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Diners delighted during local food celebration

A salivating showcase of Santa Monica's finest foods has residents and tourists alike turning toward local restaurants this week.

Through October 20, area culinary spots are partnered with Dine LA Restaurant Week, a bi-annual celebration designed to spotlight dine-in opportunities. The 2023 fall edition of the occasion promotes dine-in only, a chance for new restaurants to introduce themselves to diners, and a shot at revitalizing relationships with old customers for established places.

In total, 34 Santa Monica restaurants are participating in the event, offering special lunch and dinner menus in a wide range of styles. For classic American-style cuisine, customers can indulge at Citrin, Chomp Eatery, 1212 Santa Monica, The Penthouse at The Huntley, Lunetta, Del Frisco's Grille, The Surfing Fox, Fia Restaurant and The Misfit.

Donald Dooley, general manager of The Misfit, said that the location received a "nice little influx" of guests during the Dine LA kickoff last weekend, something he hopes for all area participants.

"It's always nice to have a reason to celebrate ... getting everyone out and about is always fun," Dooley said. "I know myself, I always look forward to it, to try out other places in the area, to lower the bar for entry a little bit monetarily."

The restaurant is showing off their menu staples for Dine LA, such as the double-patty Smash Burger during lunch hours, showcasing its decade in business in the Downtown area.

"There's a lot of guests that may have come in 10 years ago ... and they haven't been back since," Dooley said. "And we've definitely had a lot of changes, a lot of improvements over the years ... so it's important to kind of reintroduce yourselves to the populace every once in a while."

Fans of Mexican food will have full plates at Socalo, Mercado Santa Monica, Red O Cantina and Blue Plate Taco. Socalo chef Susan Feniger said that the event is exciting due to "how it brings people together around food."

"Dine LA raises awareness for locals and visitors alike and sheds a light on the unbelievable dining diversity we have here in Santa Monica and beyond," Feniger said.

Like Misfit, Blue Plate Taco is a decade into its run, and the restaurant continues to innovate by introducing Mole Rojo Ribs to its Dine LA menu.

"I think people forget how wonderful the food is and how awesome these restaurants are, and when there's a bit of an incentive ... people like to try out new things, they come by and kind of rediscover who we are," said Anthony Khun, director of marketing at Blue Plate Taco and fellow Dine LA participant Blue Plate Oysterette.

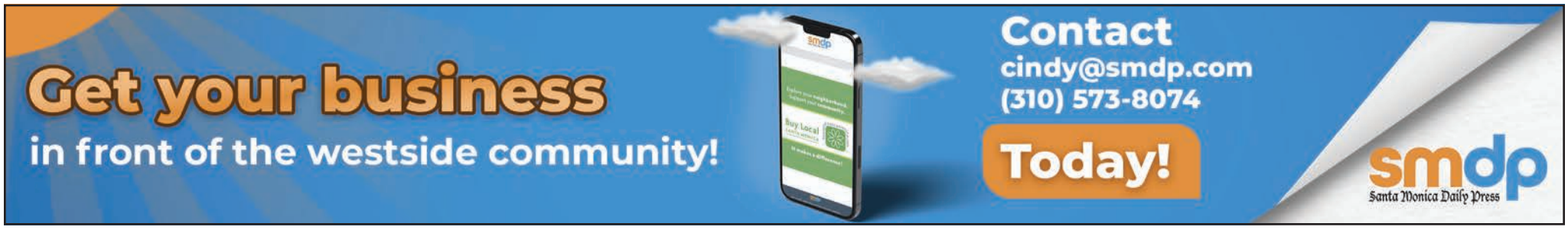
The Oysterette and The Lobster will catch customers with its seafood options, including a Dine LA special Lucky Shrimp Po'boy at the Oysterette. A dining world tour continues in Europe, with a host of Italian restaurants, as well as French cuisine from Loulou Rooftop Restaurant & Lounge, and Mediterranean food served at Calabra and Mon Ami. Italian options during Dine LA include Via Veneto, Terrazza, Orto Santa Monica, Palma, Osteria del Fornaio, Il Forno,

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DINE LA: Many of Santa Monica's best restaurants, including Orto, are part of the event. For a complete list, visit discoverlosangeles.com.

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‘Party’ comes to Playhouse for west coast debut

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Samuel Baum has made the art of lies his specialty, at least in the creative sense.

The writer has immersed himself in the depths of deception throughout his career, creating the hit TV series “Lie to Me” and recently putting his executive producer stamp on the new NBC show “The Irrational.” Already a successful year for Baum, he now has his sights on the stage instead of the screen, running his play “The Engagement Party” at the Geffen Playhouse through November 5.

With the Geffen shows acting as the west coast premiere for “The Engagement Party,” audiences will be once again pulled into Baum’s web of lies, as the play continually devolves into compelling depravity. The show follows a couple, Josh and Katherine, who welcome guests at their engagement party before a mystery breaks out, sending the seemingly loving group into a circle of spite and mistrust.

Baum’s intent with the story was his ever-evolving interest in the “nature of trust” and wanting to understand “how is it that lifelong friendships and family relationships that are so full of love and trust suddenly become bankrupt in an instant.” He wanted to create a story that was a mystery in three phases: closed-door, narrative and psychological.

“I think as a playwright, lies and secrets are the lifeblood of drama,” Baum said. “Any time someone has a secret and is willing to tell a lie, there’s something there that they’re too afraid to openly talk about … that’s immediately compelling for drama.”

The unfolding of the characters in “The Engagement Party” is paralleled by the slow unraveling of the genres within the play. The opening conversations mirror a lively chat amongst comrades, transitioning into an emotional mystery with each line of dialogue. Baum crafted realistic story beats and dialogue to match the comedic start and the thrilling climax, relying on his past writing experiences to induce “economy” in his characters’ words and actions.

“I’m a big believer in plays that have a story, that are not merely a thematic inquiry, but actually spin a yarn,” the playwright said. “And so that was one of my goals with this. I also like to laugh, and I believe that an audience deserves a good time, especially if you’re going to challenge them later.”

The Geffen showings of the play are years in the making for Baum along with his cast and crew, including Tony Award-winning director Darko Tresnjak. After a sold-out world premiere run at the Hartford Stage in Connecticut, the Geffen came calling in 2019, but Baum had to pass on the window due to stage design modifications that couldn’t be completed in time. That window became more drawn out due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as the team had to sit on the sidelines until this year. With the stage modifications made to the lavish design, the “Party” is ready to leave Los Angeles audiences stunned, adding to the area’s rich live theater scene.

Even though “The Irrational” premiered to nearly 4 million viewers, a success of a fall television season starved for content, Baum still holds theater projects in high regard because of the relationship between cast and audience. Calling his play “truly a different show each time,” the reactions of those sitting in the Playhouse seats creates a “palpable effect” that raises the show’s quality.

“We’re all so comfortable sitting on our sofas watching streaming (post-COVID), myself included, that the hurdle to get over to go out and see something live has gotten larger,” Baum said. “But I’m so struck by watching this play live with live actors … and seeing an audience laugh and gasp. It truly is an experience that you cannot get (at) home.”

Tickets for “The Engagement Party” can be purchased on the Geffen Playhouse website, geffenplayhouse.org.

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Photo by Jeff Lorch 22, 2022.
THE ENGAGEMENT PARTY: (L-R) Mark Jacobson, Jonah Platt and Bella Heathcote in The Engagement Party at Geffen Playhouse. Directed by Darko Tresnjak.

Samohi artists recognized in statewide expo

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Three Santa Monica High School students achieved artistic greatness in an annual statewide competition.

Samohi senior Emmaline Thorpe, senior Victoria Davis and sophomore Shana Lindsey were selected as winners in the 2023 California Young Artist Expo Contest. Their work now resides at the expo’s exhibit at the intersection of the 3rd Street Promenade and Arizona Avenue, along with over 100 pieces of art from other finalists.

Thorpe was awarded as the Young Artist of the Year, receiving a $200 cash prize contributed by former Santa Monica Mayor Nat Trives. Thorpe entered art pieces into several of the contest’s categories, including “Climate Change & Sustainability,” “Adapting to a New Normal,” and “My Identity & Self Expression.”

The 2023 expo was carried out by California Sister Cities, with cooperation of Sister Cities International Southern and Northern California Chapters, along with the Santa Monica Sister City Association. This is the second year the Santa Monica association has hosted the post-expo exhibit on the Promenade.

“I was flabbergasted (by the Samohi entries) because when we put it out, we didn’t know who was going to respond to it,” said Santa Monica Sister City Association President Jeffrey Jarow. “But we got all the people in the school district (to support it) … so all of a sudden, I was looking at all these pictures … and then (they) ended up winning a lot of awards.”

A “sister city” relationship is a long-term partnership between communities in different countries, with the 2023 expo strengthening that bond with international young artists. The expo included entries from a large group of colleges in Japan, including visual arts and design colleges from Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya and Fukuoka. The entries were organized under the alliance of Akademia 21st Century, which aided in the printing of the artwork for the Promenade exhibit.

Santa Monica Sister Cities Organization also has experience with Japanese relations, hosting a high school student ambassador exchange program with Fujinomiya, Japan. The city dedicated a park to Santa Monica, using Santa Monica Harbor signage like its United States counterpart.



Courtesy Photo
YOUNG ARTISTS EXPO: Santa Monica High School senior Emmaline Thorpe holds her piece “Blue Board,” one of the works that awarded her Young Artist of the Year in the 2023 California Young Artist Expo Contest.

“Sometimes in the past we’ve had … 15 to 20 kids going to these different cities,” Jarow said. “And then they all come back here for a two or three day stopover before they exchange again. We’ve thrown a big barbecue and there’s song and dance … it’s great watching the kids talk to each other in different languages.”

Jarow says that the exhibit will stay up at the Promenade for another month before becoming a “traveling show” in places like Orange County.

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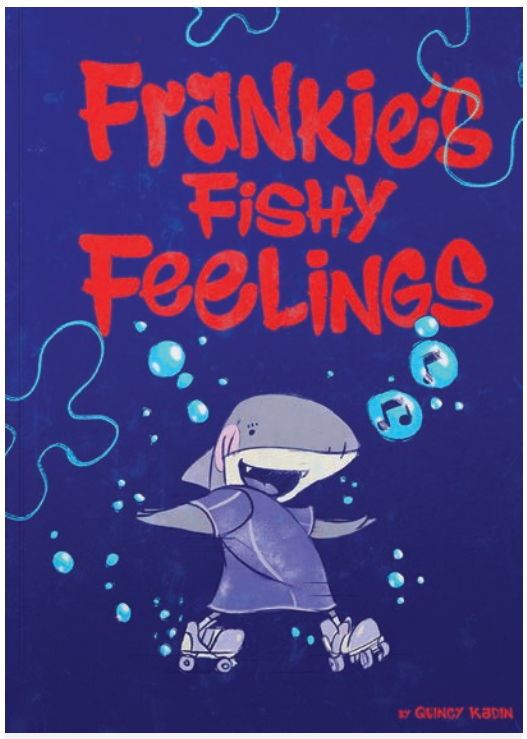
Santa Monica teen is tackling children's anxiety

ANTOINETTE DAMICO
SMDP intern

17 year old Quincy Kadin has struggled with anxiety for as long as she can remember. Growing up, her mom always created a safe space for her to express her struggles, especially during their "car talks," but as Kadin grew up, she noticed that not everyone had the same support.

After seeing an increase in anxiety among young children during the pandemic, she felt compelled to help and with the help of illustrator Domus Batista, Kadin knew the best way for her to reach was with her own words, in a children's book.

"Frankie's Fishy Feelings" follows Frankie the shark as she navigates a wave of anxiety and stress through her first day of kindergarten. Her journey takes readers through all the emotional ups and downs of her first day, and focuses on specific methods that Frankie learns to manage her fears of a new environment. By talking with her therapist and mom, she learns to calm her anxiety, allowing her to swim through a successful first day of school.



Courtesy photo
BOOK: The book is available now.

While the book aims to provide kids with their own coping mechanisms, Kadin said adults are also critically important which is why her own mom and therapist are represented as characters in the book.

"I think that younger kids really don't have a vocabulary around anxiety. Through reading the book, you get those words, you read anxiety, and you can put a name to the feeling," said Kadin.

Although the publishing process itself was intimidating at first, the writing came easy with the aquatic theme inspired by her time working at a children's beach camp.

"It's definitely scary to put your story out there for so many people. But it also felt really good to take a tough situation and turn it into something positive that's going to help people," she said.

Created with a children's therapist at UCLA, Bubble Breathing, Counting Your Fingers, and Feeling your Feet are three tools Frankie uses as her own super power to take on the day.

"I wanted it to not just be a book about anxiety. I wanted it to be a book that helps with anxiety and takes it a step further," Kadin said.

Kadin said readers can reread the book whenever they're feeling anxious or hopefully, internalize the coping strategies to help them relax.

Kadin knows the power of these tools, specifically for calming panic attacks.

"They can really make you feel like you're out of control, and these strategies can bring that power back to your body," she said.

She hopes the conversation around the book will inspire more discussion between children, parents, and schools about how to talk about and support mental health.

Kadin said the approach may differ depending on the age of the reader with the book serving as a conversation opener for younger students but that more mature readers might take the lessons and expand them into conversations with peers or adults.

"But really just recognizing that everyone has anxious feelings, or depression, or any mental health kind of struggle, I think that there's a lot of stigma to it." she said.

A Santa Monica local, Quinn Kadin is proud to represent the city in both her book, and in her own story.

"I think that in Santa Monica, there's definitely a lot of conversation about mental health versus other places, and that's really made me become comfortable with just talking about my story. I think that the support that comes with living here, it's amazing," she said.

The book is available as of World Mental Health Day, October 10, and will be available on her website or through Amazon. Kadin's website also takes donations that will be used to fill elementary schools in California with a copy of the book.

Visit frankiesfishyfeelings.com for more information.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **66.7**

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Could be kinda fun, especially at some of the beachbreaks west of Malibu. NW swell mix + southerly swell mix should equal decent to fun peaks. AM wind looks like it could be light. Stay tuned.

FRIDAY
FAIR
SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

Small'ish but potentially kinda fun as a new SSW swell fills in & slowly becomes dominant source of surf. Likely lully, but could be some pretty crisp little lines at the points and maybe still just enough NW running for peaks at beachbreak

Weather

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 78. East northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 62.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 72.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

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Jackpot: 16 M

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Draw Date: 10/10
EVENING: 2 8 2

Draw Date: 10/10
MIDDAY: 5 4 1

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3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

The Santa Monica Montana & Brentwood offices of Coldwell Banker Realty Host a Successful Homes for Dogs Adoption Event

The Santa Monica Montana and Brentwood offices of Coldwell Banker Realty hosted a successful Homes for Dogs adoption event on Saturday, Oct. 7, in conjunction with Coldwell Banker Realty's national Homes for Dogs campaign. The Santa Monica and Brentwood offices partnered with Much Love Animal Rescue for the event held at the Santa Monica Montana office of Coldwell Banker Realty. In addition to four pending adoptions, Much Love Animal Rescue found some new people interested in fostering pets in the future.

"With tremendous support from our agents and the local community, we had a wonderful day," said Pamela Upchurch, branch manager of the Santa Monica Montana and Brentwood offices of Coldwell Banker Realty. "Lenny, an adorable blind Shih Tzu got a long-term foster family. Casper, the Maltese and terrier mix, and Solo, the loving pit bull, both have families looking to add them to their families. And a young boy and his family were working on adopting an adorable little Diamond as we wrapped up the event, so we had a great turnout."

For more information, visit ColdwellBankerHomes.com.

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DOGS: Pamela Upchurch, the branch manager of the Santa Monica Montana and Brentwood offices of Coldwell Banker Realty, with two dogs available for adoption at the Homes for Dogs adoption event.

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- **RFP: #383 LAAFCA CYBERSECURITY PROJECT**
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THE GASTRONOMIST EXTRAORDINAIRE

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Toddrickallen's rundown of food news on the Westside

RABANO BRINGING "FRESH AND HEALTHY" TO MAIN ST.

The space at 2507 Main St. in Santa Monica has been a bit of a mystery for the last few years. Once the home of Novel Cafe, the space has been gutted with intermittent construction. A sign recently went up over the door announcing the arrival of Rabano Handcrafted Food & Drinks. Rabano has a location in Hermosa Beach and has a "fresh and healthy" menu of salads, bowls, and sandwiches that utilizes local ingredients and focuses on the environment.

COFFEE BEAN & TEA LEAF OPENING A NEW SANTA MONICA LOCATION

I've been reporting on the closure of many local The Coffee Bean & Tea Leafs in recent years. All the closures seemed to be a pattern and I was afraid that didn't bode well for the java franchise. But lo and behold, a brand new CBTL is moving into the old deli space in the medical building at 2021 Santa Monica Blvd (corner of 20th St.). Could this begin a refresh for the storied SoCal coffee chain?

PANDA EXPRESS OPENING A NEW LOCATION IN MARINA DEL REY

Congratulations Good People of Marina del Rey, mall-quality Asian food is heading your way! There's a banner hanging on the commodious space on the corner of Lincoln and Washington announcing the arrival of food court fixture Panda Express. Right now the space is gutted so you may have to wait a bit for your orange chicken...

GALVIN BAKERY & CAFE COMING TO MONTANA AVE.

There's a new restaurant coming to the diminutive space at 625D Montana Ave. in Santa Monica, formerly home to a Subway. The window paper names the new eatery as Galvin Bakery & Cafe. There's not much info out there on Galvin, but it appears coffee, alfajores, sandwiches, and salads will be on offer.

ROCA PIZZA DISAPPEARS FROM PALISADES VILLAGE

I first told you about Roca Pizza's arrival to 1061 N Swathmore in Pacific Palisades back in April of 2022. It took them a while to open, which they did about six months ago. Sadly, they have already given up the ghost at this location. They had planned on another location in Waterside Marina del Rey, but I haven't heard if that will still happen or not. Roca Pizza was a project from California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) Co-founder Rick Rosenfield and his wife Esther that featured pies with long-refrigerated dough baked in imported Italian ovens.

HOUSE OF MANDI BRINGING YEMENI FOOD TO WESTWOOD

It caused quite a stir when I reported that New York's noodle expert Dun Huang was moving into the former El Pollo Loco space at 1081 Gayley in Westwood Village. For whatever reason, that never happened. Now the address appears to be getting a new tenant. Signs are already up announcing the arrival of House of Mandi. House of Mandi has a location in Anaheim and specializes in Yemeni food.

B & T'S DELI BRINGING PLANT-BASED SUBS TO MONTANA AVE.

There's new window paper up on the space at 912 Montana Ave. in Santa Monica. This address was previously home to the popular salad joint Greens Up!, which mysteriously vanished only days ago. The new business, B & T's Deli, will specialize in "casually gourmet" plant-based subs. We wish them the best of luck.

HONEY KRUSH REPLACES KUNG FU TEA IN WESTWOOD VILLAGE

That didn't take long... It was only last month when I told you about the disappearance of Kung Fu Tea and TKK Fried Chicken from the diminutive space at 1136 Westwood Blvd. in Westwood Village. Wasting no time, a new purveyor of organic drinks, Honey Krush, has quickly set up housekeeping. If they're not already open by the time you read this, they will be shortly...

POKITOMIK BLOWS UP WESTWOOD WITH "EXPLOSIVE POKE"

A reader wrote to tell me that a new bolthole is dishing raw fish in Westwood Village. PokiTomik is now open at 1135 Westwood Blvd. and offers a menu of bowls, burritos, and tacos. PokiTomik began in Glendale in 2017 and has spread to 15 locations across SoCal. They have made it their mission to "blow up the community with the freshest and most wholesome ingredients to make the most explosive poke."

For the latest food news, visit https://toddrickallen.com/

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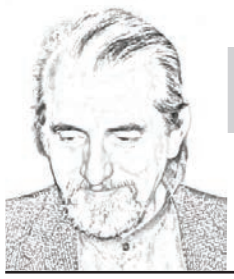
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Colapasta and Local Kitchen & Wine Bar.

Incorporating eastern delicacies into Dine LA will be Japanese spots Sushi Gozen, Kappo Miyabi and Gyu-Kaku Japanese BBQ. Lotus Asian Cuisine and Bar and Tiato will showcase Chinese and Vietnamese entrees, respectively, while Californian options come in the form of Papile Gustative and FIG.

Dine LA Restaurant Week applies throughout the Los Angeles area, with more options available to view on the Discover Los Angeles website, discoverlosangeles.com.

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It's the last chance to Don your Juan

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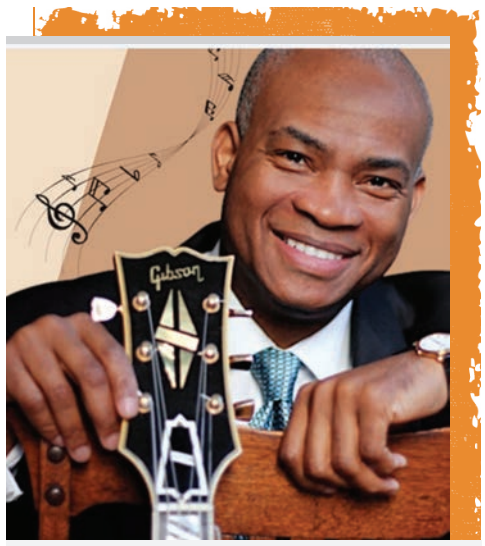
La de da, love it so much, good vibes – so sorry to stick in one somber note here, but as I heard about 260 carefree music festival celebrants gunned down in the Hamas attack on Israel, I couldn't help but be reminded that the worst mass shooting in US history was also at a music festival, in Las Vegas. 59 dead, more than 500 hurt. I have no wisdom from this, except maybe, Make Love, Not War, and Give Peace A Chance. "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one..."

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: .

Tonight! - MOZART'S "DON GIOVANNI." LA OPERA – Don't be like me, procrastinating on getting tickets to something you really want to see, and dang sure shouldn't miss. We're now down to the last two performances of this classic, that doesn't come around every year, you know. Mozart himself wrote 33 operas. But many experts would vote Don G perhaps the greatest opera ever written, not just by someone whose name does not end in a vowel, but the best ever, period. You can argue with that high praise, but I don't think you'll be arguing about much as you walk out of the tale of Don Juan...if you are lucky enough to snag a ticket. We in LA are so awash in "don't miss" shows that it's easy to get lazy. Hard to believe anyone could top "The Marriage of Figaro '' and "The Magic Flute," in such short order. Did he? Only one way to find out. Thurs 7:30 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $24-239.

"A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE " – It opened in mid-August, and now has been extended through the first week of November. Does that mean there's now no rush to catch it? No. That means you got lucky; don't push it. What if, God forbid, "Sopranos" actor Ray Abruzzo should take sick? Or any of the other four important and excellent actors? It just wouldn't be the same. And you'd be kicking yourself. Besides, this gives you enough time still, if you really love it, and you just might, to go back for a second dose. I mean, how fortunate are we to have acting and writing (Arthur Miller) at this level, in our own backyard? Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SMO, $20-30.

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



Courtesy photo

RUSSELL MALONE QUARTET: Jazz Bakery.

RECOMMENDED:

PETER GABRIEL – I was tempted to make this a HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, even though I don't know what Gabriel's been up to for years. Sort of like, if Picasso hadn't had a showing for 20 years, wouldn't you still kill to be there? Music tastes change, but some artists are their own universe. He will be playing songs from his almost-released "i/o" album, old hits and "fan favorites," and "the unexpected" – that may be worth the price of admission (not cheap). Fri 8 p.m., Kia Forum, Inglewood, $70-859.

PORNO FOR PYROS – Perry Ferrell's pyrotechnic quartet is not everyone's cuppa tea, but if you walk into the room and resolve not to let the decibel level and raw energy push you out the door, you will likely leave with a smile on your face (and fewer healthy auditory receptors and brain synapses. Wiltern Theater, 10/13;

BRANDI CARLILE & Friends – We all know who Brandi's best friend is, and God bless her for that, but try not to go expecting to see and hear Joni because you might be distracted from the excellent music going down the whole show. It may be that I'm just slow, but I think Carlile has greatly matured in every way since her earliest days (I saw her at Amoeba Records in Hollywood, long, long ago),

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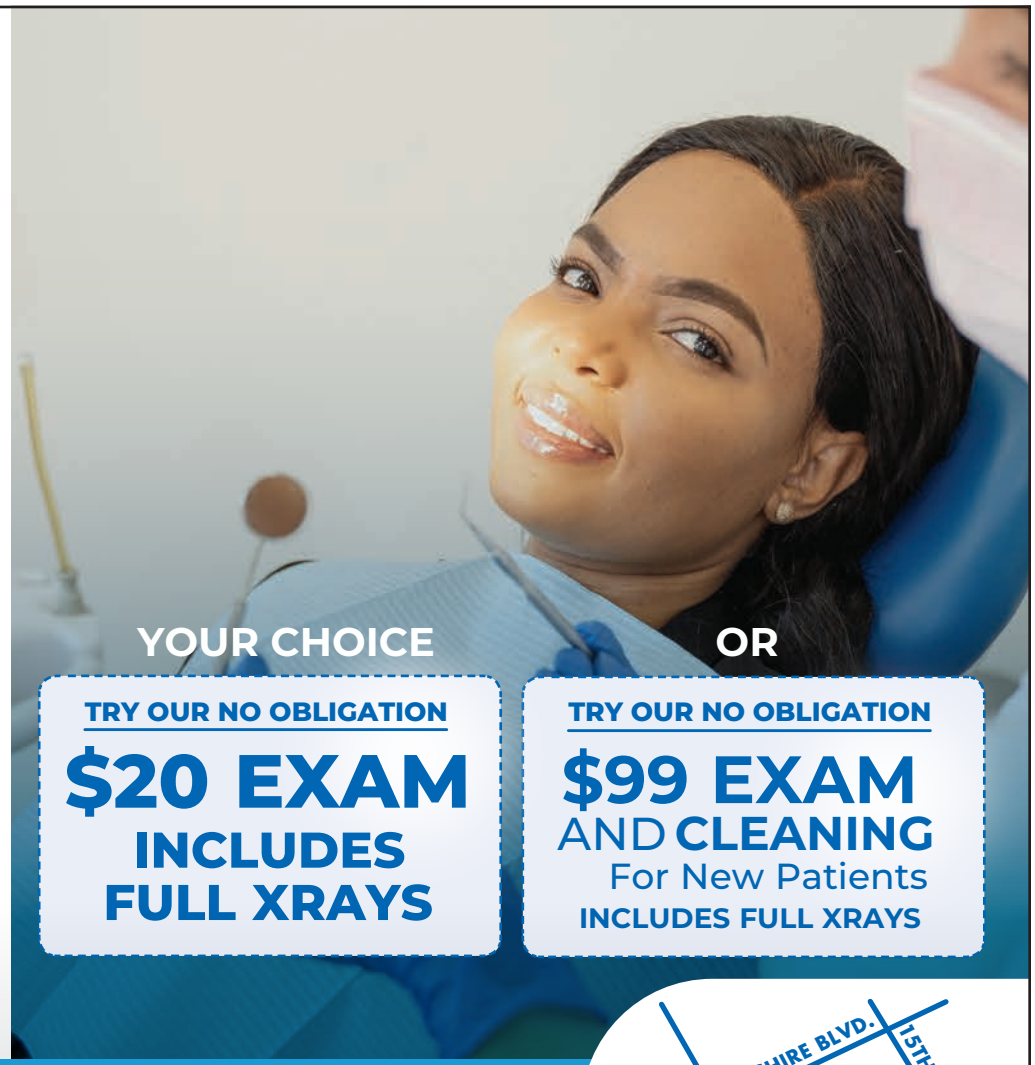
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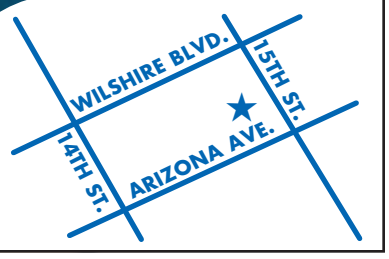
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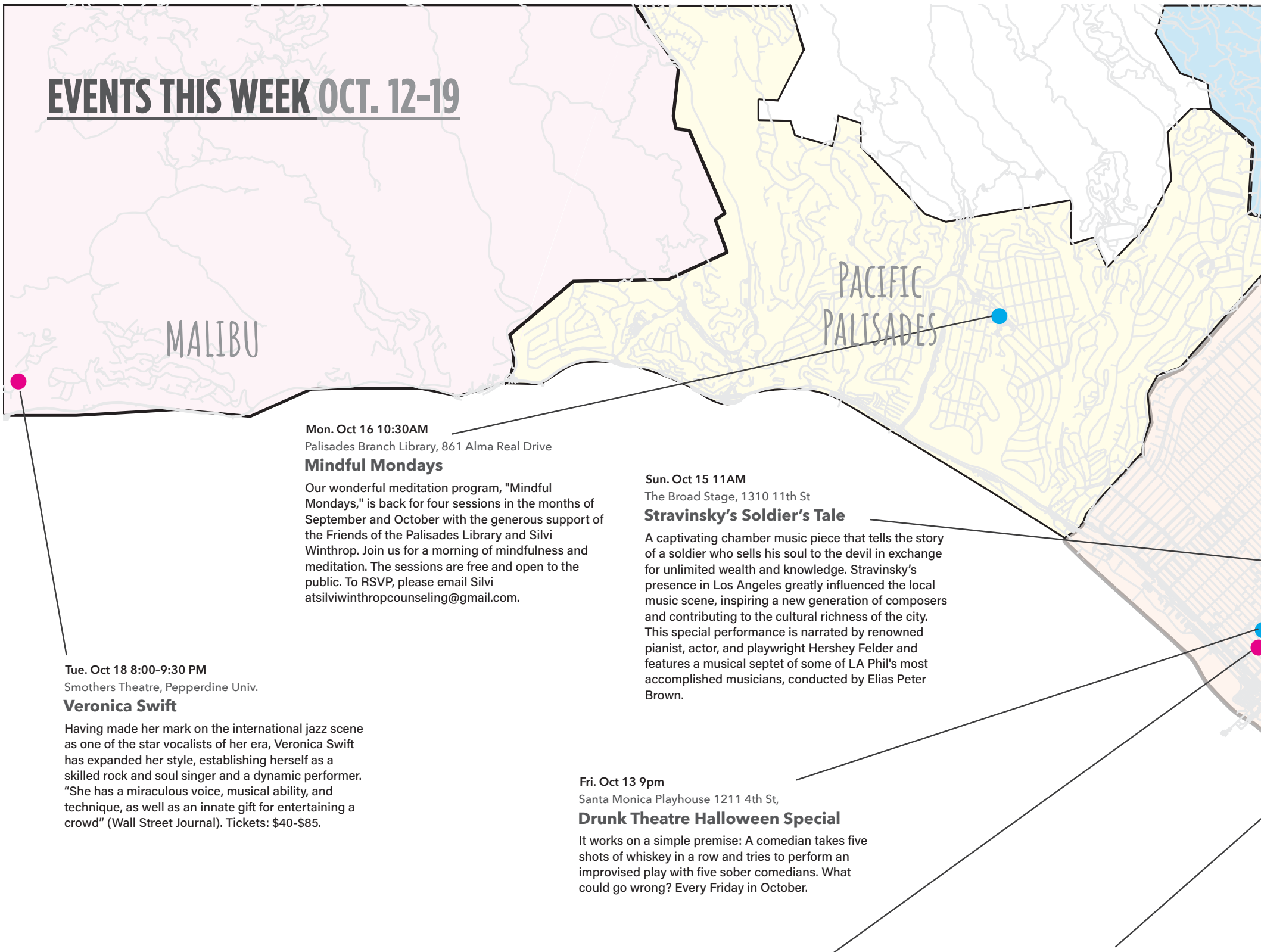
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EVENTS THIS WEEK OCT. 12-19



Mon. Oct 16 10:30AM
Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive

Mindful Mondays

Our wonderful meditation program, "Mindful Mondays," is back for four sessions in the months of September and October with the generous support of the Friends of the Palisades Library and Silvi Winthrop. Join us for a morning of mindfulness and meditation. The sessions are free and open to the public. To RSVP, please email Silvi atsilviwinthropcounseling@gmail.com.

Sun. Oct 15 11AM
The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St

Stravinsky's Soldier's Tale

A captivating chamber music piece that tells the story of a soldier who sells his soul to the devil in exchange for unlimited wealth and knowledge. Stravinsky's presence in Los Angeles greatly influenced the local music scene, inspiring a new generation of composers and contributing to the cultural richness of the city. This special performance is narrated by renowned pianist, actor, and playwright Hershey Felder and features a musical septet of some of LA Phil's most accomplished musicians, conducted by Elias Peter Brown.

Tue. Oct 18 8:00-9:30 PM
Smothers Theatre, Pepperdine Univ.

Veronica Swift

Having made her mark on the international jazz scene as one of the star vocalists of her era, Veronica Swift has expanded her style, establishing herself as a skilled rock and soul singer and a dynamic performer. "She has a miraculous voice, musical ability, and technique, as well as an innate gift for entertaining a crowd" (Wall Street Journal). Tickets: $40-$85.

Fri. Oct 13 9pm
Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St,

Drunk Theatre Halloween Special

It works on a simple premise: A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong? Every Friday in October.

Thu. Oct 12 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Main Campus Fountain Quad

SMC 2023 College Fair

SMC's college fairs have become very popular and thanks to schools' interest in our students our fair has become the largest of all other California community colleges. In the past fall, 150+ colleges and universities were present.

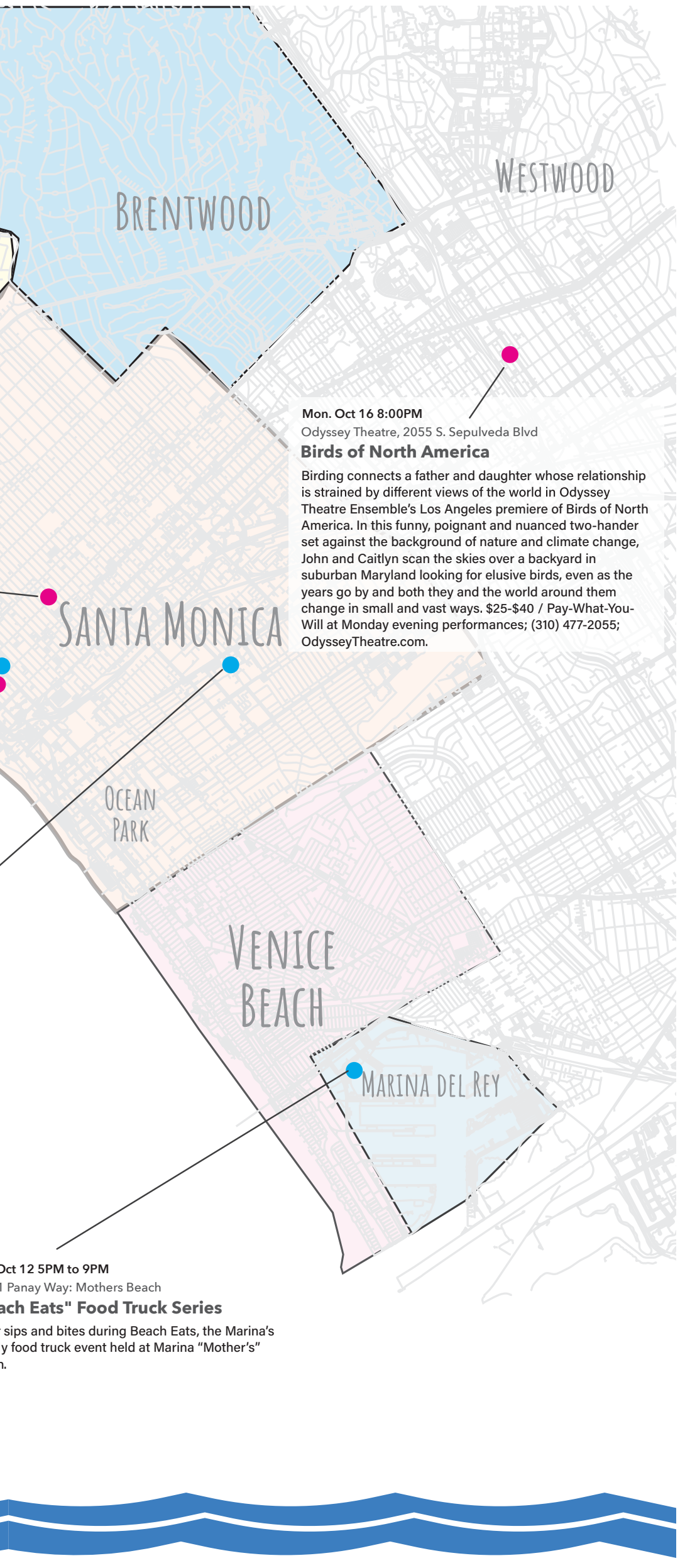
Check out more events at: smdp.com/events

Fri. Oct 13 6:30pm
1200 Block 3rd Street Promenade

Free "Freaky Friday" Movie Night on the Promenade

The second Friday of the month through December, we're showing free outdoor movies. Doors open at 6:30, the movie will start at 7:30. No advance registration is required and all ages are welcome Picnicking is allowed (and encouraged!) but alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Dogs are welcome. Tall chairs are not allowed. Feel free to bring low chairs and pillows/blankets

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Mon. Oct 16 8:00PM
Odyssey Theatre, 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd
Birds of North America

Birding connects a father and daughter whose relationship is strained by different views of the world in Odyssey Theatre Ensemble's Los Angeles premiere of Birds of North America. In this funny, poignant and nuanced two-hander set against the background of nature and climate change, John and Caitlyn scan the skies over a backyard in suburban Maryland looking for elusive birds, even as the years go by and both they and the world around them change in small and vast ways. $25-$40 / Pay-What-You-Will at Monday evening performances; (310) 477-2055; OdysseyTheatre.com.

Oct 12 5PM to 9PM
1 Panay Way: Mothers Beach
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sips and bites during Beach Eats, the Marina's
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THURSDAY | OCTOBER 12

HORROR BOOK TASTING
Sample horror books from our handcrafted menus! Select up to nine books from some of our favorite horror subgenres and find your next spooky read. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 - 7 p.m.

OCTOBER WORKSHOP ON SANTA MONICA BELOW MARKET HOUSING (BMH) PROGRAM - SPANISH INFO SESSION
Staff will be hosting an informational workshop about the City's Below Market Housing (BMH) waitlist and program. This session will be conducted in Spanish. The workshop is intended for applicants to learn more about the process of this important program which connects qualified households with vacancies occurring in more than 2,600 affordable residences across the City. The English session will be held on Tuesday, October 17 at 6 p.m. at the same location. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 6 - 8 p.m.

RENT CONTROL BOARD MEETING
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Library Board consists of five members appointed by the City Council for a four-year term. The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. The public is welcome to attend.

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

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 13

READ THE ROOM: A TAROT + COMEDY SHOW WITH JARED GOLDSTEIN
A professional tarot reader and a slightly less professional comedian team up each month to interpret the tarot cards of audience members. The Crow Comedy Club, 2525 Michigan Ave., F4, $20. 8 - 9:30 p.m.

FORMULAE & FAIRY TALES
Formulae & Fairy Tales reimagines Alan Turing's mind, life's work, and mathematical discoveries through projections, original music, and choreography. The Broad Stage, 1310 11th St, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. $25 to $70.

MOVIE FRIDAYS
Freaky Friday. 1200 Block of Third Street Promenade (between Arizona & Wilshire) WHEN: Doors open at 6:30, the movie will start at 7:30

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 14

BREAKTHROUGH FOR BRAIN TUMORS (BT5K) WALK
The annual BT5K raises critical funding for research and supports services for patients, caregivers, and families. 8 a.m. Tongva Park.

ABSOLUTELY HALLOWEEN! FOR AGES 2 TO 102
the classic Family Theatre Halloween musical for Kids 2 to 102 – the heartwarming Rudie-DeCarlo tale of the aptly-named Candy, a sweet young girl who learns some surprising lessons about life, love, laughter, and sugar, from a delightful array of characters who take her on a magical All Hallow's Eve adventure $12.50 to $15.00—Kids $12.50; Adults $15 Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th Street. 2 - 3:15 p.m.

USED OIL RECYCLING EVENT
Join organizers for the City of Santa Monica's Oil Recycling & Filter Exchange Event Saturday, October 14th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at: O'Reilly Auto Parts, 2018 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica residents may bring their used oil filter & exchange it for a new filter for free (exclusions apply). 9 - 3 p.m.

UKULELE 101 FOR ADULTS
Learn a few chords and basic strums, and start played the ukulele today! Bring your own uke or borrow one of ours. Instructor Cali Rose is the founder of CC Strummers, a Los Angeles-based ukulele group with an international following. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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AROUND TOWN

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Halloween Activities and Flavors & A Cookie Tasting Event

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Santa Monica

Your weekend starts here with a **Free "Freaky Friday" Movie Night on the Promenade, multiple 5K runs for charities,** food and drink highlights including **BakeCamp L.A. "Cookies for a Cause" Tasting Event,** and much more!

Pier Locals Night: Expect youth activities, a car show, local DJs and live music from local bands, art exhibits, a Mezcal Tasting, and more! **Thursday Oct. 12, 3:30 - 10p.m.** https://www.santamonicapier.org/localsnight

SaMo Black Lives Association (SMBLA) "WE" Event (FREE): Join them at their "NEW HOME" for an event dedicated to women's empowerment. "We'll be celebrating the strength, resilience, and achievements of women from all walks of life. Come tour our office and learn about available resources while engaging with our supportive community of like-minded individuals." **Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:30 – 8:30p.m. 520 Arizona Ave.** https://smbla.org/event/the-we-event/

Free "Freaky Friday" Movie Night on the Promenade: "Grab your picnic baskets and bring the whole family - including pups - and get ready for a night at the movies." **Friday, Oct 13, Seating starts @ 6:30p.m. on 3rd St. Promenade between Wilshire & Arizona.** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movie-fridays-on-third-street-promenade-freaky-friday-1013-tickets-698683620517

Heal the Bay Aquarium Comedy Club: Former Saturday Night Live cast member, Luke Null, is headlining the show. Where else can you watch comedy while the fish are swimming around you? And it's BYOB! **Friday, Oct. 13, 8p.m.**

Drunk Theatre Halloween Special: It works on a simple premise: A comedian takes five shots of whiskey in a row and tries to perform an improvised play with five sober comedians. What could go wrong? **Every Friday in October @ SaMo Playhouse @ 9:00p.m. 1211 4th St.** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drunk-theatre-halloween-special-the-wildest-improv-comedy-show-tickets-717475678067



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MOVIE: The free movies are on the Promenade each Friday.

SaMo Salvation Army "Run for Hope 5K": On race day, we come together not only as passionate runners but as a community united by the shared belief that hope can create remarkable change. **Saturday Oct. 14, 8:00a.m. @ the grassy area in front of short term Lot 5 south (Near lifeguard tower 26)** https://give-sc.salvationarmy.org/event/the-salvation-army-or-run-for-hope-5k/e512850

The American Brain Tumor Association 5K: Register to run or walk the 5K mile in Santa Monica's lush Tongva Park. All in-person participants receive a bib and event t-shirt! **Saturday, Oct. 14, 8:00a.m. @ 1615 Ocean Ave.** https://give.abta.org/event/2023-bt5k-los-angeles/e487275

Fire Department Fire Prevention Week Event - Open House at Fire Station 1 (Saturday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.): Participants can get a close-up view to a working fire station. Fire department personnel will provide cooking safety tips and information on preventing household fires. All ages welcome. 1337 7th St.

Sunday Morning Music - Stravinsky's Soldier's Tale: "In the realm of musical enchantment, Igor Stravinsky's The Soldier's Tale unfolds — a captivating dance

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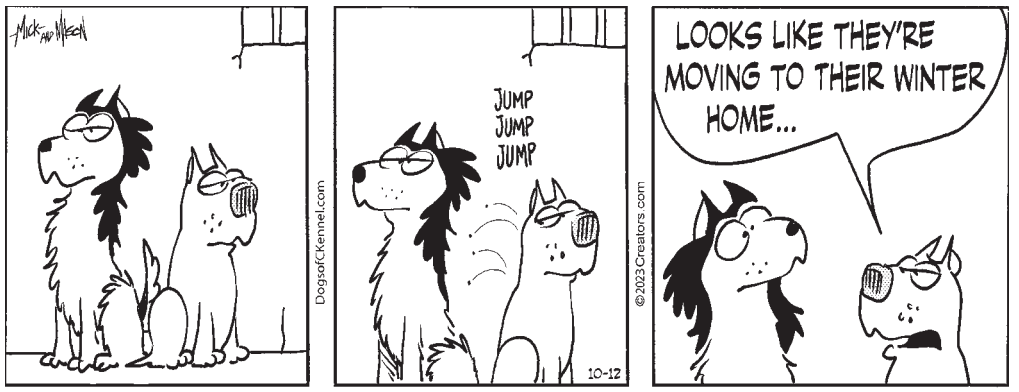
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By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



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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 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5995

Turn up the heat

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Beach	Hat	Salad	Temperature
Beer	Haze	Screen	Thunder
Cooler	Horrendous	Shade	Tired
Cranky	Hose	Sleepless	Tornado
Cyclone	Ice cold	Smog	Trough
El Nina	Lounge	Sticky	Water

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 12)

Your bright mind will put things together in new and exciting ways this year, as though you are in a perpetual metaphor. More highlights: A tight relationship with a worthy mentor lends a sense of security, and the money you make helps too! The past surfaces to finally be healed and you move forward with a lightness you dreamed of having. Aquarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 17, 2 and 12.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Skimp on sleep and you're skimping on health. To prioritize rest gives you the chance at having as much energy and vitality as you can. Being as strong and capable as is possible is your aim, and it's nonnegotiable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The butterflies visit your stomach for a reason. Something in you called out to the universe, "I care about doing a good job!" and they are flapping their wings to give you extra energy. When the job is done, they'll fly away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't speculate how well you'll enjoy an experience or how likely you are to click with someone. The idea of a relationship or venture may be better or worse than reality, but you'll never know unless you give it a shot.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Believe in your worthiness. The role wouldn't have fallen to you if you weren't the one to do it. Besides, you're not in it alone. The forces that brought you to the moment will be there to help you transcend it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today is more like a bullet-pointed list than a tight plan. You'll hit the main points and leave room to follow the weird thread that will show up. Someone or something is trying to entice you on a delightful detour.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're thinking more about helping others than yourself. This intention will guide you to say and do the right thing. You reach out and risk rejection knowing that this could be the fated assist someone really needs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The easily interpreted things aren't enough to tickle your intellect, but with the arrival of a mystery, a deeper part of you will emerge to make sense of it. Relatedly, complicated people are worth the effort it takes to get to know them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). True friends are not looking for what they will gain out of interactions with you. True friends don't fulfill their needs at your expense, but emotional vampires do. Resist the devious charms of known offenders.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Shakespeare used the dramatic device of a clandestine arrangement in comedy and tragedy alike. Be careful with secrets. They give the action a charge, which can lean in the direction of fun or harm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your highly developed sense of responsibility may drive the action, which can give things a more serious or rigid tone than you intend. It doesn't mean you're not ultimately acting out of love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you categorize your every move as "bad" or "good," the two sides of you will engage in an unproductive internal battle. Don't judge yourself. Trust that you're intuitively guided toward what's your own highest development.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though the fight takes much energy, strive for peace, not resignation. Peace finds a harmonious way to exist together. Resignation backs down, allowing the other party to prevail as though there's nothing more worth fighting for.

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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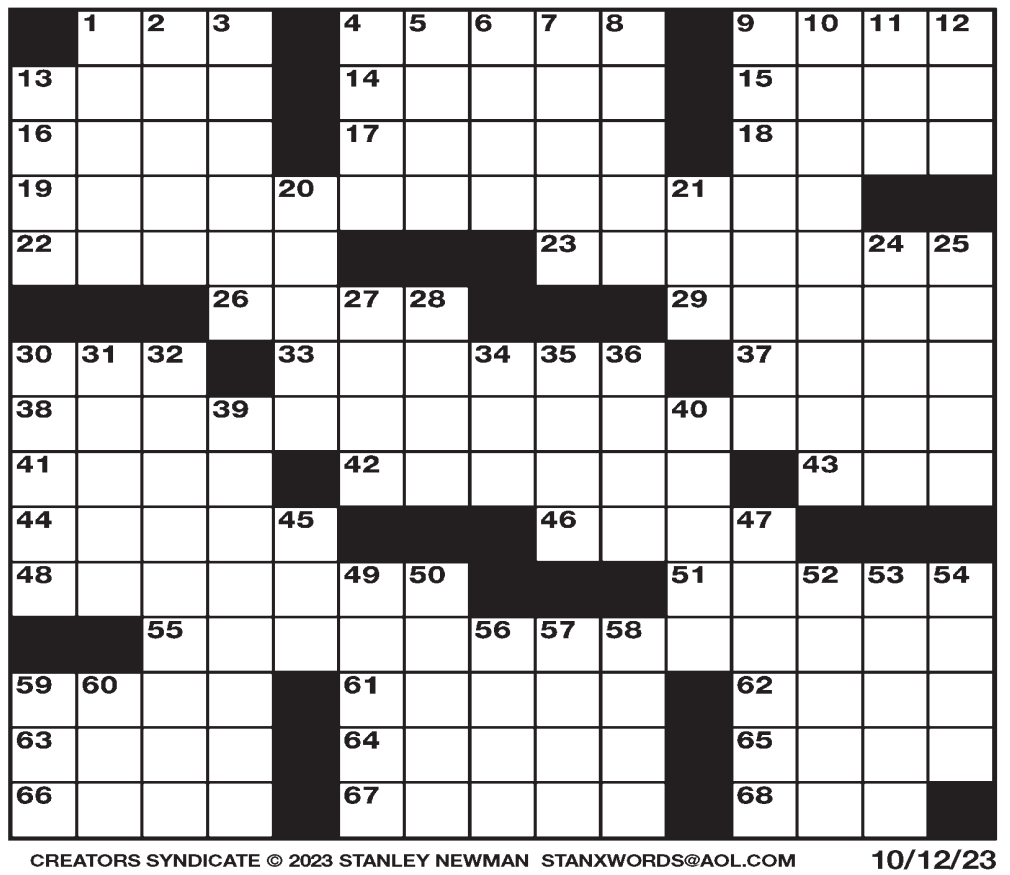
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16 Sale stipulation
17 Clue that coffee's on
18 *Name of the Rose* figure
19 Grammar slip that's not rocket surgery
22 Confetti piece
23 "Too much information!"
26 Branch
29 Rope fiber
30 Bard's fairy queen
33 Apparently do
37 King David predecessor
38 Grammar slip to carefully avoid
41 "Common" word
42 Raises an eyebrow
43 Hibernation station
44 Smile upon
46 Rainforest nut
48 Cents before 1982
51 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
55 This is a grammar slip don't use it
59 Hard-boiled film genre
61 Walk away
62 Prefix for graph
63 Diamond strategy
64 Minnesota claim to fame
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9 Will Rogers, for one
10 Spoken of earlier
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13 A little wet
20 Barely known celebrities
21 Keeps
24 Shade of purple
25 Pompeo of *Grey's Anatomy*
27 '70s Israeli leader
28 Well: It.
30 Comcast channel
31 Speed skater Ohno
32 Detailed plan
34 Creative writing deg.
35 Watch sound
36 Aware of
39 Now and then
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47 City of Syria
49 Bakery batch
50 Tiptoe, perhaps
52 Tree knot
53 Pungent
54 Paper buy
56 Literary alias
57 Unceasingly
58 Snug spot
59 Auerbach Trophy awarder
60 "__ Song" (Taylor Swift tune)



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Orchestra goes to the movies for magical fundraiser

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Stories from the silver screen shifted to the stage of Barnum Hall this past week, as the Santa Monica High School orchestras held its "Movie Music Magic" concert for cinema fans and music buffs.

The show, directed by Jason Aiello and Jim Wang, brought several of Samohi's orchestras together to play selections from popular films. While the music played on the stage, a projector screen above the talented youth showed highlights of the films, creating a unique multimedia experience.

"For many of us, young and old, film scores served as our first introduction to the orchestra and the infinite colors of sound that it can create," Aiello stated. "These melodies continue to inspire and move us to this day."

The night began with the combined sinfonia and intermezzo orchestras, two of Samohi's seven units that bring in over 300 students each year. The combined orchestras donned their best skull attire to play selections from Tim Burton's "Corpse Bride," and followed with highlights from "Shrek" and "The Greatest Showman."

Animation was saluted throughout the night, from the "Shrek" selection of the combined orchestras to the orchestral suite from "Beauty and the Beast" played by the philharmonic orchestra. The philharmonic unit also paid tribute to Japanese animation with music from "My Neighbor Totoro," as well as playing the main title "feather theme" from "Forrest Gump."

After intermission, the symphony orchestra concluded the evening with the orchestral suite from Disney's "Aladdin," a symphonic variation of songs from "Howl's Moving Castle," and a moving suite for orchestra from "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." The final piece, scored by composing icon John Williams, was laid into three parts.

"It's very early in the school year for a full concert to (be) put on, so the students worked very, very hard on really challenging music," Aiello said.

Having movie music-based shows in the past, mostly with Disney tunes, Aiello said that the selections expanded beyond "the Disney bubble" in order to give the students "new things to work on and learn, and finding things that challenge them."

The show raised funds for the orchestra program, along with a bake sale that took place outside of Barnum Hall. As of September 15, 22 donations of at least $500 have been made to the Samohi Orchestra General Fund, which provides for services like sectional coaches and private lesson scholarships.

Founded in 1903, the orchestra program has evolved into one of the country's finest entering its 120th year. The 2023-24 academic year will include a tour in Germany for the symphony orchestra, including performances at Gewandhaus in Leipzig and Philharmonie Berlin.

"We are fortunate to have such strong local community support and depth in the other music feeder programs and organizations throughout our school district … the skills, experiences, friendships, and self-esteem our students receive from this wonderful program is the real magic," stated Orchestra Parents Association President Jon Moeller.

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SAMOHI ORCHESTRA: The combined Samohi sinfonia and intermezzo orchestras played selections of "Corpse Bride" while highlights from the movie ran on the screen above.

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TOWN

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between melodies and words, where the devil's fiddle entwines with the soldier's soul, weaving a haunting tale of destiny's intricate threads. This special performance is narrated by renowned pianist, actor, and playwright Hershey Felder and features a musical septet of some of LA Phil's most accomplished musicians, conducted by Elias Peter Brown." https://thebroadstage.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1c5de73eb9937a7337edaa018&id=6b54bdec48&e=758622a08a

Pride & Prejudice documentary Screening & Panel Discussion: Celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month with a screening and panel discussion on of the 1991 CityTV documentary that explored and honored the gay and lesbian community in Santa Monica. **Wednesday, October 18, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th Street, adjacent to the Main Library.**

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Grilled Cheese & Beer Night @ Andrew's Cheese Shop: "We have now upgraded the event to have a tangy, zippy starter salad, four courses of our famous grilled cheeses (paired with four specialty beers), and an awesome, new dessert course of an Imperial Stout Float with French Vanilla Ice cream." $75/person. **Friday, Oct. 13, 7:30p.m. @ 728 Montana Ave.** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/october-13th-grilled-cheese-beer-night-tickets-719408489157

BakeCamp L.A. "Cookies for a Cause": The event includes a friendly competition to crown "L.A.'s Favorite Cookie Baker." Admission includes 15 cookies to taste and raises funds for the Paw Works animal rescue. Cost is $15-$28, but SMDP readers get $10 off adult tickets with the code "puppies." **Saturday, Oct. 14 10a.m. & 1:30p.m. @ Pacific Palisades Woman's Club, 901 Haverford Ave.** https://bakespaceshop.com/

Sweet Rose Creamery has a variety of **Halloween-themed flavors and frozen treats** available now until October 31 at the Brentwood Country Mart and Main Street shops. Enjoy scoops of Pumpkin Cheesecake Ice Cream showcasing Tutti Frutti Farms' organic pumpkins or Halloween Ripple which celebrates all the fudgy, caramely and peanut butter goodness found in a trick-or-treat bag.

Planta Brentwood Opening: The upscale vegan mini-chain opened their newest location last week @ 11754 San Vicente Blvd.

dineL.A.: Restaurant Week continues this week from October 6-20. The two-week promotion features special prix-fixe menus from over 200 restaurants across Los Angeles, with lunch deals starting at $15 and dinners from $25 to $65+. https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/dinela

LOOKING AHEAD: Howl-o-Ween Main St. Festival (Oct. 21-22), The Dr. Seuss Experience (Opens Nov 10).

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com

NOTEWORTHY

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Hollywood Bowl, 10/14;

RUSSELL MALONE QUARTET – And what a quartet: Malone's guitar plus Bill Cunliffe on piano. Mike Garulo, bass and drummer Roy McCurdy. Old school, all star. What a great concert for this price! And right here at home, in an elegant theater. So glad to have Ruth Price back doing what she has done so well for so long. Sun 7 p.m., Jazz Bakery/Moss Theater, Santa Monica, $25-30.

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

RICKIE LEE JONES – She doesn't play that often and when she does it can be cosmic, or it can be, "huh?" You either adore her, or can't figure out what the fuss is all about. I'm mostly in the "adore"category, but I have seen both sides. The Roxy is where her career launched in '79, so there's that. It's hard to find any other ticket price than $300, so I guess it will be an adoring crowd. Wed 7p.m. The Roxy, West Hollywood, $300

COMING ATTRACTIONS: "A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE," Ruskin Group Theatre, 10/20, 21, 22; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 10/22, 29; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 10/23, 30; LITTLE FEAT, Theatre at Ace Hotel, 10/20, 2; JACKSON BROWNE, Pantages Theatre, 10/20, 21, 23; SIBELIUS, "SWAN LAKE," LA PHIL, Disney Hall, 10/20, 21, 22; THE BAD PLUS, Teragram Ballroom, 10/20; WILL FERRELL'S BEST NIGHT OF YOUR LIFE 2, Greek Theatre, 10/21; ROSSINI'S "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE," LA OPERA, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 10/21, 29; TIM BURTON'S "THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS," DANNY ELFMAN, Hollywood Bowl, 10/27, 28, 29; HALLOWEEN ORGAN, "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" silent film, Disney Hall, 10/31; GUNS N' ROSES, BLACK KEYS, Hollywood Bowl, 11/1, 2; LA SANTA CECILIA, Bellasco, 11/3; DUDAMEL LEADS KHACHATURIAN, Disney Hall, 11/4, 5; BRAD MEHLDAU TRIO, Disney Hall, 11/9; ST. PAUL & THE BROKEN BONES, Bellwether, 11/9; SOUL ASYLUM acoustic, McCabe's, 11/12; PETER ERSKINE TRIO with ALAN PASQUA, DAREK OLES, Sam First, 11/17, 18.

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