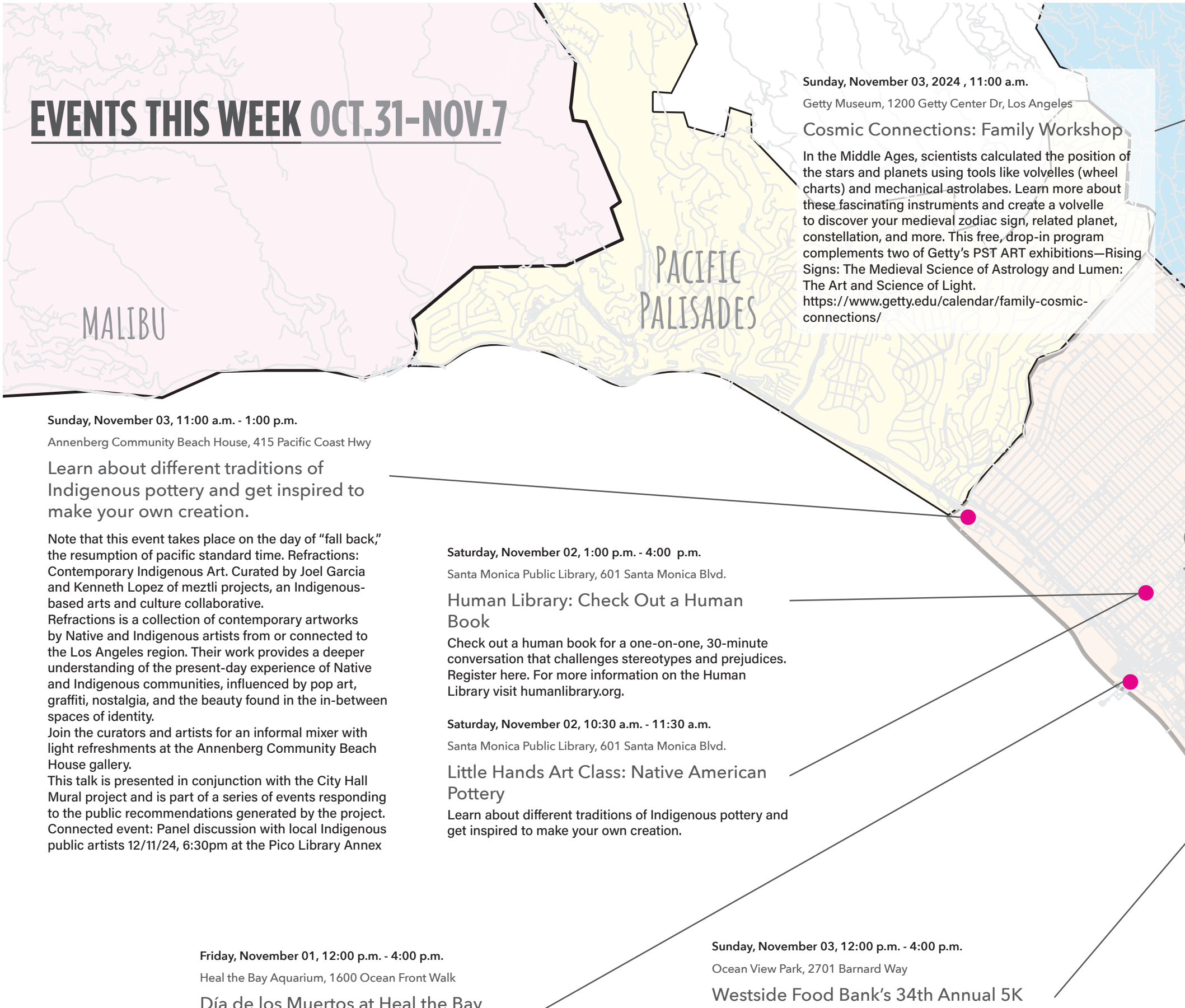
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https://www.getty.edu/calendar/family-cosmic-connections/

Sunday, November 03, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy

Learn about different traditions of Indigenous pottery and get inspired to make your own creation.

Note that this event takes place on the day of "fall back," the resumption of pacific standard time. Refractions: Contemporary Indigenous Art. Curated by Joel Garcia and Kenneth Lopez of meztli projects, an Indigenous-based arts and culture collaborative.
Refractions is a collection of contemporary artworks by Native and Indigenous artists from or connected to the Los Angeles region. Their work provides a deeper understanding of the present-day experience of Native and Indigenous communities, influenced by pop art, graffiti, nostalgia, and the beauty found in the in-between spaces of identity.
Join the curators and artists for an informal mixer with light refreshments at the Annenberg Community Beach House gallery.
This talk is presented in conjunction with the City Hall Mural project and is part of a series of events responding to the public recommendations generated by the project.
Connected event: Panel discussion with local Indigenous public artists 12/11/24, 6:30pm at the Pico Library Annex

Saturday, November 02, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Human Library: Check Out a Human Book

Check out a human book for a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation that challenges stereotypes and prejudices. Register here. For more information on the Human Library visit humanlibrary.org.

Saturday, November 02, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Little Hands Art Class: Native American Pottery

Learn about different traditions of Indigenous pottery and get inspired to make your own creation.

Friday, November 01, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk

Día de los Muertos at Heal the Bay Aquarium

Commemorate Día de los Muertos with Heal the Bay all weekend long. Visit the Aquarium to add a memento of your loved ones to our Día de los Muertos Ofrenda, create colorful Día de los Muertos crafts, and much more! Our Ofrendas will be displayed from November 1, 2024 through November 3, 2024, to commemorate this important cultural holiday.

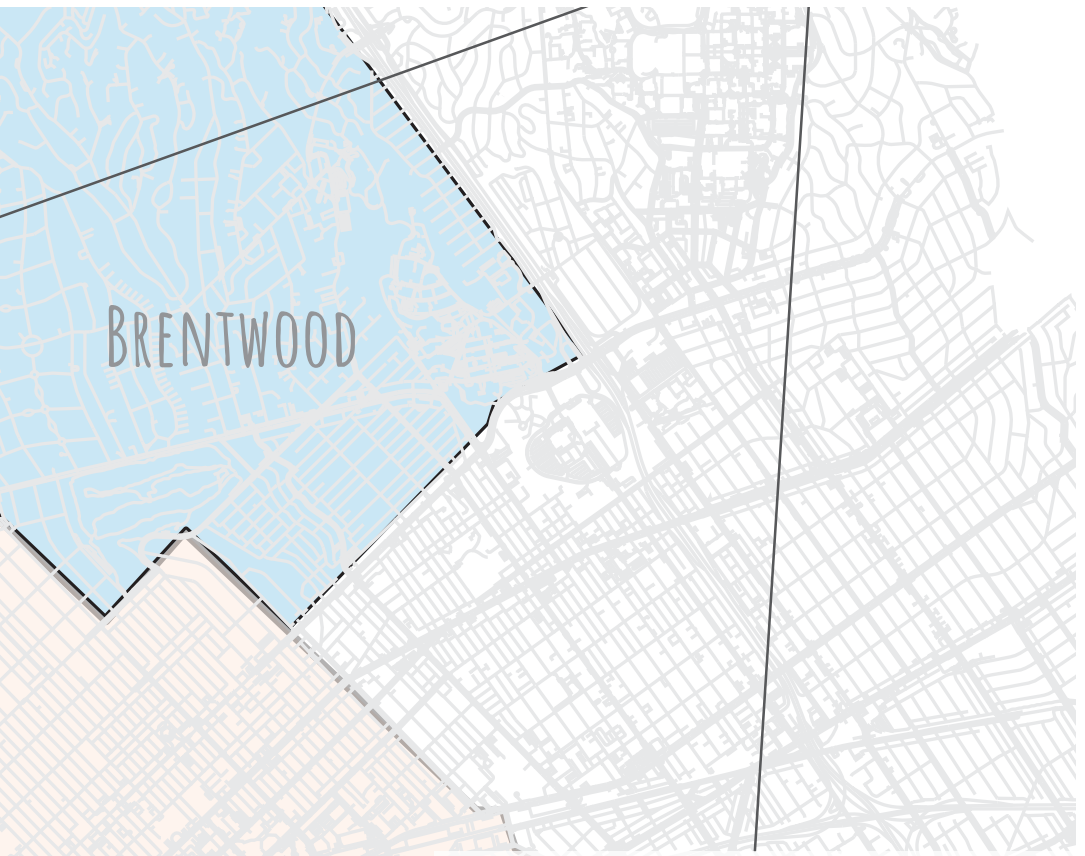
Sunday, November 03, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ocean View Park, 2701 Barnard Way

Westside Food Bank's 34th Annual 5K Hunger Walk

Mark your calendars for November 3rd, 2024, and join Westside Food Bank's 34th Annual 5K Hunger Walk! We're walking to make a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity in LA County. Registration is free, and all registered participants will receive a complimentary t-shirt and swag bag. There will be a pre-event program held at Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way, Santa Monica, CA), located right across the street from the beach. This year's event is extra special as Brooke Thomas, an anchor for Good Day LA, will be emceeing our pre-show. Following the walk, we host a ticket-only Beach Bash After-Party near the finish line. You can learn more and register individually or as a team at wsfb.org/hungerwalk. If you have any questions, please contact Westside Food Bank's Development Team at development@wsfb.org or 310-828-6016, ext. 32. Thank you, and we hope to see you there alongside us as we take strides toward a hunger-free community!
https://my.wsfb.org/event/34th-annual-5k-hunger-walk/e575986

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events



Saturday, November 02, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

James Bridges Theater, 235 Charles E Young Drive East

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How to fund & produce with expert guidance from Oscar nominated producer J. Todd Harris in this one-day, hands-on seminar.
Produce Your Feature Film: A Masterclass with Veteran Producer J. Todd Harris
Join acclaimed Hollywood and Broadway producer J. Todd Harris as he guides new and early-stage producers through the critical steps of producing a feature film. Whether you're in the early stages of raising financing or have already secured part of your funding, this comprehensive seminar will equip you with the essential tools to bring your project to life.
Key topics include:
Seed financing and sourcing investors
Commercially vetting your subject matter
Developing funding materials (sales and legal)
Hiring the right team: who, when, and how
Navigating contracts and production supervision
Film sales, distribution, and marketing in today's evolving landscape
For those interested in theatre production, we'll also cover the unique aspects of producing for the stage. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the industry's most respected producers. Whether you're new to producing or looking to take your career to the next level, this seminar offers practical, actionable insights to help you succeed.
$45 - $175
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THURSDAY | OCTOBER 31

TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE LIBRARY
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Youth Services Desk, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Come to the library in your Halloween costume on 10/31 for a spooky goody bag. For ages 3-17. While supplies last. Also at Pico and Montana branches from 12 - 8 p.m.

TRICK OR TREAT DOWNTOWN
3 - 6 p.m. 1200 Block, Third Street Promenade. Join for an all-ages Monster Mash with kid-friendly costumed characters, a mini pumpkin patch with free pumpkins (first come, first served), pumpkin decorating, face painting, photo ops and more. Dogs welcome.

SANTA MONICA PAL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR
5 - 8 p.m. PAL Youth Center, 1401 Olympic Blvd. Each year, the Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) creates a wonderful family-friendly free event and safe haven for the community on Halloween evening. Expect decorated rooms, trick-or-treat, games and prizes. Candy donations are still being accepted, for more information call 310-458-8988 or email pal@santamonica.gov.

SANTA MONICA HALLOWEEN NIGHT PUB CRAWL
6 p.m. - 2 a.m. Jameson's Pub, 2702 Main St. Go all out for Halloween in West LA's most famous bar hopping destinations. Registration runs from 6 - 10 p.m. at Jameson's Pub or Barney's Beanery, 1351 3rd St. Drink specials as low as $4 drafts, 2-for-1 specials and $5 shots. Go out with a band with VIP entry to exclusive free after-party at a location to be announced. Tickets $30, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-monica-halloween-night-pub-crawl-party-tickets-947020452667.

SHIPWRECK ON THE MILKY WAY
8 - 11 p.m. Del Vaz Projects, 259 19th St. Join Del Vaz Projects and Los Angeles Nomadic Division for an unforgettable haunted evening featuring an installation by Lucile Littot and performance by Adieu Dolorès. Gather with fellow art enthusiasts for a night of art and performance. Proceeds benefit LAND and Del Vaz Projects. Tickets $60, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/halloween-party-shipwreck-on-the-milky-way-tickets-1038440271807.

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 1

FIRST FRIDAY FOOD TRUCK FEST
5 - 9 p.m. 1525 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice. A fun and festive night on Abbot Kinney Boulevard in Venice. Chances are you will find whatever food you are craving, along with special merchant events.

SMC APPLIED MUSIC SHOWCASE
7:30 - 9 p.m. SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. Don't miss this fantastic concert performed by some of Santa Monica College's most accomplished music students. The eclectic program includes solo and group performances in diverse styles. Tickets $10, free with student ID. To purchase, visit: https://www.smc.edu/community/events/tickets.php.

ONE-WOMAN SHOW
9 - 11 p.m. Morgan-Wixson Theatre, 2627 Pico Blvd. After her first sold-out tour, Laura Laune returns to the stage with her "Glory Alleluia" one-woman show. Known for her assertive dark, hard-hitting writing and trashy, no-holds-barred universe, Laura continues to push the boundaries of irreverence with finesse and subtlety. Tickets $55-95, to purchase visit: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/piaff/1289117.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 2

NEUROSCIENCE NURSING SYMPOSIUM
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. LA Puglia, 1621 Wilshire Blvd. The annual Neuroscience Nursing Symposium is a one-day conference held in November each year that provides updates on new developments, evidence-based treatments, and the specialization of neuroscience in nursing practice. Tickets $40, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/15th-annual-neuroscience-nursing-symposium-tickets-1000805344727.

LITTLE HANDS ART CLASS
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Youth Activity Room, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Learn about different traditions of Indigenous pottery and get inspired to make your own creation. For ages 2-5.

HUMAN LIBRARY- CHECK OUT A HUMAN BOOK
1 - 4 p.m. Central Courtyard, Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Check out a human book for a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation that challenges stereotypes and prejudices. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/smpl-hosts-human-library-check-out-a-human-book-tickets-1016879954317.

ART IS HOPE EXHIBIT AND GALA
5:30 - 8 p.m. The Salvation Army Santa Monica, 1533 4th St. This unique exhibit will showcase photos taken by The Salvation Army of Santa Monica's homeless clients, senior residents, children in transitional living, and stunning artwork from local artists. Plus, a special appearance by a guest entertainer. To register or donate, visit: https://give-sc.salvationarmy.org/event/art-is-hope-exhibition-or-the-salvation-army-of-santa-monica/e626631.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 3

CONTEMPORARY INDIGENOUS ART EXHIBIT
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Event House Gallery, Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Refractions: Contemporary Indigenous Art is a collection of contemporary artworks by Native and Indigenous artists from or connected to the Los Angeles region. This exhibit is presented in conjunction with the City Hall Mural project as part of a series of events responding to the public recommendations and as a beginning to Phase II of the larger initiative.

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THE SAVE

FROM PAGE 1

birthday. Lying about his age, he worked in restaurants and nightclubs, making a half-decent living. And then, when he was 19, he was abducted and raped by a mass murderer.

John Wayne Gacy was an American serial killer and sex offender who raped, tortured, and murdered at least 33 young men and boys near Chicago, between 1972 and 1978. Gacy committed all of his known murders inside his ranch-style house and typically, he would lure victims to his home and dupe them into donning handcuffs on the pretext of demonstrating a magic trick. He would then rape and torture his victims before killing them by either asphyxiation or strangulation with a garrote. Gacy was eventually arrested in 1978 and executed by lethal injection in May 1994.

Merrill is almost nonchalant as he talks about this terrifying experience, saying, "I'm the only survivor out of anyone who encountered him in this way."

He was hanging out one night in a run-down part of a Chicago suburb that was popular with gay men at the time when he saw Gacy and was ultimately persuaded to get into his car.

"To cut a long story short, he chloroformed me in the car, I woke up in handcuffs and he took me back to his house. [Over the course of the night] he played mind games with me and he raped me … but because of having to deal with my mother when I was younger, I understood that I must not make him angry," he said.

"I didn't know he was a killer, although I knew he could hurt me for sure. But there were a lot of scary people around back then. I mean, I was a young kid who was desirable on a variety of levels and [some] guys were not cool."

To learn more about how Merrill managed to escape, you'll have to watch the show, but he absolutely, positively credits the fact that he is alive today down to his turbulent childhood.

"I wouldn't have come out of it right? I grew up with somebody extremely volatile and dangerous. And that's why, when people are shocked about how scary it must've been, I think 'you didn't grow up with my mom. You don't know what scary was.' I was frightened. And then I got to a point where I realized that I don't have to be scared," he said, adding, "I found confidence in my own decision making."

A few years later Merrill moved to New York City, where he lived for many years, graduating from New York University's School of Drama. His first job upon graduation was as David Mamet's assistant on the original Pulitzer-Prize winning Broadway production of Glengarry Glen Ross. He then became a founding member of the renowned Naked Angels Theatre Company where he performed in New York City for over a decade.

> I want people to come and see the show. I mean, I'm a writer and a performer and I'm proud of both. It's funny, if you want to be ultimately judged, write a show about your life and act in it, there's no stone uncovered
> - Jack Merrill

Living in West Village in Manhattan, he had a front row seat to the events of September 11, 2001. Merrill moved to Los Angeles after that, but returns to New York several times a year and he married his long term partner of 24 years just three years ago.

"I want people to come and see the show. I mean, I'm a writer and a performer and I'm proud of both. It's funny, if you want to be ultimately judged, write a show about your life and act in it, there's no stone uncovered," Merrill laughs.

"Everybody who sees the play says that the Gacy thing is a small part of it, right? But it was a small part of my life, it was one night, something that happened, that's all it was," he said.

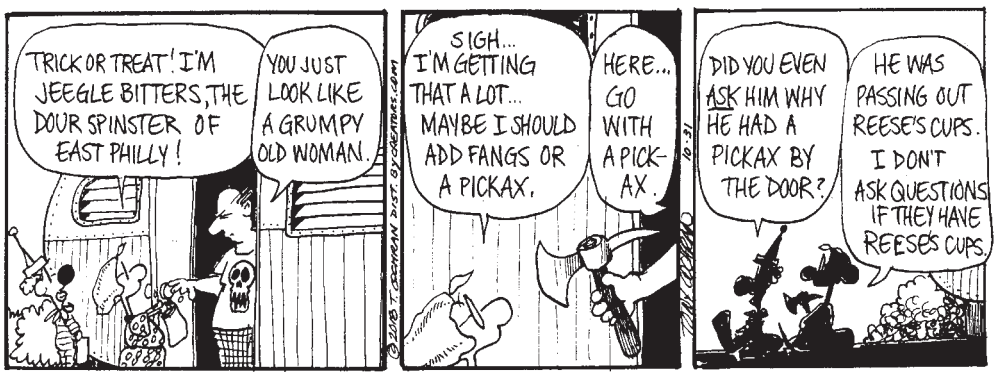
"The Save" is written by and stars Jack Merill, It's directed by Mike Reilly and is currently showing at The Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Ave. Call (310) 306-1854 for ticket information or email info@electriclodge.org. Alternatively, visit thesaveplay.com for more information.

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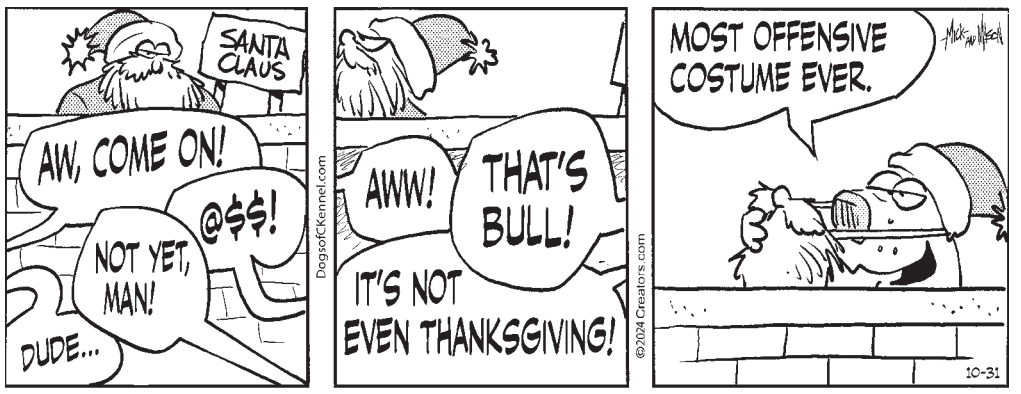
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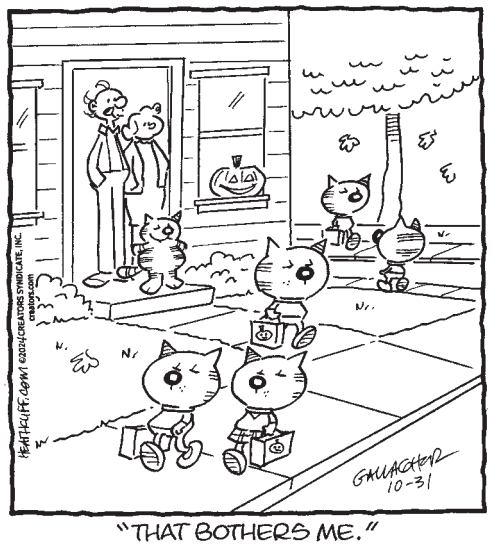
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"THAT BOTHERS ME."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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

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Apple	Corn	Grow	Plum
Arts	Cos	Gumbo	Quilt
Atlas	Dill	Hats	Raspberry
Axes	Doors	Herbs	Roots
Basil	Eggs	Jams	Skis
Beans	Electrical	Junk	Soap
Bike	Ferns	Leek	Spend
Burner	Figs	Lemon	Tacky
Cabinet	Find	Lime	Teas
Cage	Fish	Mint	
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 31)

You're a brilliant inventor in this year filled with fresh connections, a modernization of the old ways and the leveraging of past successes to tremendous effect. More highlights: You'll set hearts ablaze. Maybe it's not your aim, but your passion and enthusiasm spreads and suddenly everyone around you wants a piece of that energy. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 6, 45 and 12.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your best trick is the way you can decide who to be then declare and embody it with boldness and immediacy. Your best treat is the way you rise to an occasion and give of yourself even if you're privately unsure of how your effort will land.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your best trick is making others give you the very best that's available because you demand quality from the world. Your best treat is luxury that comes from these standards. People fulfill your orders in unexpected and delightful ways.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your best trick is an ongoing mission of playfulness which includes ribbing, flirting, flattery and the sort of teasing that lets people know you really see them. Your best treat is the sense that wherever you are, that's the cool crowd.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your best trick is reading the room like no one else, picking up on vibes before anyone says a word. Your best treat is the comfort you bring; people are drawn to your nurturing energy like a cozy blanket on a chilly night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your best trick is making people feel like they're the center of the universe... and it's because they are for the moments they have your attention! Your best treat is how your generosity of spirit starts the flow of whole-hearted love your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your best trick is spotting what's out of place and fixing it before anyone else even notices it's off. Your best treat is the deep sense of security you offer others when they know everything is handled, thanks to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your best trick is arranging harmony out of chaos — smoothing over even the fiddliest situations with a smile. Your best treat is the way you make people feel seen and appreciated, leaving them feeling like they're part of something beautiful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your best trick is your ability to see through masks and cut straight to the heart of any situation. Your best treat is the intensity you bring to relationships; people feel truly alive in your presence, like they've touched something powerful and real.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your best trick is the way you can turn any situation into an adventure, making the ordinary seem extraordinary. Your best treat is your contagious optimism; people love being swept up in your enthusiastic zest for life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your best trick is your strategic mind, always five steps ahead, building toward something magnificent. Your best treat is the sense of accomplishment and mastery you offer, making people feel like they can scale mountains just by being near you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your best trick is shaking up the status quo with innovative ideas that no one saw coming. Your best treat is the sense of freedom you inspire, encouraging people to embrace their quirkiest, most creative selves.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your best trick is blending seamlessly into any environment, moving between worlds with fluid grace. Your best treat is the deep emotional connection you offer; people find their souls nourished in your company.

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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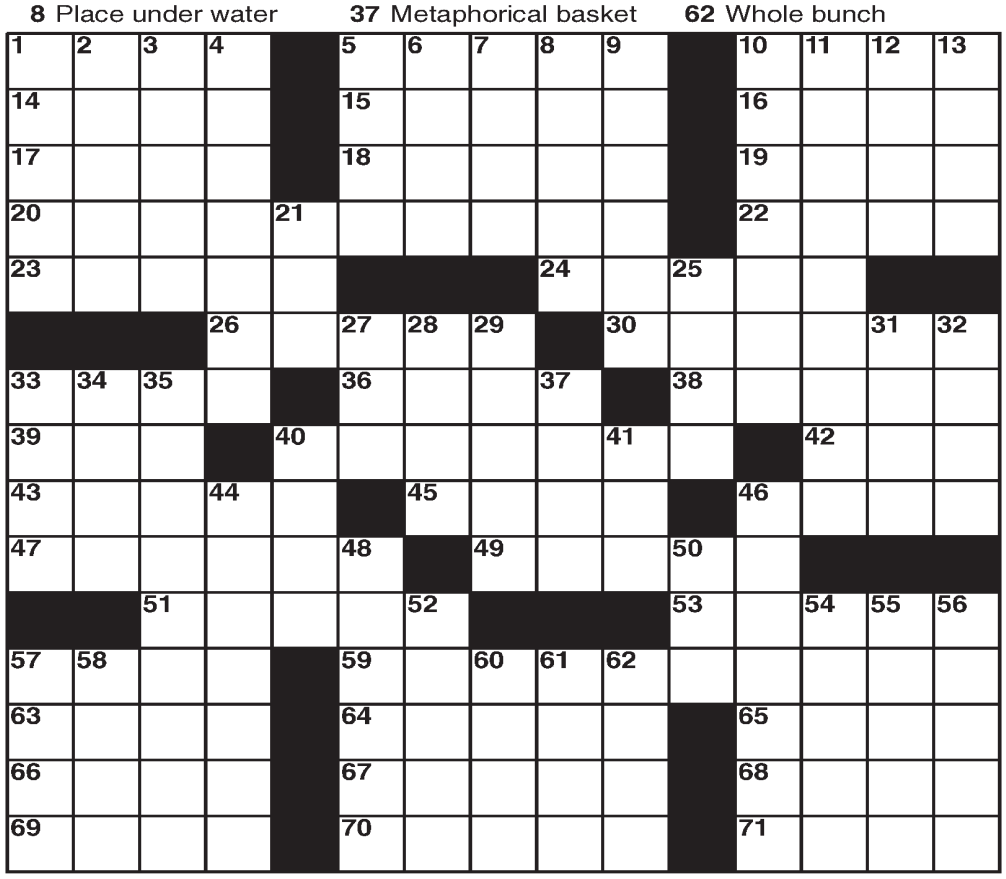
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17 Its flag has four crescents
18 Had in mind
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24 Bedevil
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30 Trisection sections
33 Charlie Brown shout
36 Sleuth's lead
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46 Hospital charts
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51 Religious doctrine
53 Auspices
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50 Little fella
52 Knee-length garment
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56 Shooting sport
57 Aftermath
58 "A likely story!"
60 Bowl org.
61 Barbell exercise
62 Whole bunch



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VOTING

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Clinic hosted a mobile vote center event in partnership with Santa Monica High School students, bringing voting access directly to clinic patients and local residents alike. Attendees were able to vote and receive same-day ballot assistance in person, with the event also featuring educational resources to help locals navigate the voting process.

The event is part of the clinic's "Vote for Your Health" initiative, with ongoing voter registration events at several clinic locations, such as Tuesday's event at the Chuck Lorre Rose Avenue Health & Wellness Center.

A nonprofit community health center serving 45,000 residents across Los Angeles County, the clinic stated that the campaign is aimed at educating and mobilizing community members to vote with "their health in mind," stating that voting at higher rates can improve health outcomes.

"We are deeply committed to our patients' well-being, and we believe that voting is a powerful tool for influencing the policies that impact health," Venice Family Clinic CEO Dr. Mitesh Popat said. "That's why we want to empower every member of our community with the resources and education to cast an informed vote - both for their own health, and the wellbeing of their neighbors."

With voting registration and ballot casting handled by Los Angeles County representatives, the clinic staff focuses on getting awareness out about the resources, particularly for the unhoused population. Clinic Community Outreach Coordinator Damian Diaz said that the people "who feel that they can't" vote are the ones who may want to take part the most.



Ryan Walker

VOTING: Groups of Samohi students assisted at a Venice Family Clinic mobile vote center on Tuesday..

"It's just having the right people that want to vote, building an opportunity for them to be able to do so, without them feeling marginalized and judged regardless of who they are, where they're from," Diaz added.

Supporting that notion were 30 Samohi students who helped out during the day, a mix of seniors in an American Government course and juniors in a US History course. The partnership is part of the sixth year of the clinic's Project-Based Learning Pathway program, engaging students in interactive experiences focused on civic engagement.

The Samohi "Get Out the Vote" project has been around the community this month assisting people in registration, as well as where and when they can vote in person or drop a ballot. The civic advocates are non-partisan, attempting to clear up any misunderstandings in the voting process.

"We're trying to reach people how to register to vote and how to get out the vote, so we're giving people resources on just how easy it is to vote and why it's so important that they actually do end up voting," Samohi senior Felicity Stone said.

The group began by making t-shirts and posters for election season, followed by learning about the propositions and measures on the state and local levels. They then spoke to residents about their voting plans, with some of the chats surprising Stone.

"A lot of people weren't sure where they could vote," she said. "They knew they were registered to vote, but they didn't have a plan on what they were going to do to vote ... there were some people that also didn't know that everybody in California received a mail-in ballot, and so that it was incredibly easy to just mail a (ballot) and that it only took 15 minutes."

While Stone noted that voting was at a healthy level in the November 2020 election, it's still important to participate in the process every time out, with fellow senior Sage Lima stating some of her peers want to boycott the election due to being "misinformed" or not agreeing with current voting systems.

"Obviously, we need more people ... to actually get out and vote, because it's very important," Stone said. "Our whole country is based on democracy and the people voting, so without voting, that's taking away your own power."

Diaz stated that the Samohi participation was "refreshing" and gave him "some hope in" Gen Z, with Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council's Anya Baroff sharing the sentiment while she worked alongside the students.

"They've been nothing but amazing, socially informed, empowered," Baroff said. "Seeing people who aren't even (at) voting age yet really taking the initiative to empower themselves and others has been nothing but inspiring."

The Venice Family Clinic will be holding another mobile voting center on Thursday at the Simms/Mann Health & Wellness Center at 2509 Pico Blvd. in Santa Monica. For more information about the "Vote for Your Health" initiative, visit venicefamilyclinic.org/voteforyourhealth/.

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SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Important: There is an Error on Ballots in Santa Monica and Malibu Regarding the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Facility Improvement Bond Measures QS and MM

Santa Monica area voters vote only on SMMUSD Bond Measure QS

Malibu and unincorporated area voters vote only on SMMUSD Bond Measure MM

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder / County Clerk (RR/CC) mistakenly included BOTH Measure QS and Measure MM on BOTH Santa Monica and Malibu ballots in error.

Measure QS pertains only to Santa Monica voters and schools. Measure MM pertains to only Malibu voters and schools.

The election for each measure will be determined by the voters in each area. Measure QS will be decided by the votes of Santa Monica voters. Measure MM will be decided by the votes of Malibu voters.

SMMUSD created two improvement/voting areas in 2018 for the purpose of addressing important school facility needs within the Santa Monica area, and separately, important school facility needs within the Malibu area. These areas are known as School Facilities Improvement District No. 1, encompassing Santa Monica ("Santa Monica Schools SFID") and School Facilities Improvement District No. 2, encompassing Malibu ("Malibu Schools SFID").

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