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## LAC ONLINE

### LIMELIGHT



Stand Up to Cancer's Founding Member Sherry Lansing, Susan G. Komen for the Cute Founder Ambassador Nancy Brinker and the Prostate Cancer Foundation's Founder Michael Milker kicked off MLB's All-Star Charity 5K & Fun Run on Sunday July 12.

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Sean "Diddy" Combs launched his new album Last Train to Paris with Hollywood's finest at Myhouse on June 27.

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Los Angeles Elite gathered in Beverly Hills for the grand opening of David Streets Art Gallery on June 25.

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Dita Von Teese Debuted the "Cointreau Teese" cocktail at her signature "Be Cointreiversal" Show, the first public performance in Los Angeles in over two years at the Avalon in Hollywood on July 22. The evening was also the U.S. Debut of her "Le Bain Noir" show from the Crazy Horse Paris.

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Los Angeles Lit up with "The Wizard of Oz" Exhibition Opening Night Gala at FIDM on June 9

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The 9th Annual Lupus LA Orange Ball lit up Beverly Hills on May 28 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

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## SARI'S SUMMER FAVORITES

I am a devoted Westsider and nothing says summer like Thursday night concerts at the [Santa Monica Pier](#). Friends and I have made a tradition of packing a picnic, grabbing a bottle of wine and camping out on the beach for tunes under the stars. What could be better?

To me, a day isn't complete without a workout and I prefer to do something I love. Hiking [Temescal Canyon](#) provides a great workout, gives you phenomenal views from the city to the water and makes me feel like I am at home in Colorado. It's the ideal way to spend a summer afternoon--just don't forget to hydrate!

I think eating outside may be my favorite thing in the world. A good glass of wine in the cool night air is truly my idea of perfection. It should come as no surprise that my must for outdoor dining is [Gjelina](#) Abbot Kinney (in Venice, of course). You probably know about this Westside gem, but if you haven't sat on their back deck, you haven't truly experienced it. Don't forget to order the gruyere pizza. And, rumor has it chef/owner Travis Lett and co-owner Fran Camaj are opening a "vegetable-based" restaurant for non-vegetarians in the space above Gjelina. Judging from the daydream-worthy food at Gjelina, I am already excited (and hungry) for their new venture!

## COCKTAIL CORNER



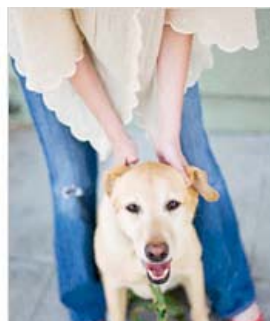
Dita Von Teese, The International Queen of Burlesque and [Cointreau](#) Brand Ambassador, launched the "Cointreau Teese" cocktail this month in Los Angeles. Visit Villa, Nic's Martini Lounge and the [Viceroy](#) for this

## PUTTING THE "LA" IN LABRADOR

By Guest Editor Daisy McKenzie

Since moving to Los Angeles from the East Coast with my owner, Lesley, life on the West Coast has been pretty grand for this Lab. From hikes in Runyon Canyon to swims at Huntington Beach, this is what they call a dog's life. But one thing that's stayed with me since moving here is my naughty streak. (Ever chewed a pair of Louboutins? They taste as good as they look!) So, off we went to visit dog expert [Jennifer McCarthy](#), who applies her studies in wolf behavior to dog training. Jennifer intuitively picked up on some areas of my behavior that needed--ahem--some adjusting, and we worked on basic commands, including leash walking, which helped establish a sense of who's in charge. Jennifer also runs the K-9 Ranch Training Center, a retreat for owners and their dogs in the Rocky Mountains--that's where I want to go next!

My work with Jennifer was rewarded with a trip to [Healthy Spot](#) in Santa Monica, where I was treated to my first spa experience, which included everything from a bathand



brushing to non-aesthetic dental cleaning and a blueberry facial. In addition to organic foods and products, Healthy Spot also offers small dog day care and hosts dog adoptions on the weekends, too.



Now that I'm in LA, I need a headshot (who doesn't?), so we headed straight from the spa to meet Grace Chon of [Shine Pet Photos](#) who's shot covers for Bark magazine and is the official photographer of the World's Ugliest Dog Contest. Grace and I bonded instantly, and she really captured Lesley and I in our element. The editorial-style portraits were stunning, and thanks to Grace's package offerings, mom can even have them made into wall art, greeting cards or even a book. After all, you can never have too much of a good thing--me!

Ah, the dog days of summer!

Lounge and the viceroy to try this sophisticated and elegant cocktail, or follow the recipe below.

**"Cointreau Teese"**

- 1 1/2 oz cointreau
- 1 oz creme de violette
- 1/2 apple juice
- 3/4 oz fresh lemon juice
- Rim with fresh ginger

**THE FACE OF SUMMER**

We went to makeup artist-to-the-stars [Gina Veltri](#) from [Byron & Tracey Salon](#) to find out how to look our best and most beautiful this summer. *By Katelynn Whitaker*

**Los Angeles Confidential: Are you seeing any trends in make-up this season?**

**Gina Veltri:** This summer the look is fresh, yet very bold. There are a lot of bright jewel tones on the eyes this season. On the other spectrum, keeping a clean eye with lots and lots of mascara--at least three coats--is also very in right now. Also, flushed cheeks, bright lips and bronzer as a contour, rather than all over the face.



**LAC: Speaking of bronzer, do you have any tips for people who want to keep the sun off their face but still have a tanned look?**

**GV:** One good way to do it is to take [Stila](#) bronze gel and add it to moisturizer. [Redpoint](#) also makes a great powder bronzer. Another thing I love to use is a tiny [airbrush machine](#) to spray the tan on my face. Anybody can do it, it's so easy, and over time you will save a lot of money. The machine is very small so you can travel anywhere with it, and you can spray your body with it too.

**LAC: What is a good foundation for summer that is lightweight with SPF?**

**GV:** Two of my favorite tinted moisturizers are the [Smashbox](#) Sheer Focus Tinted Moisturizer with SPF 15, and for a little more coverage I like [Cover FX](#) Skin Tint Moisturizing Treatment and Tint with SPF 30.

**LAC: Are there any tricks to keep make up from sweating off in the sun?**

**GV:** The best thing to use is loose-powder mineral make up. It's good for the outdoors because it completely blocks the sun, and you don't sweat through it. Summer make-up is about keeping your face fresh with a glow, but not greasy. Using a little extra powder in the t-zone and some [Mac Strobe Cream](#) can achieve that.

**LAC: What are some tips you have for looking great at the pool or beach?**

**GV:** Use tinted moisturizer over sunscreen with a dusting of mineral powder. If possible have your eye lashes tinted and use some lip balm.

**LAC: How can women achieve a beautiful day to evening look for summer?**

**GV:** For day use a tinted moisturizer, some mascara and teal, turquoise or violet eyeliner on your top lid with flushed cheeks and some lip balm. For night take the same jewel tone and apply it as a shadow and add another coat of mascara.

**CALENDAR**

**JULY 31**

The iTV Festival starts on July 31 in Los Angeles. The festival will go until August 6. *Check out [www.itvfest.com](http://www.itvfest.com) for more information.*

[Tressje](#) re-launches their most popular handbag, the The Magnolia at [Kitson!](#)

**AUGUST 5**

Jennifer McCarthy hosts a seminar at [Healthy Spot](#) and speaks about her experiences while studying wildlife.

**AUGUST 22**

The 12th Annual iPalpiti Festival of International Laureates returns to Los Angeles August 11- August 23 for two weeks of clasiscal music and culminates with a performance at the Walt Disney Concert Hall on Saturday August 22 at 8 p.m. *Tickets for all events and information call (310) 205-0511 or visit [www.iPalpiti.org](http://www.iPalpiti.org).*

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**DOWNTOWN FEATURE: LoftSEVEN**



Excitement about [LoftSEVEN](#) is buzzing throughout Downtown Los Angeles. This rooftop and penthouse event space atop the old Haas building is the cherry on top of the building's lofts, community center and health center sundae. The bilevel space comes complete with an entertainment room, VIP room, a built in main bar, 25-person Jacuzzi, outdoor grills, beautiful bathrooms and, of course, an unbeatable view of the city. The personal elevator, 360 degree glass on the roof, state of the art multi color LED lights and HD projector that shines any image on panes of glass are just a few of the killer amenities that make LoftSEVEN the ideal event space. LoftSEVEN is sure to up the anti on the Los Angeles party scene. *219 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles; (213) 489-2259*

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