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Trash cleanup on the freeway



Matthew Hall

CLEANUP: Several off-ramps from the 10 freeway were temporarily closed on Wednesday while Caltrans worked on removing trash from homeless camps. Crews could be seen clearing out areas adjacent to the protective sound walls, inspecting broken fences and identifying graffiti.

Cyclist and pedestrian safety boosted as Council votes to prohibit harassment and provide legal protections

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

In Tuesday night's somewhat drawn out City Council meeting, councilmembers voted unanimously 7-0 to hear and approve a new ordinance (Section 3.75) of the Santa Monica Municipal Code that will prohibit harassment of bicyclists and provides a private right of action in civil court for violations.

The ordinance would not be enforced by City officials and would not require the expenditure of City resources, other than potentially some educational efforts. For this section, the definition of "bicycle" is expanded to include not only vehicles propelled solely by human power, but also those propelled by a combination of human and electric power.

"This is an ordinance that largely mirrors what Los Angeles has done. It would prohibit certain activities directed at bicyclists and provide civil remedies for the injured or aggrieved cyclist. Importantly, up front we have updated the definition of 'bicycle' to include not just human propelled bicycles, but also a combination of human and electric powered," explained City Attorney Doug Sloan, adding, "So, that's new."

"Defining activities would prohibit physically assaulting or attempting to physically assault bicyclists because of their status of a bicyclist, threatening to physically injure a cyclist, threatening to

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Rock gods, comedy icons support local clinic's mission at star-studded gala

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The relationship between creativity and health has always been paramount in the entertainment mecca of Los Angeles, and a local pioneer in health brought together a bevy of creative stalwarts to celebrate that relationship this past weekend.

This past Saturday, the Venice Family Clinic hosted its inaugural HEART (Health + Art) Gala at 3Labs in Culver City, a star-laden evening of entertainment that raised $2.7 million for the clinic's innovative health services. The clinic, which includes locations in Santa Monica and Venice, provides services and health programs to more than 45,000 people in need in Los Angeles County. However, it wouldn't be in its prominent position without the aid of art.

The organization's first Art Walk and Auction in 1979 helped save the clinic, with the HEART Gala highlighting art and creativity's role in the clinic's evolution.

"The Clinic couldn't pay rent and was on the verge of closing," Oscar-winning actress Anjellica Huston said at the gala. "A group of visionary women and members of the Venice arts community came together to keep the Clinic doors open ... I'm proud to see this legacy continue today."

That legacy has been put in the hands of the 45th Art Walk curator, Max Rippon, who crafted a gallery honoring the past, present and future of local art at 910 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Nearly 200 artists are featured at the gallery which closes on Sunday, including 2024's Signature Artist and legendary sculptor Fred Eversley, along with submissions by known entities like "The Simpsons" creator Matt Groening.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

GALA: Legendary musician Beck brought the house down at 3Labs in Culver City as part of the inaugural HEART Gala supporting the Venice Family Clinic.

"(This) being the 45th year, this show I wanted to have a look back at what it was, where it came from, and how it's going to move forward," Rippon said. "The themes of the show are history, health and home ... exploring the very wide concepts, I wanted to explore how they sort of bridge what the clinic does, and what I see the community in the art world doing."

Venice Family Clinic CEO Mitesh Popat welcomed guests to the gala by saying the new HEART initiative showcases "the power of art to transform health" which "has been our lifeblood since our earliest

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Westside Ballet showcases 50th anniversary of movement mastery



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BALLET: Westside Ballet of Santa Monica's Spencer Collins, now a two-time Youth America Grand Prix champion, will grace the BroadStage as part of Westside's spring showcases.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The 50th anniversary of the Westside's premiere ballet theater company will pay homage to an iconic ballerina with two stunning shows, featuring one dancer who recently brought national glory to the company's legacy.

On Friday and Saturday at the BroadStage, Westside Ballet of Santa Monica will present the "Masters of Movement" series for its 50th anniversary spring performances, set around a tribute to the legendary Patricia Neary, one of the 20th century's pioneering ballerinas. The showcases will culminate on Saturday at 5 p.m., as Neary's remarkable career will be honored during a gala event with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The weekend will feature many stars of the craft, including American Ballet Theatre principal dancers Isabella Boylston and James Whiteside performing the "Black Swan" pas de deux, as well as guest artists Andrea Laššáková and Adrian Blake Mitchell presenting excerpts from George Balanchine's "Concerto Barocco" and the contemporary piece "Agon."

"Our 50th anniversary celebrates Westside Ballet's enduring legacy and the universal allure of ballet," Westside Ballet Artistic Director Martine Harley said. "We celebrate our founders' dream and our dancers' excellence, which have fostered a haven of creativity and learning."

The past, present and future of the art form will be on display, as the BroadStage will feature alumni stars such as Lucia Connolly, Lyrica Woodruff and Joy Womack. Womack, gaining international fame as one of the few American dancers to succeed at the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Moscow, Russia, is the subject of both the 2021 documentary "Joy Womack: The White Swam" and the 2023 film "Joika."

Now back home after a tense period speaking out against the Russian offensive in Ukraine, Womack's talents will be able to shine where she got her start.

"Dancing in the 50th spring show for Westside Ballet feels like coming home, a proud continuation of a rich legacy that has shaped so many artists ... it's an honor to contribute to this milestone event and pay tribute to my inspiration, (Neary), as we celebrate the past and inspire future talents," Womack said.

The future is now in the case of 11-year-old prodigy Spencer Collins, who will be performing "Flames of Paris" during the spring showcases. Collins' already decorated career took another step up this year, as he recently took home first-place in the pre-competitive age division during the Youth America Grand Prix in New York City. Collins was a double victor at the competition, winning both the classical dance and contemporary dance honors.

"That was definitely a big win for me ... I feel (that) Westside has really changed the way I dance in the span of one year, so that has definitely made me feel more confident in my dancing," Collins said of his monumental victory.

Collins' confidence impacts all of those around him, as his fellow Westside students can tell he is destined for greatness.

"I love watching Spencer dance," said Westside performer Samantha Zane. "I can tell that he really loves it, and he's always laughing in class and enjoying (himself) ... he has done amazing things and I'm so excited for him in his future."

Zane, who will be showcased in several excerpts this weekend, had an uncertain future after suffering an avulsion fracture to her fifth metatarsal during her time at the Boston Conservatory at Berklee. Taking a

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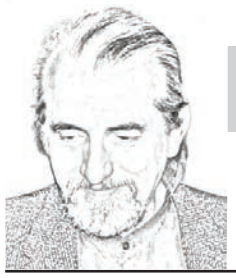
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U.S. Banjos and German Synths

LATE BREAKING PERFORMANCE NEWS!

Jazz giant STANLEY CLARKE will be keeping his bass around Santa Monica a while longer, after months at the Broad Theater. He will be playing with the Samohi student jazz band (who have a great reputation) at their next performance in Barnum Hall. And the Ruskin Group Theatre at SM Airport will be starting a limited run this weekend of "Unsavory Fellow," a Santa Monica coming of age tale by Nick James that Ruskin Director Mike eyers calls "one of the funniest shows I have ever seen." That's good enough for me.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

62ND TOPANGA BANJO FIDDLE CONTEST & FOLK FESTIVAL - If you didn't know this was coming up so soon, I'm glad I alerted you, and if you've never been, well, how long have you lived in LA, and what is wrong with you? Sure, there are no Big Names on the lineup, but how about dozens and dozens of great pickers and singers and dancers, all day long, in a gorgeous outdoor setting on a ranch north of the city, and the best part, to my mind, is what happens off the stage, away from the competitions, when musicians and listeners from all over the world gather around trees and ranch buildings and start jamming. Have you ever heard a dozen or more fiddles sawing away together on "Orange Blossom Special"? Heaven, in the pines. Treat yourself. Take your family and friends. Sun 9 a.m. on, King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas, check the website for prices, several categories from about $40 to $95 (VIP). cheaper now in advance than when you get there.

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 9pm, Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

KRAFTWERK - This is unprecedented. The German pioneering electronic music group are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their immortal "Autobahn" with a series of nine concerts at Disney Hall, each one covering one of their albums plus other material, ending in a final concert that covers it all. How will it stand up? Dated? With where electronic music has gone in that time? I think it will sound great and give us an appreciation for how much they said with their minimalist approach. Nine shows - you've got to be there for at least one. I will, Tues, Wed, next Thurs 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $69-109

PEARL JAM- Still a rockin' great band with a lead singer worth the price of admission, but that price has gotten pretty dear, and not just in dollars. I wonder how much time you should allow just to get close, get parked, walk in and find your seats? An extra three hours? Then add in your drive time in rush hour traffic from wherever you live. There is an opening act, Deep Sea Diver, so that's another hour and a half till you get what you came for. And then, of course, how long to exit? Half a day's investment in time, but, for hardcore fans like Kevin Poore, well worth it. Parking will cost you another $45 "plus fees," and they give you the dimensions your vehicle cannot exceed, so, no school buses. Tues, Wed 7:30 p.m., Kia Forum, Inglewood, $176-975.



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MUSIC: 9 PERFORMANCES, AT DISNEY.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): Toledo Diamond, Harvelle's, 5/12, 19, 26; Hot Club of Los Angeles, Cinema Bar, 5/13, 20, 27; 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; Library Girl, Ruskin Theatre, 6/9; Chris Stapleton, Hollywood Bowl, 6/26, plus Grace Potter 6/27; Rolling Stones, Sofi Stadium, 7/10, 13.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **61.3**

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Primarily slow easing SW-SSW swell, with minimal NW swell mixing in. Early high tide slows most breaks but there should be a few rideable waves for the small wave gear.

FRIDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Another fairly slow day, especially early with the high tide. New, overlapping SW swells start to fill in, but on the smaller side and inconsistent. Long period standouts should be up a notch compared to Thursday. AM conditions cleanest.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 63.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 56.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 65.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

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2024/05/18	Sat	7:29 PM	4.82	H
2024/05/19	Sun	02:03 AM	0.84	L
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days." Since those early days, the Clinic's services have become truly comprehensive, including mental health services, substance use treatment, health insurance enrollment and child development services.

The power of art comes in many forms, including music, as the night's HEART Award honor went to legendary U2 guitarist The Edge along with wife and artist Morleigh Steinberg.

"Morleigh and I are truly humbled and honored to accept the inaugural HEART Award for Venice Family Clinic," The Edge remarked. "This means so much for us not only as artists, but as human beings who believe in the power of community and the importance of access to healthcare for all. Venice Family Clinic holds a special place in our hearts."

3Labs became a makeshift music hall of fame during the evening, as The Edge was joined by the likes of Beck (who performed hits like "Loser" for the crowd), Coldplay frontman Chris Martin, The Doors guitarist Robby Krieger and Rage Against The Machine shredder Tom Morello.

Many of these legendary figures addressed their creative processes as being a crucial part of health, mental well-being, during May's Mental Health Awareness Month.

"I think creativity is a kind of therapy, (it) certainly is for me … I think right now, with particularly the impact of digital life (and) social media, people struggle sometimes just to leave that (level) of anxiety behind," The Edge told the Daily Press at the gala's red carpet. "I think creativity is a great means of doing just that … (even) the enjoyment of art, the listening to music, going to galleries, it's very therapeutic."

The power of art as therapy was echoed by Morello, who told the Daily Press that music as a positive form of emotional release made a monumental contribution to his life as well as the artists around him.

"Any sort of art, (such as) music, provides an outlet for people to express things that otherwise might (have) less healthy expression in other ways," Morello said. "I found that certainly in my life and band members' lives since I was 17 years old … it's a dangerous path sometimes, and art is a way to funnel it into a very positive experience rather than something else."

Musicians were just part of the artistic landscape at the gala, as other entertainment heavyweights made appearances throughout the evening. Chuck Lorre, creator of shows like "The Big Bang Theory," was in attendance, a longtime supporter of the clinic whose contributions to the clinic's Rose Avenue location ended in the spot being renamed the Chuck Lorre Rose Avenue Health and Wellness Center.

Another top name in comedy, impressionist extraordinaire Matt Friend, hosted the gala as a way to support both the clinic's services and the importance of laughter to mental health.

"I think, for me at least, I feel terrible when I'm not creative, and I always just feel better at the end of the day knowing that I wrote something or made something," Friend said. "There's something very fulfilling when you've (made) something out of nothing, and (the gala) is a really great night to celebrate that."

The Art Walk at 910 Abbot Kinney will be open this weekend to continue the fundraising push for the clinic. For more information on the clinic's services, visit venicefamilyclinic.org.

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MAINopoly, Montana Sidewalk Sale, & More!

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SUNDAY: The ninth annual MAINopoly headlines a busy weekend of events around Santa Monica.

Pier Locals Night: The Pier will be rolling out the red carpet for Santa Monicans for a curated series for locals, by locals. Gather your friends and family and head down to the Pier for amazing entertainment including youth activities, a car show, local DJs and live music from local bands, art exhibits, and so much more! You really won't want to miss this incredible and unique outdoor setting to unwind, all while celebrating Santa Monica. Thursday, May 16, 3:30 - 9 p.m. https://www.santamonicapier.org/locals-night

Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) Annual Rick Crocker 5K Walk-Run: PAL is an organization providing free after-school enrichment, activities, and classes for youth aged 6 to 17. Officer Crocker, a 10-year veteran of the SMPD, Marine Corps Reserve Major, and SaMo resident, was killed by a rocket-propelled grenade while on tour and in service to his country in Iraq in 2005. Thursday, May 16, 4 p.m. @ Santa Monica Pier. https://e.givesmart.com/events/Bfr/

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SaMo Airport ArtWalk Returns: Situated in one of the oldest airports in the United States, the Santa Monica Airport hosts a vibrant community of over 60 artists, creative venues, and a spirited aviation scene. Saturday, May 18, 1 - 4 p.m. https://18thstreet.org/event/santa-monica-airport-artwalk/

Montana Ave. Sidewalk Sale: The beloved Montana Avenue Sidewalk Sale is BACK, and it's the perfect occasion to support local shops while snagging amazing deals on new arrivals! Join us on Saturday, May 18th for a day filled with great shopping and explore some of the best dining the West Side has to offer. Enjoy the neighborhood's vibrant atmosphere and welcome the season in style with friends and family. Saturday, May 18, 10a.m. - 6p.m. https://www.instagram.com/p/C56RBM2Jqxm/

Kidical Mass Bike Ride: Co-hosted by Santa Monica Spoke, the Kidical Mass bike ride + Mental Health & Wellness Fair is back at Clover Park! Remember to wear GREEN for Mental Health Awareness! This group ride will help all participants develop skills and comfort for bike riding in the city. Riders can stop by BBQ #1 area (near the trailers) of Clover Park between 11:00AM and 3:00PM to learn more about the Santa Monica Airport Conversion Project at this community engagement kick-off. Sunday, May 19 9

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Myrow blast highlights Vikings semifinal shutout win



Photos by Thomas Leffler

VIKINGS: The Samohi Vikings gave its home faithful another chance to cheer Tuesday, taking down the Pacifica Tritons 4-0 to advance to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section Division V championship contest. The Vikings defended home turf against the Tritons early, bringing in three runs in the second inning before a Jackson Myrow home run in the fourth sent Samohi fans into a tremendous roar. The Myrow blast was just the fourth home run hit by the Vikings this season, two of those coming from the junior slugger. On the mound, junior Eddie Jennings pitched a complete game shutout, picking up the win in his second postseason outing. The Vikings (21-7) will face the Chino Hills Huskies (20-8-2) in the Division V championship Friday at 4 p.m. at Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium. The Huskies have outscored opponents 21-2 in the Division V bracket, defeating Chino 2-0 in the semifinals.

CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON MAY 14 AT ABOUT 9:45 A.M.

Santa Monica Police Department received an anonymous call prompting Lincoln Middle School to shelter-in-place. SMPD dispatch received a call from a man who stated he was a student hiding inside a bathroom at Lincoln Middle School and there was an active shooter on campus. The caller stated he looked out a window and saw a man with a rifle. Officers responded to campus and School Resource Officer contacted school administrators who advised there were no shots fired on campus. Officers conducted a safety sweep of the school and determined this was a swatting incident.



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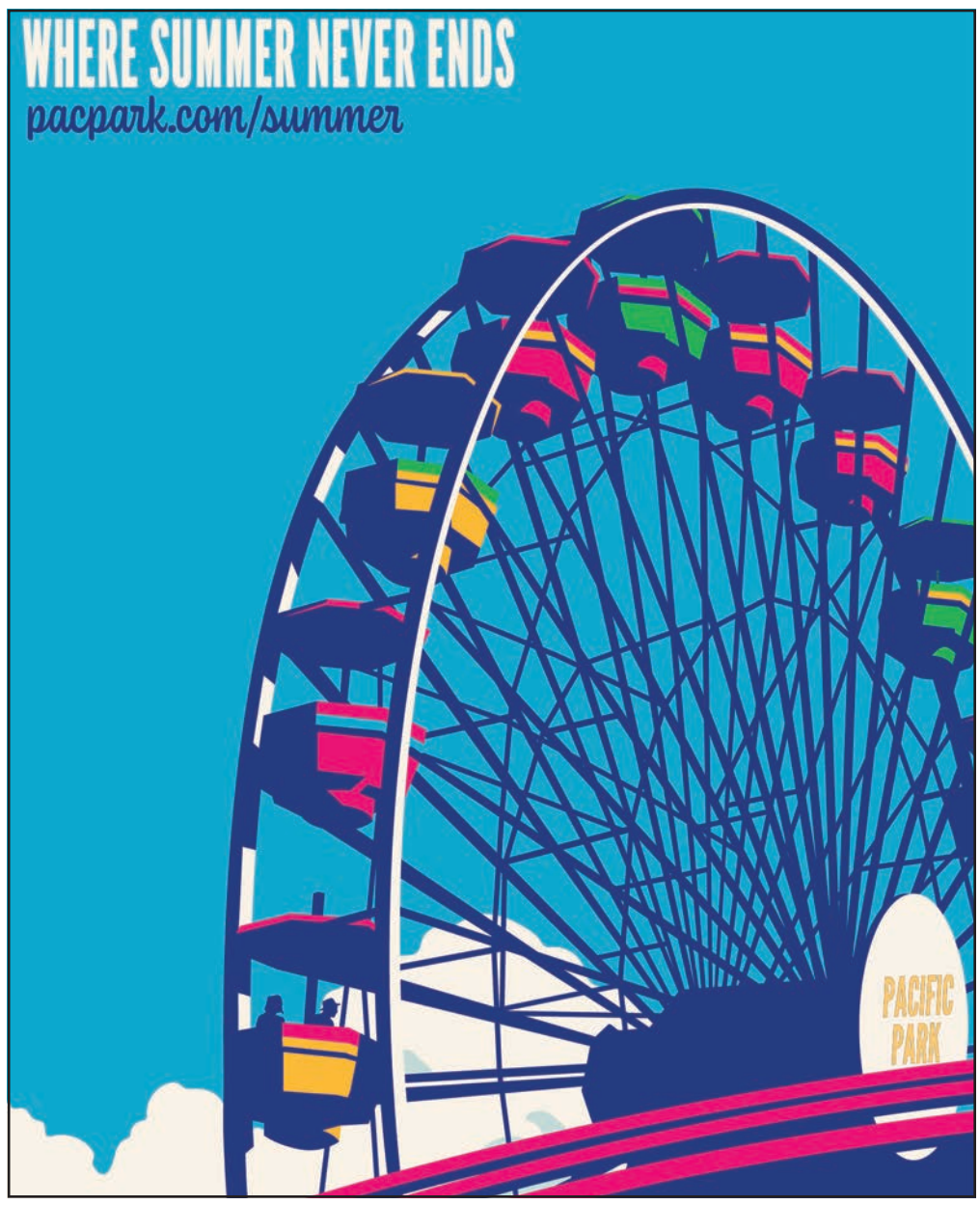
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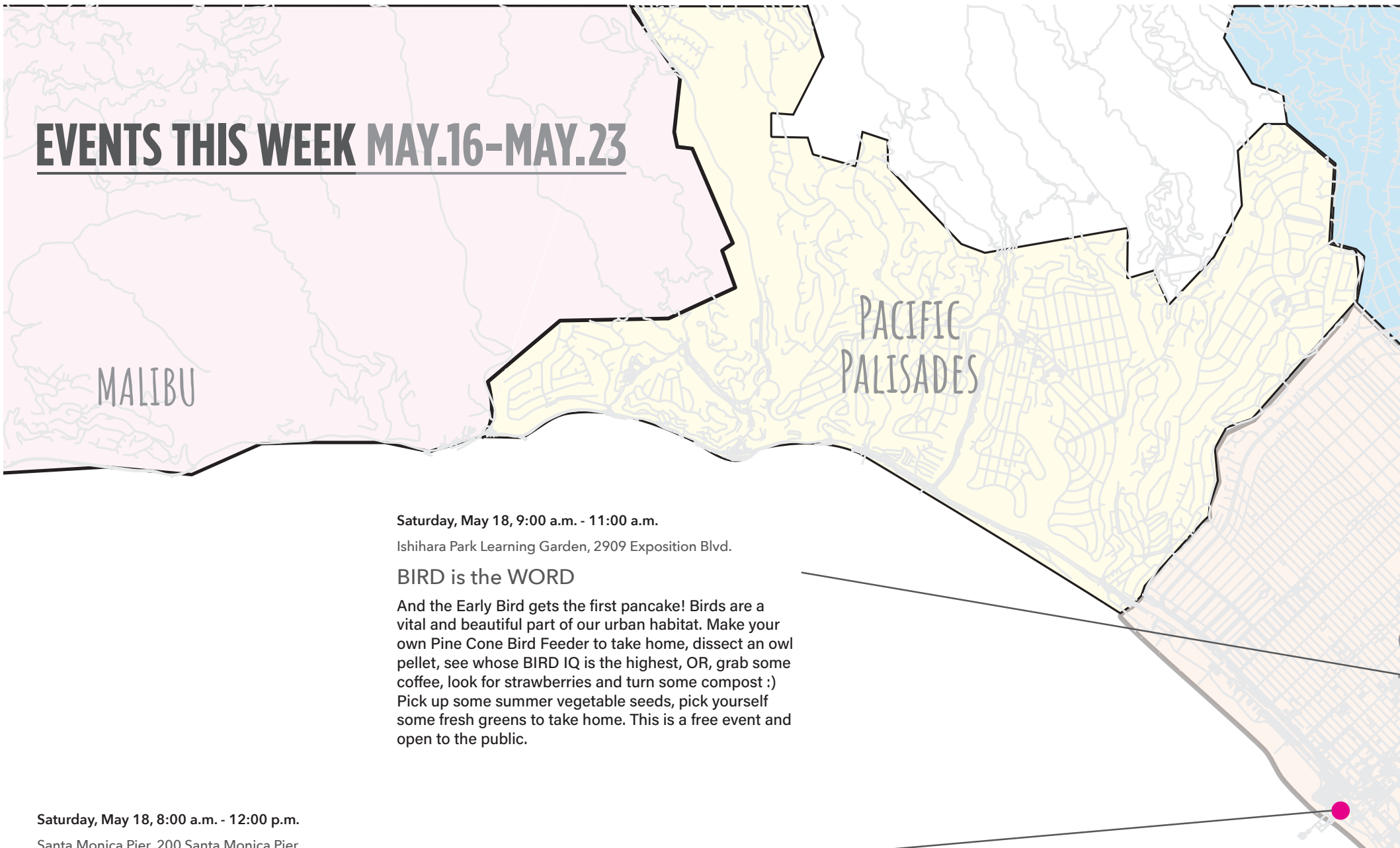
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Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd.

BIRD is the WORD

And the Early Bird gets the first pancake! Birds are a vital and beautiful part of our urban habitat. Make your own Pine Cone Bird Feeder to take home, dissect an owl pellet, see whose BIRD IQ is the highest, OR, grab some coffee, look for strawberries and turn some compost :) Pick up some summer vegetable seeds, pick yourself some fresh greens to take home. This is a free event and open to the public.

Saturday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier

Children's Hospital Los Angeles Walk and Play L.A.

$0 - $35. Registration fees vary based on age
CHLA's biggest community event of the year, Walk and Play L.A., is an annual fundraiser for the children who need our care. The event unites family and community together for a day of fun and philanthropy to benefit the young patients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Each step on the 3K path will echo your support for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, allowing us to continue providing the best pediatric care in California to the kids who need it most—and need it now. Join us for a day full of family friendly activities, sports, games and skill clinics, highlighted by a 3K walk to the Santa Monica Pier, and support the best pediatric care in California for kids who need it most—and need it now.
https://secure1.chla.org/site/SPageNavigator/Walk_TR/walk_play_landing.html

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Sunday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Clover Park, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd

2024 Kidical Mass Family Bike Ride

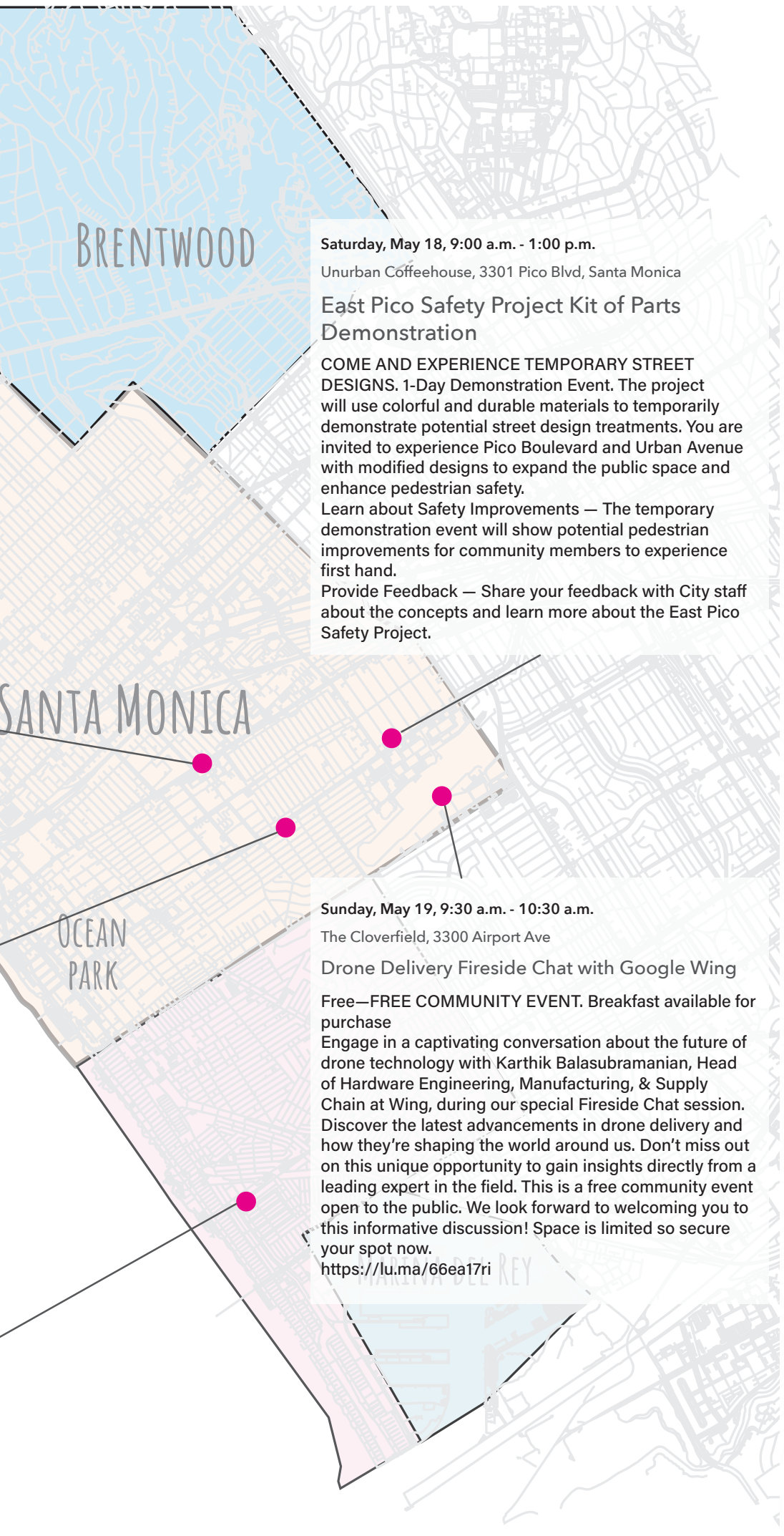
Enjoy a fun-filled morning with family-friendly activities and a group bike ride for all ages. Wear green for mental health awareness month! Co-hosted by Santa Monica Spoke, the Kidical Mass bike ride + Mental Health & Wellness Fair is back at Clover Park! The morning will include:
Community partners offering activities and local mental health resources
Kalina Silverman's Big Talk interactive art installation that encourages meaningful community connections
Family-friendly group bike ride in Santa Monica*
Helmet decorating
Bagels, juice, coffee, and snacks
We will meet on the west side of the park, near 25th Street and Oak Street. Remember to wear GREEN for Mental Health Awareness! This group ride will help all participants develop skills and comfort for bike riding in the city.
Children must be accompanied and are the responsibility of their parents. Bikes should be in good working condition. Free Safety Checks will be offered on site for minor adjustments/repairs. Please use good judgment during the ride – the route is on city streets and smaller children should be in a child seat, trailer, or tag-a-long.
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-kidical-mass-family-bike-ride-tickets-876324519227?aff=oddtdtcreator

Thursday - Sunday, May 16 - 19, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

910 Abbot Kinney, Venice, CA

45th Annual Venice Family Clinic Art Walk + Auction

The milestone edition of the event will entail an art gallery and online auction to celebrate the growth of the LA arts scene and of Venice Family Clinic, a non-profit community health center that provides quality health care to people in need. The art exhibition will showcase the works of over 150 artists who are exclusively LA-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 innovative and integrated approach to providing comprehensive health care services to people in need. https://venicefamilyclinic.org/annual-events/aw24/



Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Unurban Coffeehouse, 3301 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica

East Pico Safety Project Kit of Parts Demonstration

COME AND EXPERIENCE TEMPORARY STREET DESIGNS. 1-Day Demonstration Event. The project will use colorful and durable materials to temporarily demonstrate potential street design treatments. You are invited to experience Pico Boulevard and Urban Avenue with modified designs to expand the public space and enhance pedestrian safety.
Learn about Safety Improvements — The temporary demonstration event will show potential pedestrian improvements for community members to experience first hand.
Provide Feedback — Share your feedback with City staff about the concepts and learn more about the East Pico Safety Project.

Sunday, May 19, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The Cloverfield, 3300 Airport Ave

Drone Delivery Fireside Chat with Google Wing

Free—FREE COMMUNITY EVENT. Breakfast available for purchase
Engage in a captivating conversation about the future of drone technology with Karthik Balasubramanian, Head of Hardware Engineering, Manufacturing, & Supply Chain at Wing, during our special Fireside Chat session. Discover the latest advancements in drone delivery and how they're shaping the world around us. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to gain insights directly from a leading expert in the field. This is a free community event open to the public. We look forward to welcoming you to this informative discussion! Space is limited so secure your spot now.
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THURSDAY | MAY 16

LOCALS NIGHT

Join the Santa Monica Pier from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. as the Pier will be rolling out the red carpet for Santa Monicans for a curated series for locals, by locals. Gather your friends and family and head down to the Pier for entertainment including youth activities, a car show, local DJs and live music from local bands. This month's music performances include Plow Posture, Cycotic Youth and Strawberry Fuzz. Other activities include the Rick Crocker 5K Challenge, the John Adams Middle School/Santa Monica Alternative School House musical performance of "Mean Girls Jr.," and a professional volleyball showcase.

BRING BACK THE BEACH GALA

A fundraising benefit for Heal the Bay, the exclusive Bring Back the Beach Gala event welcomes hundreds of leaders from the business, political, entertainment and environmental communities. Event includes cocktails, dinner, a silent auction, a live auction, award presentations and entertainment. Begins at 5:30 p.m. at Jonathan Beach Club, 850 Palisades Beach Rd. Attire is beach/cocktail/chic, part of the event will be on the sand so consider shoe choice. To get tickets, visit: https://healthebay.org/event/join-us-at-the-bring-back-the-beach-gala-2024/.

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.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Director of Community Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation including playgrounds, music and entertainment. The Commission will consider the budget of the Community and Cultural Services Department and make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council. Meeting begins at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

REST INTERACTIVE SCULPTURE INSTALLATION

As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, "Rest" is an interactive and sound responsive installation that responds to human presence and movement with sound. The installation will be available to experience from May 16-May 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Gathering Hill in Tongva Park. This project was made possible with support from Art of Recovery, an initiative of the City of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs.

AIRPORT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the administration of Santa Monica Municipal Airport and other aviation matters affecting the City. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Sri Training Room on the 2nd Floor (Plaza Level) of the Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr.

FRIDAY | MAY 17

COFFEE WITH CREME & SUGAR RIBBON CUTTING

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for Coffee with Creme & Sugar at 1447 Ocean Ave., adjacent to Ocean View Hotel, beginning at 9 a.m. To RSVP, email info@coffeewithcremeandsugar.com.

OUTKAST TRIBUTE PARTY

Linafornia is hosting a very special Outkast tribute night at Townhouse Venice, 52 Windward Ave., featuring special guest DJ Sake One coming from the Bay Area to play his favorite Outkast and Dungeon Family selections. Playing the classics, the B-sides, remixes, new flips and everything in between. Tickets $10, can be purchased at: https://townhousevenice.ticketsauce.com/e/outkast-tribute-party-by-linafornia/tickets.

SATURDAY | MAY 18

WALK AND PLAY L.A.

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RECYCLING EVENT

The City of Santa Monica is hosting a free recycling event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Santa Monica residents only at City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave. Bring your used mattresses, box springs, electronic waste and up to five boxes of paper for shredding. Shredding will happen on-site and the paper will be recycled. For more information, call 866-311-7266.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR

Discover the architectural gems and rich history of Downtown Santa Monica, beginning at Hostelling International Santa Monica, 1436 2nd St., at 10 a.m. Visit a 12-story Art Deco office tower, the British pub where Jim Morrison played his first show, the city's best example of a Queen Anne Victorian home, a lavish hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition and more. Tours are approximately 2 hours and cover 6 blocks. Reservations suggested. Open to all ages. Tickets $10. For more information, visit: https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt.

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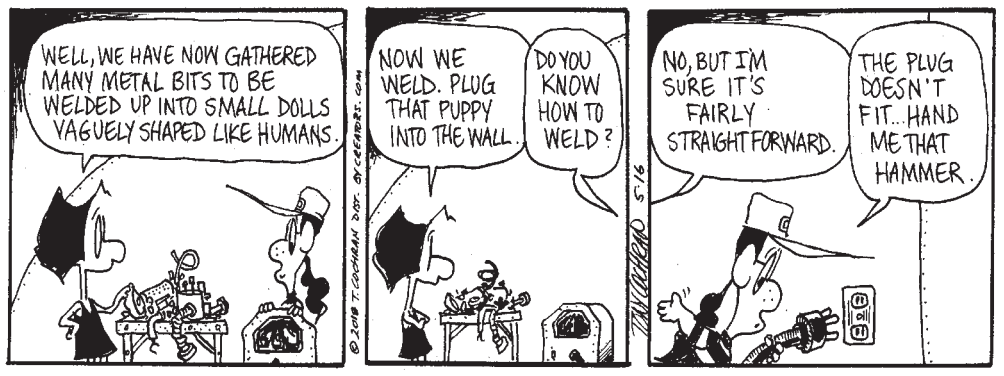


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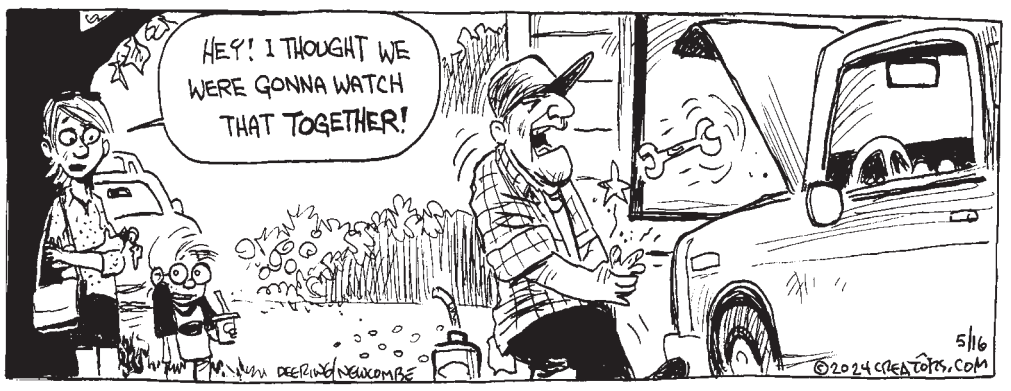
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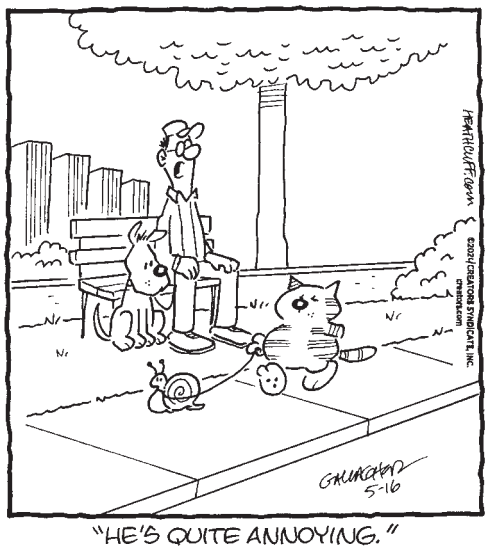
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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A mountain to climb

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 16)

Down the winding path you go, seeking your heart's desire and finding pearls of intellect, enlightenment and skill along the way. The prize will challenge you more than anticipated, and attaining it will compound your joy. More highlights: You'll enjoy new social circles. Your team does a job better than ever and all prosper. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 17, 5, 30 and 10.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Instead of rushing to conclusions, you'll take time to gather information and consider multiple perspectives. Instead of seeking validation, you'll focus on self-assurance and inner confidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are the free-spirit who ignites the untamed essence of others. You expand boundaries by just being you. You'll effortlessly draw out aspects of people that might typically be restrained by convention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's no benefit to dwelling on past mistakes, but you'll definitely get some insight from a quick visit with that data. A course correction may be in order before you can focus on present actions and future possibilities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some feel smarter because they notice what's wrong in the situation. It's a good start, though complaining is only the entry level. The real intelligence is honed by those who brainstorm solutions and take proactive steps.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It is natural to compete with people who are on your team. It happens to a stronger degree when the outside competition is not prevalent enough. When a common enemy shows up to the court, the team bands together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It doesn't take much to shake up the routine today. New shoes will do it. Being 15 minutes early will do it, as will being 15 minutes late. These small tweaks will alter your adventure significantly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In theory, you're always up for a challenge, though the reality is that were you to take them all on, you would have no energy left for some of the best things in life. And besides, shouldn't some things be sweet and easy?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you like someone, you seek ways to keep the connection going, for instance a shared goal, ritual or cause. Even though such things can be purposefully arranged to good effect, it's nice when they come up organically like they will today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There will be little room for anonymity today; you're always under the spotlight, but your unique presence allows you to influence situations positively and leave a mark that resonates long after you've moved on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In your fantasy travel, the scenery is natural, gorgeous and accommodating to your physical being. On real vacations, it's often too hot, too cold, too crowded and almost always too expensive. You'll consider carefully what trip would be worth the trouble?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Delving into intellectual pursuits can be enriching, but it's not for every day or every cycle. Some realms of knowledge lead to existential questioning, disillusionment or even a sense of nihilism. For today, stick to the creature comforts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is no universally applicable or guaranteed method of providing lasting comfort or reassurance to everyone. Acknowledge individual differences, preferences and needs when exploring ways to cope with uncertainty.

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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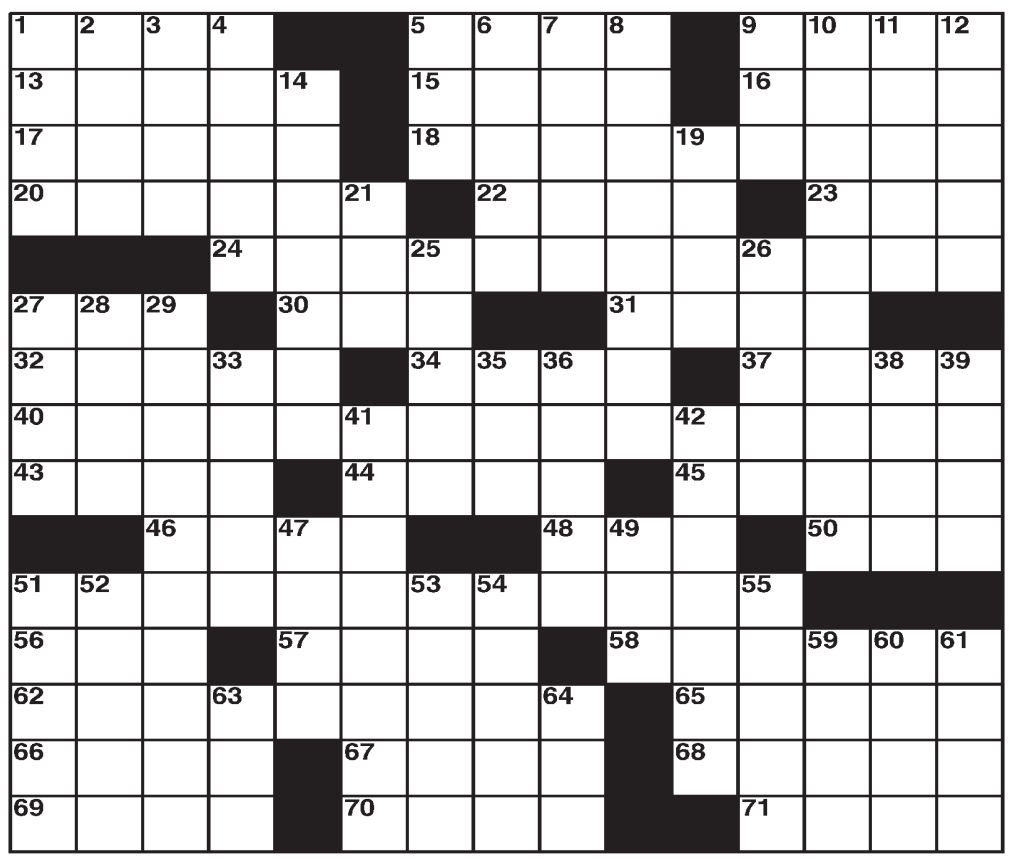
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CYCLIST SAFETY

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physically injure, including by road, cyclists because of being a cyclist. intentionally distracting or attempting to distract a cyclist, intentionally forcing or attempting to enforce a bicyclist off the street or bike lane," Sloan said.

"It's important to note that these are purely civil remedies," he said before clarifying that this does not require city resources to enforce this — it is not criminal. So an aggrieved individual can bring a civil action against the perpetrator. It can include if they're liable for damages for three times heir actual damage for each violation or $1,000, whichever is greater. Moreover, they can recover attorney fees and potentially punitive damages.

"It expressly says it does not constitute a misdemeanor or infraction. And that's essentially it," he said.

Unsurprisingly, this was met with positive reactions from everyone on the dais. Councilmember Jesse Zwick, himself a keen cyclist said, "While it doesn't solve all the issues at hand, having to do with pedestrian and cyclist safety in our city, it does provide an important form of recourse for cyclists who have faced this kind of harassment. And this is not a hypothetical [problem] it's a real one that I hear about regularly from cyclists in our city. And I'm happy to see the council addressing it here tonight."

Councilmember Gleam Davis raised the point that the new ordinance doesn't include pedestrians. "Since the staff report has come out, I've received a number of communications from folks wondering [that] it only includes cyclists, it doesn't include pedestrians and I've been hearing horror stories," Davis said.

"They step into a crosswalk when they have the green light and somebody threatens them [or] directs their car towards them in a threatening manner," she said, before asking Sloan if this could be included as an amendment either immediately or at a later date.

To which he responded that it could be very easily added immediately. The item was moved by Davis and seconded by Zwick.

This wasn't the first item regarding cyclist safety that was discussed in Tuesday night's meeting as Mayor Phil Brock pulled Consent Calendar item 5A earlier in the evening to briefly discuss different types of bike lane safety methodology for the Olympic Boulevard and 26th Street project before that item too was passed.

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BALLET

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year off due to the foot injury, Zane found Westside and deemed it "the perfect place" to find her footing once more, making a comeback performance during the 2023 holiday rendition of "The Nutcracker."

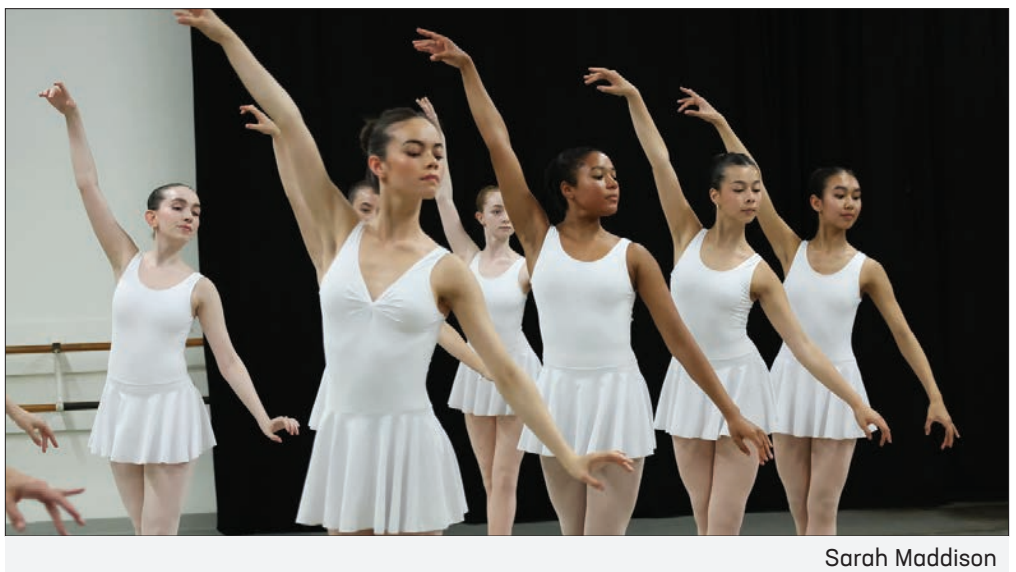
"(It) was definitely very scary, because I hadn't danced for about a year or so … but Westside has definitely gotten me back to (the) level I should be at, and I've found it very helpful having many friends here and everyone (supporting me)," Zane said.

One of Zane's friends is Nadia Hofer, who has been with Westside for almost nine years, saying the company has sharpened her commitment to ballet. Hofer has been looking forward to the spring showcases, namely "Concerto Barocco" due to its mix of styles from jazz and contemporary to classical symphony.

"I think it's really nice to have that mix, because sometimes it can just be strictly ballet or strictly contemporary, and just really opening your eyes to everything can really help you take something from one part and … just really grow the way you dance," Hofer said.

The "Masters of Movement" spring showcases start at the BroadStage at 7 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday, with the Saturday showcase followed by the gala honoring Neary. For tickets, visit https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/WestsideBallet/4547.

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Sarah Maddison

DANCE: The dancers of Westside Ballet of Santa Monica will be performing excerpts from George Balanchine's "Concerto Barocco" during this weekend's spring showcases.

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AROUND TOWN

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a.m. - 12p.m. @ Clover Park https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-kidical-mass-family-bike-ride-tickets-876324519227

The Artist Fair - An Outdoor Gallery Market in the Park: This space was created "so artists and people that are creating pieces by hand can have a safe space to sell more upscale items without the hassle of having cheap vintage, or cheaper items that dilute the aesthetics and vibe of the event. All vendors are either artists, painters, designers, metal workers doing jewelry, wood workers making amazing house pieces and other items but the important thing is that everything is handmade and sold by the artist itself. This event is for the community to come meet the artists and shop their creations." FREE Sunday, May 19, 10a.m. - 5p.m. near Tower 25 in Ocean Park (2410 Ocean Front Walk) https://www.instagram.com/theartistfair

MAINopoly - A Taste of Main St.: Celebrate Main Street's finest restaurants, bars, and eateries at MAINopoly! This all-ages event is an interactive take on the classic board game where participating locations allow you to exchange your fake MAINopoly money for food tastings at restaurants such as The Victorian, Jameson's, Somaosa House, Ashland Hill, Pasjoli, Sunny Blue, and more local favorites. PASS GO and go directly to the "Go to Jail" VIP Beer Garden sponsored by Venice Duck Brewing Co, JuneShine, and Duce Vida Tequila! Complete your MAINopoly gameboard for a chance to win a prize package valued at over $1,000! Sunday, May 19, 1 - 5p.m. www.mainopolysm.com

Getty Villa Hosts FREE Villa Family Festival Celebrating Diverse Cultures: Cultures from opposite sides of the world come together at this daylong family festival inspired by the exhibition Picture Worlds: Greek, Maya, Moche Pottery. Move to traditional Greek folk music, enjoy the dances and sounds of diverse Peruvian cultures, create your own melodies with pre-Columbian instruments, explore the Maya calendar, and witness a ballgame that has roots going back 3,500 years. Sunday, May 19. Reserve tickets here: https://www.getty.edu/visit/cal/events/ev_4171.html

Public Works Week Kicks Off With "We Are Essential" Community Festival: The free event will feature activities for the whole family. Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gandara Park https://www.santamonica.gov/press/2024/05/09/clean-safe-public-works-week-kicks-off-with-we-are-essential-community-festival-may-19

Amy Tan "Live Talks" @ New Roads School: She will be discussing her book, The Backyard Bird Chronicles, "a gorgeous, witty account of birding, nature, and the beauty around us that hides in plain sight, written and illustrated by the best-selling author of The Joy Luck Club." Monday, May 20, 8 p.m. @ 3131 Olympic Blvd. https://livetalksla.org/events/rebel-wilson/

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Pasjoli Makes the Infatuation's "25 Best Restaurants In LA" List: Nabbing the #14 spot, their review states "Rather than offering a trendy take on an onion tart that no one asked for, the French cooking at Pasjoli is all about good old-fashioned animal fat and the technique required to back it up. In the $200 duck extravaganza for two, you'll eat every part of the bird—from the juices in a wine-cognac gravy to the crispy skin over a simple salad—and go home with duck-leg bread pudding leftovers for breakfast. Pasjoli is by no means reinventing the wheel, but the unforgettable food makes it an all-time great special occasion spot and wholly worth the bill." https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-restaurants-los-angeles

Gilbert's El Indio 50th Anniversary Celebration: To commemorate their half century of serving Santa Monica, they are serving $20 plates which includes a drink of choice. Monday, May 20, 3 - 7 p.m. @ 2526 Pico Blvd. https://www.facebook.com/events/384870934522478

Mélisse Celebrating 25 Years: Guest Chef Dinner with Chef Matthew Kammerer of Harbour House (2 Michelin stars). Monday, May 20. https://www.instagram.com/melisserestaurant

New Cassia Review from The Infatuation: The glowing review declares "Cassia is every bit as exciting as it was" when it first opened and encourages people to "bask in one of the Westside's most dependably great restaurants." https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/reviews/cassia

Further Afield: Some 230 artists are expected to participate in the Beverly Hills Art Show on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 & 19.

Looking Ahead Around Town: "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)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com. My past columns are online and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: MAINopoly, Montana Sidewalk Sale, & More!

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