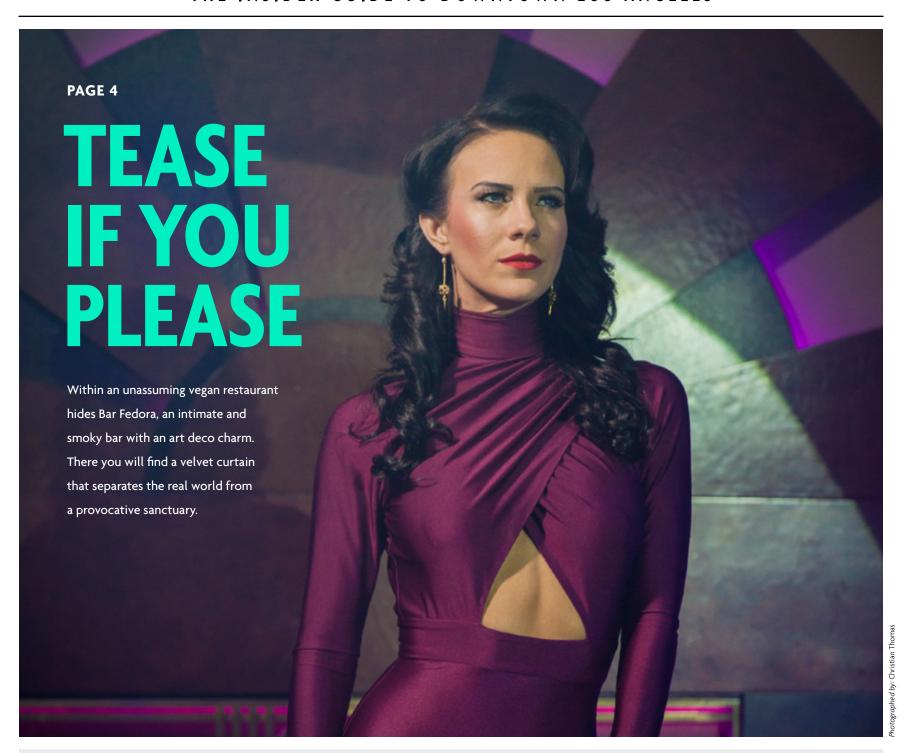
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DAREDEVIL DRINKS

Written by Cleo Tobbi & Photographed by Janica De Guzman & Eslee

One of Downtown's more recent additions, Faith & Flower mixes the past with present in design and taste. Tall ceilings and pristine decor greet all who enter; the grandiose furnishing hits as you attempt to consume the entire restaurant at once. You can watch as the écailler prepares a plate of half dozen oysters and Littleneck clams at the raw bar by the door. Emerald goblets on the tables smile against the muted tones of the tables and drapes.

As beautiful as the fine dining establishment presents itself, nothing compares to the beauty of their signature drink: The Leap of Faith. Aiming to salute the past with its cocktail program, Faith & Flower adds to the many bars looking to revive the classic cocktails of the Pre-Prohibition Era. This specialty cocktail, made table-side, incorporates each one of the senses as the bartender puts on a show of fire and spirit.

As house root beer sits over ice, the bartender ignites a snifter of absinthe with a long match. A blue flame fills the glass and the daring bartender begins to pour the liquid and flame atop the idle root beer. The "leap of faith" comes as the bartender lifts the flaming glass higher as he pours, creating a stream of fire between the glasses. The spectacle dazzles in showmanship and taste.

The combination of intense, anise flavor from the absinthe and warm candy notes from the house-made root beer blend together in unexpected harmony. Traditionally, bartenders dilute absinthe with water and a sugar cube but the layers of flavor that come from the sweet root beer act as a charming replacement.

Between watching the show, hearing the gasps, smelling the vapor, and feeling the heat, The Leap of Faith is a true treat for the senses. Naturally, it is found in Downtown LA. To find out more, go to: faithandflowerla.com



















TEASE IF YOU PLEASE

FULFILL ELEGANT VICES

Written by Janica De Guzman & Photographed by Christian Thomas

It's a Friday night — you're dressed to the nines and you search through two layers of secrecy to discover a realm of 1930's glamour for a tasteful teasing. Tease If You Please is a twice-monthly show featuring six uniquely, sexy dancers who showcase the allure of burlesque for a sensual trip down carnal lane.

Within an unassuming vegan restaurant hides Bar Fedora, an intimate and smoky bar with an art deco charm. There you will find a velvet curtain that separates the real world from a provocative sanctuary – step behind the curtain and bear witness to fulfill elegant vices.

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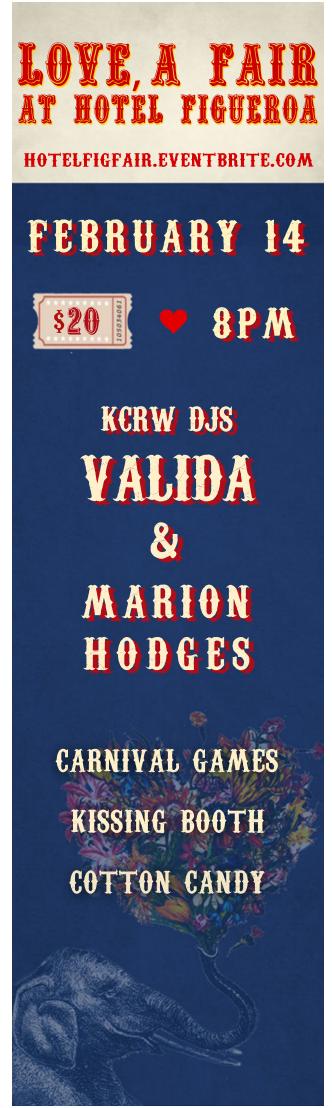
Burlesque is a theatrical experience that marries art to temptation. Each dancer performs their own routine that takes an audience through a spectrum of sex appeal. From powder pink innocence to hot wax naughty – the uninhibited seduction of burlesque keeps jaws dropped.

It's 9:30 pm and the room is filled with eager patrons – romantic couples, a bachelorette party and a group of young gentlemen. Chatter and cheer increased with anticipation for the reveal of Miss Donna Hood, dancer and show producer. Taking her experiences from dancing alongside the modern queen of burlesque, Dita Von Teese, Miss Hood created Tease If You Please — and within a year, the sought after show gained respect as one of Downtown's hidden secrets.

Miss Hood entered the spot lit stage in a long gown dripping in jewels, she held a bottle of champagne and turned to reveal coy smile. She sashayed to the rhythm of cabaret and unveiled her glittered garment piece by piece. A peek of her shoulder had the crowd in a tizzy but a heavy douse of champagne over her bare body had the crowd fevering with desire.

Tease If You Please never repeats the same show twice. It's handpicked cast features professionally trained dancers with that "je ne sais quoi" attitude. For \$30 a ticket, guests have a reason to get fancy and revel a performance full of comedy, dance and visual fascination.

To find out more, go to: teaseifyouplease.com



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OLDE GOOD THINGS

QUIRKY ANTIQUES GALORE

Written by Kenny Ng & Photographed by Tessa Neustadt

Olde Good Things is an architectural antique store located near the industrial end of downtown, just barely south of the 10. The white brick building with large pane windows and regal columns sits on the corner under a clear blue sky, like an estate sale filtered through a daydream. They save artifacts and antiques from landfills and pre-Depression era buildings, and oftentimes restore them with care before turning pieces over to designers and collectors.

"We do a lot of restaurants. The movie thing has slowed down for us — we used to do a lot of rentals and purchases for movies. But from what I've seen, and heard, there's not a lot of movie stuff the way it used to be," says Jay, one of the owners who just moved to Los Angeles from New York.

Though big ticket items found here might not be right for small-scale apartments, if you have the means and need to fill the corners of a loft space, or the skeleton of a film set, Olde Good Things might be your best option in this city. They share a 100,000 sq. ft. warehouse with their other nine stores, alongside three acres

filled with salvaged objects and materials — one of the largest inventory of old, good things in the country.

The downtown location is a Home Depot caught in a wormhole, a concrete box of oversized knickknacks and atypical furnishings stuffed inside a brick-and-mortar flea. The giant two-piece bronze statue of Icarus in his wings, approaching the sun, was sculpted by artist Frank Eliscu, who also created the Heisman Trophy. It sat near a working 1960s terminal light from American Airlines at JFK, and a well-maintained cherry wood phone booth that lights up when the accordion glass door is pushed open.

The showroom of mismatched treasures acts as an exhibition of things from lives gone by, a collection built purely from other people's choices. If you had been looking for a vintage ice cream cart, a pair of sinned-in church pews, or a lot of loose doorknobs, this might be the universe trying to give a little bit back.

To find out more, go to: ogtstore.com



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San Marzano tomato sauce, basil, EVOO, homemade mozzarella, parmesan Med Pie: 15 / Lrg Pie: 19

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VEGETARIANA

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San Marzano tomato sauce, mozzarella, hot Italian salami Med Pie: 17 / Lrg Pie: 20

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San Marzano tomato sauce, mozzarella, fennel sausage, red onion, roasted bell pepper Med Pie: 15 / Lrg Pie: 22

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San Marzano tomato sauce, black olives, mushrooms, roasted peppers, red onion, spinach, artichoke hearts, broccoli grape tomatos, garlic, Sriracha, spices Med Pie: 15 / Lrg Pie: 20

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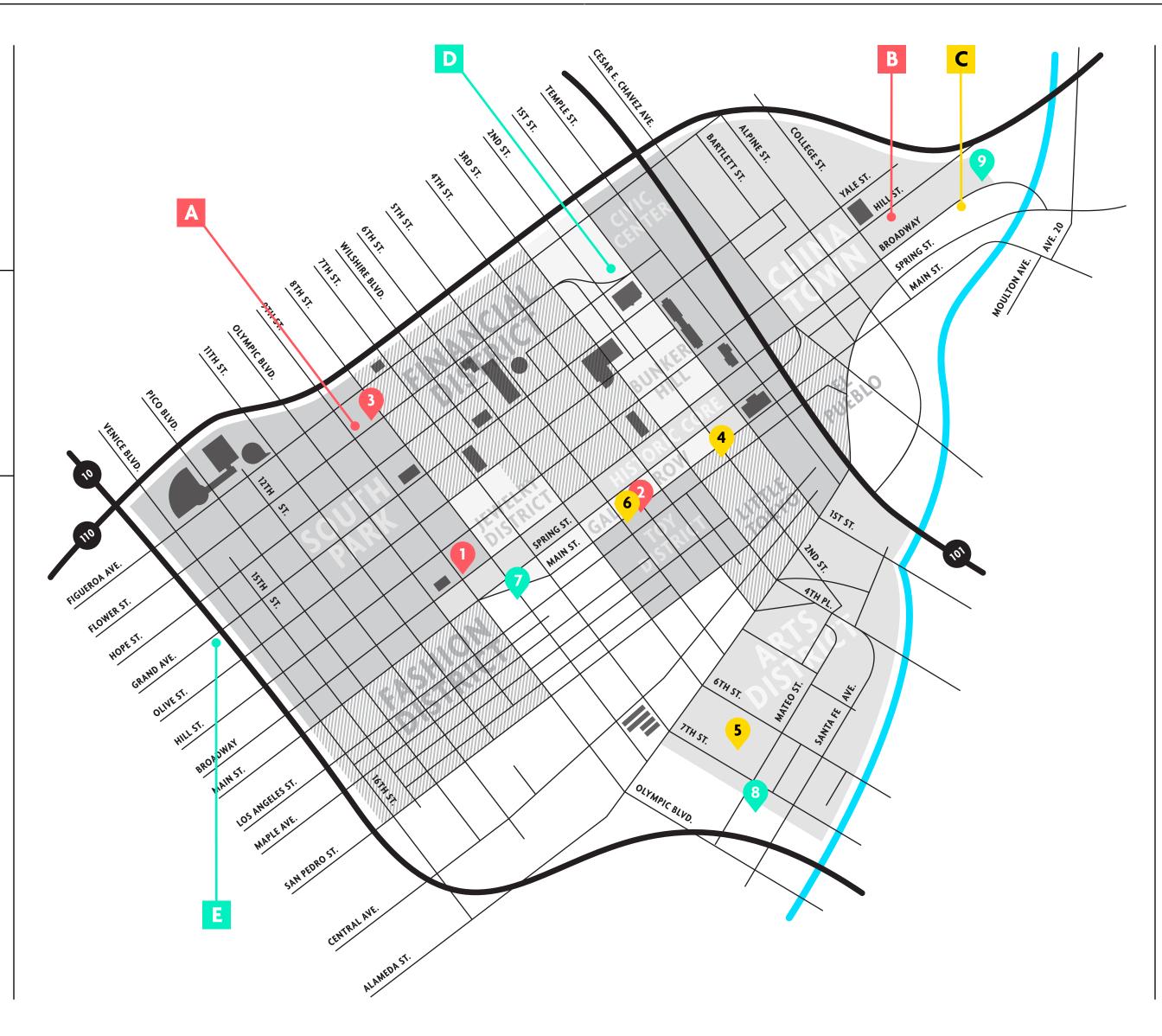
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821 S Flower St — theescondite.com

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REDBIRD

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DAILY DOSE CAFE

1820 Industrial St — (213) 281-9300

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PRUFROCK PIZZERIA

a breakfast for champions.

148 Main

and honey pizza.

theregenttheater.com/prufrock-pizzeria
Beside the Regent Theater lies a cozy pizza spot to introduce new
flavors to your palate. Order a poached egg frisse or blackberry



PSKAUFMAN SHOES

8th St & Werdin — pskaufman.com
As if shoe shopping isn't fun enough, head through an alley and step underground to a boiler room turned showroom. Find handmade, shoes, boots, bags and a new reason to spend some cash.



ROOM ESCAPE ADVENTURES

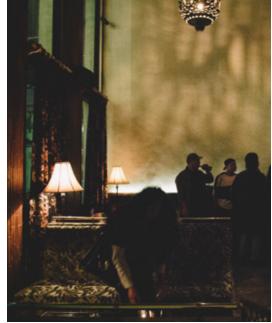
2035 Bay St #110 — roomescapeadventures.com
Can't think under pressure? Well you're going to have to if you want
to survive. Room Escape Adventures give you 60 minutes to find
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HUMAN RESOURCES GALLERY

410 Cottage Home St — humanresourcesla.com Nestled in Chinatown is an unassuming art and performance art gallery for the forward thinking crowd.













GENERAL LEE'S

CHINATOWN'S BEST KEPT SECRET

Written by Rayna Jensen & Photographed by Michael De La Madrid

Even after finally opening it's doors to the public late last year, Chinatown's General Lee's is still the LA bar scene's best kept secret. It's an adventure to find even if you know where to look — tucked away in a wide alley, marked by one red bench out front and a tiny neon marquee above the doorway. But General Lee's is far from intentionally exclusive.

"Ultimately, we're a place where you can just get whatever you want," says head bartender Garett Mikkell. "I can explain the history of gin to you with one hand and pour you a vodka red bull with the other. We're here for everybody."

The inside is inherently welcoming -asecond story lounge, big palm-frond drapes, wood everything. Despite the wide-open layout, it's almost cozy, like a secret tiki hut in the middle of the city. And, of course, the drinks will keep you around. The Lost Orient Sour is a good place to start: a sweet, smoky drink with Union mezcal, lemon, and black sesame syrup, reminiscent of Lapsang Souchong tea. The East is East is equally unique, a refreshing Old Fashioned-type cocktail with an Asian spin. The soft, floral notes of oolong-infused vermouth brighten the more delicate flavors of rye and cognac, and bitters play nicely with dry curaçao. These are clever drinks. At first glance, the cocktails can seem overwrought, showcasing ingredients like rose hip infused lillet blanc, white pepper tincture, and black sesame syrup, but they're insanely

drinkable and far from pretentious. It's indicative of the attitude of the bar itself: just as cool as you think it is, but twice as nice. The bartenders will throw back a shot with you. The security guard will ask you how your night's going, and want to know the answer.

"I CAN EXPLAIN THE HISTORY OF GIN TO YOU WITH ONE HAND AND POUR YOU A VODKA RED BULL WITH THE OTHER. WE'RE HERE FOR EVERYBODY."

The bar's name pays homage to General Lee's Chinese restaurant, which occupied the venue from 1878 to 1985. Before it closed it's doors, it was a favorite spot of Frank Sinatra and Gary Cooper. Judy Garland used to bring her little daughter, Liza Minelli, in for lunch. This incarnation of General Lee's aims to instill this same spirit again — a cool watering hole where everyone will want to come, and stay for a while.

"We want to bring back what this used to be," Mikkell says. "We're not just another high volume craft cocktail bar. We have a deep, rich history."

To find out more, call (213) 253-2677



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GOLDEN DRAGON

DIM SUM MAKES BRUNCH ADVENTUROUS

Written by Janica De Guzman & Photographed by Michael De La Madrid & Eslee

Eating dim sum takes a bit of mental preparedness. It's loud, it's chaotic, it's overwhelming and it probes an urge to eat in excess. Golden Dragon is one of Downtown's most authentic dim sum parlors that take curious eaters through a gastronomical ride.

Dim sum is served everyday between 8am—3pm, it is between those hours that an unorchestrated parade of metal carts are pushed around tables to serve small plates of steamed baos, shu mai, bbq pork and any other bite sized Cantonese dishes. The small plates encourage sampling and sharing – and at \$1.99 a plate, the price encourages eaters to max out their daily caloric intake. Dim sum makes brunch time adventurous.

Eye contact and assertiveness is necessary in order to call over the sought after shu mai cart, but don't let that intimidate you because just a simple look of perplexed curiosity will signal multiple waitresses to push their 'Zamboni of Tapas' towards your table and display an array of dishes that start new cravings. Rice noodle rolls, braised chicken feet and deep fried taro balls are revealed within the cart - just point with your chopsticks and declare quantity with your fingers. A receipt is stamped with every order; it is that receipt that symbolizes appetite because within minutes markings are accumulated and the white linen tablecloth is covered with plates and splattered with chili oil — it's like a Jackson Pollock of Eastern flavors. With dim sum there are no rules, it's a free for all for indigestion's worst nightmare. Enjoy it while you can.

Chinese New Year is celebrated throughout the month of February and there's no better time to check out Downtown's most recent hub for revitalization. Get a taste of LA culture. To find out more, call (213) 626-2039.

DOWNTOWN EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ROCK AND ROLL FLEA MARKET Regent Theater 488 Main St 10PM Vinyl, music and booze — thrift like a rock star.	MUSTACHE MONDAYS La Cita Bar 336 S Hill St 9PM — 2AM Quirky local flavor and LGBTQ talent? It's going to be a late night. (weekly)	Walt Disney Concert Hall 111 S Grand 8PM Traditional Japanese drums for a heart pounding experience.	FIRST WEDNESDAYS Ace Hotel Rooftop Bar 929 S Broadway 8:30PM Chill out mixtape series on the Ace rooftop.	LATIDO THURSDAYS Caña Rum Bar 714 W Olympic Blvd 9PM Cumbia, Dub, Afrobeat and just about anything with unrelenting bass.	BRILLIANT BRASS Walt Disney Concert Hall 111 S Grand 8PM Spend an evening with the melodic souls of Mozart and Haydn.	LA ROCK SCENE OF 1978-1989 Central Library 630 W 5th St 6PM Photo archive of LA's alternative rock scene.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
THIRD BASE SHOWCASE Ham & Eggs Tavern 433 8th St 8PM Come by for a night of comic relief. Monthly comedy show with an all star line-up.	CARA STRICKER Ace Hotel Rooftop Bar 929 S Broadway 8:30PM Aussie multi-disciplinary artist extraordinaire graces DTLA for 1 night only. You can say you were there.	OFF THE WAGON Villians Tavern 1356 Palmetto St 5:30PM — 2AM Happy Hour all night — it's the happiest of nights.	TRIVIA NIGHT The Standard Hotel 550 S Flower St 9PM Let your Rolodex of random facts be the talk of the night. (weekly)	BAROQUE CONVERSATIONS Colburn School 200 S Grand Ave 7PM Bach is back. Check out the free wine reception before the show.	DILLA DAY LA The Regent Theater 448 S Main St 7:30PM Celebration of beloved hip hop hero J Dilla.	BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S Los Angeles Theater 615 S Broadway 7:30PM A classic film in an opulent theater. It's a Valentine's full of class.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SUNDAY SOUL Villain's Tavern 1356 Palmetto St 3PM — 9PM Soul music and BBQ in the patio. Save Sunday rest for later.	THANK GOD IT'S MONDAY Honey Cut 819 S Flower 10PM Dance away the lingering weekend energy to 90s Jams. (weekly)	MASQUERADE MARDI GRAS Ace Hotel Rooftop Bar 929 S Broadway 8:30PM Celebrate Fat Tuesday with masks, drinks and a beaded conviction.	FARMERS MARKET Pershing Square 532 S Olive St 11AM — 2PM Stock your pantry with organic fruits and veggies. (weekly)	TCHAIKOVSKY TO TAN DUN Walt Disney Concert Hall 111 S Grand Ave 8PM Celebrate Chinese New Year with eclectic blend of East and West.	THE SOUND EDITION Ebano's Crossing 200 S Hill Street 8PM Vibrations + Libations + Celebrations.	LUCENT DOSSIER EXPERIENCE Club Nokia 800 Olympic Blvd 8PM Aerial artists, little elves and sacred service ceremonies. Just the recipe for magic.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
ARTISTS & FLEAS 647 Mateo St 11AM — 5PM Brooklyn flair in an LA Flea. This New York market rocks DTLA with a mash-up of vintage dealers, fresh designers, and deep eats.	ACOUSTIC NIGHT Salvage Bar 717 W 7th St 7PM Fill your melodic soul with the acoustics. Happy hour until 8pm. (weekly)	THE MAKERS Seven Grand 515 7th St 10PM — 1AM Improvised jazz and unrelenting whiskies.	TRIVIA AT THE STANDARD The Standard Hotel 550 S Flower St 9PM Let your Rolodex of random facts be the talk of the night. (weekly)	JEREMY SOLE Ace Hotel Rooftop Bar 929 S Broadway 8:30PM Celebrating the timeless and the dated sounds of good music.	ALICE IN WONDERLAND Walt Disney Concert Hall 111 S Grand Ave 8PM Music and animated projections take you through a journey of Lewis Carroll's imagination.	UFC WEIDMAN VS BELFORT Staples Center 1111 S Figueroa St 3:30PM Bloody beatdowns for a championship belt.
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ART'S DISTRICT FLEA MARKET 453 Colyton St 11AM — 7PM Etsy in real life. Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday.	MUSTACHE MONDAYS La Cita Bar 336 S Hill St 9PM — 2AM Quirky local flavor and LGBTQ talent? It's going to be a late night. (weekly)	TACO TRIVIA TUESDAY Angel City Brewery 216 S Alameda 7PM — 9PM Pull up a chair for good eats and quick thinking.	JAZZ WEDNESDAYS Urban Radish 661 Imperial St 6PM Grab a sandwich and listen to live jazz on the patio.	DRINK AND DRAW SOCIAL CLUB Casey's Irish Pub 613 S Grand Ave 8PM Confront your creative block with pen, paper and pints.	A BEAUTIFUL FOOL BY THE FURIES Ebano's Crossing 200 S Hill St 8PM A Roaring 20s party meshed with hip-hop and aerial arts.	INCEPTION Exchange LA 618 Spring St 9PM Dance the night to chest pounding beats.















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