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LA City Councilwoman Traci Park announces new homeless services and beach clean up in Venice

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Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park was joined by officials from the Bureau of Sanitation, Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles Police Department and community leaders early on Tuesday morning to announce a new initiative to help the homeless and clean up the beaches.

The open air press conference took place at the Rose Avenue beach parking lot and drew camera crews and reporters from every major local news network and newspaper.



Photo by Scott Snowden

CLEAN UP: Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park was joined by officials to announce a new initiative to help the homeless and clean up the beaches.

"During last year's budget process, my team and I successfully secured funding for a Care Plus team dedicated to our coastal area. And while the Bureau of Sanitation, like every city department, faced severe hiring challenges, thanks to their hard work and dedication in filling these positions, we are launching our very first coastal Care Plus operation today, right here in Venice," Park said.

"Our oceans and beaches are home to diverse marine life, already struggling with the effects of climate change and pollution," Park said while also making a very important

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Young adult novel popularity continues to soar at festival

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The popularity of young adult and teenage-focused novels has continued to persist, as local youth filled the campus of Santa Monica High School this past weekend to meet their favorite authors.

For the tenth anniversary of the Yallwest book festival, over 50 authors in a plethora of genres signed books for excited fans and took part in panels discussing their latest works. The festival was an extension of the Yallfest event that began in Charleston, South Carolina in 2011, founded by Margaret Stohl of "Caster Chronicles" book series fame. Stohl, who lives in Santa Monica, brought Yallwest to the city in 2014 alongside friend Melissa de la Cruz, known for novels such as the Disney's "Descendants" franchise.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

BOOKS: Samohi was the site of numerous author panels and book signings during the 2024 Yallwest book festival.

De la Cruz, who has been writing for 25 years now, enjoys the festival every year as a chance to cultivate the young adult novel community.

"It's (for) kids who love books and kids who find themselves in books, and it's almost like a place

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Opera icon returns to BroadStage for family affair

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

A world-traveled legend of operatic singing, mezzo-soprano Elīna Garanča's return to Santa Monica is a special one for herself and her family.

On Friday, Garanča will be back at the BroadStage as part of the Celebrity Opera Recital Series, a family affair as she will be accompanied by an orchestra led by her husband, esteemed British conductor Karel Mark Chichon. An audience favorite at BroadStage, Garančan and Chichon's trip will be the first time bringing their two daughters to the Los Angeles area.

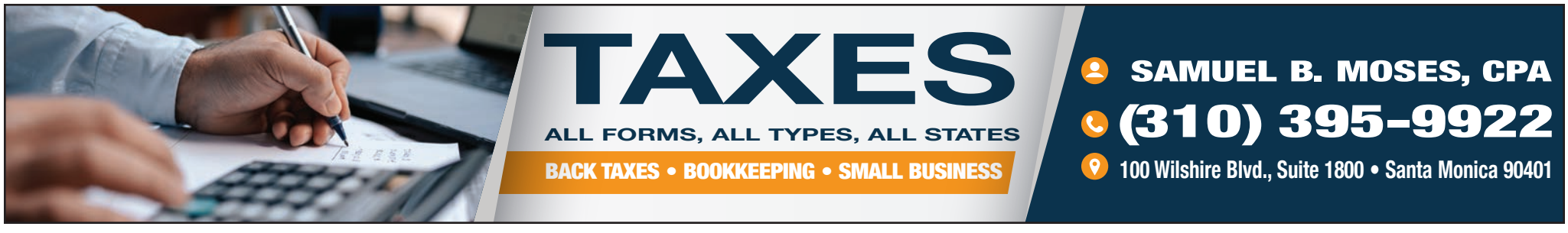
Garanča has received global recognition from audiences, appearing regularly at iconic stages like the Metropolitan Opera House and Carnegie Hall in New York City, Wigmore Hall in London and

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Photo by Michael Pöhn

OPERA: Mezzo-soprano Elīna Garanča returns to the BroadStage alongside husband and conductor Karel Mark Chichon on Friday.



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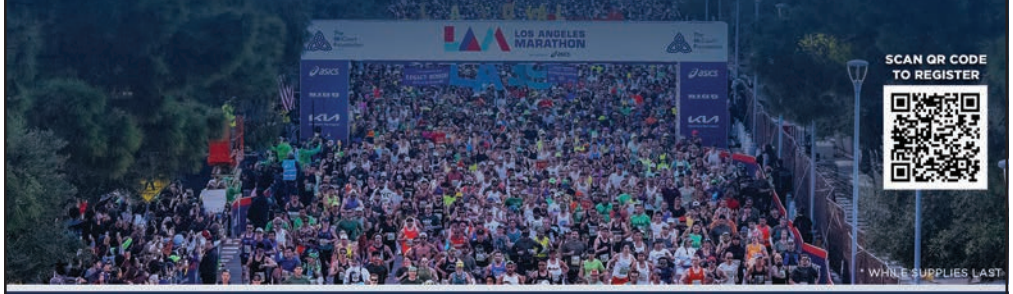
Vikings, Jaguars keep playoff runs alive with late-inning heroics



Photos by Thomas Leffler

PLAYOFFS: Two local baseball squads saw their seasons continue in dramatic fashion Tuesday, while the Samohi Lady Vikings softball squad's 2024 run came to a close. In a second-round CIF playoff contest, the Samohi Vikings defeated the Ganesha Giants 3-2. A 2-2 game in the bottom of the sixth inning, Vikings junior Manny Lares had the hit of the game, bringing in fellow junior Jackson Myrow for the tie-breaking run. The Vikings (19-7) will face off with Adelanto (21-9) on Friday with a spot in the Division V semifinals on the line. In the CIF-SS Division VIII bracket, the New Roads Jaguars were comeback kids against San Jacinto Valley Academy, erasing an early five-run deficit, then scoring three runs in the inning to take a 12-9 victory. The Jaguars' (13-7) first playoff run since 2016 will continue on Friday against Pacifica Christian/Orange County (20-6). The Lady Vikings dropped its second-round playoff home contest to La Quinta, 2-1. The softball squad ended its 2024 campaign with a 16-12-1 record.

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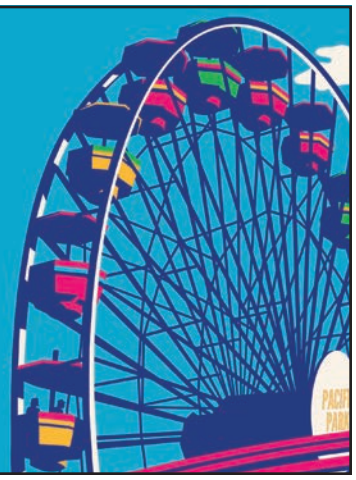


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Mothers Day Weekend Activities & Eats

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the Venice Art Walk, lot's of Mothers Day food options, and much more!



Courtesy Graphic

MOTHERS DAY: The Georgian Room's "Spaghetti Momsday" celebrates mothers everywhere with a three-course dinner.

FREE Movie Fridays on the Promenade - "Mamma Mia": On Friday, May 10, the events begin at 6:30 p.m. with fun photo ops, complimentary popcorn and a DJ playing music before the movies, which include singalongs, start at 7:30 p.m.Guests can bring low chairs (tall chairs are not permitted), pillows, blankets and picnic essentials to relax with family, friends and even furry companions. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movie-fridays-on-third-street-promenade-mamma-mia-510-tickets-883013405867

Venice Family Clinic Art Walk: For 45 years, Venice Family Clinic has celebrated the artists and collectors whose talent and generosity raises money for vital health care in our community. This milestone edition of Venice Family Clinic Art Walk + Auction explores the intersection of History, Health and Home. May 10-19. https://venicefamilyclinic.org/annual-events/aw24/

Celebrity Opera Series Elīna Garanča: She "is one of the most sought-after singers on Earth; among mezzo-sopranos she has few peers, vocally, musically, or dramatically." Friday, May 10, 7:30p.m. @ Broadstage, 1310 11th St. https://broadstage.org/tickets-shows/calendar/elina-garanca-with-orchestra-conducted-by-karel-mark-chichon/

Malibu Comedy Night Rosenthal Wine Bar: Enjoy sips & giggles under the stars in the heart of Malibu! Comedians from Netflix, HBO, & Comedy Central! With Heat Lamps. Friday, May 10, 8 p.m. @ 18741 Pacific Coast Highway Malibu https://www.eventbrite.com/e/malibu-comedy-night-at-rosenthal-wine-bar-patio-tickets-871976564377?aff=ebdsoporgprofile

MANGo Milestone Community Ride: Enjoy a free five-mile social bike ride with Metro Bike Share, Santa Monica Spoke, and the City of Santa Monica! This ride is the perfect way to learn more about the Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Greenway (MANGo). This ride is "no-drop," meaning we will maintain a comfortable and inclusive pace for all participants. Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. @ 17th/SMC Station (accessible via E Line). https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mango-milestone-community-ride-tickets-880253460797

Wellness & Waves: Get ready to ride the wave of rejuvenation on the pier with yoga, light running, and mindfulness exercises with the ocean's chill vibes as your backdrop—all for FREE! It's like a beach party for your soul! Saturday, May 11 - June 29, 9 - 10 a.m. https://www.instagram.com/santamonicapier/

Beach Walk & Sketch: Guided by a naturalist, join others in this peaceful pursuit to sketch on our beautiful coastline. "We'll provide the binoculars, drawing boards, pencils, and newsprint, or bring your own easy-to-carry sketching tools." Saturday, May 11, 9 - 11 a.m. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4rg0s81jx0fpnrsjpwjfnfaxxa/202405110900

Fire Service Day / Open House at Fire Station 1: Open house activities for families and children include fire apparatus and trucks available to explore, tours with firefighters, emergency preparedness information and Hands- Only CPR with American Red Cross. Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. @ 1337 7th St. https://santamonica.gov/events/4g5n777nd3x6n1fkc78qtpp948/202405111000

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.1**

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

AM wind trending more favorable and the afternoon/evening might be in play. SSW swell from Wednesday backs down through the day with small NW energy in the mix. Might be just enough for a few open corners.

FRIDAY
FAIR TO GOOD
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Smaller blend of SSW and NW swell but should still be rideable to locally fun. AM wind is looking light just let the drained tide at sunrise start to push in.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 68.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 55. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
2024/05/09	Thu	05:11 AM	-1.44	L
2024/05/09	Thu	11:40 AM	3.61	H
2024/05/09	Thu	4:13 PM	1.90	L
2024/05/09	Thu	10:33 PM	6.31	H
2024/05/10	Fri	06:01 AM	-1.25	L
2024/05/10	Fri	12:44 PM	3.36	H
2024/05/10	Fri	4:52 PM	2.29	L
2024/05/10	Fri	11:14 PM	5.91	H
2024/05/11	Sat	06:53 AM	-0.90	L
2024/05/11	Sat	1:57 PM	3.21	H
2024/05/11	Sat	5:35 PM	2.64	L
2024/05/11	Sat	11:59 PM	5.39	H
2024/05/12	Sun	07:51 AM	-0.49	L
2024/05/12	Sun	3:27 PM	3.21	H
2024/05/12	Sun	6:31 PM	2.94	L
2024/05/13	Mon	12:53 AM	4.84	H
2024/05/13	Mon	08:57 AM	-0.10	L
2024/05/13	Mon	4:53 PM	3.39	H

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Jackpot: 20 M

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Jackpot: 331 M

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Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 33 M

Fantasy 5
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Draw Date: 5/7
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Draw Date: 5/7
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Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/7
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2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
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Beck Headlining Venice Family Clinic's Inaugural HEART Gala: The HEART (Health + Art) initiative is a celebration of creativity and compassion coming together to advance health care for all. The Gala recognizes individuals who have enabled the Clinic's services for over four decades with a star-studded lineup of attendees from the entertainment industry and art world, including Anjelica Huston, Chuck Lorre, Elisabeth Shue, Richard Chamberlain, Robby Krieger, Tom Morello. Saturday, May 11, 6 p.m. @ 3Labs in Culver City. https://venicefamilyclinic.org/annual-events/heart-gala/

FREE Fitness Events Meets Plastic Elimination Efforts: Join eco-warrior Cleancult for their inaugural plastic intervention event focusing on eliminating plastics and holistic workouts. Tuesday May 14, 12:30p.m. & 6:30p.m. & Wednesday May 15, 9:30a.m. www.jointhecleancult.com/

Pizzana Scopa Collab: For one night only, Scopa chef and Food Network star Antonia Lofaso is joining forces with Pizzana's head chef and pizzaiolo, Daniele Uditi, for a "a dining adventure as they blend their Italian roots with LA's eclectic vibe to whip up a feast that is daring, delightful and delicious. The four course meal features a curated wine pairing that beautifully elevates each course." Wednesday, May 15, 5:30p.m. https://resy.com/cities/marina-del-rey-ca/venues/pizzana-marina-del-rey/events/antonia-lofaso-x-daniele-uditi-at-pizzana-2024-05-15-2

MOTHER'S DAY EATS:

1 Pico: Celebrate with a 3-course pre-fixe brunch featuring selections like Oysters on the Half Shell, Smoked Salmon Benedict or Savory Crepes. Shutters Hotel, 1 Pico Blvd. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/1-pico

Afternoon Tea @ The Fairmont: Full-service, 3-course afternoon tea on the Sunset Terrace is $120/person, including a glass of champagne & special chef dessert added on top of regular menu items. 101 Wilshire Blvd. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/afternoon-tea-at-the-fairmont-miramar?date=2024-05-12&seats=2

Calabra Rooftop: Indulge in Mediterranean fare, garden-fresh cocktails, and Ocean views with a 3-Course Menu for $85/person. 700 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.opentable.com/booking/experiences-availability?rid=1042708&restref=1042708&experienceId=268728

The Georgian Room: Spaghetti Momsday is celebrating Mom with three-course dinner with a complimentary glass of Ruinart Champagne or Scribe wine. Spaghetti Sunday classics include Grandpa Tony's Meatballs, Chicken Parmesan and a special Burrata from Puglia. I ate here recently, and loved the food and atmosphere and thought it was a good value for the price. 1415 Ocean Ave. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/the-georgian-room/events/spaghetti-momsday-2024-05-12?seats=2&date=2024-05-01

LouLou: DJ Ara and live performances will begin at 11:30am with a special buffet and Seafood Tower at $85 per adult and $45 for children. https://www.loulousantamonica.com/events

Pasjoli: Splurge with a family-style prix fixe brunch, starting with deviled eggs and tartelette assortment before indulging in a spring salad, baguette, butter poached salmon, hangar steak and spring vegetables. Finish with chocolate profiteroles and vanilla ice cream for dessert. They are also offering a special kid's menu. 2732 Main St. https://www.opentable.com/r/pasjoli-santa-monica

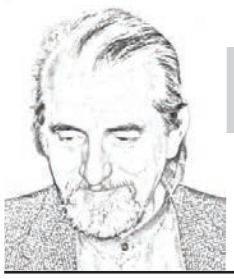
Sirena: Enoy 3-course brunch menu to celebrate "Mommy Dearest," that begins with a glass of champagne or wine, a spread of appetizers including an artisan bread basket, Farmers Market fruit platter, burrata, and butter lettuce salad, guests'choice of a frittata primavera, grilled king salmon, lobster benedict, or prime filet steak & eggs, & finishing with a mixed berry crostata with Mascarpone Whip and a Basil Cream strawberry granita for dessert. 1415 Ocean Ave. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/restaurant-at-the-georgian/events/mothers-day-brunch-2024-05-12

The Surfing Fox: Celebrate with their new brunch menu, mimosas, Foxtails, and chef's special Crab Cakes. Aperol will be providing Aperol Spritz and cocktail specials and a Instagram-worthy flower wall for photos! Chef will also prepare a special dessert surprise for moms to take with them after dining. 120 Colorado Ave. https://www.thesurfingfoxsm.com/events/mothersdaybrunch/

Further Afield: Wild Things Are Happening Late Night @ The Skirball: In celebration of the new exhibition The Art of Maurice Sendak, explore Sendak's imaginative worlds with special late-night gallery access and programming at the Skirball. Get after-hours access to see over 150 artifacts showcasing the depth and breadth of Sendak's creativity, plus enjoy food trucks, a cash bar, live music, a DJ set, and Sendak-inspired activities. Friday, May 10, 6:30–10:30 p.m. @ 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd. https://www.skirball.org/programs/late-night-wild-things-are-happening

Looking Ahead Around Town: Montana Ave. Sidewalk Sale (5/18), MAINopoly (5/19), "Rosé on Rose" Wine Fest (6/8), AIDS/LifeCycle Finish Line Festival (6/8), Eeeeeatscon (6/8-9), Movie Fridays on 3rd St. Promenade (6/14), Make Music Day (6/21), Pride on the Promenade (6/22)

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OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

Charles Andrews

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SANTA MONICA IS AN ARTS CITY



Photo by Charles Andrews

THAT'S A BAND: Diane Michelle (center) and her band have recorded a new album, highlighting local sounds.

DIANE MICHELLE

Is a 38-year resident of Ocean Park who has been singing professionally since age 12, won a Battle of the Bands at the Hollywood Bowl when she was 17, opened New York, New York in Vegas with her three-part harmony group The Goils, toured Japan with them four times and had a five year residency in the beautiful historic art deco lounge on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. It was 49 years before she recorded her first album, "Blood Harmony," with her daughter Nicole and a stellar group of mostly local musicians. It was all songs she wrote, over the years.

But I guess that whetted her appetite because now she has completed a project dear to her heart, an album of songs associated with her idol and inspiration, Billie Holiday. She only had to drive nine blocks to the studio (could've walked). Her band, above, was put together by percussion master Peter Erskine, a 37-year resident of Sunset Park.

Don't let all that gray hair fool ya. From left, Tom Ranier (Grammys, Oscars, Emmys, Streisand, Sinatra, Shirley Bassey, Placido Domingo, Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga) played piano and clarinet; Chuck Berghofer on bass ("These Boots Are Made for Walking," Beach Boys "Pet Sounds," The Wrecking Crew, Streisand, Paul, Joni, Ella, Elvis, Frank Zappa and Sinatra, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Ray Charles, Everly Brothers, Peggy Lee, Ry Cooder, Pete Jolly, and more than 400 movie soundtracks); Diane Michelle; Peter Erskine on drums and bongos (co-founder of Weather Report, Yellowjackets, Steps Ahead, on around 600 albums, author, professor; Aaron Walk (Oscars etc.), engineering and mixing. These pros knocked out 12 songs in four hours, then had a relaxed lunch. Mixing has just completed, so now mastering, and then CDs.

Oh, I almost forgot – Diane is my wife. I never could have married a mediocre vocalist. I mean, really. This album proves I was right, then and now.

JAZZ BAKERY AND RUTH PRICE ARE BACK!

I mean, all the way back, good as ever (and that is very good). She never left, of course, but COVID was tough, and then her concert bookings were a bit irregular and in other venues.

But now she says almost all shows will be back at the Moss Theatre on the New Roads campus here in Santa Monica. It is an elegant space with great acoustics and no bad seats. It is an important element of Santa Monica as an arts city.

She had french pianist Jacky Terrasson there last Sunday. I was barely aware of him. Now I am a huge fan. It was one of the best, most electrifying jazz concerts I have ever seen. He improvised on an odd group of "standards" – "Caravan," "If It Takes Forever," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," the emotional gospel number "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," "Besame Mucho," and a couple of runs at "Happy Birthday," because Price announced from the stage that she had a birthday two days before – she's 94. Unbelievable. Booking concerts is a long, hard job, and she is still at the top of her game.

The other bombshell she dropped was that the trio on stage had NEVER PLAYED TOGETHER BEFORE ("one mini-rehearsal," Terrasson said)! There was an audible gasp from the audience. I don't have the space to review the concert, but I have to say that drummer Damion Reid was simply amazing. I can't imagine he also plays rock, hip hop and R&B, because he is so masterful and instinctive at jazz.

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OPERA

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Deutsche Oper Berlin in Germany. Critics have lauded her career as well, with two Grammy Award nominations for Best Opera Recording in 2005 and 2018.

Before building her name in the famed European opera scene, Garanča was a child of a musical family in Riga, Latvia, having a unique adolescence in two different environments.

"I'm very grateful that I have a musical education and I grew up in ... different worlds, because my parents were professional musicians," Garanča said. "I spent a lot of times in theaters, in concert, in the opera house and in the drama theater, (but) then in the summertime ... I was usually sent to my grandparents who were farmers, so I was surrounded by nature at its best and most direct."

Forced to take on piano at a young age, she eventually accepted singing as her calling, beginning her professional career as a resident artist with the Südthüringischer Staatstheater in Meinigen, Germany, followed by a stint at the Opera in Frankfurt where she performed smaller roles until they "trusted" her "with the bigger ones."

Along her path to superstardom, Garanča met her eventual husband, Chichon, by happenstance at a show in Riga. Invited to do a vocal concert, Garanča's original conductor became unavailable, leading to Chichon stepping in. With the concert happening in 2000, the two have "stuck together since," including creating the young talent initiative "ZukunftsStimmen" with the support of Austrian bank Raiffeisen.

Citing her "wonderful teachers" who developed her technique over the years, Garanča wanted to do the same for young singers, aiding them both improve vocal ability and develop self-confidence on and off the stage.

"I believe (with my) knowledge, it would be very sad just taking (it) silently to the grave and I like very much to exchange it, and I like to see that in my own experience, it's helped somebody to go further or get better," Garanča said.

Beyond the tricks of the vocal trade, Garanča and Chincon give youth a chance to expand their professional opportunities, including getting to be on stage with the couple during classical Open-Air concerts in Austria's Göttweig Abbey and Kitzbühel.

"Youngsters (now) have a possibility to ask every possible question of somebody who is still actively in the business, who have (been) in major houses, who knows agencies, who knows how the theaters are looking for you," she added.

For her latest BroadStage performance, Garanča wants to hit areas of opera that audiences enjoy, as well as "offer something new" including embracing music on the lighter side, which she says is part of her "active life as an artist."

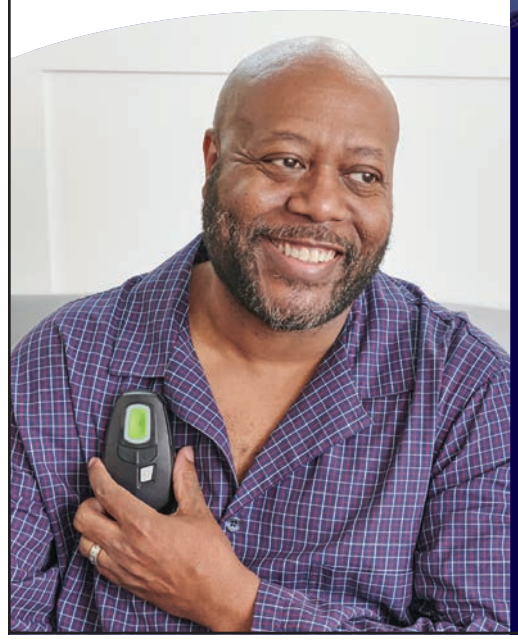
"I do not believe that being an opera singer, you are entitled or you're supposed to sing only the opera," Garanča said. "You know, music is music, melodies (are) melodies and tunes (are) tunes, and I think that we have to perform and we have to listen and we have to be surrounded by different kinds of music."

Limited tickets remain for the 7:30 p.m. show, to purchase and to gain more information, visit broadstage.org.

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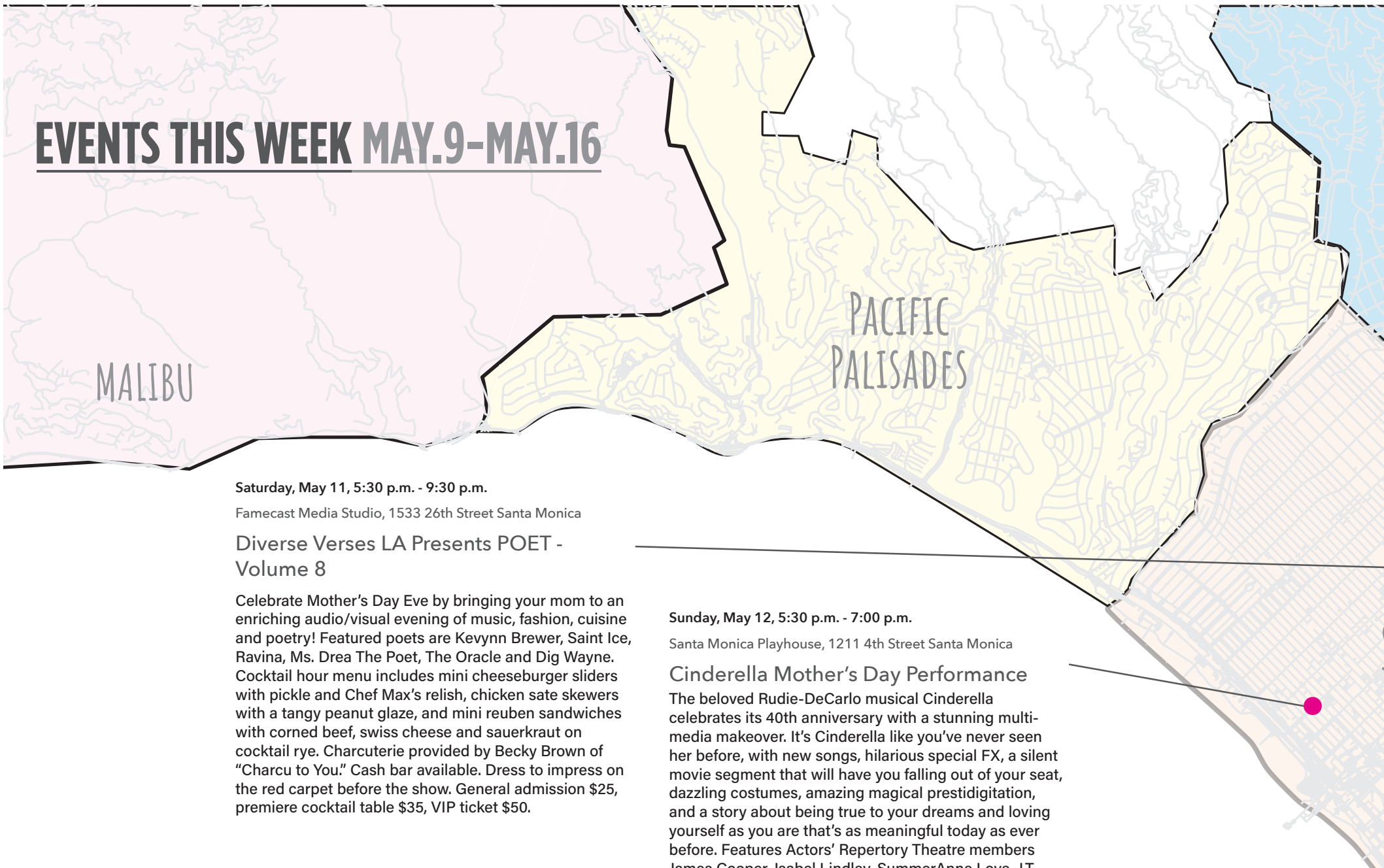
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Saturday, May 11, 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Famecast Media Studio, 1533 26th Street Santa Monica

Diverse Verses LA Presents POET - Volume 8

Celebrate Mother's Day Eve by bringing your mom to an enriching audio/visual evening of music, fashion, cuisine and poetry! Featured poets are Kevynn Brewer, Saint Ice, Ravina, Ms. Drea The Poet, The Oracle and Dig Wayne. Cocktail hour menu includes mini cheeseburger sliders with pickle and Chef Max's relish, chicken sate skewers with a tangy peanut glaze, and mini reuben sandwiches with corned beef, swiss cheese and sauerkraut on cocktail rye. Charcuterie provided by Becky Brown of "Charcu to You." Cash bar available. Dress to impress on the red carpet before the show. General admission $25, premiere cocktail table $35, VIP ticket $50.

Sunday, May 12, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th Street Santa Monica

Cinderella Mother's Day Performance

The beloved Rudie-DeCarlo musical Cinderella celebrates its 40th anniversary with a stunning multi-media makeover. It's Cinderella like you've never seen her before, with new songs, hilarious special FX, a silent movie segment that will have you falling out of your seat, dazzling costumes, amazing magical prestidigitation, and a story about being true to your dreams and loving yourself as you are that's as meaningful today as ever before. Features Actors' Repertory Theatre members James Cooper, Isabel Lindley, SummerAnne Love, J.T. Melagrano, Cydne Moore, Michala Peltz and Megan Wright. Directed by Playhouse Co-Artistic Director Chris DeCarlo; book, music and lyrics by DeCarlo and Evelyn Rudie. General admission $15, kids $12.50, special gifts for all moms.

Saturday, May 11, 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill Street Santa Monica

Communitas 2024

You are invited to join the Church in Ocean Park in affirmation of the power of community and to honor those who make a difference and inspire others. Outstanding individuals who embody and elevate the spirit of community will be honored, with the 26th Communitas honorees being Roger Gawne, Shelley Tochluk and Dr. Kathryn Jeffery. To commemorate this first year back in person, special recognition will be given to Communitas Honorees of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, who were previously honored online. Gathering and social time begins at 4:30 p.m., dinner begins at 5 p.m., program begins at 6 p.m. Individual tickets $75. For more information, call 310-399-1631.

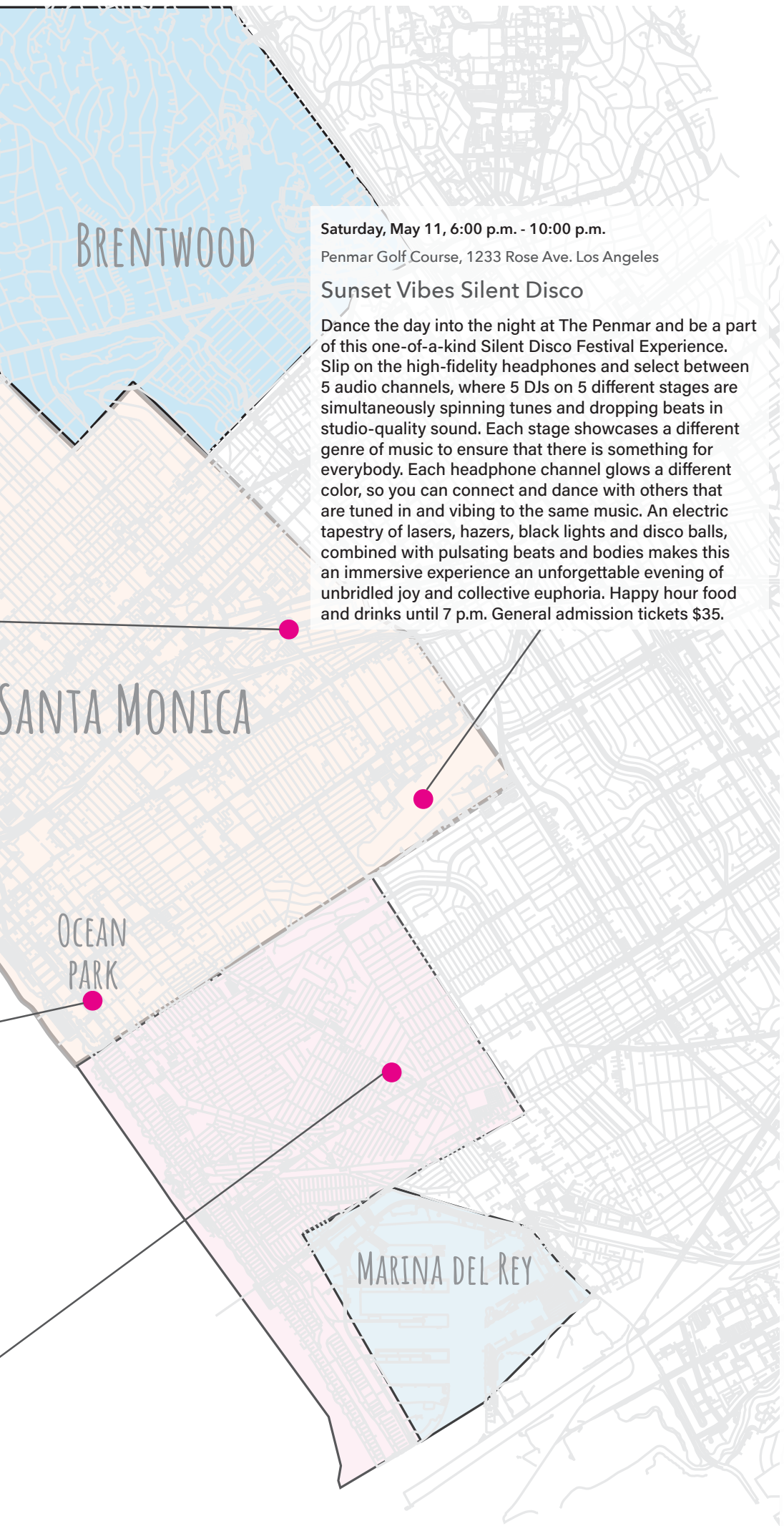
Friday, May 10, 8:00 p.m.

The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd. Venice

Mix Master Mike of the Beastie Boys

Mix Master Mike first attracted attention as a member of the Invisibl Skratch Piklz, one of the most acclaimed DJ collectives of their era and three-time winners of the annual world scratching competition. Debuting in 1996 with Michristmasterpiece Muziks Worst Nightmare, Mike's skills eventually brought him to the attention of the Beastie Boys, who recruited him to service as the DJ on their 1998 LP, Hello Nasty, and on tour. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets $29.

Check out more events at: smdp.com/events



Saturday, May 11, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Penmar Golf Course, 1233 Rose Ave. Los Angeles

Sunset Vibes Silent Disco

Dance the day into the night at The Penmar and be a part of this one-of-a-kind Silent Disco Festival Experience. Slip on the high-fidelity headphones and select between 5 audio channels, where 5 DJs on 5 different stages are simultaneously spinning tunes and dropping beats in studio-quality sound. Each stage showcases a different genre of music to ensure that there is something for everybody. Each headphone channel glows a different color, so you can connect and dance with others that are tuned in and vibing to the same music. An electric tapestry of lasers, hazers, black lights and disco balls, combined with pulsating beats and bodies makes this an immersive experience an unforgettable evening of unbridled joy and collective euphoria. Happy hour food and drinks until 7 p.m. General admission tickets $35.



THURSDAY | MAY 9

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Library Board meets at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Park Branch Library Main Reading Room, 2601 Main St. The public is welcome to attend. Current and past agendas and minutes are available on small.org. For special disability accommodations, please contact Library Administration at 310-458-8600.

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.

14TH ANNUAL WAVE AWARDS

The 14th Annual WAVE Awards is presented by the Venice Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and celebrates the hard work and dedication of local educators. The theme for this year's awards is "Inspiring Unity," embracing the challenging and emotional climate faced by teachers and students. Honored teachers have demonstrated a balanced approach to meeting students' needs through inclusive and emotionally engaging ats in the classroom. Begins at 6 p.m. at Westside Vineyard, 3838 S Centinela Ave. Dinner, wine and refreshments will be provided. Tickets are $75, to purchase visit: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/sp2grcs.

HEAL THE BAY IN-PERSON VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Take the first step toward helping Heal the Bay work for safe, healthy, clean coastal waters and watersheds. Come to an in-person volunteer orientation at Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk, starting at 6:30 p.m. Learn about volunteer programs, additional ways to help the environment, and be the first to know when specific trainings are scheduled. Benefits of volunteering with Heal the Bay include building professional and personal skills and becoming a confident advocate for the environment. To register, visit: https://healthebay.org/event/in-person-volunteer-orientation-at-heal-the-bay-aquarium-8/.

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

FRIDAY | MAY 10

MOVIES FRIDAYS ON THE PROMENADE

Join Movie Fridays on the Third Street Promenade for a screening of "Mamma Mia!" on the 1200 block of the Promenade between Arizona and Wilshire. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie will start at 7:30 p.m. No advance registration is required and all ages are welcome. Picnicking is allowed, alcoholic beverages prohibited. Dogs are welcome. Tall chairs are not allowed. For more information, call 310-393-8355.

VENICE FAMILY CLINIC ART WALK AND AUCTION

The 45th annual Venice Family Clinic Art Walk and Auction will entail an art gallery and online auction to celebrate the growth of the Los Angeles arts scene and of Venice Family Clinic, a non-profit community health center that provides quality health to people in need. The art exhibition will showcase the works of over 150 artists who are exclusively Los Angeles-based, including: Ed Ruscha, Larry Bell, Ed Moses, Arthur Jafa, Alison Saar, Kenny Scharf, Jordan Wolfson, Patrisse Cullors, Sayre Gomez, Paul Mpagi Sepuya, Alfonso Gonzalez Jr., Jeremy Shockley, Analia Saban, Nancy Evans and many more. Legendary sculptor Fred Eversley will be honored as the Signature Artist. Proceeds from art sales will help fund Venice Family Clinic's comprehensive health services. Runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 910 Abbot Kinney, Venice. For more information, email justine@ssmandl.com.

NICK OFFERMAN'S WHISKY ODYSSEY

Prepare to embark on a voyage like no other as renowed actor Nick Offerman and the iconic Scotch whisky Lagavulin host an evening of exploration and indulgence to unveil their latest whisky masterpiece. Join this multisensory instalation at 57 Windward Ave., Venice, where you'll step into a world of tropical delights and Scottish charm. The experience will feature an immersive introduction to this new whisky and a chance to meet Offerman himself. Runs from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. To RSVP, visit: https://app.anyroad.com/tours/nick-offerman-whisky-odyssey-lagavulin/s-da883d24.

SATURDAY | MAY 11

BEACH WALK AND SKETCH

Guided by a naturalist, join others in this peaceful pursuit to sketch on the beautiful coastline. Bionculars, drawing boards, pencils, newsprint provided, or bring your own easy-to-carry sketching tools. Free event with the Nature Nexus and the LA Audubon Society, begins at 9 a.m. at Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Free event, registration is requested at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beach-walk-sketch-2024-tickets-872802023347. In-person registration also available.

FREE BEGINNER PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Join Pickle Pop and Nature Made to learn how to play pickleball, America's fastest-growing sport. This two-hour beginner clinic, beginning at 10 a.m. at Pickle Pop, 1231 3rd Street Promenade, covers the basics on how to get started, and by the end of this course you'll be ready to hit the courts. This course is geared toward beginners, no prior experience required. Just bring yourself and a water bottle, paddles and balls will be provided. Comfortable athletic clothing and shoes recommended. Registration is free and can be done at: https://book.picklepop.co/programs/nature-made.

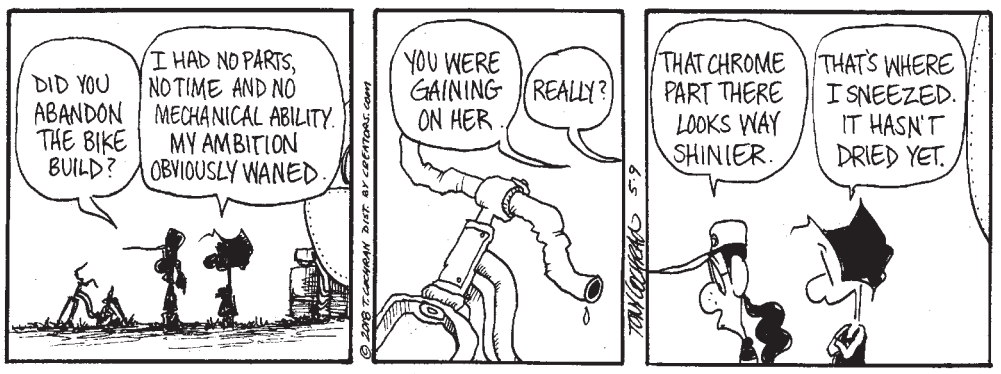
FIRE SERVICE DAY

Join the City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Fire Department in celebrating Fire Service Day at Fire Station 1, 1337 7th St., beginning at 10 a.m. Open house activities for families and children include fire engines and trucks to explore, station tours and important emergency preparedness information.


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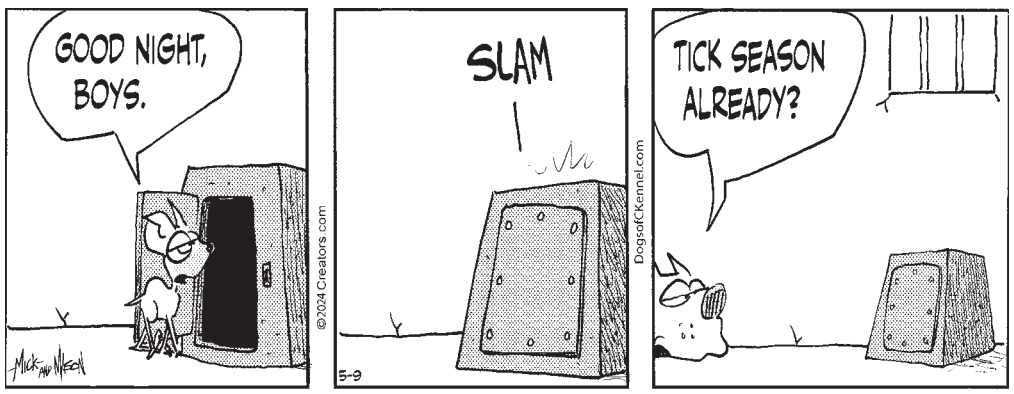
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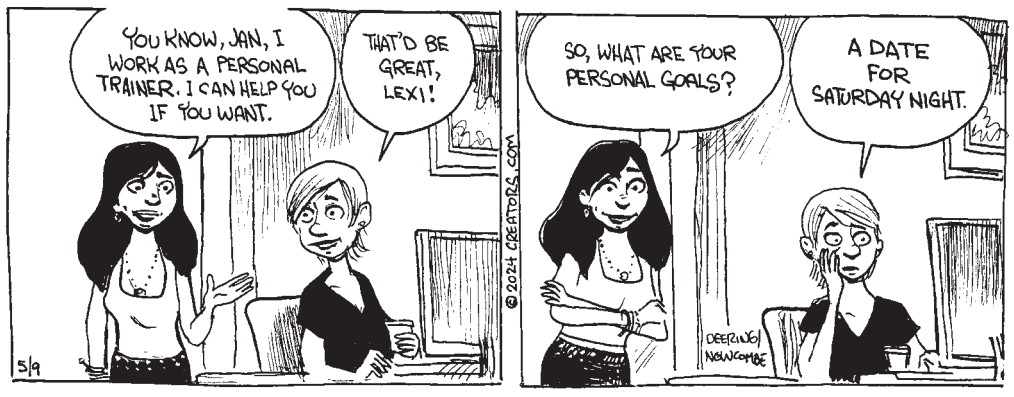
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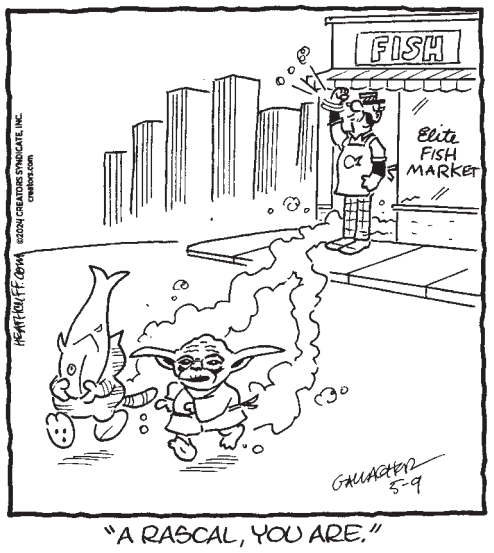
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"A RASCAL, YOU ARE."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Hospital admittance

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You'll wield influence, though power is not what you're after; rather, you're driven by the prospect of making a difference in the world. Led by advantageous professional relationships and tender personal ties, you'll experience new places. Your ideas get a showcase, you'll help with a campaign and you'll have the thrill of a winning streak for your team. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 10, 4, 44 and 14.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll embrace a balanced perspective toward money. You'll feel empowered to make informed decisions. You'll have an enhanced ability to handle financial challenges with composure and clarity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The day ahead is like a blank page for you to write on. If you feel a little blocked about it, do as the screenwriting gurus suggest - start in the juicy middle. What's the action you most want to experience today?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Prioritize existing relationships to lay a strong foundation for your venture. You think it would be nice to have some new connections and alliances. Indeed it will be! But don't neglect established bonds, which will be more helpful than you might imagine.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's those moments when luck is not so obvious that bring the best opportunity for celebrating your good fortune. When there's no win - no progress or even justice - you look around and notice the inherent preciousness of your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Unless you are doing charity, it's a waste of your time, breath, attention and energy to give yourself to an apathetic audience. Bottom line: the people who don't value your input shouldn't be allowed to get it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Possessing skills is one thing; knowing how and when to showcase them for maximum impact is another. Strategic planning will add the extra layer of interest and excitement that makes your project a success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have much going for you that you do not see. Without provocation, you will make a conscious decision to stop, take stock and celebrate. In doing so, you will magically create more reasons to do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An alluring puzzle will be your delight. Your keen intellect shines as you delve into the game. Your ability to decipher codes and discern intentions will extend beyond this challenge and sharpen you for the next one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Try new things. Once is not enough. Repeat your experiment until you feel you can reliably predict how it will go. The windows and doors of knowledge are wide open, inviting you to learn all you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To have a choice about whom you follow puts you in the minority of humans in the history of humanity. Being thoughtful and objective in these choices is the right that used to be a privilege. You'll weight the morality of your options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It would seem like things would go better in your team if each person was well-matched to their assigned job. However, this is not always possible and nor is it necessarily true. So let the chips fall as they may.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Stories tell one version of romance, but first-hand experience is really the only way to really learn love. The heart can't be fed on second-hand knowledge; it must beat its way through the music of connection.

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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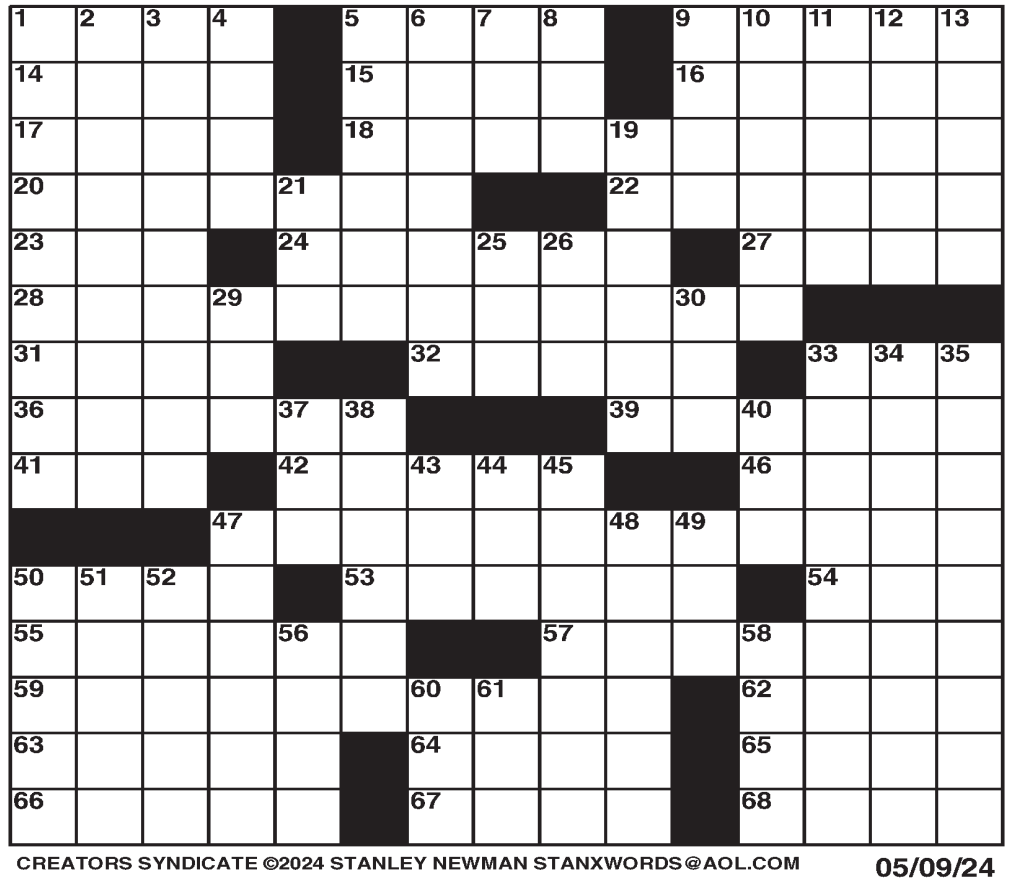
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ACROSS

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5 Brandy designation
9 Browns quickly
14 Gallic gal pal
15 Brief confirmation
16 Chinese cuisine
17 Sub ___ (hidden)
18 With 59-Across, what 28- and 47-Across are
20 Ore hauler
22 Taking in
23 Card reader often outdoors
24 Virtuoso
27 Custodian's collection
28 One of a tall twosome
31 Old Testament prophet
32 Host's incoming mail
33 Huck's pal
36 Stable sounds
39 Copier's assertion
41 Ending for stock or block
42 Part of an Uncle Sam costume
46 Low-pH chemical
47 One of a tall twosome
50 Fond longing
53 "And ___ off!" (racetrack shout)
54 NBC comedy showcase
55 Capital west of Ararat
57 Fall copiously
59 See 18-Across
62 Yucca cousin
63 The CIC
64 Regard rudely
65 Name associated with cold porridge
66 Didn't lose any
67 Audacious
68 German/Polish border river

DOWN

1 Historic Colombian city
2 Paid down gradually
3 Elvis' kid
4 What a sari hasn't
5 Rural pastors
6 Soup, say
7 Slick stuff
8 Frat letter
9 Clog, for instance
10 18-Across' motto
11 Buffalo Bill's sharpshooter
12 Not good for picnics
13 Catches on something
19 Lens settings
21 Habitual birdwatcher
25 Mentality measures
26 Rugged wheels
29 Be a needler
30 Equi- cousin
33 Tex-Mex serving
34 Taj Mahal topper
35 Where the body's smallest bone is
37 Venerable video source
38 Assign to, as a table
40 *Wizard of Oz* sound effect
43 Fire sign
44 USPS designation
45 Battery buy
47 Gab with
48 Wiped off
49 Corn Belt capital intro
50 Winged things that sting
51 Being hauled
52 A way to roll along
56 Close a case
58 Clothing for concealment
60 Thieve
61 Personal identity



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COASTAL CLEANUP

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point that perhaps many forget about, "And of course, our coastal areas are the repository for the entire region's watershed, which means that trash and debris from across the entire city and up right here at the beach."

With regards to the homeless issues, Park said, "I'm introducing a motion today to find restroom ambassadors and beautification services so that our restrooms here are safe, accessible and welcoming. And finally, I'm introducing a motion today that will begin to fill a critical gap that now exists in our district and across the entire city, the lack of mental health treatment beds.

"Working with LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority) and St. Joseph center and LA County, we hope to stabilize and bring help to the highest need individuals living on our sidewalks and our shared public spaces," Park said, adding, "We're already seeing this hard work pay off."

Speaking to the *Daily Press*, Park elaborated on the details. "The coastal Care Plus team is a total of six individuals and that includes the truck operator [and] the environmental compliance inspectors … They are going to be starting right now, two days a week, with a goal of getting their services up at the coast to five days a week," Park said.

"They will be removing large solid waste and debris, things that are blocking, right of way excess garbage and litter … Our plan is we are out there with our field team on the ground and with our outreach teams and service providers. So we usually know and have a schedule that we're working on based on where we're having issues. I do expect that some of this will be routine care and maintenance, as well as the ability to do spot operations as needed."

Park confirmed that they were working in connection with the City of Santa Monica, but the operational range for this project is from Marina del Rey to Pacific Palisades, effectively skipping over Santa Monica, which begins at Marine Court to the south and ends at Adelaide Drive to the North.

With regards to the homelessness part of the initiative, Park said, "It's not that it's new or unique in that it hasn't been done before, it's that we are bringing additional resources to it that we didn't have … Because we're going to have these additional teams working in partnership with LASAN (Los Angeles Sanitation) or nonprofits, it naturally creates additional opportunities for engagement and housing interventions.

"Then, with the funding for the mental health beds, it addresses a particular demographic of unhoused individuals that have a higher level of acuity and need [that aren't] suitable to just drop into a motel room without adequate supportive services. And so we have some folks like that out there. And that funding will help us identify those beds, so that we can actually make a difference for some of these folks that have been resistant and hard to help."

According to Park's office, a budget of $848,011 has been allocated to the entire initiative.

'Why it hasn't happened historically in the district is a head scratcher," Park said, adding, "This is something that we started shortly after I took office … It took us some time to come up with the plan, working with LA Sanitation … And then we introduced it and got it approved in last year's budget, it then took time to get those positions filled. And now that we have it, it's up and operational. But yeah, it took a lot longer than I would have liked."

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BOOKS

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where you find the other kids just like you," she said. "I think that's what has made it so popular and why it's sustained, because it's kind of built a community of like-minded teen readers."

All genres and book forms of young adult interest were represented at the 2024 Yallwest, including historical fiction, romance, fantasy and graphic novels. De la Cruz was able to moderate a "Romantasy Rules" panel inside Barnum Hall, while other panels focused on topics like fighting off writer's block, finding your voice, building suspense and navigating a creative career.

"It's definitely (a chance) to get authors to talk about their latest books … I would say maybe some of our audience are aspiring writers, so sometimes we talk about craft, writing craft and stuff like that, or talk about themes of the day," De la Cruz said of the event's numerous panels.

Special events were also throughout the day, ranging from the "So, You Think You Can Narrate?" audiobook voice challenge to an hour of fantasy book-themed bingo and trivia. All of the events and author signings were incredibly well-attended, with teenagers from across the area getting to the festival by bus, bike and on foot. The continued success of the festival brings De la Cruz hope for her industry's present and future.

"As (young adult novels have) gotten popular, it's fun to see kids reading," she added. "I think now it's even more important because there's so many other distractions that are way more addictive like scrolling and TikTok, so you're really battling against that. I think now more than ever it's really important to teach kids to read for pleasure."

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For those that caught the writing itch attending the festival, De la Cruz said that aspiring scribes should "focus on their craft" without being overly concerned about what publishers may think, and that they should continue to read as much as possible to expand their repertoire.

Writing is just one avenue, she added, with her talks to middle schoolers and high schoolers being focused on having positive life experiences throughout the artistic realm.

"(I) tell kids to have a fulfilling life, a meaningful life," De la Cruz said. "It's great to work in the arts, and it doesn't have to be writing, (it can be) singing, dancing, painting, but your life is definitely more, it becomes richer, if you devote it to the arts."

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NOTEWORTHY

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If you want to catch Terrasson, you'll need a passport and a plane ticket. He's in Europe now, and he was before he did this one show. How fortunate are we? Thank you, Ruth Price.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

Tonight - DVOŘÁK, DUDAMEL, ORTIZ, LA PHIL – It's Dudamel! And another of my favored Slav composers, Czech Antonin Dvořák. I can't tell you how many times I've heard his oh-so-popular 9th Symphony, "New World." But of course there are a lot of good reasons for that popularity. Don't miss the Ortiz, before intermission. This is an LA Phil commission, and other such pieces I've heard of hers were a delight. Thurs, Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $87-259.

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES — You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday, 9–11:30pm, 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 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

LIBRARY GIRL, "IT'S ALRIGHT MA, I'M ONLY BLEEDING" – Not a Dylan tribute, LG founder and curator Susan Hayden almost always has a music-related prompt for the poets, and this is a special Mother's Day performanced. I'll say it again: you should go. They always have at least one writer you will find inspirational (probably Michael Ford, at least), or the entire night might blow your mind. I've never been to a bad LG in eight years, and I've been to most of them, and I cherish the ones that were off the charts. Sun 7 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $20 includes dessert and free parking.

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.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended):; Dvořák, Dudamel, Ortiz, LA Phil, Disney Hall, 5/9, 10, 11, 12; Toledo Diamond, Harvelle's, 5/12, 19, 26; Hot Club of Los Angeles, Cinema Bar, 5/13, 20, 27; Library Girl, Ruskin Theatre, 5/12; Marcus King, Wiltern, 5/14; 62nd 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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