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Pico poet spreads the word about new city position



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POET: Anne Carmack, a Pico neighborhood resident for two decades, was recently chosen to be the Poet Laureate for the City of Santa Monica.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A Pico neighborhood mainstay for 20 years, Anne Carmack will be going from serving plates at Lo/Cal Coffee & Market to serving up the best in local literature in a newly-created city position.

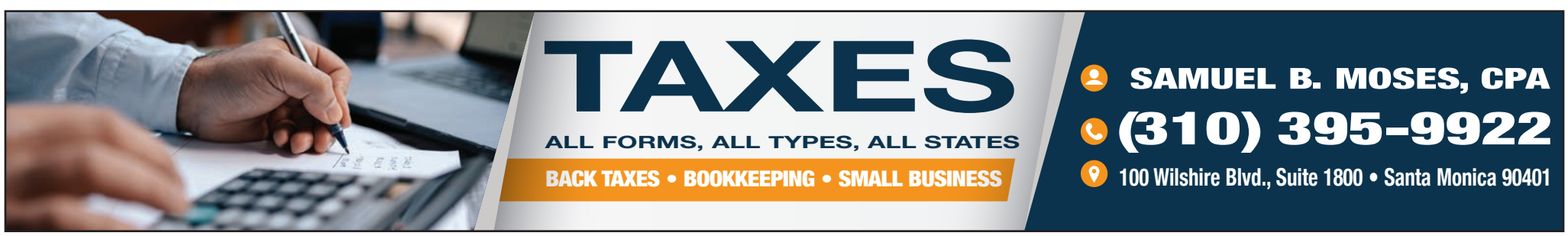
In March, Carmack began a two-year term as the city's Poet Laureate, a public outreach position that seeks to highlight Santa Monica's diverse and vibrant literary arts scene and promote local arts education through various events. The program was spearheaded by Mayor Phil Brock after meeting similar poets representing the Los Angeles area, with City Council passing a resolution to implement the position in August 2023.

Carmack's introduction to the community took place on April 20 with a workshop and reception at the Santa Monica Main Library, and she will be a presence at this Saturday's Arts and Literacy Festival at Virginia Avenue Park.

"We are a place full of vibrant arts and culture and I am thrilled to see Santa Monica have its own Poet Laureate," Brock said. "I look forward to the community events … as the city commemorates April as National Poetry Month and Arts Month, as well as seeing the great contributions Anne Carmack will provide to our community."

Carmack embraced writing and poetry from a young age, as her parents bought

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Operatic love story returns to scene of engagement



Courtesy Photo

CHORUS: Local opera vocal group the Verdi Chorus will conclude its 40th anniversary season this weekend with its spring concert, "Star-Crossed!".

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A true musical love story will return to the site of its most passionate moment this weekend.

On Saturday and Sunday, local operatic group the Verdi Chorus concludes its 40th anniversary season with its spring concert, "Star-Crossed!," featuring a mix of classics including sequences from Mozart's "Idomeneo" and "Don Giovanni," Gounod's "Romeo et Juliette," Lehar's "The Merry Widow" and Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor." That final selection is of special importance to two of the shows' three guest soloists, operatic power couple Nathan Garner and Jamie Chamberlain Granner.

The first act of "Lucia di Lammermoor" features a duet in which two star-crossed lovers pledge commitment to one another, which was the perfect setting for Nathan to propose marriage to Jamie. On stage during the Verdi's 2017 fall concert, Nathan sang the duet as he proposed, an act that took years of camaraderie between the two followed months of careful planning.

The duo first sang together with a festival orchestra in Palm Springs, with Nathan noticing that his future bride was a "special talent" with a "special gift" both as a vocalist and an actor, an assessment Jamie shared of her soon-to-be husband.

"When I saw the video back, I really saw how much chemistry Nathan and I had, and it was just so obvious to me that we were such a good fit musically, and then the rest kind of happened naturally," Jamie said.

On a cross-country drive from the east coast back to California, Nathan stopped into his home in the Kansas City area to pick up his grandmother's wedding ring, keeping it hidden for months wondering what to do with it. The upcoming "Lucia di Lammermoor" performance fit the bill of a special proposal, asking Verdi Artistic Director Anne Marie Ketchum if he could make the on-stage moment happen. Ketchum agreed, but only if it happened after the show, since the original duet was part of the concert's first act.

"So we finished the concert, and the audience is going crazy, and I put my hand up and I said 'wait a minute, I have an announcement' ... (the pianist) started playing that "Lucia" duet, and Nathan took Jamie by the hand and put her up on my podium, and he got down on one knee and he started to sing, and the rest is history," Ketchum said.

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>
> - Jamie Chamberlain Granner

Calling it "the best proposal," Jamie now has her eyes set on this weekend's show where the two will be performing "Lucia" yet again.

"That opera ... (has) a lot of special meaning for us," Jamie said. "It was one of

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Support for the people of Palestine dominates public input during City Council meeting



Codepink: Women For Peace

COUNCIL: Last night at the Santa Monica City Council meeting, community members showed out in support of a ceasefire resolution.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

A total of 33 speakers came forward to speak about the continuing war in Gaza during the Public Input on Non Agenda Items section in Tuesday's City Council meeting. Only six came to speak on other topics. This comes as today, Wednesday, tensions escalated at the University of Southern California where pro-Palestinian protesters clashed with police and campus security. Moreover, University of Texas students also clashed with police today as they too protested.

Prior to last night's City Council meeting, the peace and social justice movement Codepink encouraged community members in a statement sent by email to call "on the city council to pass a ceasefire resolution in solidarity with the growing global movement advocating for an end to the US backed genocide in Gaza."

On October 7, last year, Hamas — a Palestinian Sunni Islamist political and military movement that has governed the Gaza Strip since 2007 — chose the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah to launch a deadly attack on the people of Israel. The next day, Israel declared war.

What has followed since then is, in essence, a no holds barred, non-stop exchange of fire that has killed thousands of innocent people as hospitals and refugee camps have been decimated.

The Israeli military expanded its ground operations despite warnings from the Biden administration that a full-scale assault could cause heavy civilian casualties and the UN human rights office has expressed "serious concerns that these are disproportionate attacks that could amount to war crimes."

The fact that all this is taking place some 7,575 miles away from Santa Monica didn't stop residents from sharing their thoughts and opinions.

"Ceasefire resolutions were passed in more than 100 cities, including many in LA County and have been endorsed by 600 rabbis, including Rabbi Aryeh Cohen who also endorsed ours," said Victoria Best, representing Justice for Palestine LA. "This is an ongoing issue dating back to 1948 with the creation of Israel and the expulsion of the Palestinians," she added.

Best said that the resolution calls on members of Congress to demand five things:

- An immediate and permanent ceasefire
- Negotiated release of all Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners
- Adherence to international law, which requires unrestricted entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza
- Strict resumption of US funding to the UN Relief and Works Agency
- Future arms shipments to Israel be made conditional on compliance with US and international law

"It is our moral responsibility to demand that our government stop supplying the weapons, stop enforcing the starvation, stop the terror being inflicted on civilian men, women and children of Palestine. We asked the city council to join our call for a permanent ceasefire," said Dorothy Chapman.

The City of Santa Monica has no legal authority over international relations, the resolution is a statement of opinion reflecting the Council's priorities. Since other cities in California have in fact done this, those protesting hope that a critical mass of sorts might be achieved and ultimately influence other politicians at higher levels of government.

The Daily Press reached out to the City to ask exactly what was being considered, if anything, but received no information by production deadline.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **59.2**

THURSDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

Watching wind for the morning — looking onshore early. SSW/S swell eases through the day as steep-angled NW swell mix continues, up a notch from Wednesday at exposures west of Dume.

FRIDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Modest blend of NW swell mix and leftover SSW swell on tap across the region. Could be enough to get the small wave gear going on the early tide push. Early AM wind looking light, then getting breezy WNW in the PM.

Weather

Thursday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 62.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 53.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 66.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54.

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2024/04/25	Thu	10:23 PM	5.54	H
2024/04/26	Fri	05:45 AM	-0.45	L
2024/04/26	Fri	12:10 PM	3.09	H
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2024/04/26	Fri	10:52 PM	5.47	H
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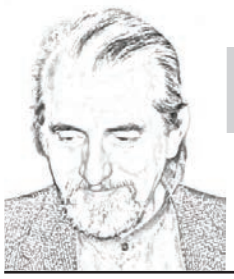
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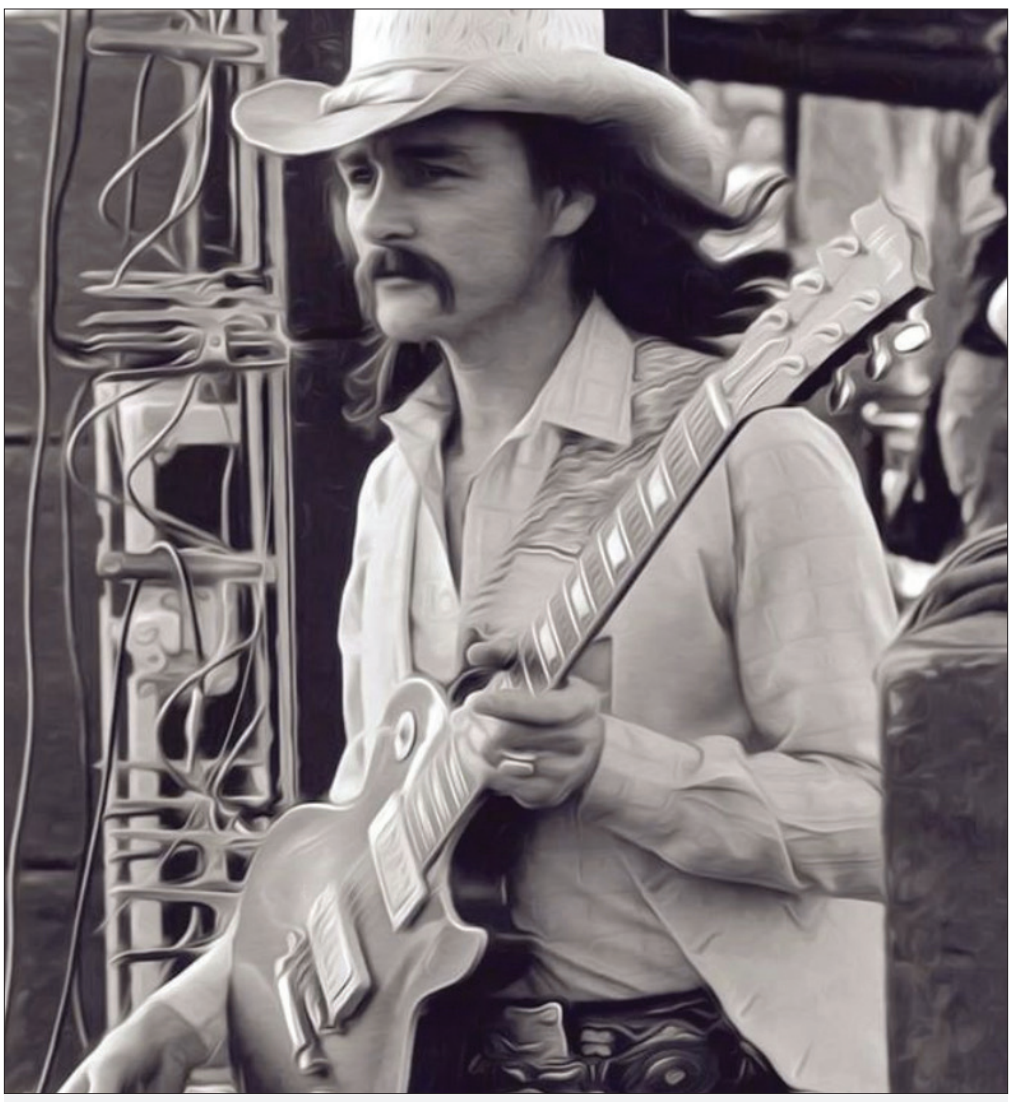
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Blue Skies, You Betts



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DICKEY BETTS: Allman Brothers Band

IN MEMORY OF DICKEY BETTS

Ask most rock aficionados to name their 10 Best guitar players, or even Top 20, and chances are Betts' name wouldn't make many. Heck, he wasn't even the best guitarist in his own band, The Allman Brothers. Although it's kind of apples and oranges, Duane Allman was probably the best electric slide player ever. He could make you cry. On his penultimate side project, the first studio album of Eric Clapton's "Derek & the Dominos," he became the equal force on a double album for the ages, and their lead and slide interplay was breathtaking. Recorded in late summer - early fall 1970, a year later Allman was dead, from a terrible motorcycle accident.

The Allmans completed the brilliant "Eat A Peach" album Duane had been working on, with some live tracks, then "Brothers and Sisters" with some of Betts' best songwriting ("Ramblin' Man" became their biggest hit, and "Jessica," written just after the birth of Betts' daughter, is a gorgeous instrumental). There were no great studio albums after that (but some smokin' live ones, mostly with Duane). Yet The Allman Brothers Band remained one of the best touring bands you could see, for another decade or more.

Dickey Betts. He was powerful and note perfect, and they weren't even The ABB until Betts joined in 1969. The two brothers, Duane and Gregg, began as The Houserockers, then The Escorts, The Allman Joys (I saw them at Denver's legendary The Family Dog club in '67 while serving time at Ft. Carson – that's a story), Hour Glass (move to LA), then Betts came along and the name changed and, more importantly, Duane was freed from playing lead guitar and could do what he did best, slide and bottleneck. How many bands could survive the loss of a Duane Allman? Betts carried them.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

"LA TRAVIATA," LA Opera — This is one of the most enduring tragedies, a new production, with star soprano Rachel Willis-Sørensen. What's Violetta to do,

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AROUND TOWN

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Pier Splashdown & Pie Contest

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the Pier Splashdown & Pie Contest events, Arts & Literacy Festival, and much more!



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WEEKEND: The Pier welcomes swimmers this weekend.

Annual Venice Beach gRUNion Night Party: During spring and summer, on select nights during the full and new moons, hundreds of shimmering grunion fish come ashore to spawn. Join fellow ocean lovers on the sands of Venice Beach at night for the Venice Oceanarium annual gRUNion Party & lab. FREE. Friday, April 26, 10:45 p.m. @ Venice Breakwater. https://www.veniceoceanarium.org/events-calendar/05jxulbx1sfw9ycmn8v910otnrg2zg

JAMS-SMASH Theater Presents Mean Girls Jr.: Enjoy "a kid-appropriate version of this musical comedy about Cady Heron, the naive newcomer who navigates the social perks and perils of high school life, where Plastics reign and good friends can be hard to find (and keep). Through song and satire, this timely show encourages audience members to share their sparkle and adjust each other's crowns." Friday, April 26, 7 p.m., Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., and Sunday April 28, 2 p.m. @ 2425 16th St.. www.jamstheatrecompany.com

Chubbies Splashdown on the Pier: Expect a giant inflatable water slide on the Santa Monica Pier and those brave enough to slide down it will receive a FREE pair of Chubbies swim trunks. There will also be a live DJ, free food & drinks, a giant hammer carnival game & more. Saturday, April 27, 12 - 6 p.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chubbies-splash-down-at-the-santa-monica-pier-tickets-876240798817

Cellista Soars in Upcoming Aerial Cello Experience: Two top-notch entertainment forms will be merged into one, as Cellista will be performing Élégie, what she calls a "stage poem" written for Aerial Cello. Saturday, April 27, 9 p.m. @ the Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th St. https://www.highwaysperformance.org/events/cellista-elegie

PanCan PurpleStride: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network will host the annual PanCAN PurpleStride Los Angeles next to the Santa Monica Pier. Everyone is invited join the nationwide Walk to End Pancreatic Cancer alongside survivors, caregivers, healthcare professionals, celebrities, and community members to raise awareness and funds to fight pancreatic cancer. Saturday, April 27, 2024, 9:00 am @ 200 Santa Monica Pier https://secure.pancan.org/site/TR/PurpleStride/PurpleStride

Arts & Literacy Festival 2024: The year's theme is "The ROBOTS Are Here," and the event will host over thirty different community organizations offering games and activities that align with Santa Monica Cradle to Career Building Blocks for Kindergarten campaign. The campaign promotes social and emotional development, self-care, physical well-being and motor skills, language development and early learning to help parents, educators, early childcare providers, and other community partners work together to make sure all Santa Monica children start kindergarten ready to learn, inside and outside the classroom. This is also a great chance for middle and high school students to earn community service hours. Saturday, Apr 27, 2024 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4yjh8bbsdb3ydvs81gxsbrapwm/202404271000

Tomato Time! Container Gardening Workshop at Santa Monica Public Library: Librarian Bobby Tsui teaches you how to grow tomatoes from seed to harvest, including selecting the proper container and potting mix, care and feeding, and dealing with common pests and diseases. A hands-on planting activity follows the presentation. Attendees will receive a seed sampler pack and have the opportunity to plant tomato seeds to take home and grow. Space and supplies are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Saturday, April 27, 3 - 4:30 p.m. at the Montana Ave. Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. https://smpl.org/

The Network SM - Queer Picnic in the Park: Get to know your neighbors, celebrate the glorious queer community we're creating together, and talk about the future of LGBTQIA+ Santa Monica/the Westside. (The sunset is a bonus if you stay until the end.) EAT, DRINK, and BE QUEER! Saturday, April 27, 3 - 7:30 p.m. @ Hotchkiss Park, 4th St & Hollister. https://www.instagram.com/thenetworksm/

Grad Nite: Come to The Venice West on Tuesday, April 30, 7 - 10:30 p.m. for live music by The Dial Ups, playing hits from the 60's, 70's and LOTS of 80's! Ticket sales go to support SaMoHi Grad Nite.

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Wine Tasting Experience with Justin Winery: Mingle with the creators of Justin Wines as you savor their Paso Robles selections, expertly paired with creations by Chef Garee Battad. $86. Thursday, Apr 25, 7 p.m. @ Marina Del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-tasting-experience-with-justin-winery-at-the-marina-del-rey-hotel-tickets-768672970547

Grilled Cheese & Wine Night @ Andrew's Cheese Shop: Expect "a starter salad with fresh greens, followed up by four open faced grilled cheeses each expertly paired with a unique wine and finished off with a (wait for it) float using Elio Perrone's Bigaro, a sweet blend of Moscato and Brachetto." $80/person. Friday, April 26, 7:30p.m. @ 728 Montana Ave. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/april-26th-grilled-cheese-and-wine-pairing-tickets-877569161987

KCRW's Good Food PieFest & Contest: At the heart of the festival is a massive pie contest where hundreds of bakers compete to impress the judges — a collection of LA's finest chefs and food writers. The event also features baking demos, a marketplace with pie slices and lunch options, a beer garden, kids activities, exhibitions at the Fowler Museum, and music sets from KCRW DJs Dan Wilcox and SiLVA. FREE and open to the public to attend. Sunday April 28, 12 - 5 p.m. @ UCLA Royce Quad, 10745 Dickson Ct. https://www.kcrw.com/kcrws-good-food-piefest-contest-2024

Hank's in Pacific Palisades Gets a Spiffy Makeover as an American Bistro: This EaterLA write-up details how it reopened in Palisades Village a couple weeks ago with a whole new look and refocused menu. @ 1033 N Swarthmore Ave, Pacific Palisades. I checked it out last Sunday night and was delighted by the atmosphere, drinks, food, and live jazz playing outside. https://la.eater.com/2024/4/9/24125408/hanks-restaurant-opening-american-bistro-caruso-palisades-village-pacific-palisades

Rustic Canyon's Tuesday Supper: "Born from the concept of simplicity and cohesion, the Tuesday Supper presents a set 3-course menu featuring hyper-seasonal ingredients handpicked by the chefs from the week's farmers' market. With a different menu each week, diners are guaranteed a fresh experience with every visit, aligning perfectly with Rustic Canyon's commitment to seasonal menu rotations." $75 for a set 3-course menu. 1119 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.instagram.com/rusticcanyon/p/C4J2wldsYdC

Venice Cocktail Lounge Gran Blanco Enters Its Izakaya Era: The nearly five-year-old cocktail lounge located below the Venice sign on Windward Avenue from the founders of Great White, recently reopened following a months-long closure to revamp its menus and interiors. More details here: https://la.eater.com/2024/4/18/24131494/gran-blanco-venice-new-menu-japanese-bar-food-izakaya-cocktails-los-angeles

Further Afield: Pizza City Fest LA (4/27-28) at LA Live downtown (https://www.lalive.com/pizza-city-fest-la) and Jackalope (4/27-28) returns to the heart of Old Pasadena for a two-day event offering shoppers over 200 local, hand-selected artisans to peruse. Outdoors. All-ages. Free to attend!

Looking Ahead Around Town: Movie Fridays on 3rd St. Promenade (5/10, 6/14), MAINopoly (5/19), Eeeeeatscon (6/8-9), Make Music Day (6/21)

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: Pier Splashdown & Pie Contest

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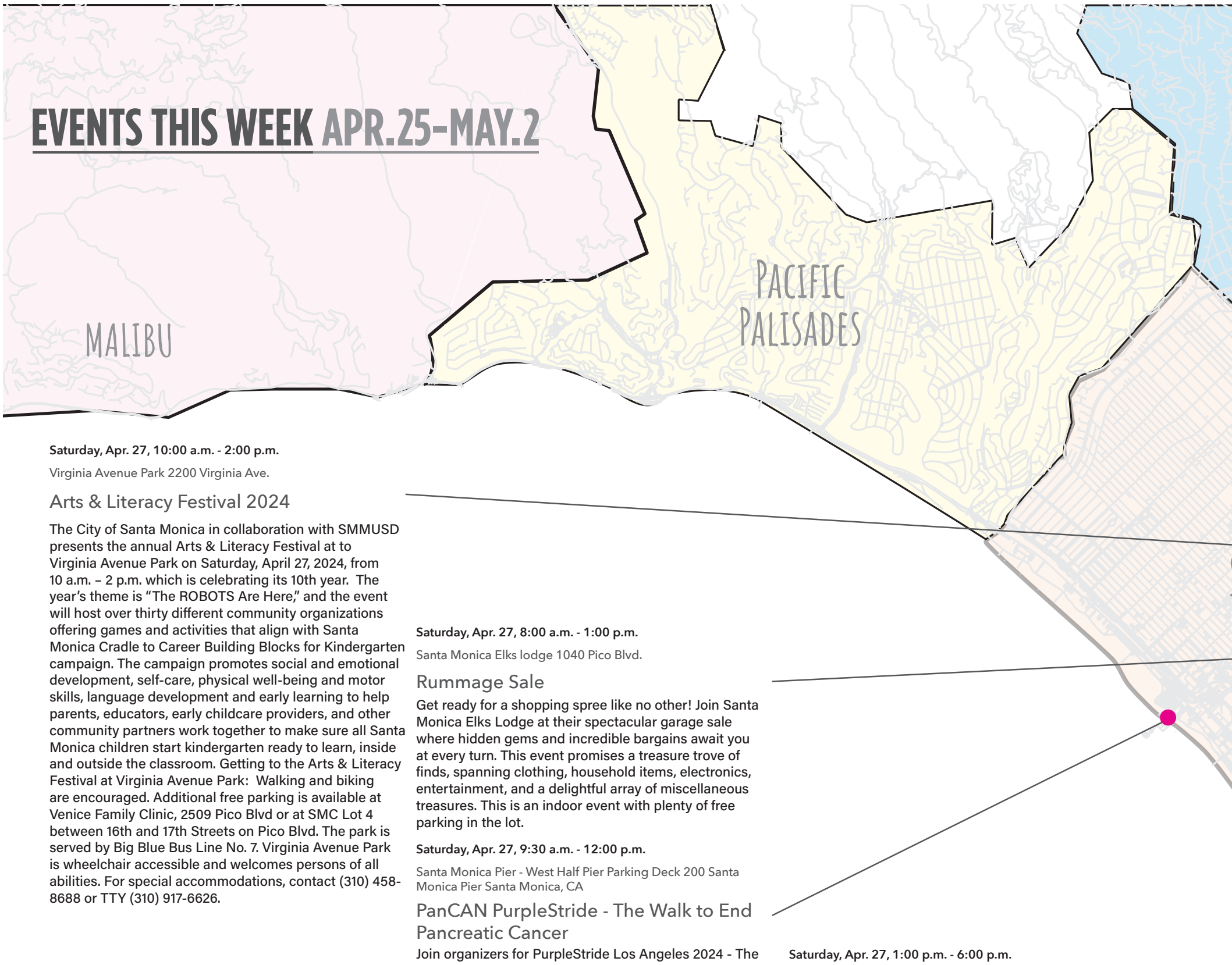
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP #406 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES**
- **Submission Deadline Is May 24, 2024 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.e.

EVENTS THIS WEEK APR.25-MAY.2



Saturday, Apr. 27, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Ave.

Arts & Literacy Festival 2024

The City of Santa Monica in collaboration with SMMUSD presents the annual Arts & Literacy Festival at to Virginia Avenue Park on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. which is celebrating its 10th year. The year's theme is "The ROBOTS Are Here," and the event will host over thirty different community organizations offering games and activities that align with Santa Monica Cradle to Career Building Blocks for Kindergarten campaign. The campaign promotes social and emotional development, self-care, physical well-being and motor skills, language development and early learning to help parents, educators, early childcare providers, and other community partners work together to make sure all Santa Monica children start kindergarten ready to learn, inside and outside the classroom. Getting to the Arts & Literacy Festival at Virginia Avenue Park: Walking and biking are encouraged. Additional free parking is available at Venice Family Clinic, 2509 Pico Blvd or at SMC Lot 4 between 16th and 17th Streets on Pico Blvd. The park is served by Big Blue Bus Line No. 7. Virginia Avenue Park is wheelchair accessible and welcomes persons of all abilities. For special accommodations, contact (310) 458-8688 or TTY (310) 917-6626.

Saturday, Apr. 27, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Elks lodge 1040 Pico Blvd.

Rummage Sale

Get ready for a shopping spree like no other! Join Santa Monica Elks Lodge at their spectacular garage sale where hidden gems and incredible bargains await you at every turn. This event promises a treasure trove of finds, spanning clothing, household items, electronics, entertainment, and a delightful array of miscellaneous treasures. This is an indoor event with plenty of free parking in the lot.

Saturday, Apr. 27, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Pier - West Half Pier Parking Deck 200 Santa Monica Pier Santa Monica, CA

PanCAN PurpleStride - The Walk to End Pancreatic Cancer

Join organizers for PurpleStride Los Angeles 2024 - The Walk to End Pancreatic Cancer! Walk alongside survivors, caregivers, celebrities, and community members affected by pancreatic cancer. Registration is FREE and available on www.purplestride.org, just select LA as your event! All proceeds from the event support research and patient services. This event is hosted by the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

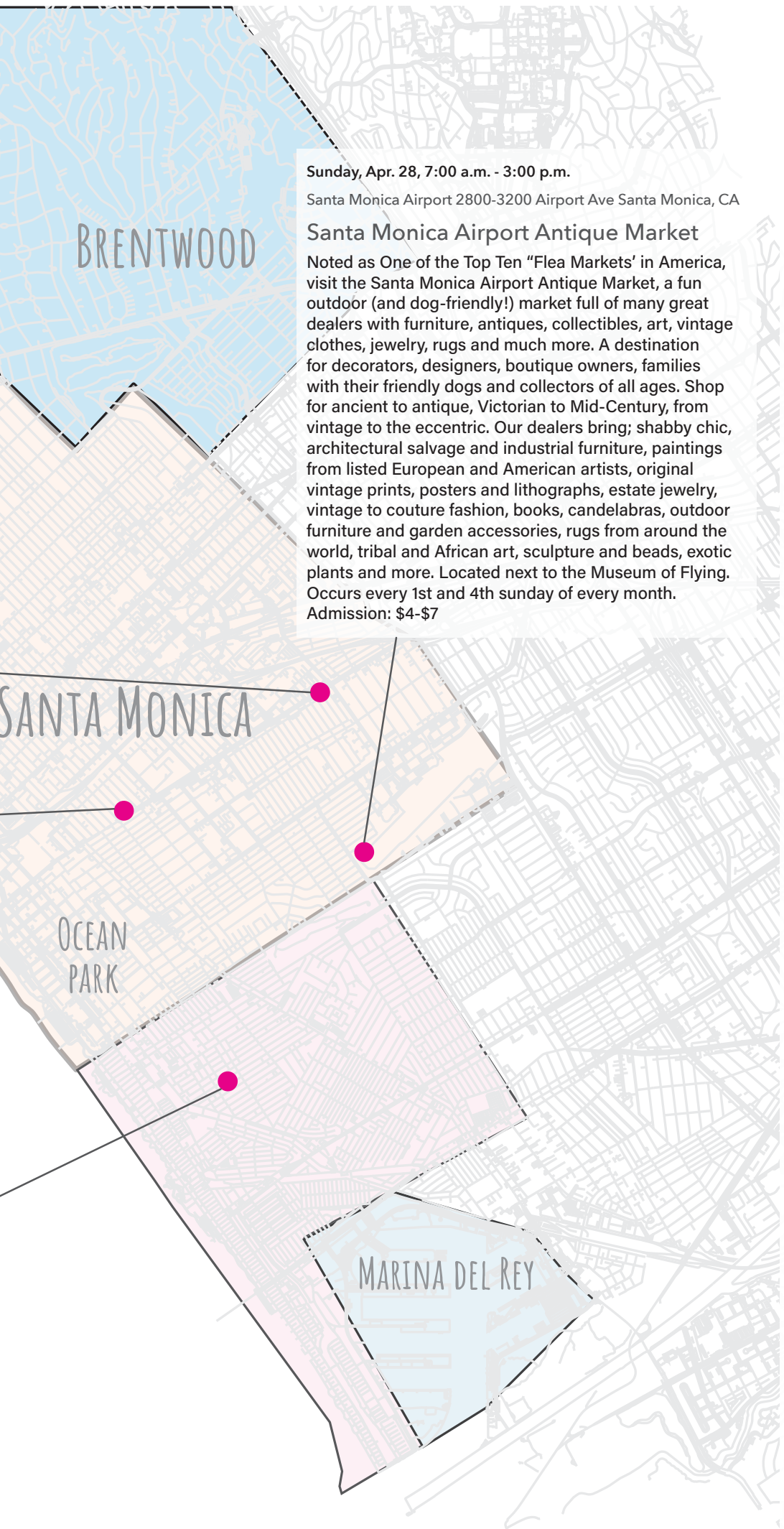
Saturday, Apr. 27, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Beyond Baroque Venice, CA

International Poetry Film Festival, Los Angeles: Official Selection

$15.00 to $30.00—Up to half off for Beyond Baroque members. The third annual International Poetry Film Festival, Los Angeles, at Beyond Baroque will feature screenings of nearly 40 poetry-based films from around the world, including selections from France, India, Belgium, Ireland, and the United States. Selected by festival director Lynn Holley and Beyond Baroque, the films will be screened in The Wanda Coleman Theater at Beyond Baroque. This year's Opening Night on Friday, April 26, at 7 PM, features a special screening of Life is a Saxophone, a documentary that captures legendary poet Kamau Daáood as he considers survival as an oral poet in an electronic age, filmed in 1984 and shot in 16 mm. After the screening, hear from S. Pearl Sharp, Roberto Miguel Miranda, and Gale Fulton Ross in a conversation and Q&A moderated by poet Benin Lemus .In addition to the feature documentary, the Opening Night event includes screenings of three Official Selection poem-based films accepted to this year's festival. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/international-poetry-film-festival-los-angeles-2024-official-selection-tickets-876233557157

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events



Sunday, Apr. 28, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Airport 2800-3200 Airport Ave Santa Monica, CA

Santa Monica Airport Antique Market

Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor (and dog-friendly!) market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. A destination for decorators, designers, boutique owners, families with their friendly dogs and collectors of all ages. Shop for ancient to antique, Victorian to Mid-Century, from vintage to the eccentric. Our dealers bring; shabby chic, architectural salvage and industrial furniture, paintings from listed European and American artists, original vintage prints, posters and lithographs, estate jewelry, vintage to couture fashion, books, candelabras, outdoor furniture and garden accessories, rugs from around the world, tribal and African art, sculpture and beads, exotic plants and more. Located next to the Museum of Flying. Occurs every 1st and 4th sunday of every month. Admission: $4-$7



THURSDAY | APRIL 25

WESTSIDE DIGITAL MIX

Westside Digital Mix returns to LouLou Santa Monica, 395 Santa Monica Place, starting at 6 p.m. to connect with some of the brightest minds and best conversations in entertainment, media and technology. Featured guest speaker this month is Tech Humanist and XR Immersive Strategist Kathleen Cohen. Hosted appetizers, extended happy hour cocktails until 8 p.m. Limited advance tickets remaining for $25, door tickets $40, cash only. For more information, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/westside-digital-mix-santa-monica-edition-tickets-869465553877.

DISCO QUEEN

LouLou Rooftop Restaurant and Lounge, 395 Santa Monica Place #300, hosts the hottest new disco and drag party on the Westside beginning at 6 p.m. Disco Queen pays homage to Disco Queen nights in Paris filled with disco balls, smooth grooves and over-the-top talent. The top drag queens on the planet will host the hottest night out with resident DJ ARA playing classic disco hits. The launch event will feature a special performance by RuPaul's Drag Race veteran and Emmy-nominated actor Willam. For more information, visit loulousantamonica.com.

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION

City art and culture programs are guided by the 9-member Santa Monica Arts Commission, which was formally established in 1982 to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of art programs in the City. Appointed by the Santa Monica City Council, Arts Commissioners advise the Council on matters of policy, and strive to encourage the flow of art into the City and stimulate art activity here. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Monica Public Library Community Meeting Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

FRIDAY | APRIL 26

MAKE YOUR OWN TIE DYE SHIRT

Calling all kids! Design your own tie dye shirt to take home and wear with pride. This program is presented with Jason, our library volunteer. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. West Los Angeles Regional Library 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

CYBERNAUTS: LAPL E-MEDIA RESOURCES

Limited capacity. Sign up at the Library Reference Desk or by emailing jake.folsom@lapl.org. For a complete list of classes and services, visit lapl.org/cybernauts. Workshops will be conducted in person. Join the Cybernaut to learn all the ways you can gain free access to digital books, music, movies, courses and more through the library's e-media resources! Bring with you the devices you will use to read, listen to or view resources, if you can.
Topics covered include:
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Music and podcasts
Movies, tv, and video
Online Learning
Language Learning
Newspapers and magazines
Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. 4 p.m.

THE NIGHT SKY SHOW

The Night Sky Show is a short program with the latest news in space exploration and astronomy. The program uses freeware sky visualization tools to show you the constellations planets and deep sky objects in the Southern California night sky. The show will last about 30 minutes followed by a short Q&A when guests can type questions into a chat box. Free, online. https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/4dbcb55f-a8fa-4311-8c27-bca3a5b6208a

SATURDAY | APRIL 27

RUMMAGE SALE

Get ready for a shopping spree like no other! Join Santa Monica Elks Lodge at their spectacular garage sale where hidden gems and incredible bargains await you at every turn. This event promises a treasure trove of finds, spanning clothing, household items, electronics, entertainment, and a delightful array of miscellaneous treasures. This is an indoor event with plenty of free parking in the lot. Santa Monica Elks lodge, 1040 Pico Blvd. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DEA DRUG TAKE BACK

Did you know that approximately 60,000 emergency department visits annually result from children under 6 finding and ingesting medication? Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. National Take-Back Day is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, April 24, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Santa Monica Police Department. Location: Santa Monica Public Safety Facility, 333 Olympic Drive.

ARTS & LITERACY FESTIVAL 2024

The robots are here! Celebrate reading with a robot-themed day of live performances and family-friendly activities hosted by community organizations, including the library. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

LA MADE PRESENTS: CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY WITH EMMY LAM

Space is limited. Please email palsds@lapl.org or visit the reference desk to reserve a spot. Chinese calligraphy has been a traditional art of Chinese writing for more than 5000 years. It is especially significant and important during numerous Chinese festivals and celebrations. This workshop is a superb opportunity for everyone to learn how to write a different language and to learn about Chinese culture in a fun and creative way through Chinese calligraphy. Students will learn to write 24 Chinese characters, and they will bring home their prized work. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, 11 a.m.

NOTEWORTHY

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when she wants to settle down but her following won't let her, even for True Love? This is one of those operas everyone has heard of, for a reason... Oh man, you may think I;m just lazy if you see I have repeated a write-up, but I hate doing it. It happens when I haven't found the time to get to a performance, to write from personal experience rather than what I know to be reliably true. I sure hope I can get to this last performance, and see you there. Sat 7:30 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $159-399.

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES — You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday, 9pm–11:30pm, for more than a decade now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure, just over the border from SM. Mon 9pm, Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

Next Thurs - BEETHOVEN'S "PIANO CONCERTO #4," RICHARD STRAUSS' "DON QUIXOTE," DUDAMEL, LA PHIL - Thank you, Gustavo, for pairing this Beethoven piano concerto with Strauss' epic tone poem, no intermission. Boy, will we miss you next year. Next Thurs, Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $97-279.

RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT - RHIANNON GIDDENS – Even though you never know what to expect from her because her interests and talents are so far-ranging, and I have been a little disappointed a time or two, she is one of those always worth the gamble. Wonderful vocalist and accomplished fiddler and banjo picker, when Ken Burns was introduced to her partway through the making of his terrific country music doc, he later said, I'm not sure we could have made it without her. She is an encyclopedia of American music, but hardly dry reading. Thurs 8 p.m., The United Theatre on Broadway, LA, $86-631.

BARTÓK, MOZART, BEETHOVEN, LA PHIL – Hello! Reminder. You live in LA, surrounded by millions of unpleasant people who clog the freeways and make your drive home to your $4K/mo rental miserable, so what's the trade off? This. Wolfie and L van before the intermission, and after, Hungarian Béla Bartók's stirring and

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. And the band is smokin'! Don't. Miss. Toledo Diamond. Sun 9:30pm, Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

beautiful "Concerto for Orchestra." If this isn't a big part of why you moved here from Omaha or Idaho, you can still correct your error. Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m.. Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $64-190.

Next Thurs - MIKE RANDLE, AMILIA K SPICER, JAMES COMBS/ERIN HAWKINS - this sounds like a good time, in a very different venue and in the round, music and storytelling, right here on Main Street, and with a very good chance at very good music. This is a one-off, but I have heard Amilia K for a long time on the LA country-folk scene, and she is a great show both for her distinctive vocals and her songwriting. Randle is a Santa Monica legend, many years at True Tone Music, and for his band Baby Lemonade, which is so good they tour with founding Love guitarist Johnny Echols as Love Revisited, playing note for note the well-known and tricky catalog of the great LA '60s band Love, led by the late Arthur Lee. They played his last dates (I was lucky enough to see them in Hollywood), and have toured the world recreating that unique Love sound. A lot of knowledgeable rock people put Love's "Forever Changes" on their list of best all-time albums. I sure do. So if Mike Randle can do that, I can't wait to hear his acoustic show here. Next Thurs 7 p.m., Cabin Creek Crystals, Santa Monica, $10.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (all Recommended): Toledo Diamond, Harvelle's, 4/28; Hot Club of Los Angeles, Cinema Bar, 4/29; "La Traviata," LA Opera, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 4/27; Jacky Terrasson Trio, Jazz Bakery, 5/5; Library Girl, Ruskin Theatre, 5/12; Marcus King, Wiltern, 5/14; 62nd Annual Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas, 5/19; Pearl Jam, Kia Forum, 5/21, 22; Kraftwerk, Disney Hall, 5/21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30; John McEuen, McCabe's, 5/24; Tedeschi Trucks Band, Little Feat, Greek, 6/9; Chris Stapleton, Hollywood Bowl, 6/26, plus Grace Potter 6/27; Rolling Stones, Sofi Stadium, 7/10, 13.

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THE RE-VIEW

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Manpuku

The corner of Olympic and Sawtelle, the beginning of the Japanese area of town and the two or three blocks to the north, has become one of the busiest food destinations in Los Angeles. In the little shopping area in the first block you can find my favorite Korean restaurant, where I order my favorite tofu soup; and there is a wonderful chicken take-out place, and Manpuku (meaning "Full Belly").

Eating at Manpuku is not just eating, but an experience and a lot of fun. The setup is like the many Korean restaurants in town, with the grill tables, but the menu is different.

The Prix Fixe (meaning "Fixed Price") menu looks really good to me, but it's too much food for me at this stage of life. On that menu for $69 per person you get kimchi and bean sprouts appetizers, spicy beef soup, garlic fried rice, five different cuts of beef and some shrimp, all for grilling at the table, followed by ice cream!

The last time I was there I started with the roasted garlic, kimchi, and slices of the Kobe filet. We cooked the filet to rare, and it was delicious, but because it was fairly thick it was hard to eat without a knife and fork. Then we ordered the Kobe ribeye, which the waiter said was the most popular selection. There was no bone, just perfect slices of well marbled beef and it was perfect. Then we tried the Jidori chicken thigh, which was good, but not great.

There are a lot of dishes that I haven't yet tried, but will in time: there are assorted mushrooms, Kurobuta pork sausage, and Kobe tongue, all dishes I love. And there are lots of different ways to eat the proteins, such as getting wrapping lettuce.

The menu is much more varied than one would expect. There are three separate types of beef, American Wagyu, US Prime, and the Japanese "signature" beef. Then there are some pork selections, chicken thighs or breast, and seafood. There are three kinds of rice, 5 soups, 8 appetizers, and 5 sashimi selections. The bottom line is that you have to come back lots of times to experience this restaurant. I loved grilling the beef at the table, so it is cooked just how I like it and stays hot.

There is also an extensive drink menu taking up the whole back side of the menu, which includes Sapporo on tap, an excellent selection of wine, and one of the best sake lists I've seen (hot and cold).

The thing that separates this from the ubiquitous Korean BBQ with self-grilling is the broad extent of the menu, the reasonable prices, and the Japanese influence. I recommend it.

Manpuku Japanese BBQ 2125 Sawtelle Blvd 310-473-0580 manpukuus.com

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CHORUS

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the first (operas) we got to do together ... it's really a fun sort of full-circle moment for us, and every time we come back to LA now ... it's really sort of a homecoming, and it's fun to have all the friends and fans come out."

One of the fans-turned-colleagues is the third guest soloist, Chinese-American bass Colin Ramsey, who has adored working with Jamie and Nathan in the past and stated it was a "nice call to get" from Ketchum about performing.

"The immediate feeling I got talking to everyone about this was that this was just going to be such a labor of love and such a joyous coming together ... such a great opportunity and an honor to be here to celebrate something as significant as the 40th anniversary for a music organization like this," Ramsey said.

Verdi, born from the former restaurant in Santa Monica, continues to set the standard for operatic music in the area, focusing on bringing in casual observers of the genre with affordability and the intimate setting of the First Presbyterian Church. Jamie noted that Verdi making classic opera "accessible" through venue and presentation is less intimidating for concertgoers than attending "a full-blown opera."

"We've got the music that is being presented (in) an absolutely high quality, high standard way, and it is being bolstered with the addition of soloists, and all of that coming together helps make it an accessible moment for opera within the community, which is also just really important to me," Jamie said.

Her husband added that having a close connection to the audience enhances the concert for everyone involved.

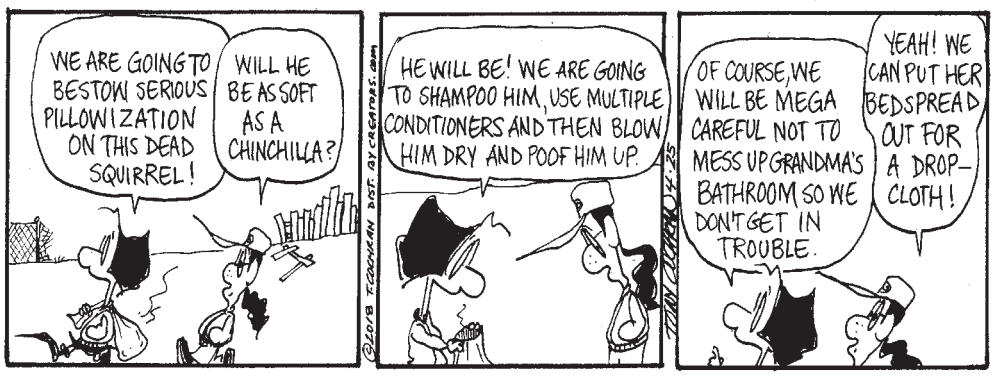
"I think it is imperative for singers and artists to reach out into the community," Nathan said. "A lot of times people think, you know, you're 50 feet away, you're separated by a pit and a giant orchestra and you've got makeup on (and) all this other stuff. With a concert like this, you're really right there, you're in the same room. It's not a giant barn of a place, (so) we're really sharing something, and it's not just a great thing for an audience to hear, it's a great thing for me and us as performers as well, because we are all sharing this experience."

For more information and to purchase tickets to Saturday's 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's 4 p.m. shows at the First Presbyterian Church, visit verdichorus.org.

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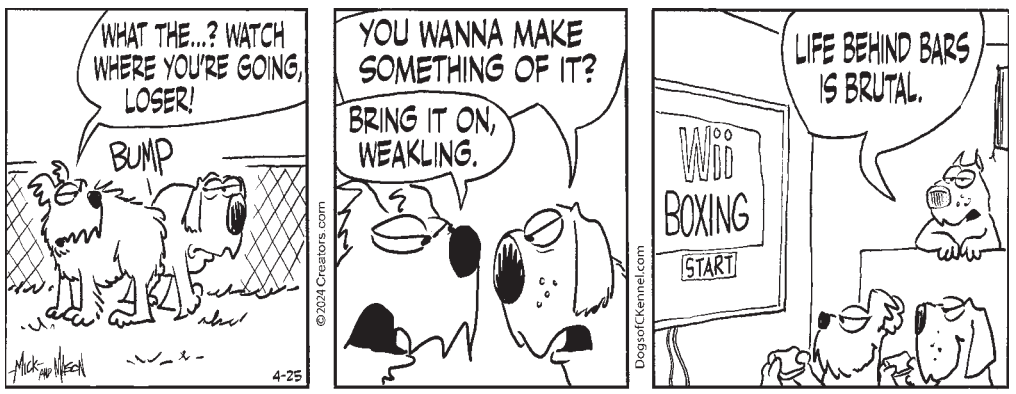
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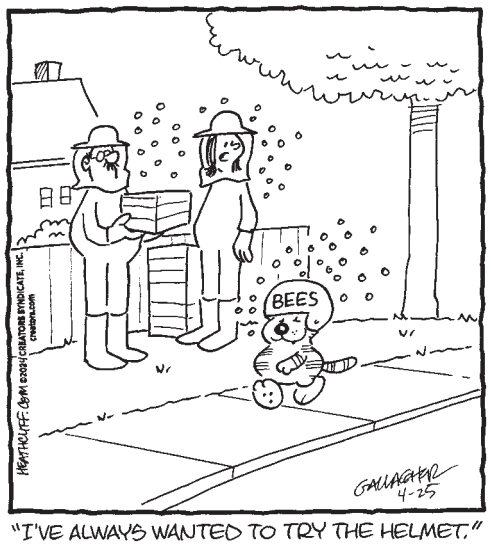
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By PETER GALLAGHER



"I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY THE HELMET."

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

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 25)

Oh, the cosmic grace of other people's needs intersecting with yours! You'll often get your wishes on the wings of your generosity to others. Fascinating plot turns where love grows increasingly honest and connected. More highlights: myth comes alive; encounters with the legendary, a leap to the executive realm, and a sacred, endless promise. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 14, 7, 21 and 32.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Making others happy won't feel like enough. It's the way you do it that will matter. Part of you wants to handle things in your own signature style and be recognized for it, too. It's not too much to aim for, and a very natural thing to want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life's adventures demand a toll. For the treasures you chase, you'll pay the price willingly, even if it's high. The key? Calculating costs upfront, so your struggles have purpose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The theme of the day is, "Tell me what I don't already know." And though you will have to kindly listen to many more "known" things to get to it, you'll finally land on the golden nugget of novel information that makes things interesting again.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll step into the role of supportive friend. Your understanding offers invaluable validation. Your ease in relating to others stems from the times you've been able to accept compassion from yourself and others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your adaptability is a strength, but don't switch plans too often. It's important to figure out if your original strategy will work with a little more patience or persistence. Feedback will be invaluable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Consider that some amount of tension is healthy for a relationship. It wouldn't be very compelling otherwise. How much — that's the question. You'll reflect on aspects of relationships you normally wouldn't think about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're coming into your own. People are listening to you better, asking for your opinion and letting you call more shots that matter. Money may be involved, but of course money isn't power. How it's used is what matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Mentorship is a necessary part of going to the next level in an endeavor. It will center you in a certain way to report. Finding the right mentor is less important than just choosing one. You can always change later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Socializing will be part of the work. Step back and take a good look around the room. Who do you think would be good to know? It doesn't take you long to get a sense of people today; 15 seconds can do 80% of the job.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love will not be in the mood to follow the rules. Opposites won't attract, meets won't be "cute"... somehow, at the end of the day, you'll feel closer and more connected to others than you were at the start.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Here it comes again, the urge to rebel. Does it count if your non-conformity affects only you? A person who has control over their own process, to whatever degree it's possible, doesn't feel a strong need to control the lives of others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). With a little tinkering, things will smooth out. A few domestic tweaks, plus your upbeat way of communicating them to whoever else is involved in their execution, will make for a more pleasant experience at home.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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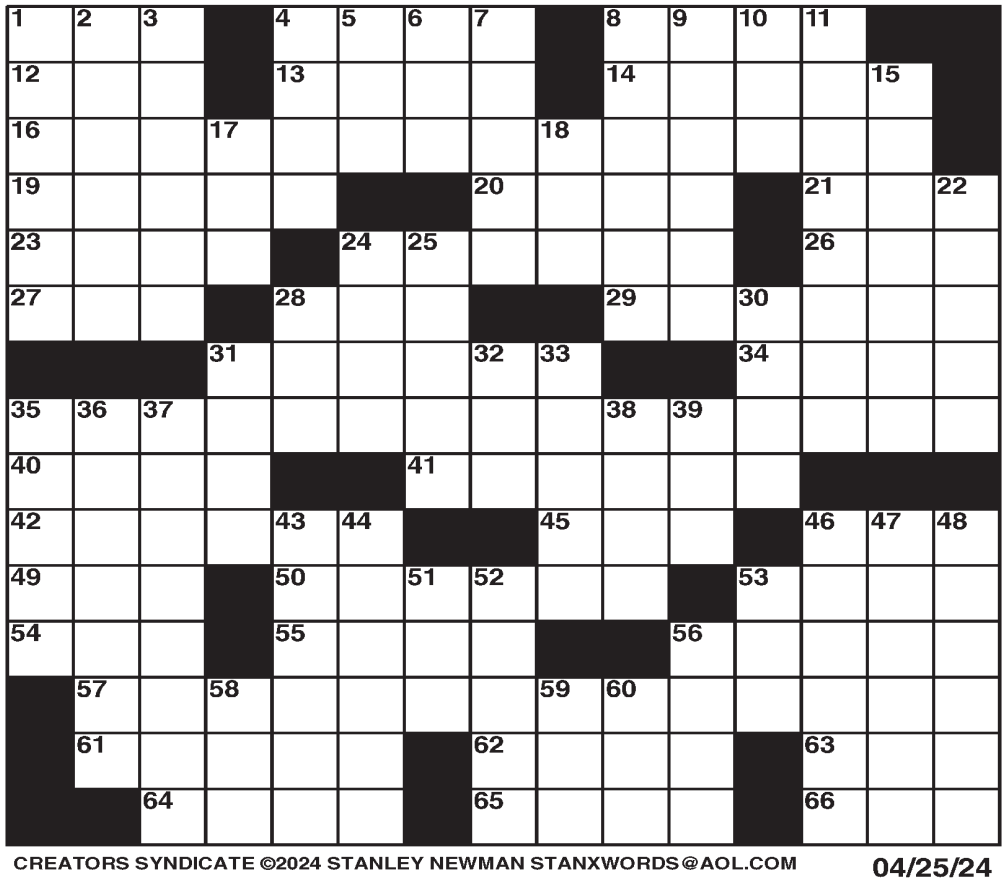
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her a typewriter as an avenue to release her thoughts into the world.

"I had a lot of energy ... and so I feel my parents just (thought) oh, she likes to write, (and said) sit here, sit down (at) this typewriter and write something, and poetry just came to me," Carmack said. "Not good poetry by any means, like rhyming love poems and things like that, but I've always written poetry and given poetry as gifts."

Embracing the written word, Carmack moved to Los Angeles after having screenwriting dreams living in the St. Louis area, eventually calling the Pico neighborhood of Santa Monica home after stints in Colorado and Arizona. As part of her new role, she will be giving back to Pico through a unique poem celebrating the Pico Branch Library's 10th anniversary, using specific words given to her by locals during the Arts and Literacy Festival.

"This specific neighborhood just really embraced me, it was just a wonderful place to be a young person and my neighbors were (so) kind and the community was so kind and everybody kind of kept an eye on me," Carmack said. "It was just really (a) warm and loving welcome."

While screenwriting, Carmack still had poetry on the brain, sharing her works on social media and enjoying the instant feedback as opposed to a more drawn-out scripting process. When the COVID-19 pandemic impacted her hospitality work at The Ambrose Hotel, she sought poetry as a creative practice that "felt the most comfortable" during a difficult time for everyone.

"It was something that I could share in a way that I (thought) could be of service, which kind of sounds lofty and cheesy, but ... (it was) something I could do with all the emotions that everybody was feeling, all the fear and all that sort of hopelessness," Carmack added. "I could write poetry, and I could share poetry, and I could hear from people (that said) that poem lifted my spirits ... so it was really helpful for me."

Carmack's words were helpful for many, as her debut poetry collection "My Own Body Breathing" became an Amazon best-seller within a day of its 2020 release. A few years later, she found herself in the running for the Poet Laureate position, believing she would be "a long shot" after sending in samples of her work and letters of recommendation.

During an interview process conducted by local library staff, a key partner in the position's creation, Carmack was able to talk about herself and the art form she loved, and she called eventually receiving the opportunity "the height of success" because she can share her talents with the city she loves.

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"When she left the room, we were so excited and (all we) wanted to do was talk about poetry," said Santa Monica Library Manager Karen Reitz. "Even though we're librarians, we're not necessarily naturally drawn to the world of poetry ... but just her enthusiasm, her thoughtfulness (stood out)."

That enthusiasm translated to a successful workshop on short-form lyric poetry, the first workshop during Carmack's term and her first time leading a workshop in general. Though it was a beautiful Saturday afternoon outside, over 50 people chose to spend time with her in the library crafting their own written works.

"I thought it was so beautiful because I kind of expected people to be a little shy ... but people wanted to share, people wanted to tell us what they had to say, so it was a great event," Carmack added.

Carmack will continue her work at Lo/Cal as a cook while starting to cook up workshops and other endeavors for aspiring poets, a balance she is enthralled to have.

"Right now it's just like this mixed bag of unexpected things," she said. "I never thought I would be a grill cook, I never thought I would be a Poet Laureate in such an iconic, incredibly cool city. It's a fun time."

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POET: A large group of burgeoning poets gathered at the Santa Monica Main Library on April 20 to celebrate Anne Carmack's selection as the city's Poet Laureate, including Mayor Phil Brock who helped lead the position's creation.

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