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Celebrating 10 Years of Culinary Excellence at Satdha Plant-Based Thai Kitchen

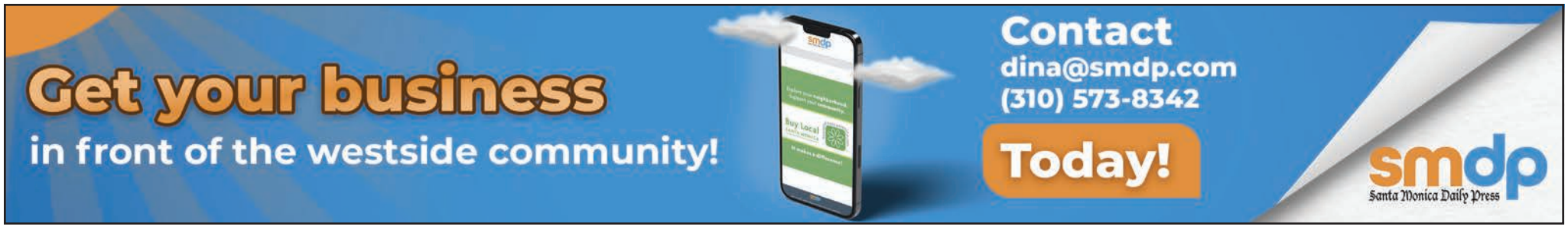


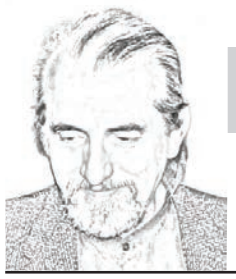
Local culinary institution Satdha Thai is celebrating a decade of delicious vegan dishes with a sense of gratitude for all the support they've received and optimism for the future of their beloved business.

The philosophy of a meal at Satdha is about more than just food, the proprietors want it to be a thrilling experience of fresh ingredients, new ideas, and great people. The gourmet, plant-based Thai restaurant located on Lincoln Blvd in Santa Monica is embodying that belief while celebrating

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ANTOINETTE DAMICO
SMDP intern





OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Connie Converse, Rossini, Django, Toledo, GN'R, Khatchaturian!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

"A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE " – OK folks, if you haven't caught this yet, you are really pushing your luck. It opened in mid-August, was extended through the first week of November, and now to Nov. 19. And they are still selling out shows; this weekend only the Sunday matinee is available (as I write this). It should have ended by now. And where would you be, if you missed it? Filled with lifelong regret. Cringing every time one of your friends started waxing nostalgic over it, and everyone else chimed in...oh yeah. Remember that scene...? Memorable theater is not easy to find, even in LA, but you don't have to go further than the Ruskin Group Theatre at our SM airport for this. Your memory of emotionally powerful yet nuanced lead Ray Abruzzo may even erase your association of him with "The Sopranos." And whose words are all delivering? The great Arthur Miller. Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SMO, $20-35.

Tonight! - ROSSINI'S "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE," LA OPERA – There is a lot less haircutting in this than you might suspect, and a lot more laughs. But don't let the comedy on stage make you forget to listen to the lively and sometimes lovely score by Rossini. LA Opera's last production, "Don Giovanni," had its laughs, while tackling timeless social issues, but The Barber is a full-fledged comic opera, so prepare to have some fun. More fun than you might suspect. Lots of inspired physical comedy, too. Rossini was the master of the genre and it made him incredibly wealthy. He kept cranking out winners until the pace and pressure became too much and he never wrote another one after the age of 34. Many consider "Barber" to be a gateway opera, the first one you should see, that gets you hooked on the art form. If you hurry, you can get Barbered for only $24. Why would you pass that up? Sun 2 p.m., Thurs, Sat 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $24-289.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – Looking for something different? But really good? And on a Monday? EVERY Monday? – "Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it were, it couldn't possibly be this good. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night." Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

Tonight! - "THE CONNIE CONVERSE UNIVERSE" starring HOPE LEVY – I'll bet a nickel you've never heard of Connie Converse, even though the obscure 1950s singer-songwriter had a profound influence on all to follow, especially women, and on the whole folk movement of the '60s. I just learned of her, through Levy's one woman cabaret show, and in fact Levy became aware of Converse only a little more than a year ago, through long-lost demo recordings (that went viral), released decades after her mysterious disappearance. Levy was so stunned, and moved, that she created this tribute. Converse never performed an actual concert, just informal house shows. Her songwriting was... different, distinctive, and

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THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

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Malibu group planting roots for a sustainable future



Courtesy Photo

REPLANT LOVE: The 2023 Replant Love event, co-hosted by The Malibu Foundation, will plant a microforest at Juan Bautista De Anza Park in Calabasas.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Five years after the Woolsey Fire devastated the Santa Monica Mountains, including the Malibu area, a local group is continuing to implement measures that build resilience against future extreme events one planting at a time.

On Sunday, The Malibu Foundation will be hosting the 2023 Replant Love event at Juan Bautista De Anza Park in Calabasas, bringing together volunteers to plant a native microforest using seeds collected and propagated in the foundation's nursery. The microforest is a small grouping of native plants that combat increasing ground temperatures while minimizing area water usage, based on a method created by botanist Akira Miyawaki. Other benefits include cleaning carbon-based greenhouse gasses from the air, providing oxygen and giving shade to the area.

"Microforests are very affordable and require little to no water or maintenance after the first 2-3 years," said Malibu Foundation Founder Evelin Weber. "The Malibu Foundation is proud to host this annual event that brings the gift of nature to communities throughout greater Los Angeles."

The microforest planting is a new goal of the Replant Love event, which has planted over 21,000 plants since the Woolsey Fire in 2018. The De Anza Park location will be the second microforest in the greater Los Angeles area, with the first being at Griffith Park, which has become self-sustaining in the two years since its planting.

After the planting at De Anza Park, the foundation will be able to monitor metrics like temperature and soil conditions, providing the positive data needed for potential future microforests throughout the area. The small spaces in which plantings can occur create endless possibilities, says Malibu Foundation Community Outreach Coordinator Denise DeGarmo.

"It makes it possible to do it in people's homes, on center dividers, or at every bus bench ... that's our goal, to really inundate Southern California with them," DeGarmo said.

With lifelong ties to Malibu, DeGarmo began working with the Malibu Foundation to give "nature a voice," and was "so impressed" with the organization's work after the Woolsey Fire cratered local forestry.

"I was born and raised here, I went through every fire, (the Woolsey Fire) was the single worst fire I've ever experienced ... the way the wind was, it would be going one direction and it would create cinders in a hurricane, it would just fling around," she said of the incident. "It was really devastating, it can never happen again."

To prevent another wildlife disaster, the foundation works on building community resilience, applying to not just plant life, but to people and wildlife. For residents, the organization works to boost disaster preparedness, particularly for senior populations that were unaware of what to do during the Woolsey Fire. For wildlife, construction of a safe crossing is underway in Agoura Hills, a safety zone for animals so that they are not killed on the roads. The native habitat attracting animals will help recreate biodiversity "across the board," DeGarmo noted.

"(After a disaster) the community opens their doors, the restaurants, everybody works together," DeGarmo said. "My theory was that if we can prove we can do it in a fire and flood, why can't we do it to create good? Why are we not collaborating? Look at the power we (have), and that's the place in which I work ... re-establishing that community collaboration."

Sunday's Replant Love event is co-hosted by Clarins, a brand for organic ingredients and locally grown plants. Water will be provided by sustainable brand Boxed Water. The event begins at 8 a.m. Sunday at the park, located at 3701 Lost Hills Road, and more information about volunteering can be found at replantlove.com. The organization is also looking for volunteers to help dig holes for planting on Friday, and interested parties should email Denise@themalibufoundation.org.

thomas@smdp.com



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **64.0**

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

SW-SSW swell continues to provide modest surf. Favorable wind expected for the early window at this point, will need a spot that doesn't mind the moderate low tide on offer. Small wave gear kind of day.

FRIDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Smaller day with a little southerly swell mix and minor NW energy mixing in. At least looks clean for the morning so could be decent at the inner bars with the moderate tide on tap first thing in the morning.

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 77. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. West southwest wind around 5 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/11/02	Thu	02:32 AM	3.35	H
2023/11/02	Thu	05:29 AM	3.11	L
2023/11/02	Thu	12:07 PM	5.29	H
2023/11/02	Thu	8:15 PM	0.29	L
2023/11/03	Fri	1:02 PM	4.77	H
2023/11/03	Fri	9:36 PM	0.54	L
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2023/11/04	Sat	08:54 AM	3.65	L
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2023/11/05	Sun	05:35 AM	4.00	H
2023/11/05	Sun	10:21 AM	3.30	L
2023/11/05	Sun	3:11 PM	4.13	H
2023/11/05	Sun	10:44 PM	0.66	L
2023/11/06	Mon	05:56 AM	4.25	H
2023/11/06	Mon	11:20 AM	2.77	L
2023/11/06	Mon	4:28 PM	4.14	H
2023/11/06	Mon	11:23 PM	0.71	L
2023/11/07	Tue	06:14 AM	4.51	H
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BID #4473 PIER LUMBER

Submission Deadline is November 30, 2023 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

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SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive electronic bids from contractors with the following license types for projects located at 1651 16th Street in Santa Monica:

BID #24.15 - Interior Paint Project estimated at **$54,000 – $67,000.** Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of CA Contractor Licenses: **B, C-33**. Bid must conform and be responsive to contract documents at: https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/BID2415.

BID #24.16 - Ceiling Tile Replacement estimated at **$45,000 - $58,000**. Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of CA Contractor Licenses: **B, C-2**. Bid must conform and be responsive to contract documents at: https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/BID2416.

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BID #24.18 - Interior Demolition estimated at **$55,000 -$77,000**. Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of CA Contractor Licenses: **B, C-21**. Bid must conform and be responsive to contract documents at: https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/BID2418.

Mandatory pre-bid meeting/job walk will be held on **Friday, November 17, 2023 at 7:30 AM** at 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

Contractors may bid on one or all projects. Bids must be separately submitted to the project link provided in this notice. All bids must be received via electronic submission by **Thursday, November 30, 2023, no later than, 12:00 PM,** at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud on Zoom: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76979991666?pwd=UXdBOFhaeVpncXRVOVJ4MXpBbjVqdz09

Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 769 7999 1666 Passcode: Mjf7YQ

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding. For questions, contact SMMUSD Purchasing – Chris Diaz at cdiaz@smmusd.org.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Editor:

In his October 23rd column "Becoming Santa Monica," Miles Warner reported that in a meeting of first grade parents concerned about class size, "(s)omeone in the room suggested that maybe the board is trying to save money on teachers so they can buy the Civic Center."

Mr. Warner was a candidate for school board in 2022 so he is presumably well-versed in SMMUSD finances. So it's curious and surprising that he didn't advise the parents — and his readers — that any money saved on operational expenses such as salaries doesn't translate into extra funding for one time capital expenses such as purchasing the Civic Center (BTW, the City Council solicited buyers for the Civic, so let's not make the school district a villain for responding).

Surely Mr. Warner is aware that SMMUSD has two pots of money, one of which can only be used for ongoing, annual operational expenses and the other of which is solely for one time capital expenses such as facility improvements, and never the twain shall meet. After all, he ran for office to be a fiduciary of taxpayer dollars.

So why is he conflating the two in his column and thereby sowing misinformation?

Ted Winterer

Editor:

Last week the Santa Monica City council threw our kids under the bus, and will allow the (formerly) medicinal cannabis-store one block from Lincoln Middle School to sell non-medicinal pot. It was initially proposed as medicinal-only, but the bait-and-switch has been successful.

This is a disaster, and a foretaste of what is planned. Our entire city, including third street, will be overrun with pot-stores and smoke-lounges - council members strongly hinted as much. They are blind to the harms, and see nothing but campaign dollars.

Parents have been left flat-footed as the council claims that the pittance of tax money is somehow worthwhile... At least it seems worth destroying our kids for.

We can predict that pot-stores will open next to all our schools in the near future. Sure kids aren't legally able to buy the stuff, but they will get someone to buy it for them. The criminal penalty is an utterly toothless slap on the wrist.

Parents aren't able to keep up with all this, as they have lives to lead, and due to pot-industry propaganda parents have no idea of the harm it does to kids. Today's cannabis is far, far stronger than it used to be. Heavy pot use increases the risk of schizophrenia (a very serious mental illness) by more than four times, and causes permanent structural damage to growing brains. Our city council is pretending to be pro-family while selling out to business and destroying kids as though they don't exist.

It must be said again: The fact that Santa Monica is allowing a pot store to open one block from Lincoln middle school shows that the council doesn't give a damn, and that pot is more important than kids. Proximity counts. Studies have shown that the presence of pot stores increases underage consumption, even if illegal.

Even now middle-schoolers are stealing (undetectable, candy-style) edibles from parents and siblings and sharing them in restrooms and getting high at school. To say nothing what is happening at SaMoHi.

The social pressure to get stoned at school is incredible. And the permanent damage to kids minds and achievements are clinically proven over and over again.

I urge all parents to research the real harm that pot does, and to think about what having a city-approved pot-store next to a school does to kids attitudes to pot. This is happening in real-time right in front of us, and is one of the few things that parents can fight against at a local level to protect their children. Look at your kids - do you want them to get stoned at school? If the answer is no and you take no action then what happens will be entirely your own fault.

Peter Borresen, Santa Monica

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AROUND TOWN

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Ice Opening & Games Month

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Ice @ Santa Monica Grand Opening & November Games Month Activities, and much more!

12-Foot-Tall Puppet Little Amal on the Pier: "In the spirit of hope and solidarity for displaced people everywhere, Little Amal, the internationally celebrated 12-foot-tall puppet of a 10-year-old Syrian refugee girl, will visit the Santa Monica Pier as part of her acclaimed 6,000-mile journey across the country." Thursday, Nov. 2, 5 p.m. https://www.walkwithamal.org/events/on-the-pier/

Romeo & Juliet - Love is a Fire: This adaptation tries to answer "Why the Young Lovers Had to Die and Why Their Respective Families Hated Each Other?" Now through Nov. 18 @ SaMo Playhouse 1211 4th St.

Soundwaves Concert Series @ Pico Library: "Composer Michael Jon Fink picks up his guitar for a set of music inspired by the experimental side of cool jazz, with clarinetist Brian Walsh and cellist Derek Stein." Saturday, Nov 4, 3:30p.m. @ 2201 Pico Blvd.

Yachty By Nature: "AHOY Los, Angeles Yacht Rockers! The golden state's number one yacht rock band is back. Don't miss the boat, ride like the wind to this intimate venue, and get Yachty with us." Friday, Nov 3, 8p.m. @ The Venice West @ 1717 Lincoln Blvd.

Westside Food Bank 5K Hunger Walk: Help raise awareness about food insecurity in LA County. Put on your walking shoes, and let's work together to help those in need! Sunday, Nov. 5 @ Ocean View Park, 2701 Barnard Way https://my.wsfb.org/event/hunger-walk/e507935

An Evening with John Stamos @ New Roads School: He will be discussing his memoir "If You Would have Told Me." Monday, Nov. 6, 8p.m. @ 3131 Olympic Blvd. https://livetalksla.org/events/john-stamos/

SaMo Public Library Presents International Game Month: November is International Games Month, a worldwide initiative that aims to reconnect communities through games at the Library. From board games to card games, tabletop games to video games, November is all about gaming. Game Day for Kids & Family is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 3 - 5p.m. @ Pico Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Game Days for Grownups is Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1 - 3p.m. @ & Tuesday, Nov. 28, 5:30 - 7:30p.m. @ Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Game Day for Teens is Tuesday, Nov. 21, 4 - 6p.m. @ Pico Library.



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ICE: Santa Monica's Winter wonderland returns this week.

Ice at Santa Monica Opening (FREE @ Grand Opening): "Groove to the coolest beats spun by our talented DJ while you skate. Our on-ice entertainers will dazzle you with their mesmerizing performances, adding a touch of magic to your skating experience. Soft open is Wednesday, Nov. 1, Grand opening is Thursday, Nov. 9 and stays open through Jan. 15. 12 - 10 p.m. daily @ 1324 5th St.

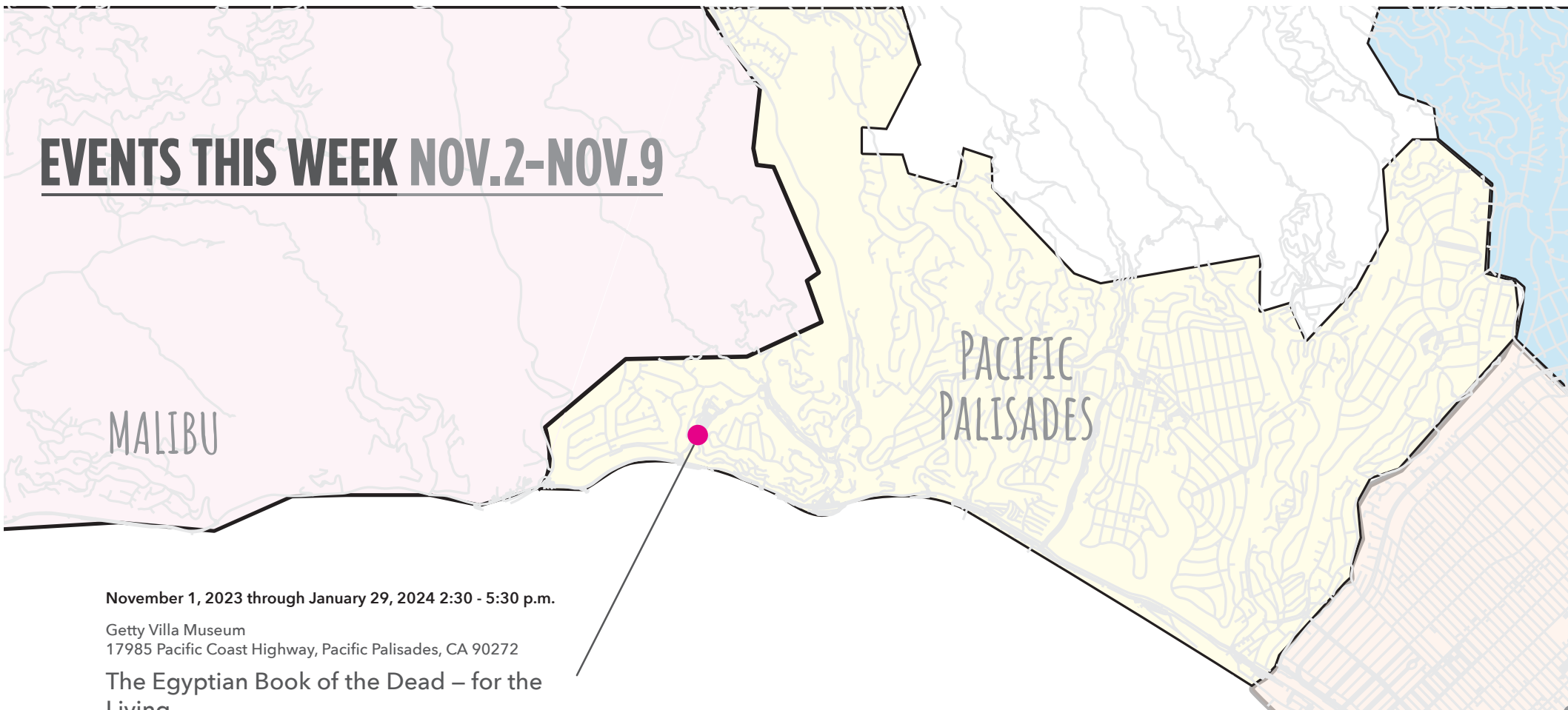
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EVENTS THIS WEEK NOV.2-NOV.9



November 1, 2023 through January 29, 2024 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Getty Villa Museum
17985 Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

The Egyptian Book of the Dead – for the Living

The Egyptian Book of the Dead forms one of the largest bodies of religious texts from the ancient world. Written on papyri, mummy wrappings, and other objects that accompanied the dead to their tombs, this vast collection of spells assisted the deceased's transition to the afterlife, but also reflected the beliefs and practices of the living. Thousands of years later, the documents are still being interpreted by scholars and reflected upon by Egyptian communities. In this afternoon of presentations, five experts explore how the Book of the Dead was used outside of funerary contexts and the many ways in which it was also a book for the living. This event will be followed by a reception for further conversation.
This program complements the exhibition The Egyptian Book of the Dead on view November 1, 2023 through January 29, 2024. Learn more about the Book of the Dead in this overview by curator Sara E. Cole. Free | Advance ticket required (https://www.getty.edu/visit/cal/events/ev_3977.html) To attend in person, or to watch online, register via Zoom here: https://www.getty.edu/visit/cal/events/ev_3977.html.

Monday, Nov. 6, 9:30 p.m.

Moss Theatre, 3131 Olympic Blvd.

JOHN STAMOS IN CONVERSATION WITH JOSH PECK

Television, film and Broadway theatre actor John Stamos talks about his memoir IF YOU WOULD HAVE TOLD ME to actor, writer and podcast host Josh Peck. John's memoir is a universal story about friendship, love and loss. It is, of course, filled with some of the most memorable names in Hollywood, but is at its core, a brutally honest yet funny and poignant portrait. $48 to $70 — including general admission, signed book & virtual viewing.

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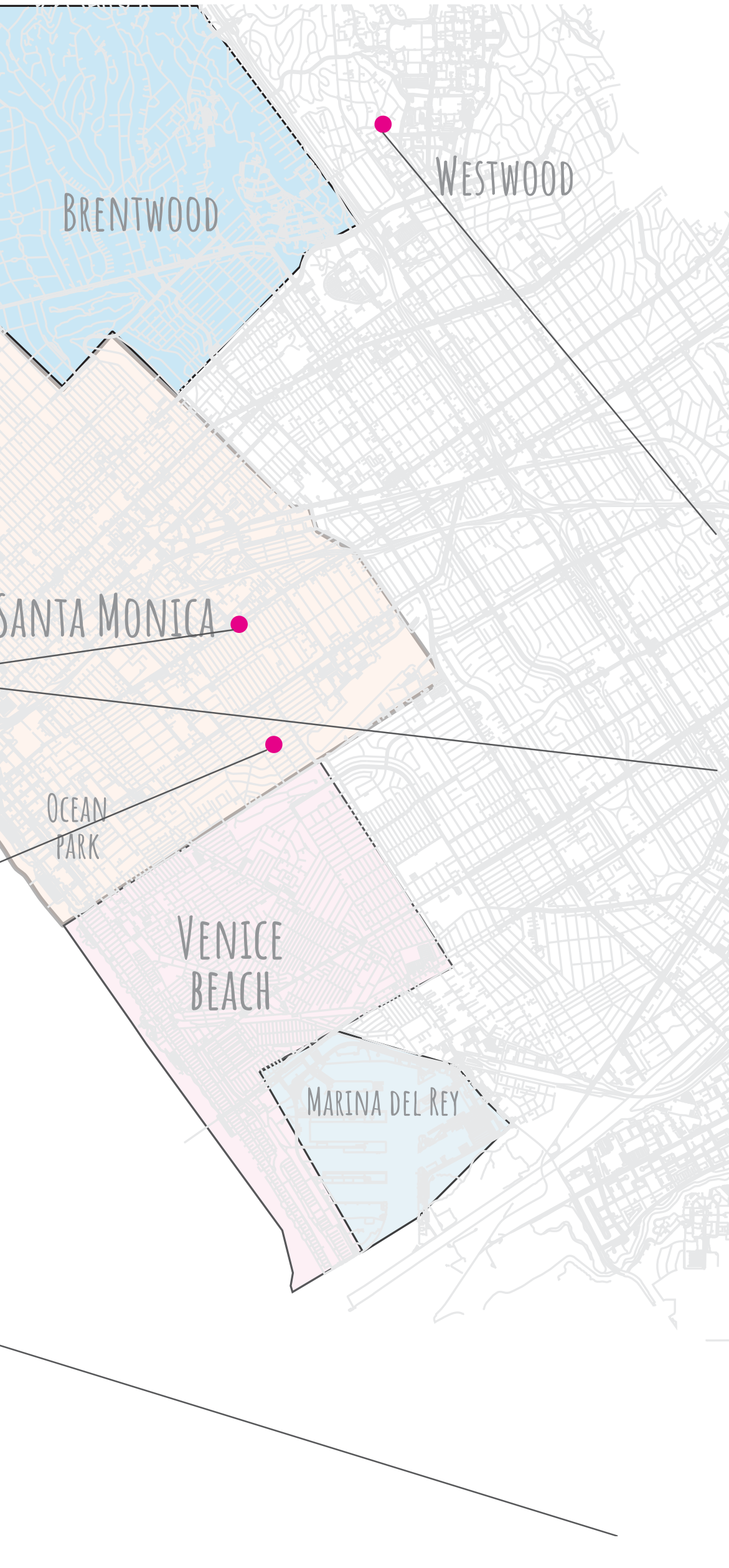
Saturday, Nov. 4, 9 a.m.-noon.

610 Lairport St, El Segundo, CA

Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum Monthly Cruise Ins (CA)

Monthly Cruise-Ins are coming back to the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum. Cruise-Ins will be on the first Saturday of each month, starting March 5th, from 9 am-noon. Pastries and coffee will be provided by Mychal's Bakery & Coffee. There will be awards for the best cars along with food vendors. The Cruise-In is open to any car collectors and all spectators. Automobile Driving Museum

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events



Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7 - 8:30pm

25 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

WeHo Reads x Literary Death Match

Coming to West Hollywood: 4 authors, 3 judges, 2 finalists, 1 champion, and all kinds of hilarity in between.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 9:30a.m. - 5p.m.

405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles.

LA TechConnect 2023 : Where Practicality Meets AI Innovation

LA TechConnect 2023 : Where Practicality Meets AI Innovation. $99 - $149

Sunday, Nov. 5, 9:30 - 11a.m.

Marine Park (Next to the Tennis Courts) 1406 Marine St.

Goat Yoga in the Park

Goat Yoga is “baaaa”ck! Our adorable goats have missed you and they can’t wait to practice with you SAFELY at our new OUTDOOR location! $39.

THAI

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their 10 year anniversary this month as it takes traditional Thai cuisine and transforms expectations with their plant-based spin.

To celebrate 10 years of success, the restaurant is hosting an anniversary dinner on November 9, featuring a unique 10 course tasting menu. The brand new dishes showcase Chef Gunn Pankum's exemplary skill and the diversity of flavors found in Thai and plant-based cuisine.

"We choose the recipes that .. we don't see vegan[s] making before. It's really exciting. And all my team is so excited to share what we're going to make with our guests. It's going to be amazing," said Pankum.

At Satdha, being plant-based isn't as much about being vegan as much as it is about the simple pleasure of eating delicious, high quality ingredients. There is no plant-based meat on the menu, and Pankum purchases all of her produce from local farmers markets and Thai vendors, holding her restaurant to the highest standards of excellence. Her goal is to share the beauty of plant-based cooking beyond the vegan community and open up people's minds to try something different.

Surviving 10 years is an accomplishment for any business and arguably more so for those in the food industry who have seen their entire world shattered by Covid induced lockdowns, rising costs and a turbulent labor market. However, Chef Pankum has drawn new strength from her restaurant's trials and tribulations.

"Starting the restaurant [is] really exciting for a chef. And I think the pandemic, good or bad, gave me that lift to say, 'I have to do this. Again.' We are going to do this, we're going to make it better and we're going to... bring something amazing to the guests... They haven't been here for two years and when they come in they're super happy, excited to see us still here... That's a special experience when [a] customer [is] really almost there with us all the time even though you don't see them," said Chef Pankum.

She said she doesn't dwell on the challenges of running a restaurant because the joys of the work are so fulfilling.

"But I, to be honest, I don't remember the low moment so much. Because the high moment is just like nothing [else], it's worth it," she said. "You know when one customer came in just so excited and happy to be here, before they leave, they stop by in front of the counter and then they make sure they want to share with us like how good the experience that they just had, that how much they love the food."

She said many gets make the effort to express how much they enjoy the experience and those interactions keep her motivated for the next service.

Born and raised in Thailand, Pankum expresses her identity through her cuisine and her restaurant. Her culinary interests brought her to the US in 1997, where she first began working at an ice cream shop, then a Starbucks, before she opened Satdha, and achieved her American dream.

Being in LA heavily shaped her perspective on food, especially the rising popularity of plant-based meals. Seeing the rise of plant-based establishments left Pankum in awe of vegan cuisine and gave her the inspiration to emulate it through what she knows best: traditional Thai food.

"That really inspired me ... .You know what, if we do vegan in Thai version? That's how it started to build up my world in veganism," she said.



Matthew Hall

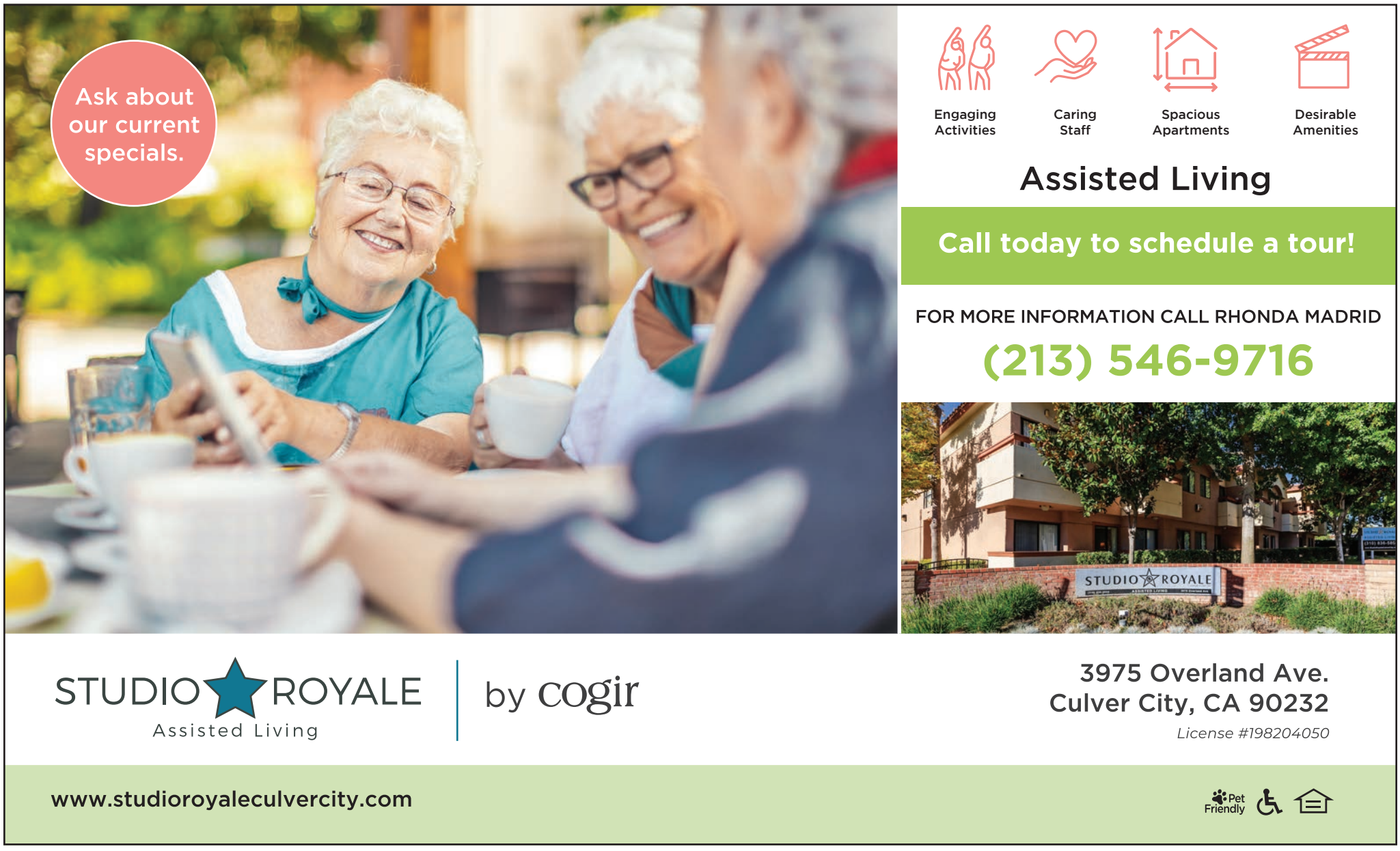
VEGAN: The restaurant is celebrating with a 10 course tasting menu. Regular business hours are Tues - Sun from 4 - 9 p.m.

Looking forward to the next ten years, Pankum has big plans. As she begins work on a cookbook and seasoning line, she wants to share her skills and passion for cooking in everyone's home.

"Eventually though, at some point I would like to help a home chef to be able to cook a good meal at home," said Pankum.

For now though, Pankum and her team are proudly preparing for their anniversary dinner, and they want to thank the Santa Monica community for being so supportive for the last 10 years.

Satdha Plant Based Thai Kitchen is located at 2218 Lincoln Blvd. Purchase anniversary tickets or place a pickup order online at https://satdhakitchen.com.



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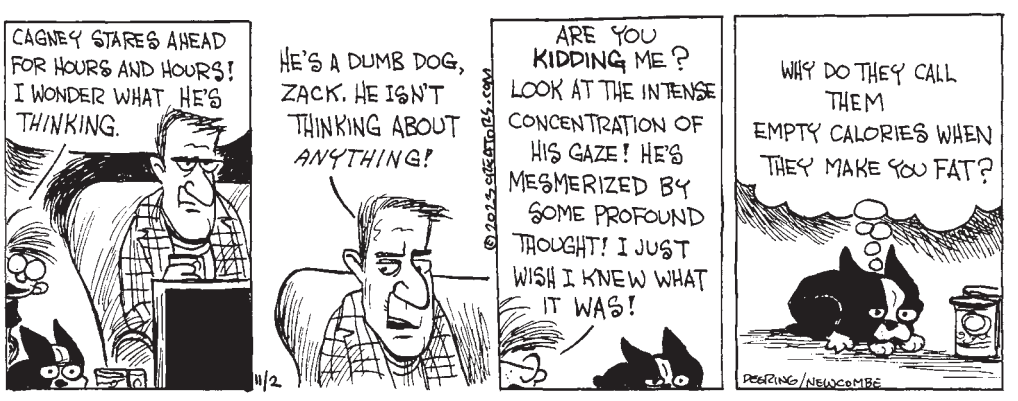
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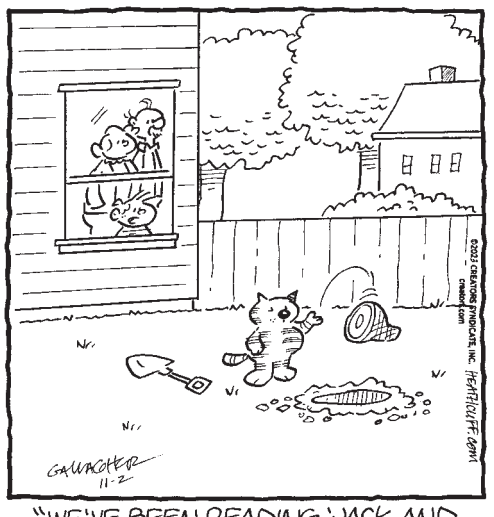
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 2)

Many attitudes, plans and potentials live inside you. Once you decide which way to go, the world will flex to your decision. Commitment makes you so unselfconscious you will often accidentally win friends, deals, fans, business partners and romantic hopefuls. You're irresistible because you haven't a clue how irresistible you are. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 33, 12 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In school, the lesson comes before the test. In life, the test is the lesson, and the lesson is the test. If you notice the same seems to be coming up on replay, be alert: There's still something to learn in this.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You already know that getting what you want doesn't always make you happy, but of course you won't know until you have it. You're driven to experiment and explore. Solo missions are simplest and will give you quick information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The problem with exclusive clubs is that they don't offer enough contact with the very experiences you most need to keep your edge. Dabble in elite situations if you must, but don't be seduced. Diversity is power.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A little honesty up front will go a long way. It's easier to set boundaries and expectations up when you're starting new with people than to try and change the rules in an established relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today, the best way to find out what's going to work for you is to find out what doesn't and start ruling things out to narrow down your options. There really are no mistakes in this quest for information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Most people don't listen as well as you do, and yet you're still trying to improve your skills because you recognize that without understanding, there's no chance of connecting to form something greater together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are the hero of a story no one else has ever lived. You are ever aware that others also have their own stories filled with twists, triumphs and losses that you would not assume to know. Someone will thrive in your curiosity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will fall in love many times with the same person, place or thing. This is how you know it's a fine match. When love gets tested, don't worry too much. If it's right, the test will make it stronger.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When things happen seemingly by magic, it's usually an illusion. In today's case, it's an iceberg situation. The work began long ago and has been building up for ages, and 80% of it is below the surface.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To think about your achievements may give the old self-esteem a boost, but it's good not to tie up too much identity into past outcomes and performances. Know that your worthiness is inherent and not based on how you are rewarded by the world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A feeling cannot be right or wrong, but it can be empowering or disempowering. An accepted feeling is empowering. A rejected feeling is disempowering. Welcome feelings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Willing yourself to be different simply doesn't work. Unwanted behaviors are likely coping mechanisms. Seek a deeper understanding of your patterns. You cannot influence that which you don't understand.

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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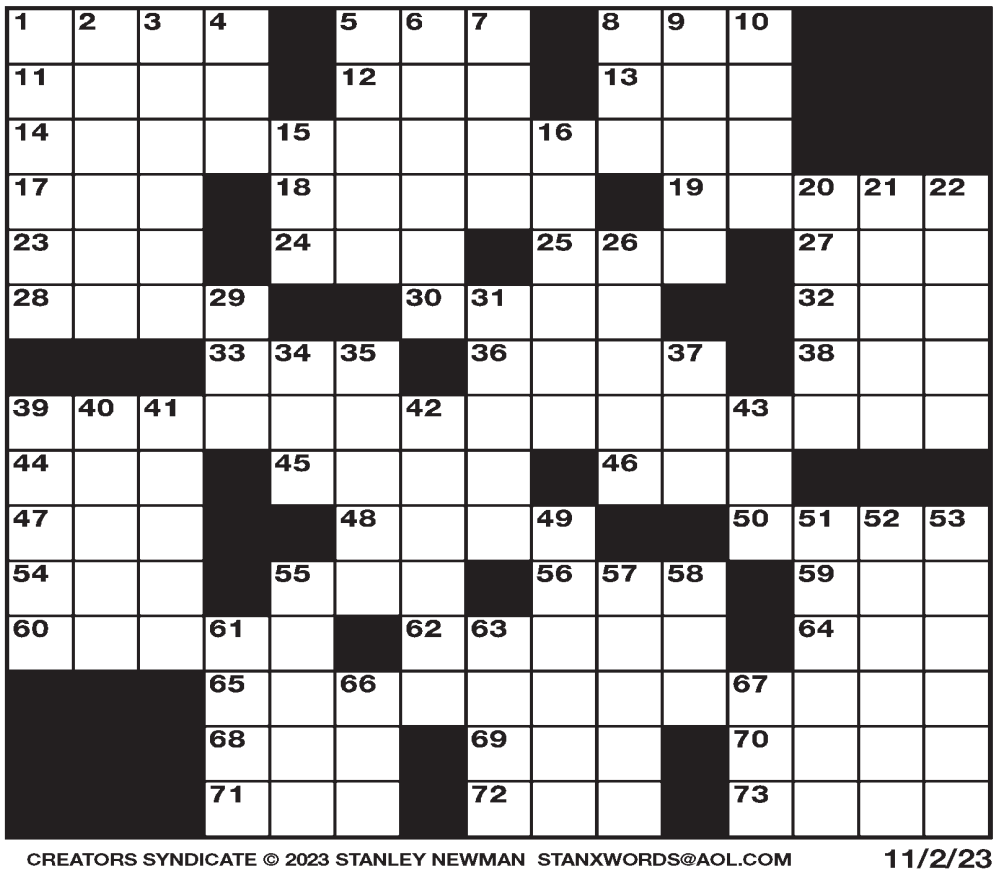
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NOTEWORTHY

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good, but this show also mixes in parts of her life story, which I found equally fascinating. I won't reveal any more, just add this weird true-life footnote: Levy had known my wife for years, and Levy told us yes, she does know Lauri Johnson, my wife's former singing partner. Levy also knew of Annette Warren, now in her 90s, who mixed some of Converse's songs into her popular cabaret act in New York. What Levy didn't know was that Warren is still alive, and is Lauri Johnson's mother. So Levy, after recovering her breath, sought Annette Warren out, and even though Warren is not remembering everything as perfectly these days, she remembered perfectly the words to Connie Converse's songs that she hadn't performed in 80 years - she and Levy sang together. Thurs 9 p.m., Santa Monica Playhouse, free but ticket required.

Tonight! - GUNS N' ROSES, BLACK KEYS – I'm going to go with the listing at the Bowl calendar: there is always a description of the program, but for this, nothing. GN'R + Black Keys, what more is there to say? You could argue that both bands are past their prime... or are they? Do you want to take a chance on missing a concert you could be talking about the rest of your life? Thurs 6 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $44-500.

DUDAMEL LEADS KHACHATURIAN – You know me and the Russians. Not the biggest fan. And Khachaturian was pretty by the book Communist, even setting one of these pieces on a collective farm. He was actually a Georgian Armenian, with no problem towing the compositional line set forth by the Kremlin. But that's only peripheral to the music, right? And since I've never heard his music performed live by a great orchestra, this would be a good opportunity to get an overview and make a consideration. And I will be rewarded at concert's end by the Janáček "Sinfonetta," which always sounds to me like the soundtrack to a movie I'd love to see, I do love the Czechs and Hungarians. And... it's Dudamel, and the LA Phil. Can you really go wrong? Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p,m,. Walt Disney Concert Hall, $153-274.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great decadent fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Toledo may have his trademark ciggy, but it's the band that really smokes! Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

LILA DOWNS, CATALINA GARCIA, ELY GIERRA, ANA TIJOUX, GOYO – I'm not familiar with the other vocalists but any opportunity to hear international treasure Lila Downs should be taken, and the theme of "Canto en Resistencia" sounds darn interesting. Next Thurs 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $52-137.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: "A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE," Ruskin Group Theatre, 11/10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Group Theatre, 11/12; Rossini's "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE," LA OPERA, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 11/12; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 11/12, 19, 26; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 11/13, 20, 27; JAMES MCVINNIE, organ/piano, Disney Hall, 11/12; SOUL ASYLUM acoustic, McCabe's, 11/12; NATHANIEL RATELIFF, Orpheum Theater, 11/14; THE HIVES, Belasco, 11/14, 15; DEVO, YouTube Theater, 11/16; PETER ERSKINE TRIO with ALAN PASQUA, DAREK OLES, Sam First, 11/17, 18; STEVE HACKETT, Orpheum Theater, 11/18; NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALL STARS, The Regent, 11/19, 20; KASABIAN, Belasco, 11/22; RICK HOLSTROM BAND with STEVE BERLIN, McCabe's, 11/26; KODÁLY, DVOŘÁK, Disney Hall, 11/28.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com (the real mr music...)

TOWN

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Dia de los Muertos, Altars by Area High School Students at Santa Monica History Museum: This pop-up exhibition features a select group of students from local public high schools sharing their altar creations. Now through Nov. 17 @ 1350 7th St.

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest: About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, Nov. 3, starting at 5p.m. https://www.abbotkinneyblvd.com/

World Central Kitchen "Feeding Hope Feast" Lands in LA w/top chefs: The nonprofit founded by José Andrés to provide fresh meals to crisis zones, is bringing its Feeding Hope event series to Los Angeles. The Venice event features Featuring Top Chef's Stephanie Izard and Nyesha Arrington on Nov. 8, 6 - 10 p.m. @ NeueHouse Venice Beach https://wck.org/events/feeding-hope-la

Holey Grail Donuts x Dandelion Chocolate Pop-Up Collaboration: Expect Dandelion's "Mission Hot Chocolate" beverage, made with Holey Grail's house-made cashew milk, Dandelion's mission chocolate, warming spices and topped with coconut whip cream & Holey Grail will offer the "Mission Hot Chocolate Donut" made with Dandelion chocolate, pasilla chile, spices, vanilla bean and topped with toasted marshmallow. Now through Dec. 31 @ 2441 Main St.

The Infatuation updated Best 25 Restaurants In Santa Monica list gives love to Le Great Outdoor, Birdie G's, Crudo-e-Nudo, Bay Cities, among others. https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-restaurants-in-santa-monica

LOOKING AHEAD:

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. Here are my past columns and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Around Town: Ice Opening & Games Month.



THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 2

JOB HUNTING WITH CHRYSALIS

Representatives from local nonprofit Chrysalis provide drop-in resume assistance, job search tips, and on-the-spot orientations for their employment programs. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

TECH & TASKS

Need a little help? Visit our Tech & Tasks program to receive one-on-one assistance from our volunteer tutors and build your skills. Staff and volunteers can assist with reading, writing, and technology related tasks. Drop-in between 2-4pm every Thursday to get help with completing online forms and applications, resume writing, device help, improving reading skills, email, downloading eBooks, and much more. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 4 p.m.

THE NONSEMBLE + VENICE HERITAGE PRESENT

This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, $23 http://ticketmaster.evyy.net/c/253158/264167/4272

LITTLE AMAL

In the spirit of hope and solidarity for displaced people everywhere, Little Amal, the internationally celebrated 12-foot-tall puppet of a 10-year-old Syrian refugee girl, will visit the Santa Monica Pier at 5 p.m. as part of her acclaimed 6,000-mile journey across the United States. CARS (Community Arts Resources) is partnering with LA-based Kumu Hula Keali'I Ceballos, an internationally acclaimed Hawaiian and Polynesian dance teacher, and his award-winning dance company/hula school – Halau Hula Keali'I O Nalani to welcome her to the historic Santa Monica Pier.

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 3

LA COUNTY VACCINE CLINIC

Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Boulevard, Venice, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

20 QUESTIONS TRIVIA @ TRIP

20 Questions Trivia is like no other trivia show, because you're a part of the show. Wrong answers count for partial credit if they're funny. Trip Santa Monica, 2101 Lincoln Blvd. Free—Free admission. Prizes for the top five teams.

SMC APPLIED MUSIC SHOWCASE

Performing Art Center, John Adams Middle School, 2425 16th Street, 7:30 p.m. https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php

LETTERS OF LIFE

An art installation spanning through Nov. 3 where organizers ask members of the community to share their favorite Pier memories, photographs, and anecdotes of family and friends who have passed. These memories will decorate our space via digital murals that surround the historic 101-year-old Carousel and will be displayed over the course of the celebration. Submit online at https://www.santamonicapier.org/dia-de-los-muertos-2023

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 4

SOUNDWAVES NEW MUSIC CONCERT

Soundwaves celebrates LA's diverse history of innovative underground music with free performances by world-class artists. Started in 2016 by librarian, author, and musician Jeff Schwartz with composer Daniel Rothman, and funded by the Santa Monica Public Library, Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library, and the Amphion Foundation, Soundwaves has collaborated with presenters including the Angel City Jazz Festival, Microfest, PianoSpheres, Jacaranda Music, the Dog Star Orchestra Festival, the Santa Monica Department of Cultural Affairs, and Cold Blue Music. Trio Through the Looking Glass, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

HISTORY TALKS: THE IMPACT OF YIDDISH THEATRE

West Los Angeles Regional Library, 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles. 3 - 4:30 p.m. https://www.lapl.org/whats-on/events/history-talks-impact-yiddish-theatre-0

FESTIVAL OF 10-MINUTE PLAYS

Studio Stage, Theatre Arts Complex, SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd. 7 p.m. https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php

HUMAN LIBRARY

Check out a human book for a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation that challenges stereotypes and prejudices. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

MARINE PARK CG COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

Join organizers at the newest of our Community Gardens, located along the Southwest side of the tennis courts at Marine Park as they start talking about Community Composting. A perfect time to bring your moldy Jack-o-Lanterns or Kitchen Scraps and check out how you can help turn them into beautiful compost locally. Don't have any to bring? Join organizers for a cup of coffee and check out the garden. To learn more about the event, please contact Isabel Filson at Isabel.Filson@Santamonica.gov. Marine Park is located at 1406 Marine Street. 10 - 11 a.m.

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 5

GOAT YOGA IN THE PARK

Goat Yoga is "baaaa"ck! Marine Park (Next to the Tennis Courts) 1406 Marine St. 9:30 - 11 a.m. $39. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goat-yoga-in-the-park-november-5th-at-930am-tickets-730865146327

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK HUNGER WALK

Grab your walking shoes! Westside Food Bank's Hunger Walk is happening on Nov. 5th at 12 p.m. at Ocean View Park (2701 Barnard Way, Santa Monica, CA 90405). https://my.wsfb.org/event/hunger-walk/e507935

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