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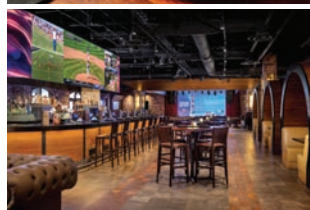


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Owen Wilson (left) and Peter Dinkler hit the links in Apple TV+ comedy series *Stick*.

TV SERIES IN FULL SWING

OWEN WILSON SHOWS OFF HIS GOLF SKILLS IN *STICK*, HIS NEW APPLE TV+ SPORTS COMEDY

BY HALEY BOSSELMAN



OLLYWOOD comedy blockbuster vet Owen Wilson (*The Royal Tenenbaums*, *Wedding Crashers*) began training for his

latest project a year before filming. No — there would be no manning fighter jets or jumping from skyscrapers, but rather, taking on golf.

In Jason Keller's Apple TV+ series, *Stick* — new weekly episodes of which will drop through July 23 — Wilson invigorates Pryce Cahill with his signature charm. Starring alongside Marc Maron, he plays a has-been ex-professional-golfer who works to get his life back on track by mentoring a teen prodigy golfer (Peter Dinklage) onto a path of success. Here, Wilson discusses his favorite course in L.A., how he perfected his swing and what he hopes viewers take away from the sports comedy about second chances.



Q: At what point during training did you finally feel like a stronger golfer?

A: It was going out and playing and all of a sudden, being able to get a par or a birdie or being able to break 100 and then 90. The challenge is, once you've had a breakthrough — “Oh, I broke 90” — it doesn't just stay there. Then, you can have a round that's back in the 90s and you're like, “I've made no progress.”

So it's just slow; you just have to look to see if it's trending up.

Q: Which are your favorite golf courses in Los Angeles?

A: Riviera [Country Club] is my favorite. I think it's the most beautiful course. They're going to have a U.S. Open there. Even when I met some of the golf pros that were in the show, I remember asking Collin Morikawa what his favorite course [is], and he said, “Riviera.” It's generally regarded as one of the best courses in the country — and those guys say it's because you use every club in the bag and it just tests everything.

Q: What was the best piece of advice you got about golf?

A: A lot of it was just, “Be athletic.” Sometimes you can get so hung up on the right form, you become like a statue and you lose the thing you have as a kid. Like, “OK, you got to hit this ball.” Forget about everything you learned and about how you're going to hit it in the best way. ... Which is so hard, because so much of the stuff is unnatural that it's hard to feel relaxed. When you try to kill it, it goes nowhere. When all of a sudden, you hit your best shot, it's like, “Oh, that felt effortless. I wasn't even trying.”

Q: *Stick* filmed in Vancouver last summer. Was there anything that you particularly missed about summer in Los Angeles during that time?

A: I love being here in Santa Monica. People call it “June gloom,” but I love that it's not hot like where I grew up in

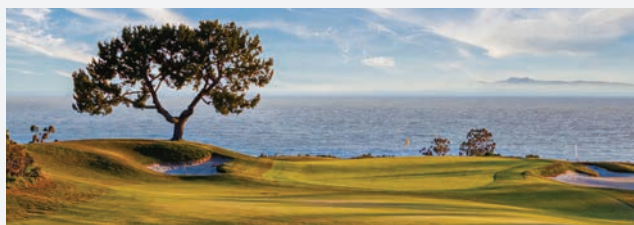
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HOLE IN ONE
Dager wows as a golf wunderkind. Opposite page, from top: Marc Maron effuses the show with his scrappy sense of humor; Wilson and brother Luke (left) have taken on the industry together for more than 30 years.

Dallas, and you have that ocean, that marine layer. It's a lot cooler than it is almost every place else in the country, and I love that.

Q: What did you enjoy about filming the show?

A: It was great when, at the end, we had the golf pros there. It's like when I made

the first movie I ever did [1996's *Bottle Rocket*], when James Caan showed up. It was like, "OK, now it feels like a real movie and not just a movie that my brothers are in with me and my friend Wes Anderson is directing. Now, it feels like this is a Hollywood movie with James Caan here." When the real golf guys showed up, it's like, "OK, this is a real thing."

Q: What do you hope audiences take away from watching *Stick*?

A: I hope they, obviously, are entertained and respond to what I responded to in the script: That kind of idea of getting a second chance and how much we need [for] somebody to give you a break or take an interest in you, because it's hard to do it alone. ■



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Ranked 45th in *Golf* magazine's Top 100 Courses You Can Play, Moorpark's Rustic Canyon in Ventura County presents a challenging yet fair layout — boasting a clean, understated style with a nod to the classic links courses of Great Britain and Ireland. rusticcanyongolfcourse.com



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Possibly the best value for the money tee time in the area, Soule Park in Ojai offers a picturesque backdrop to a challenging yet inviting layout. Constructed by Gil Hanse (the same architect as Rustic Canyon), the course's thoughtful redesign rewards precision off the tee and smart course management. soulepark.com

BOOKS

ROCKING ON

LA BAMBA: A VISUAL HISTORY REVISITS THE 1987 RITCHIE VALENS BIOPIC SHOT IN CALIFORNIA THROUGH THE LENS OF L.A. PHOTOGRAPHER MERRICK MORTON
BY CHRIS NICHOLS

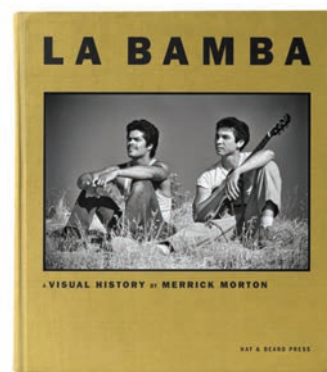


KID ROW AND state prisons are a long way from the glamour of show business, but that's what filled the portfolio of street photographer Merrick Morton when he approached producer Taylor Hackford in 1987 with the idea of capturing real life on the set of his Ritchie Valens biopic. The gritty documentary-style pictures in the new book, *La Bamba: A Visual History*, record the making of the movie as if Morton was following the doomed singer himself at

home, backstage and even picking fruit in the orchards of 1950s L.A.

By the time he died in a plane crash (with Buddy Holly and "The Big Bopper" J.P. Richardson) at age 17, the Mexican-American singer from Pacoima had reinvented rock 'n' roll. His three big *Billboard* hits, an appearance on *American Bandstand* and live shows with Chuck Berry and Bo Diddley helped make him an icon.

Today, *La Bamba* is a cultural touchstone, preserved by the Library of Congress. Valens has been honored by the Rock and



Roll Hall of Fame and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and Los Lobos' cover of the song was nominated for a Grammy Award. There is hardly a block of his hometown that doesn't honor the rockin' teenager, with a skate park, post office and freeway named in his honor.

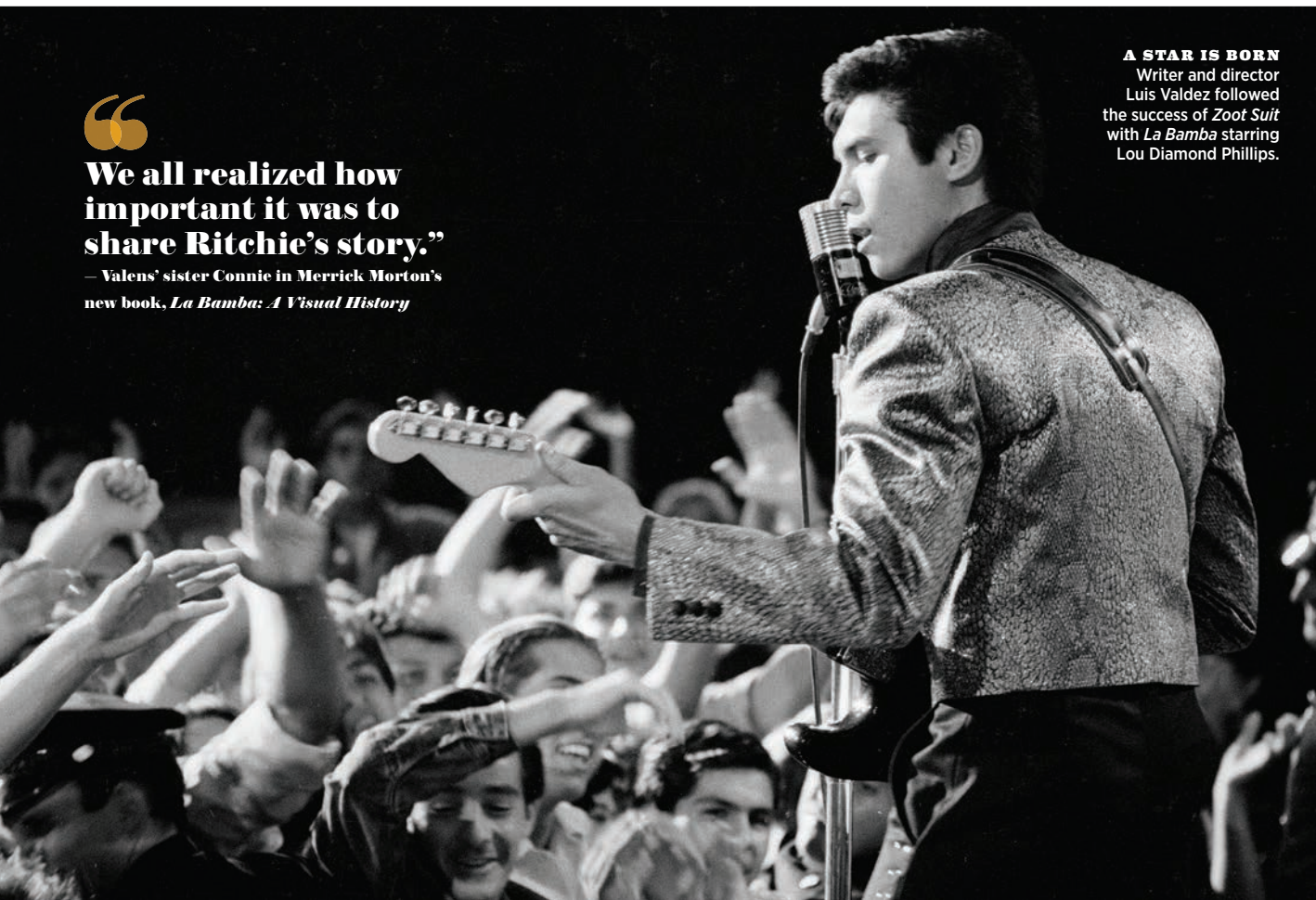
"We all became family on the set," Valens' sister Connie says in the book. "Reliving our lives on set day after day brought us back to a time we found painful to revisit. Yet we all realized how important it was to share Ritchie's story. *La Bamba* helped our family heal." ■



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— Valens' sister Connie in Merrick Morton's new book, *La Bamba: A Visual History*

A STAR IS BORN
Writer and director Luis Valdez followed the success of *Zoot Suit* with *La Bamba* starring Lou Diamond Phillips.



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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, CONCERTS AND INDEPENDENCE DAY FÊTES MAKE FOR A SIZZLING JULY

BY LINA LECARO

FILM

Jurassic World Rebirth

JULY 2

» Headed by Scarlett Johansson, a team of scientists return to the abandoned research facility from the original film to get DNA samples from three formidable prehistoric creatures for a medical breakthrough. jurassicworld.com

SPORTS

Dodger Stadium

JULY 4

» The Dodgers' beloved drone show will light up the sky during their game against the Houston Astros. dodgerblue.com

HOLIDAY

Santa Monica Fourth of July Parade

JULY 4

» The Santa Monica Independence Day parade celebrates the arts this year, so expect lots of colorful creations alongside the usual red, white and blue. santamonica-parade.com

FESTIVAL

Foodieland

JULY 4-6

» This multifaceted eating marathon at the Rose Bowl showcases global foods and flavors, shopping, games and live stage performances, and it ends with the stadium's new holiday drone show. foodielandnm.com

THEATER

A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical

JULY 8-27

» The true story of

how a Brooklyn kid became a world-wide superstar is brought to life on the Pantages Theatre stage in a jukebox musical created in collaboration with Diamond himself. broadwayin-hollywood.com

CONCERT

Paul Simon at Walt Disney Concert Hall

JULY 9-16

» The legendary musician and singer takes over the Walt Disney Concert Hall for five nights at this sure-to-be joyous string of intimate shows, including the live debut of his latest LP, *Seven Psalms*. musiccenter.org

TV

Too Much

JULY 10

» Lena Dunham returns to episodic TV with a Netflix rom-com series starring Megan Stalter (*Hacks*) as Jessica, a New York workaholic who takes a job in London to get over a breakup and discovers a new life and potential love connection. netflix.com

FILM

Superman

JULY 11

» James Gunn's take on the Man of Steel for DC Studios explores the hero's existential journey from Krypton to Earth and stars David Corenswet and Rachel Brosnahan. superman.com



CONCERT

Lady Gaga

JULY 28-29 AND AUG. 1-2

» After her epic Coachella sets, this Kia Forum run promises a thoughtful and theatrical exploration of music from Gaga's latest hit album, *Mayhem*, and earlier favorites. The international Mayhem Ball tour commences on July 16 in Paradise, Nevada and concludes Jan. 29 in Tokyo, Japan. thekiaforum.com

MUSEUM

Off the 405 at the Getty Center

JULY 12 & 26

» The Getty's free outdoor music series features Nashville-based singer Madi Diaz, known for collaborations with Harry Styles and Kacey Musgraves; and Empress Of (Lorely Rodriguez), the L.A.-based artist known for her emotive dream pop. Get there early to check out the museum. getty.edu

CONCERT

Blackpink

JULY 12-13

» The K-pop sensations will bring two nights of choreography, funky costumes and female camaraderie to SoFi Stadium. sofistadium.com

CONCERT

Katy Perry

JULY 15

» Perry's first concert run in seven years, The Lifetimes Tour at the Kia Forum should bring sexy summer vibes with colorful production and *Teenage Dream*-era hits. Rebecca Black opens the show. thekiaforum.com

AWARDS

ESPY Awards

JULY 16

» The 2025 ESPYs promise another star-studded ceremony live from the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood. Honoring athletic achievements and top moments in sports, the event (televised on ABC and ESPN) also features musical

performances and special presentations. espn.com

SPORTS

Red Bull Soapbox Race

JULY 19

» L.A.'s best backyard tinkers, all hopped up on energy drinks and adrenaline, career past the Music Center in homemade jalopies for the race. redbull.com

TV

Washington Black

JULY 23

» Produced by and starring Sterling K. Brown, the Hulu series based on the novel by Esi Edugyan chronicles the 19th-century odyssey of George Washington "Wash" Black, a boy who embarks on a globe-spanning journey for freedom. hulu.com

FILM

The Fantastic Four: First Steps

JULY 25

» Mister Fantastic, Invisible Woman, Human Torch and the Thing are back in this Marvel Studios reboot, in which Pedro Pascal, Vanessa Kirby, Joseph Quinn and Ebon Moss-Bachrach battle villains — including Julia Garner's Silver Surfer. marvel.com

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The global sensation, shown here performing in Singapore, is coming to the Kia Forum for four dates starting this month.

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BY JASMIN ROSEMBERG



BEST DRESSED

1. Azazie offers a wide range of stylish but affordable gowns for formal events.
2. In February, Azazie's Beverly Hills showroom opened to the public for appointment bookings.
3. The brand is still a leader in the bridal and bridesmaid dress space.



ON MAY 20, dozens of L.A. women donned ethereal Azazie designs for a fairy-tale black-tie “ball” at Greystone Mansion — a marketing brainchild that introduced the bridal, bridesmaid and formalwear brand to top tastemakers (in an Instagram-worthy setting).

Despite being a longtime leader in the direct-to-consumer bridal e-tail space, the company founded in 2014 was relatively unknown to many attendees. However, its fashionable creations in luxe fabrics, from tulle to silk, at affordable price points (starting at \$79 and with many options under \$200) made an impression.

Creative director Daniel Sánchez is to thank. “I met the founder Charles [Zhong] in 2017, and he was telling me about this business — I had come from bridal and couture,” says Sánchez, who had ideas for how to expand it. “We formed a great relationship and he gave me free reign to develop and launch this thing.”

At the time, he’d never heard of Azazie (*azazie.com*). “I saw what they were doing and I was like, ‘I’ve done this already in my career.’ I worked with Carmen Marc Valvo and Angel Sanchez in New York,” he says. “But then I was like, ‘[What] if I could do something interesting at this price point?’”

Initially, Azazie carried bridesmaid and wedding dresses — but Sánchez rehauled everything. “It started with updating the styling,” he says. “Azazie was built to be a disruptor. There were other firms — David’s Bridal being the larger one. But there was no fashion, no flair, no trend-driven things. And that’s what we started injecting. We were a \$30 million-dollar

business; now we’re over \$200-million-dollars. So, year after year, we’re expanding.”

The COVID pandemic actually worked in their favor. “I think people’s expectations of weddings changed,” Sánchez says. “It became much more casual, and people now can see a dress online and envision how they would make it their own. The older process of [visiting] a bridal boutique — that’s phasing out. Younger customers are really into what we do.”



There was no fashion, no flair, no trend-driven things.”

— Azazie’s Daniel Sánchez on the bridesmaid dress market

In April 2024, Azazie opened its first brick-and-mortar location in Los Angeles — where the brand is designed, and where notables attend frequent galas, awards shows and events. The Azazie studio at 185 N. Robertson Blvd. in Beverly Hills was originally a private showroom, but on Feb. 21, it opened to the public for appointment bookings from Friday through Sunday. The showroom offers the bulk of the size-inclusive collection — more than 500 made-to-order styles in 80 colors, in sizes 0 to 30, with free custom sizing.

Azazie just introduced seasonal collections, and popular styles include the Olivia — “a great little tank A-line,” Sánchez notes — as well as dresses with slits and bias cuts. A fall/winter bridal couture collaboration with Christian Siriano resulted in the designer including four pieces in his New York Bridal Fashion Week runway show. And following popular collaborations with Mattel for Barbie, a Barbie Atelier collection will debut in September.

“It’ll be much more fall/holiday, so Ice Skater Barbie, but in a chic way,” says Sánchez. “It’s going to be a ‘Kathy Hilton-Beverly Hills’ interpretation of Barbie. We wanted it to be relevant. And it can’t be costumey.” ■

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1

OSCAR DE LA RENTA BELLA SOLEIL

This fruity floral fragrance is the newest addition to Oscar de la Renta's colorful Bella collection. The sophisticated scent evokes a tropical feeling with its key ingredients of mango, citrus and prickly pear. You'll be uplifted and embraced by the warmth of this perfume. *Starting at \$68 for 30 ml, oscarde la renta.com*



3

CHANEL CHANCE EAU SPLENDE

Chanel's fruity floral scent evokes sparkling raspberry, crisp fruit, rose and violet, with a touch of iris and cedar-white musk. If you could bottle optimism and happiness, it would be Chance Eau Splendide: It's elegant, captivating and a chic purple color. Chanel launched this new perfume from the Chance collection at a special event at the Grove last month. *Starts at \$143 for 50 ml, chanel.com*

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SMELLS LIKE SUMMER

THESE FIVE **DESIGNER SCENTS** CAPTURE
SUNSHINE IN A BOTTLE THIS SEASON

BY LILY LEE

You might typically associate July with salty air, weekend barbecues or whiffs of fresh grass. However, this month, you can exude the smell of blooming flowers, fresh lemonade, the drive along PCH and even bananas with these fragrances that encapsulate a true California summertime experience.



4

MARC JACOBS DAISY WILD EAU SO INTENSE

This unique floral fragrance marries banana blossom, jasmine extract, amber and sandalwood. With its unexpected opening notes channeling nature, it ignites a sense of adventure. If you're looking for an escape, this will take you somewhere wild. *Starts at \$160 for 100 ml, marcjacobs.com*



2

LOUIS VUITTON COLOGNE PERFUME SUN SONG

Louis Vuitton relaunches this luxurious summer scent with a new bottle designed by L.A.-based artist Alex Israel, which draws inspiration from the artist's work "Summer" as well as his Californian aesthetic. Sun Song blends fruity freshness with floral depth featuring hints of orange blossom, lemon and musks. *Starting at \$341 for 100 ml, louisvuitton.com*



5

HENRY ROSE WINDOWS DOWN P.C.H.

If you want to capture the feeling of driving down Pacific Coast Highway in a convertible, try Henry Rose's newest perfume that launched on June 16. The scent is a mix of tangerine heart, lemon, grapefruit and elemi oil, with a hint of musk and Earl Grey tea. Be sure to buckle up. *Starts at \$120 for 50 ml, henryrose.com*

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FROM HISTORIC WATCH BRANDS TO HOT MODERN DESIGNERS, SUMMER'S **NEWEST BOUTIQUES** OFFER ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES FOR A STYLISH SEASON

BY: ROO JOSHI

ZARA

» Celebrating 50 years of trendsetting fashion, Zara's new landmark flagship location lies in the heart of the Grove. The popular brand's latest storefront stretches an astonishing 26,300 square feet and houses two stories worth of eye-catching men's and women's apparel. Spacious rooms with curated pieces and grand windows that douse the space in natural light give the store its warm ambiance. Customers will also love the features that prioritize experience and convenience, like the online fitting room reservations and the self-checkout stations.

HOT-TICKET ITEM: The vintage-inspired go-go boots from Kate Moss and Bobby Gillespie's collection practically scream "she's with the band." [189 The Grove Drive, Fairfax, zara.com](#)

GUCCI

» Head to level seven of the Beverly Center to bear witness to Gucci's newly renovated boutique. The sleek space spans more than 6,200 square feet, and the interior features sage green

accents and finely curated Italian furnishings, emphasizing the brand's heritage. While the impressive minimalist design expertly spotlights Gucci's collections, the expanded space means shoppers can find more of what they love from this iconic maison, including ready-to-wear, accessories, shoes and men's and women's bags. **HOT-TICKET ITEM** Take your pick of the size, color or silhouette of the beloved GG Marmont handbag. The resilient leather and sophisticated accents have made it a Gucci mainstay. [8500 Beverly Blvd., Suite 743, Beverly Grove, gucci.com](#)

THOM BROWNE

» Designer Thom Browne first made his mark on suits with just five pieces out of New York City's West Village in 2001. He since has gone on to modernize high-end American couture with elevated workwear and sleek silhouettes. Angelenos can now find Thom Browne stylings on Melrose Place, where a California flair tinges the offices of this beloved fashion house. Fans can shop menswear,

womenswear and accessories from the brand, all housed in a warm, midcentury modern-inspired space with furnishings from George Nakashima and Dunbar.

HOT-TICKET ITEM Fashion and function go hand-in-hand with the head-turning Mrs. Thom Triangle Bag, an elegant, feminine counterpart to the Mr. Thom bag. [8408 Melrose Place, West Hollywood, thombrowne.com](#)

DIOR BEAUTY

» Fresh off the late 2024 debut of its first SoHo boutique, Dior Beauty has expanded its brick-and-mortar retail efforts with a brand-new location in South Coast Plaza. The space's opulent marble tile, lofty ceilings and sleek gold accents perfectly complement the French house's luxurious legacy. Visitors can browse a curated selection of skincare and cosmetics, but the store's crown jewel is its fragrance atelier, housing exclusive new fragrance collections and longtime favorites like Miss Dior, J'Adore and Sauvage.



PATEK PHILIPPE



ZARA



THOM BROWNE



DIOR BEAUTY

HOT-TICKET ITEM Don't miss The Amphora, a perfume bottle inspired by Christian Dior's 1947 design created for his iconic debut fragrance, Miss Dior. [3333 Bristol St., Suite 2007, Costa Mesa, dior.com](#)

PATEK PHILIPPE

» Patek Philippe has been globalizing the craft of Genevan watchmaking for almost two centuries, cementing its status as a legendary name in luxury timepieces. This summer, the brand elevates a partnership of more than two decades with the opening of its new boutique with Gearys Beverly Hills. Not only can guests browse a curated selection of Patek Philippe's extraordinary watches, they can also attend exclusive events in the boutique's green rooftop garden.

HOT-TICKET ITEM: Showcase effortless style with Patek Philippe's Ref. 5328G-001 eight-day power reserve, instantaneous day and date, a mechanical manually-wound timepiece boasting white gold numerals and a calfskin strap.

[314 N. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, patekboutiquebeverlyhills.com](#)



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› **Jon Hamm** was in an unusually jovial mood at the Peabody Awards, where he took the stage to honor *SNL* creator **Lorne Michaels** before guests including **Molly Shannon**. The *Mad Man* star raised a few eyebrows when he went off-script upon a woman's cry of "wooh." Not missing a beat, Hamm pointed into the audience and quipped, "My mom's here!" Then he shook his head. "My mom's dead," he retracted, laughing to himself. "I wish had comedy skills ... I don't!"



› At the Hammer Museum's starry annual Gala in the Garden, honoree **Jane Fonda** received a glowing tribute from friends **Mary Steenburgen** and **Ted Danson**. In recalling a protest they participated in, condemning government inaction on climate change, Danson also made a confession: "She got me arrested," he said.

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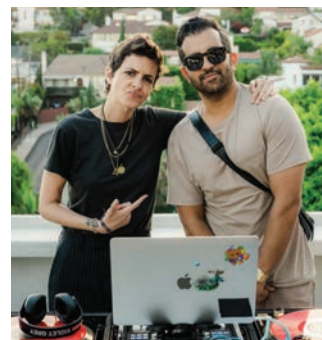


FROM LEFT: AVA DUVERNAY, NANCY PELOSI, JOHANNA BURTON, THEASTER GATES, FRANK GEHRY AND WENDY SCHMIDT

› Surprise guest **Nancy Pelosi** left her grandson's high school graduation to honor 96-year-old **Frank Gehry** at the MOCA Gala, presented by Bvlgari. "He's more than a genius ... Frank Gehry is a magician," she said at the event, which also celebrated artist **Theaster Gates** and philanthropist **Wendy Schmidt**.



› No one imagined **Tory Burch's** Beverly Hills store opening would be the dance party of the year, but that's exactly what happened when **DJ Pee .Wee** (aka Anderson .Paak) got going. **Jodie Turner-Smith**, **Chloe East** and **Maria Bakalova** hit the third floor-turned-dance-floor, and when **Ciara** arrived, she joined Pee .Wee behind the DJ booth for a rendition of her hit song "1,2 Step."



› Speaking of DJing, **Samantha Ronson** hasn't been doing too much of it — but she was lured out to command the crowd at an event thrown at Chateau Marmont's penthouse by **Dr. Antony Nakhla** of Eighth Day skincare after meeting the O.C.-based doctor who specializes in cancer treatments (and becoming a fan of the brand).

PLUS

Steve Carell (with *Ted Lasso's* **Phil Dunster** and a few Brits) and **Clive Owen** all dined at A.O.C.'s West Third Street location on a happening Saturday night ... Nami Mental Health Gala performer **Jewel** opened up about how she left home in Alaska at age 15 due to her "alcoholic and abuse father," shoplifted produce and lived in her car ... **Rachel Zoe** and **Amber Valletta** supported the Living Beauty Cancer Foundation's spring luncheon and fundraiser — even in spite of unseasonable heat ... and A Great Big World's **Chad King**, who's been taking a life-changing MS drug, played guitar live for the first time in years at the Race to Erase MS Gala (which served as a date night for **Brian Austin Green** and **Sharna Burgess**).

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ON FIRE

Israeli immigrant Burt Bakman, who honed his barbecue skills in Texas, built a following at pop-ups and his restaurant Slab.

COOKING GET GRILLED

BARBECUE PITMASTER
BURT BAKMAN DISCLOSES HIS TIPS
AND TOP RECIPES FOR SUMMER

BY MIKEY MORAN

IN THE SUN-DRENCHED backyard of his Studio City home, Burt Bakman transforms grilling from a weekend ritual into a culinary art form. A barbecue maestro with roots stretching from Texas to Israel, Bakman bridges cultures through fire and flavor. His approach marries Michelin-level precision with California's laid-back creativity, turning each slow-burning session — sometimes lasting more than 12 hours — into an experience that captures the bold, boundary-pushing spirit of Southern California's food scene. Here, the pop-up pioneer and chef behind Slab at Westfield Topanga dishes on tips, recipes, rubs and more. ➡➡

COURTESY BURT BAKMAN



Q: What's the number one mistake people make when grilling at home?

A: Not being prepared. Setting up is key, like any chef would in a restaurant. Have your salt, pepper, spatula, tongs, cutting board and knife ready before you start. I've seen people get a steak on the grill and then realize they don't have the tools

to flip it, which can lead to overcooking. Also, invest in better quality ingredients — spend that extra dollar or two per pound for better meat and finishing oils.

Q: If someone only has 30 minutes to prep, what's the fastest way to make grilled meat taste amazing?

A: Choose a thin steak, about an inch thick. Use the reverse-sear technique: heat the steak in indirect heat, then move it to a hot spot and flip it quickly — about 20 to 30 seconds on each side. Always let the meat rest afterward so the juices reabsorb, keeping all the flavor inside.

Q: Do you have a favorite rub or seasoning blend?

A: I always have a jar in the kitchen where I dump leftover spices. Over time, that becomes a unique blend. My base is two parts pepper, one part salt and a quarter-part garlic. I love warm Mediterranean spices on beef: cinnamon, cumin, cloves and allspice. But don't over-season. You can always add salt, but you can't take it away.

Q: How has living and cooking in L.A. shaped your approach to barbecuing?

A: L.A. pushes you to be ingredient-driven and health-conscious. I use local ingredients like grapes, dates and fresh seafood. I love making wraps instead of traditional sandwiches. The kids can roll their own steak wraps, and everyone's happy — plus there are no plates to clean up.

Q: What unexpected ingredients or techniques do you use to keep your grilling fresh in the summer?

A: I like to surprise people. I'll grill grapes or dates and serve them with meat. Sometimes I'll use tahini or pomegranate molasses as a glaze. You have to keep it exciting — not just for your guests, but for yourself.

Q: What are you working on right now?

A: I recently helped Cedric the Entertainer and Anthony Anderson open AC Barbecue [at Westfield Century City]. Now I'm traveling the country doing open-fire cooking events with resorts, cooking under the stars. ■



PIECE OF MEAT
From top: A ribeye Burt Bakman smoked and finished on embers, with mushrooms and an almond miso; Bakman seasoning wagyu prime rib, which he oak-smoked for a charity event.



OPENINGS

Special Sauce

ZACH POLLACK (ALIMENTO, COSA BUONA) DEBUTS A BREEZY BUT ELEVATED ITALIAN-CALIFORNIAN RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA IN SANTA MONICA

BY JASMIN ROSEMBERG



WESTWOOD NATIVE Zach Pollack was originally studying architecture at Brown — until a semester abroad in Florence introduced him to the Italian

culinary world. “That was the turning point where I was like, ‘This is something I might want to explore professionally,’” he recalls.

Pollack spent two years exploring Italy’s 20 regions, working jobs from salumeria to farmer. He then teamed with chef Steve Samson to open Sotto (*Los Angeles*’ #1 Best New Restaurant in 2011).

He continued to impress with Alimento, a soulful Italian restaurant he debuted in Silver Lake in 2014, and Cosa Buona, a red sauce Echo Park joint he launched in 2017. He looked west for his next venture — which he began planning toward the pandemic’s end in 2022.

“I saw this shuttered Coffee Bean in Ocean Park,” says Pollack, who closed his other venues in the years afterward. “And it was the first time I actually felt excited about the future.”

Cosetta, his new Italian-Californian restaurant, seats 50 people inside and 100 on an outdoor patio. The interior features olive trees, earthy tones and arched colonnades

that evoke classic Italian architecture.

The restaurant is the sum of his growth (he’s now a father who appreciates free parking, flexible substitutions and a family-friendly vibe) and a return to his hospitality roots.

He wants patrons to feel welcomed and for the food to feel equally easy and approachable.

“Pizza, regardless, was going to be a part of the concept,” he says, noting how Cosetta makes sturdier pies like the Hawaiian Sunrise (smoked coppa, pineapple and jalapeño). “They’re more California-Italian style, as opposed to strictly Neapolitan.”

Start with any of the crudos, the mozzarella sticks or wings from Cosa Buona or the Bloomin’ Radicchio salad. A Milanese section offers chicken, eggplant and fish versions, and

Pollack also loves the wagyu tri-tip tagliata.

Pair dishes with Brian Summers’ colorful cocktails like the Margherita, and finish with a pressed ice cream donut sandwich or chocolate peanut butter budino. Cosetta just launched a happy hour and will soon introduce lunch.

Says Pollack: “Hopefully we can nourish the neighborhood [and] L.A. as much as possible.”

3150 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, cosettala.com



SAY CHEESE

From top: Cosetta’s festive patio; the Peparazzi and Funghi Town pizzas.

NEW & NOTABLE

BY JASMIN ROSEMBERG

Baby Bistro

CHINATOWN

● Chef Miles Thompson (Allumette, Michael’s Santa Monica) and partner Andy Schwartz gave their popular pop-up a permanent home in the Alpine Courtyard complex that houses Perilla and Bakers Bench. Try all six produce-forward dishes — paired with wines curated by Schwartz.

1027 Alpine St., babybistrola.com

Bar Avoja

HOLLYWOOD

● Famed chef Evan Funke is offering his take on Roman street food in the loungey former MARS space behind his Mother Wolf. Avoja — Roman slang for “hell yeah” — serves Funke’s classics like squash blossoms alongside new items like cacio e pepe arancini and thin-crust pizzas.

1545 Wilcox Ave., motherwolf.com/bar-avoj

La Ola

BEVERLY GROVE

● Executive chef Jesus Medina is injecting his Mexican heritage into the poolside restaurant at Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills. Enjoy his guacamole, aguachile, octopus and *huarache* — plus bright cocktails — for lunch, golden hour or later into the night.

300 S. Doheny Drive, fourseasons.com



APPETIZERS

ACROSS THE BOARD

SOPHISTICATED SPREADS CHARCUTERIE PLATTERS ARE A DELICIOUS AND AESTHETICALLY PLEASING ADDITION TO ANY GATHERING OR EVENT

BY LEILA BRADY



WHEN EMMY RENER was growing up in Palos Verdes, the dinner table wasn't just a place to eat. Her mother, who works in public relations, and her father, a stay-at-home parent and interior designer, orchestrated elaborate dinner parties. Renner's assignment? The appetizer.

"He'd show me Pinterest photos and say, 'Try to make a cheese board that looks like this,'" she recalls. "I love charcuterie boards, and I love playing with

color palettes. Charcuterie boards have always been an art outlet for me."

In March 2020, a friend in Miami invited her to create a charcuterie spread for her father's birthday party. Renner, then a high school senior, hesitated. "I was like, 'I don't have a business.'" But she said "yes" — and caught the attention of a professional chef at the event. "He was like, 'What's your business name?' I said, 'I'm in high school!' And he goes, 'No — you're sitting on something. You should run with this.'"

In 2020, Renner took a gap year and built Sophisticated Spreads (*sophisticatedspreads.net*), a direct-to-doorstep charcuterie delivery service based in Los Angeles.

"When you want to order flowers, there's a florist that you call," she says. "I wanted people to order a charcuterie board and have that delivered to their house."

Her early orders were more intimate: two-to-four-person boxes for pandemic date nights. These days, the brand caters large-scale events like weddings and winery pop-ups.

Rather than sticking to grocery store staples, Renner sought out artisans. "I didn't want people to be like, 'Oh, you can get this stuff at the grocery store,'" she says. She rejected grocery store basics in favor of small-batch products, traveling up the coast to meet makers at places like Cowgirl Creamery in Sonoma and Marin County's Marin French Cheese, the oldest creamery in the country. She favors rustic bakery crackers, local jams and honey from small-scale beekeepers.

Her mother gave her key advice: Get boards into influencers' hands.



Charcuterie boards have always been an art outlet for me."

—Emmy Renner

Renner did just that, and soon, her creations went viral. Today, she runs the business with her dad.

When asked what makes a great board, she says: "There's styling and aesthetic. But at the root of it, it's about sourcing — and sourcing the right things." ■

GET CHEESY
Sophisticated Spreads creations feature small-batch products, like cheese, crackers and honey sourced from California makers.





WINE

THINK PINK

THESE **SIX ROSÉS** ARE SUMMERTIME FAVORITES TO SIP POOLSIDE OR TOTE ON A PICNIC

BY MOLLY PHAN



HERE'S A REASON rosé has become synonymous with summer. Light, fresh, acidic and versatile, it's a natural choice for the warmer months.

Rosé isn't just a seasonal trend but one of the oldest styles of wine in the world. Ancient winemakers in Greece and Rome produced light-colored wines similar to what we now call rosé, long before red wines became dominant. Over time, rosé evolved across regions and cultures, from the structured, deep-pink bottles of Southern France to the delicate, dry styles of Provence that now define much of the modern rosé landscape.

Today, winemakers around the world are producing rosés that reflect their local grapes and traditions, resulting in a diverse category that goes far beyond the pale pink bottles lining summer shelves. These six popular brands and bottles of rosé each define a different style of the wine. Whether you're new to rosé or looking to go deeper, these wines are a strong place to start.

1) Château Sainte Marguerite Fantastique Rosé 2024 (\$40)

From the historic, sea-kissed vineyards of Château Sainte Marguerite, this Cru Classé Côte de Provence rosé reflects the estate's precision and finesse. Certified organic and vegan, it's a bright, elegant wine with a clean, focused profile.

2) Hampton Water Rosé (\$18)

Born from a collaboration between Jon Bon Jovi, his son Jesse Bongiovi and renowned winemaker Gérard Bertrand, Hampton Water is a lively, premium rosé that captures the spirit of the South of France with a nod to East Coast flair. Dry, vibrant and smooth, it's made for summer days.

3) Miraval Côte de Provence Rosé (\$20)

This wine shows a pale rose-gold hue and subtle notes of hibiscus and vine peach. Crisp stone fruit and a touch of limestone minerality give it focus and lift, while the finish is smooth and understated. It's a versatile, elegant option for lighter fare or casual evenings.

4) Rumor Côte de Provence Rose 2023 (\$30)

A dry, refined expression of Provence, Rumor Rosé is crafted with precision and sophistication. Known for its refined profile and consistent quality, it's a favorite at some of the world's most iconic destinations.

5) Whispering Angel (\$17)

A benchmark for Provence rosé, Whispering Angel

is effortlessly elegant and widely celebrated for its fresh, dry style and pale pink hue. Crafted with care at Château d'Esclans, it's crisp, clean and quietly expressive, equally at home for casual meals or on the world's most refined tables.

6) Wölffer Estate Summer in a Bottle Rosé (\$27)

A bold take on a seasonal favorite, this limited-edition release of Wölffer's Summer in a Bottle Long Island Rosé pairs the crisp, coastal charm of the original with design inspired by NARS' Hot Escape cosmetics collection. Sun-drenched and vibrant, the bottle evokes the golden glow of Biarritz, France; while inside, the wine remains a fresh, expressive blend. It's bright, balanced and made for summer. ■

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The Face of Family Law Attorneys

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Since dedicating her career exclusively to family law in 2002, she has become a trusted advocate for families navigating life's most challenging transitions. Her unwavering commitment to justice and client care has earned her an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell—the highest possible peer review rating in legal ability and ethical standards. Howard has received recognition for her skills, integrity and dedication.

Her leadership extends beyond the courtroom. As the current president of the Pasadena Bar Association, she brings vision and vitality to the legal community. Her service on the association's board since 2018 reflects a longstanding commitment to professional development and mentorship. She is a guiding force for newly admitted attorneys and a dedicated volunteer in the Pasadena Courthouse's Alternative Dispute Resolution program, where she helps families find peaceful resolutions outside of litigation.

Howard's legal journey is also a family legacy. Inspired by her mother and law partner, Carolyn Makupson, she has helped build one of the most respected family law practices in Los Angeles. Together, they have led hundreds of cases with a blend of legal precision and heartfelt empathy.

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For nearly two decades, Patrick Baghdaserians has represented both men and women in divorce, custody, and paternity cases. His practice includes complex marital dissolutions involving high-value assets, relocation and high-conflict child custody disputes, and cases alleging violations of fiduciary duty between spouses.

In 2014, Baghdaserians became one of the youngest attorneys to be certified as a family law specialist by the State Bar of California. In 2019, he co-founded Baghdaserians Law Group with longtime friend and colleague Daniel Leonetti. Together, they set out to provide expert legal support to individuals and families navigating the complexities of the legal system.

With nearly 20 years of experience, Baghdaserians remains committed to serving both his clients and the broader community. He views advocacy as the cornerstone of effective legal representation—a principle that initially inspired him to pursue a career in family law.

Baghdaserians earned his undergraduate degree from Loyola Marymount University and his law degree from Southwestern Law School. During law school, he served as a full-time legal extern to the Hon. Robert M. Takasugi, a respected federal judge. There, he gained firsthand experience with dozens of federal trials and hearings.

Philanthropy is also a central part of Baghdaserians' life. He co-founded the Southwestern Law School Domestic Violence Advocacy Initiative, which provides legal assistance to victims of domestic violence. He continues to donate all proceeds from legal consultations to charitable organizations, including the American University of Armenia and the Armenian Educational Foundation.

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Dr. Srinivasa sets herself apart from her contemporaries not just by virtue of her youthful demeanor and passionate approach, but also with her highly specialized training and experience. She has committed herself to helping women navigate their recovery from breast cancer and reclaim their lives as completely as possible. Her highly personalized approach involves taking the time to work closely with each patient to craft personalized reconstructive plans in close partnership with other doctors on the team. The most valuable aspect of Dr. Srinivasa's care is access to all reconstructive options, ranging from direct to implant to all natural tissue reconstruction, and even nerve reconstruction to optimize sensation

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A proud USC alumna and mother of three young girls, Michelle founded Prestige after experiencing toxic workplace culture firsthand. "I wanted to build a law firm that fosters a happy, motivated team that puts clients first," she says. "Great client outcomes start from the inside out."

That philosophy has shaped every part of her success. Today, Prestige has more than 100 legal professionals, a 99% success rate and over \$47 million recovered for clients. But the impact goes beyond numbers. "As a mom to daughters, it's important to

me that they grow up seeing women lead with both strength and compassion," Michelle says. "I want them to know they never have to shrink to succeed."

Prestige focuses on lemon law and employment law—areas where individuals often feel powerless. "It's about standing up for people when they need it most," she explains.

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Shegerian's trial and litigation work has been recognized by many of the legal industry's most respected organizations. He was named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA) in 2013 and has been nominated 13 times, including most recently in 2024. He has also been honored by *Best Lawyers* and the *Daily Journal* in categories such as Employment Attorney of the Year, Top 100 Lawyers and Top Plaintiffs' Lawyers.

In 2021, Shegerian and his team achieved a landmark \$155.4 million jury verdict in a single-plaintiff employment whistleblower case — the largest of its kind in California at the time.

Today, Shegerian & Associates includes more than 50 attorneys across multiple California offices and a New York location. While employment law remains its cornerstone, the firm has expanded to represent clients in catastrophic injury and sexual assault cases.

With more than \$1 billion recovered for clients, the firm continues to be a powerful force in California's legal landscape — particularly in Los Angeles, where its roots run deep and its impact is widely recognized.

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Matthew has also helped start several technology companies. “This has given me a really unique and useful perspective when helping clients. I understand some of their experiences firsthand, such as dealing with illiquid and liquid assets. It’s not just theoretical.”

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He rose to national prominence at JiRaffe, a restaurant that helped define modern California cuisine and earned him recognition as one of *Food & Wine*'s Best New Chefs. Today, he is the chef and proprietor of Lunetta in Santa Monica—a stylish, welcoming neighborhood restaurant known for its coastal California flavors, wood-grilled dishes, and vibrant, ingredient-driven menus.

This summer, Lunetta will host a Clambake as part of a year-round dinner series celebrating seasonal ingredients. The menu—created in collaboration with Lunetta's longtime friend and chef partner, Emillio Cuyuch—features New England-style favorites.

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HAVING A BOWL

The Lucques Group's Caroline Styne (left) serves as wine director for the Hollywood Bowl Food + Wine program, while chef Suzanne Goin handles the food. They pose here at one of the Bowl's three restaurants, the Backyard.



IN PERFECT HARMONY

The Lucques Group's award-winning chef Suzanne Goin and restaurateur Caroline Styne celebrate 10 years of curating the Hollywood Bowl Food + Wine culinary program

By JASMIN ROSEMBERG Photographed By IRVIN RIVERA

In 1997, Suzanne Goin was executive chef at Nancy Silverton and Mark Peel's Campanile, and Caroline Styne managed Sean MacPherson's Jones Hollywood. "We both had been making plans to open our own places," Styne recalls. "But we had mutual friends that went to Stanford together, that had this idea the two of us should meet."

Despite their friends' urging, the women kept putting it off. Notes Styne, "I finally got a phone call that said, 'You're going to meet Suzanne Thursday night at 9 o'clock at the Pearl on La Brea. Get this over with, and we'll leave you alone.'"

Styne went. "And we hit it off immediately," she says. "I remember telling my husband, 'This woman was actually really amazing.'" So they continued to connect. "We describe it as 'dating,'" Styne says. "We would go out and talk about what we imagined for our restaurants, like, 'I like you. Do you like me? Should we do this?' And that's literally how it all started."

Their first restaurant didn't happen overnight. "It took us a year and a half before we opened Lucques," says Goin of the iconic modern-California restaurant they debuted in 1998. "You're trying to find a space, and you really want this dream to happen, and everything keeps falling through. It was torturous. But I

think going through that whole process together was like our 'getting to know each other,' so that by the time we opened, we knew it was the right fit."

The native Angelenos (Goin is from Hollywood Hills/Los Feliz, while Styne grew up in Beverly Hills) just seemed in sync. "The two of us were raised very similarly — [by] similar parents with pretty serious work ethics," says Styne.

"We both had very hardworking professional moms," adds Goin, a Brown University graduate who'd worked at esteemed restaurants including L.A.'s Ma Maison and L'Orangerie and Alice Waters' Chez Panisse in Berkeley. "So those role models were always there."

Each partner of the Lucques Group (thelucquesgroup.com) handles her own department. "Suzanne does everything back of the house: the menu, the food and the cooking," Styne explains. "I take care of everything in the front of the house,

service and wine/beverage. I always say that she's solid, I'm liquid ... yin and yang."

The partnership proved a hit — and on the heels of game-changing bistro Lucques, the two opened A.O.C. wine bar on West Third Street in 2002 and Tavern in Brentwood in 2009. They co-founded the L.A. Loves Alex's Lemonade food fair benefiting childhood cancer, with Goin's husband David Lentz, in 2010; moved A.O.C. to a new space on its 10th anniversary in 2012; and debuted the Larder Baking Company in 2013.

Food critics also responded to their chemistry. In 2006, Goin received the James Beard Award for Best Chef: California and she earned the national recognition of Outstanding Chef in 2016. Styne scored James Beard's Outstanding Restaurateur award in 2018; and to date, Goin is a four-time winner (with 11 noms).

In 2015, one of the world's largest natural amphitheatres — with seating for nearly 18,000, and the summer home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic since it opened in 1922 — came calling.

"The Hollywood Bowl was looking to find their new concessionaire after a contract was expiring," recalls Goin. "They worked with a consultant I knew [from when I] worked at Pinot Bistro. He called me up and said, 'Hey, I'm working on the Hollywood Bowl. Do you think you and



Caroline might be interested?" And I was like, "That sounds like the most massive, overwhelming [undertaking] — amazing, but like, how do you do that?"

She also appreciated the offer's weight. "I grew up going to the Bowl — we lived seven minutes away," Goin says. "I have childhood memories of falling asleep to music, curled up on my mom's lap. It's a magical place and we're both big-time Angelenos, so it was really tempting."

They found the task of curating the restaurants, marketplaces and food stands for the entire venue less daunting when they broke it down. "We know how to run a 110-seat restaurant," says Goin. "So it was three of those. One, they wanted to be a wine bar, so that was an obvious fit for A.O.C. The other one was a little more formal fine-dining, so that was a fit for Lucques. And the third one is the Backyard, which is outdoor cooking on two giant grills — which is my favorite thing to do. We had a catering company, and Supper in Your Seats is like a giant catering every night. We had the Larders, so the marketplace made sense to us."

They debuted Hollywood Bowl Food + Wine (hollywoodbowl.com) for the summer 2016 season — and everything opened at once. "It was literally, turn switch and now you're open," says Goin, who recalls that year's sold-out David Gilmour opening show. "The hard part was the first opening day — when all of a sudden, there's 18,000 people coming. But we look at each piece as if it's an independent operation. So it was applying that, but multiple times, all at the same time."

Today, the restaurant concepts remain

the same. Lucques at the Circle, for Pool Circle subscribers, offers a three-course prix-fixe menu and wine list in the vein of Lucques (with items from spinach and dandelion salad to halibut with sweet corn). Anne's Wine Bar is inspired by A.O.C. — which pairs new and old-world wines with seasonal small plates (from focaccia to market fish and pork belly). And the Backyard is a chic al fresco space that serves steaks and grilled items.

Baking Company signature cookies and brownies. The food kiosks include Kitchen 22 (with made-to-order burgers) and rotating stands, with items such as tacos, hot dogs, barbecue sandwiches and sweets.

A variety of picnic boxes can be preordered for pickup. This year features four new three-course menu options, such as The Burton Way with Goin's slow-roasted salmon and a revamped vegan box with roasted vegetables. The Supper in Your

"When we're cooking, and all of a sudden, the opener will come on ... there's nothing like it."

— SUZANNE GOIN

"There are moments where it gets a little smoky," Goin says. "But when we're cooking, and all of a sudden, the opener will come on ... there's nothing like it."

Goin is excited about new Backyard dishes like blue crab tostadas and peach and watermelon salad. "There's definitely a push every year to think about doing something new," she says. "The Bowl has people who've been coming for years. So it is always about trying to surprise them."

The Bowl's three marketplaces (Plaza Marketplace, Marketplace East and Buzz McCoy's Marketplace) offer everything you'd need for a picnic, such as grab-and-go salads, sandwiches, sushi by Seaweed in Glendale, cheese plates, wine, beer, soda, snacks and desserts like Larder

Seats program enables reserved box seat holders to preorder (up until 6 p.m. the previous day) three-course dinners or à la carte menu items to be delivered to them. Favorites include the BBQ box with ribs, fried chicken and brisket, as well as a surf and turf for two. New items include vegetable tagine and prawns with gazpacho.

"So much of the Bowl is obviously the music and the weather," says Goin. "But that time before the show, when people can have a glass of wine and enjoy the time together, is a very special thing."

Last year, they introduced a fried chicken stand with Goin's popular menu item. "We've done taco [stands] since we opened — this year, we decided to do burritos," she says, noting they'll offer vegan,

IN CONCERT

Don't miss these summer highlights at the Hollywood Bowl from the LA Phil, conductor Gustavo Dudamel and friends

BY LEILA BRADY

From July 2-4, **Earth, Wind & Fire** will join the Los Angeles Philharmonic for the July Fourth Fireworks Spectacular. On July 5, experience **Jaws in Concert**, where the LA Phil performs John Williams' score live as the hit film plays on the big screen. On July 10, **Classical Pride** celebrates LGBTQ+ artists from the community. Then, on July 15, Oscar-winning composer **Alexandre Desplat** (*The Shape of Water*, *The Grand Budapest Hotel*) will conduct a selection of his favorite film scores. Music legend **Diana Ross** returns from July 25-26 to belt classics like "I'm Coming Out." Cynthia Erivo joins Adam Lambert for **Jesus Christ Superstar** Aug. 1-3. The **Alabama Shakes** shake things up Aug. 13, and **Cyndi Lauper** just wants to have fun on her farewell tour Aug. 29-30. September also welcomes heavy-hitters including **Josh Groban** (Sept. 5-6), **Chicago** (Sept. 12-14), **Neil Young and the Chrome Hearts** (Sept. 15) and 12-time Grammy winner **John Legend** (Sept. 28).



HITTING ALL THE NOTES

From left: The Backyard's spicy beer-steamed shrimp cocktail, little gems and radicchio, chopped salad and charcuterie board; Suzanne's fried chicken, a chicken burrito and a drumstick from Magpies Softserve; The Backyard's ribeye steak, fried potatoes, asparagus, seabass, chicken paillard, veal chop and grilled broccoli; artisanal cheese from Ann's Wine Bar; the Hollywood Bowl picnic box with roasted vegetables.



chicken tinga and braised beef burritos.

Also new are pizzas made with Larder Baking Company dough and a collaboration with Magpies Softserve owner Warren Schwartz for the expanded East market. "We wanted to do something fun in the ice cream world ... that childhood novelty feeling, but more elevated," says Goin. "The star of the show are these drumsticks. They're massive waffle cones: a matcha one, cookies and cream and roasted banana." They also carry Rori's Ice Cream from Santa Barbara, plus non-dairy and vegan treats.

Another addition is the Hillside Bar, off Promenade 3. "It's been the goal since we opened to find ways [for] people to get a great glass of wine, bottle of wine or beer, without having to stand in a long concession line — and to have elevated options," says Styne, the sommelier and wine director. Their second year, they created Bar 22 in front of Kitchen 22. "So we decided to offer that experience at other locations. The Hillside Bar has wines by the glass, natural wines, rosé, Champagne, sparkling and craft beers."

Styne also curated an extensive wine list for the picnic boxes and Supper in Your Seats — with vegan, biodynamic and nonalcoholic options, from producers like Broc Cellars, Wavy Wines and Hollywood Bowl wine sponsor Winc wines.

Back this year are the free wine tastings before concerts on Wednesday and Sunday nights — for which Styne's enlisted local and international winemakers and importers, including Mike Roth of Lo-Fi Wines, Jeff Fischer from Habit Wine and Martines Wines. The series will

run biweekly through the John Legend concert on Sunday, Sept. 28.

The Lucques Group partners have plenty else on their plate. After closing Lucques and Tavern during the pandemic, they transformed the latter into A.O.C. Brentwood in 2021. They partnered with Proper Hotel Group to open three concepts in their Downtown L.A. property: Caldo Verde, rooftop restaurant Cara Cara and Dahlia cocktail lounge. The founding members of the Independent Restaurant Coalition helped raise over \$28.6 billion in government grant programs for U.S. restaurants and bars during the pandemic. And they've assembled the biggest lineup yet for L.A. Loves Alex's Lemonade's 13th food fair on Oct. 4 at UCLA. (With Bell's Restaurant's Daisy Ryan and Charleston-based Mike Lata joining the nearly 60 chefs participating.)

But they're going into their 10th season at the Bowl with the same excitement as their first. "I know Alabama Shakes are coming," says Styne. "The biggest luxury is to be able to work a shift and then stay after and hear somebody, or a little bit of Dudamel's conducting."

For Styne, every year feels like it's a new project, and Goin just hopes they get to keep doing it.

"Everybody gets so excited about everything that's new, but I love the continuity," Goin says. "Like, every season that I work in the Backyard or the wine bar or the pool, you find new things you can take on. I mean, I love all the new stuff that we're doing too," she adds. "But keeping it going is what's really exciting to me." ■



THE STAYCATION GUIDE

For a sweet escape close to home in any area of the city, look to these 50 favorite hotels with festive new summer offerings

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HOTEL BEL-AIR

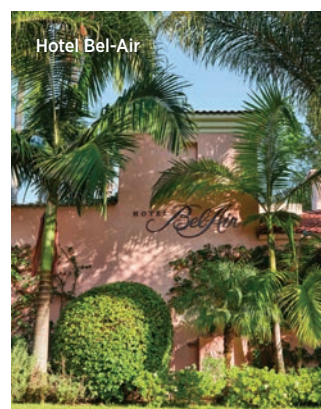
701 Stone Canyon Road,
dorchestercollection.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"The Restaurant [at Hotel Bel-Air] will unveil a fresh look. New offerings include

a garden spritz menu, roaming pastry cart and Sunday family-style dinners. The hotel's outdoor movie series invites guests to enjoy classic films under the stars, paired with themed culinary offerings [and] signature cocktails. Later in the season, our annual summer barbecue event [returns]."

— GENERAL MANAGER
CHRISTOPH MOJE



FROM TOP: COURTESY FAIRMONT CENTURY PLAZA; CHRISTOPH MOJE



The Beverly Hilton



L'Ermitage Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS

THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL

9641 Sunset Blvd.,
dorchestercollection.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"The movie series will take place in July and August, with film screenings under the palms enhanced by themed menus and snacks. The Cabana Cafe will extend its weekend hours until September, for sunset cocktail and dining poolside. Live entertainment is offered on select evenings, making this popular poolside eatery vibrant."

- GENERAL MANAGER
JOHN SCANLON

THE BEVERLY HILTON

9876 Wilshire Blvd., hilton.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Guests are invited to step into the story of The Beverly Hilton ahead of our milestone 70th anniversary in August. Paying tribute to seven decades of glamour, [we'll be] debuting celebratory activations, themed packages and limited-time guest experiences designed to transport visitors through [our] legacy while getting a glimpse at what's to come."

- GENERAL MANAGER
DAVID ECIJA

BEVERLY WILSHIRE, A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

9500 Wilshire Blvd.,
fourseasons.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Our renovated spa offers our new Renewal Ritual treatment, designed to restore. Our summer events calendar [features] wine tastings and spirit spotlights in CUT Lounge to live music [and] poolside activations. [At] THE Blvd, check out our new three-course Power Lunch, beef Wellington on Wednesday evenings or our Super Sunday feast."

- REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
AND GENERAL MANAGER
REED KANDLAFT

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL LOS ANGELES AT BEVERLY HILLS

300 S. Doheny Drive,
fourseasons.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We unveiled La OLA, our vibrant new rooftop dining

experience inspired by the bold flavors and coastal spirit of Mexico. Moody Tongue Sushi, this Tokyo-meets-L.A. pop-up, runs through Sept. 14. We're [bringing] back Camp Four Seasons, a whimsical summer program [with] friendship bracelet making, movie nights, ice cream socials, starlit tent setups, s'mores and singalongs."

- HOTEL MANAGER
ERIN QUON

L'ERMITAGE BEVERLY HILLS

9291 Burton Way,
lheritagebeverlyhills.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We open our rooftop to the public for the first time with the debut of Poza, a poolside lounge serving California-inspired bites and cocktails, and The Arhaus Terrace, created in collaboration with the luxury home furnishings brand. Our

rooftop is a new way to take in the beauty of this iconic neighborhood."

- GENERAL MANAGER
FRÉDÉRIC ZEMMOUR

THE PENINSULA BEVERLY HILLS

9882 S. Santa Monica Blvd.,
peninsula.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're delighted to bring back the Belvedere Tea Party — our signature afternoon tea reimagined to capture the season's flavors. Guests and locals can also experience Aloha Summer at The Roof Garden, a new weekend BBQ series running through August that celebrates the soulful flavors of Maui, inspired by executive chef Luis Cuadra's time living on the island."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR
OFFER NISSENBAUM

THE MAYBOURNE BEVERLY HILLS

225 N. Canon Drive, maybournebeverlyhills.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're thrilled to welcome Alinea, the three-Michelin-starred restaurant helmed by chef Grant Achatz, for a special pop-up at The Terrace from July 22 to Aug. 16. We're introducing YOGAqua to the rooftop every Saturday and Sunday morning, a paddleboard yoga experience created by Sarah Tiefenthaler. Also, guests [can] reserve three BMW i7 vehicles."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR SAM JAGGER



WALDORF ASTORIA BEVERLY HILLS

9850 Wilshire Blvd., waldorf-astoriabeverlyhills.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Guests can look forward to refreshed menus at The Rooftop Beverly Hills and Espelette featuring bold, bright flavors. We're also bringing back seasonal favorites like our Fourth of July dining series and the Full Moon Celestial Dinner, along with new wellness experiences. We'll also have exclusive staycation offerings."

- GENERAL MANAGER
TOD CHAMBERS



DOWN-TOWN L.A.

CONRAD LOS ANGELES

100 S. Grand Ave., hilton.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're launching a summer pool party series featuring live DJ sets, along with poolside wellness experiences led by local fitness instructors. We're also looking forward to hosting unique activations, like an aura photography event."

- GENERAL MANAGER
DEEPAK MEHRA

CENTURY CITY

FAIRMONT CENTURY PLAZA

2025 Avenue of the Stars, fairmontcenturyplaza.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"With our new Pool-Cation package, the pool has just undergone a stunning refresh. We're launching wellness initiatives including the HyperIce Recovery Lounge, as well as a spa residency with Mia Magik. The Bar at Century Plaza partnered with MUSIC to the Ears Foundation and Academix [on] an after-work soirée."

- DIRECTOR OF SALES AND MARKETING
MICHAEL MORRIS

CULVER CITY

THE SHAY

8801 Washington Blvd., hyatt.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Access to the only rooftop pool in Culver City is available to non-hotel guests through ResortPass, and we recently added a new offering for The Peek — the newly renovated private rooftop venue. On the weekdays, our rooftop restaurant helmed by José Andrés Group, Butterfly, [offers a] Sunset Sips happy hour."

- GENERAL MANAGER
ADAM EDELMAN

DOWNTOWN L.A. PROPER HOTEL

1100 S. Broadway, properhotel.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're embracing the season with fresh, bold flavors at Cara Cara — highlighting the best of L.A.'s culinary richness. Guests can join us every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. for Proper Sounds, our rooftop DJ series featuring laid-back sunset sets and signature cocktails with amazing views."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR
BRUNO VERGEYNST





Hotel Figueroa

HOTEL PER LA, AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

649 S. Olive St., hotelperla.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Every Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m., Bar Clara, our rooftop bar, will have DJ Bossa Nova playing live music. Guests can enjoy city views while having food and drinks by the heated pool. It's a great place to relax with friends and enjoy the weekend."

- DIRECTOR OF ROOMS
DANIEL MONTES

HOTEL FIGUEROA

939 S. Figueroa St.,
hotelfigueroa.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Hotel Figueroa invites guests and locals to enjoy the hotel's newest restaurant, Le Petit Chef, [starting] July 2; Wednesday happy hours with resident DJ Jéli; PADI scuba classes every Thursday with Eco Dive Center; weekend pool parties; and *Giving Grace*, a new exhibit by 2025 featured artist Dame Moore."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR
CONNIE WANG

FREEHAND LOS ANGELES

416 W. 8th St.,
freehandhotels.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We relaunched our beloved

rooftop Broken Shaker with Authentic Hospitality. In addition to refreshes to the space, we introduced a contemporary menu of Pan-Latin and Caribbean bites from the team behind award-winning restaurant Wildair, alongside crushable, tropical-inspired cocktails. The Exchange Coffee Co. is our new café initiative."

- GENERAL MANAGER
NATHANIEL JOHNS

STILE DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES BY KASA

929 S. Broadway,
kasa.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're reintroducing a full-service bar and expanding daytime service, including poolside offerings on our rooftop. We're also unveiling two new Artist Suites — immersive accommodations featuring curated installations from a single artist, with each suite also offering the artist's collection through a digital catalog. Our popular culinary pop-ups [include] Okdongsik and Lefty Gelateria."

- GENERAL MANAGER
JUSTIN HENRY

HOLLYWOOD

THE HOLLYWOOD ROOSEVELT

7000 Hollywood Blvd.,
thehollywoodroosevelt.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"The Hollywood Roosevelt is a rare blend of Old Hollywood charm and new Hollywood culture. This summer, we're bringing the energy back to Hollywood with night swims at Tropicana, along with a series of events and activations in two of our most iconic spaces — the Cinegrill Theater and Teddy's Lounge."

- GENERAL MANAGER
RICH OKEN

THOMPSON HOLLYWOOD

1541 Wilcox Ave.,
hyatt.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"At The Terrace at Bar Lis, Riviera Sundays bring the spirit of the French Riviera to L.A. every Sunday afternoon through Labor Day (think sun-soaked DJ sets, fresh seasonal bites and spritzes like our brand-new Frozen Aperol). Sunset Hour starts midday on The Terrace and flows into the evenings at Bar Lis."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR
BETH OUTLAW

HOLLYWOOD VOLUME

6516 Selma Ave., hollywoodvolume.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"KA'TEEN, chef Wes Avila's lush Yucatán Peninsula-inspired restaurant [is] turning up Saturdays with Discoteca Brunch, a new summer series featuring lively DJ sets. Upstairs at Desert 5 Spot, the retro desert-themed rooftop bar, the Wild West pool party series Swimsuits & Cowboy Boots returns. Desert 5 Spot also hosts Soft Spot Songwriter Nights."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR BETH OUTLAW





W HOLLYWOOD

6250 Hollywood Blvd., w-hotels.marriott.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're spotlighting The Garden with our There There dining concept, a nightly dinner party; Café Goldie, our jewel box coffee and brunch destination; and WET Deck pool events, including a Night Swim series. We're launching a fitness collaboration with Technogym. Plus, pop-up music moments with Insomniac and Beatport. And our Jazz Night is back."

- GENERAL MANAGER NICK RIMEDIO

KOREA-TOWN

THE LINE L.A.

3515 Wilshire Blvd., thelinehotel.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"The hotel recently introduced a new poolside menu, offering light bites and refreshing frozen cocktails. Beginning soon, Openaire will also debut Golden Hour from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring a curated raw bar with oysters, scallop crudo and lobster rolls."

- GENERAL MANAGER
LUKE SOMERSET

LONG BEACH

FAIRMONT BREAKERS LONG BEACH

210 E. Ocean Blvd., fairmont-breakers.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're home to the only rooftop bar in Long Beach, HALO. Alter Ego, the lobby bar and lounge, hosts live jazz performances Thursday through Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. Fairmont Spa is a tranquil space with abundant natural light in the relaxation lounge, complemented by peaceful and dreamy treatment rooms."

- DIRECTOR OF SALES AND
MARKETING MAUREEN LEARY

LOS FELIZ

CARA HOTEL

1730 N. Western Ave., carahotel.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Tucked into the foothills of Griffith Park, Cara offers the perfect balance of city life and nature. We're excited to be unveiling some fantastic new seasonal dishes at Cara Restaurant. There will also be some very special guest performers popping up at our weekly Wednesday Salsa and Sunday Jazz events."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR
CHARLIE COSSER

MALIBU

MALIBU BEACH INN

22878 Pacific Coast Highway, malibubeachinn.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We are the only hotel directly on the water, with access to the beach via our stairs. Now that PCH is open, we are very excited to welcome everyone back to Malibu. Also new is an updated capsule collection from our clothing partner Orlebar Brown, as well as a completely refreshed room product."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR
GREGORY DAY

CALAMIGOS GUEST RANCH & BEACH CLUB

327 Latigo Canyon Road, calamigosguestranch.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Calamigos just reimaged the property. There's a new resort pool with fresh furniture, food and drinks, with a swim-up bar. A reconcepted cafe, mart and retail shop [and] revamped restaurant. Plus, a new wellness floor in the Spa Calamigos, with cold plunge tubs, reiki, sauna. Rooms and suites have also been redecorated."

- GENERAL MANAGER DAVID STORK





The Surfrider Malibu

NOBU RYOKAN MALIBU

22752 Pacific Coast Highway,
nobuhotels.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're excited to introduce new wellness experiences that guests can enjoy right in their rooms — perfect for those looking to relax and reset. We're also partnering closely with the incredible culinary team at Nobu Malibu to enhance our in-room dining offerings, [so] guests [can] enjoy Nobu cuisine from their private decks."

— GENERAL MANAGER
AMIR VAHDANI

THE SURFRIDER MALIBU

23033 Pacific Coast Highway,
thesurfridermalibu.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Highlights include a new seasonal menu crafted by our incoming head chef, bringing a fresh take to our coastal Californian fare while continuing to champion organic, hyper-local ingredients. Think sun-ripened produce from Malibu farms [and] sustainably caught seafood."

— GENERAL MANAGER
ARIELLE MORTON

MARINA DEL REY

THE RITZ-CARLTON, MARINA DEL REY

4375 Admiralty Way,
ritzcarlton.com

NEW FOR SUMMER:

"This year, the [hotel] celebrates our 35th anniversary. Highlights include new waterfront pickleball courts, poolside dining overlooking the marina and a butterfly enclosure where guests can learn about and interact with three different species of local butterflies."

— GENERAL MANAGER
NICHOLAS DUMBELL

MARINA DEL REY HOTEL

13534 Bali Way,
marinadelreyhotel.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're launching fresh seasonal menus featuring new vegan and vegetarian dishes, along with a creative cocktail lineup. We're also introducing updated happy hour selections, though our Oysters & Martinis special remains a staple. Plus, we've teamed up with new partners to bring even more energy to our Sunday Funday pool parties."

— GENERAL MANAGER
DAN ZWIRN

PASADENA

THE LANGHAM HUNTINGTON

1401 S. Oak Knoll Ave.,
langhamhotels.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"A new exhibit of pop art from four contemporary artists will be on view in our Tap Room bar. We'll be offering garden wellness classes like floating sound bath meditation, tai chi and puppy yoga. Our brand-new Langham Gallery mini-museum offers a look at the [hotel's] rich history and [we'll have] our summer afternoon tea menu."

— MANAGING DIRECTOR
RICHARD BUSSIÈRE



AC HOTEL PASADENA

19 S. Madison Ave.,
achotelpasadena.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"This summer, AC Hotel Pasadena [will] elevate the guest experience with the highly anticipated debut of its rooftop restaurant and bar, set to open this July. With sweeping views and exceptional cuisine, the rooftop promises to be a must-visit visit."

— GENERAL MANAGER BEN SPAULDING

RANCHO PALOS VERDES

TERRANEA RESORT

100 Terranea Way,
terranea.com

NEW FOR SUMMER:

“The newly reimaged Spa at Terranea [is] now open after a year-long renovation. We introduced Crabby Sundays — a build-your-own seafood boil. Sips & Sunsets returns to the spa pool. For a touch of wonder, we offer guided stargazing sessions led by an expert who helps guests explore constellations and deep-sky objects.”

- GENERAL MANAGER NICHOLAS UNTERMANN



SILVER LAKE

SILVER LAKE POOL & INN

4141 Santa Monica Blvd.,
palisociety.com

WHAT'S NEW:

“The pool welcomes neighbors every Sunday afternoon for our Sunday Swim Socials. We'll also be introducing summer happenings with \$15 Pasta Parties every Wednesday, jazz nights and a Summer Solstice soirée. Our Dog Days of Summer promotion in July [waives] pet fees.”

- PALISOCIETY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MARKETING EAVAN PORTER

SANTA MONICA

FAIRMONT MIRAMAR HOTEL & BUNGALOWS

101 Wilshire Blvd.,
fairmont.com

WHAT'S NEW:

“This summer, guests and locals are invited to join us every Thursday, Friday and Saturday to see our Lobby Lounge come alive with live music from our centerpiece piano, paired best with a meticulously crafted martini and a cool ocean breeze.”

- GENERAL MANAGER SIMON FRICKER



REGENT SANTA MONICA BEACH

1700 Ocean Ave., santamonica.regenthotels.com

WHAT'S NEW:

“Orla by Michael Mina launched a new weekend Beach House Brunch, as well as Sunset Sips on weekday evenings. Azure debuted a poolside brunch concept. Guests staying at the resort can find family-friendly activities such as kite flying, surf lessons [and] a cycling adventure through the Santa Monica Farmers Market.”

- GENERAL MANAGER YOUNES ATALLAH



HOTEL CASA DEL MAR

1910 Ocean Way, hotelcasadelmar.com

WHAT'S NEW:

“Whether you're feeling the effects of travel or simply trying to unwind during the heat of summer, our 60-minute Tranquility Pro-Sleep Massage offers the perfect solution. Acting on three sensorial pathways, this deeply relaxing treatment is designed to promote restful sleep and help the body recover from summer travel jet lag.”

- GENERAL MANAGER MAX JONAS



SANTA MONICA PROPER HOTEL

700 Wilshire Blvd., properhotel.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"This summer in Santa Monica, Proper Presents brings culture, creativity and community together with a vibrant rooftop music series. Featuring artists like Tycho, Cut Copy and Snakehips, the lineup is always evolving, offering everything from live DJ sets to wellness rituals, all designed to capture the spirit of the property and the city's energy."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR ARMANDO CAMPOS

THE GEORGIAN HOTEL

1415 Ocean Ave., thegeorgian.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Chef Carolyn Spence just updated the menus in our restaurants and the offerings are light, fresh and tasty, perfect for summer dining. Homemade bucatini

limone with a crisp glass of Italian white on the terrace at sunset is perfection. Follow it up with our pastry chef Thessa Diadem's decadent chocolate cake."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR PHILIP PAVEL

SHORE HOTEL

1515 Ocean Ave., shorehotel.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're excited to have launched our new culinary concept, Shoreside. With sun-soaked interiors, a showstopping L-shaped bar and executive chef Todd Bohak's fresh take on coastal California fare, it's the ideal spot to unwind after a day at the beach or toast the sunset with friends."

- GENERAL MANAGER INESSA UDOVCHENKO

SHUTTERS ON THE BEACH

1 Pico Blvd., shuttersonthebeach.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Our newly redesigned lobby by Nickey Kehoe [enables guests] to sip their way through Santa Monica's 150-year history with our limited-edition cocktail

menu. Poolside, we're introducing handcrafted gelato through an exclusive partnership with the next-gen Solato machine and adult popsicles. We're also partnering with Nick Fouquet to offer custom-made hats."

- GENERAL MANAGER CHRISTOPHE BARATON



VICEROY SANTA MONICA

1819 Ocean Ave., viceroyhotelsandresorts.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"The pool cabana setup is getting a refresh with some new extras that make pool days even better — including personal mini fridges, a curated menu of snacks and drinks, a complimentary bottle of rosé, a Coola suncare station and live DJ sets every Saturday."

- MANAGING DIRECTOR CONNIE WANG

VENICE

VENICE V HOTEL

5 Westminster Ave., venicevhotel.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Swirl Fest on July 13 celebrates surf and skate cul-

ture with a focus on community and inclusivity. Expect live music, a public pop-up skatepark featuring a wave ramp and pump track, and skate competitions judged by legends Christian Hosoi and Laura Thornhill. [It's] organized by GrlSwirl, a women-founded skate collective."

- OWNER CARL LAMBERT

CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: COURTESY THE GEORGIAN HOTEL; COURTESY SANTA MONICA PROPER HOTEL; COURTESY VICEROY SANTA MONICA



WEST HOLLYWOOD

KIMPTON LA PEER HOTEL

627 N. La Peer Drive,
lapeerhotel.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"[Spend summer] poolside with a spritz in our courtyard or dining at *Top Chef Middle East*-winning Charbel Hayek's restaurant Ladyhawk. [We'll also have] new summer cocktails, a fabulous update to our courtyard lunch menu, updates in our guest rooms and a few pop-up events [that] will bring some fun to outdoor spaces."

- GENERAL MANAGER
RYAN PARKER

THE LONDON WEST HOLLYWOOD

1020 N. San Vicente Blvd.,
thelondonwesthollywood.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're delighted to bring back [John] Legend and LVE [Wines] at The London WeHo Rooftop for its second summer. Our poolside rooftop transforms into an al fresco dining destination. Our partnership with The DEN Meditation [enables] thoughtfully designed wellness offerings. In addition, we're introducing a monthly rooftop fitness experience with Rachel McClusky."

- GENERAL MANAGER
TERRY BUCHHOLZ

PENDRY WEST HOLLYWOOD

8430 W. Sunset Blvd.,
pendry.com

NEW FOR SUMMER:

"We're excited to launch a refreshed lineup of rooftop events at our pool and lounge, new seasonal menus at our Wolfgang Puck restaurants and an expanded program of live performances at Sun Rose, our intimate music venue. Guests can also look forward to elevated wellness offerings at Spa Pendry."

- GENERAL MANAGER
ANNE MARIE DOYLE

SUNSET TOWER HOTEL

8358 W. Sunset Blvd.,
sunsettowerhotel.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"Our new Weekend Perks offer is the perfect opportunity to experience a true L.A. weekend. Our team will coordinate your perfect itinerary, from catching a performance at the Hollywood Bowl, visiting exhibitions at LACMA or shopping on Melrose. [Plus, maitre d'] Dimitri [Dimitrov's] meticulous attention awaits at The Tower Bar."

- GENERAL MANAGER
BARBARA MARIE

THE WEST HOLLYWOOD EDITION

9040 W. Sunset Blvd.,
editionhotels.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"We're excited to announce the launch of The Roof's first-ever brunch and breakfast menu. Visitors can now

start their day with the south-of-the-border-inspired menu in the luxe dining room that overlooks sweeping views of DTLA to Santa Monica."

- GENERAL MANAGER
ROBERT THOMAS



Westlake Village Inn

WESTLAKE VILLAGE

WESTLAKE VILLAGE INN

31943 Agoura Road,
westlakevillageinn.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"At The Stonehaus, we're unveiling new featured wine flights each month, paired with live music on the patio Thursday through Sunday. Mediterraneo is adding a new Summer Sundays Brunch. We'll also be launching a new gondola experience, offering a one-of-a-kind way to take in the lake and the beautiful surroundings."

- DIRECTOR OF SALES,
MARKETING AND PR
MARIA SOLORZANO ■

SUNSET MARQUIS

1200 Alta Loma Road, sunsetmarquis.com

WHAT'S NEW:

"An independently owned and operated hotel for over 62 years, [Sunset Marquis is] hidden in the heart of West Hollywood. [Guests can] enjoy our recently renovated one-bedroom villas located in our secluded gardens, among winding pathways. [Summer is] great timing to explore our many villa packages."

- GENERAL MANAGER ROD GRUENDYKE



DAYCATIONS

EXPLORE THESE **INNOVATIVE OPTIONS** WHEN YOU WANT TO BEAT THE HEAT, LOUNGE BY A POOL, TAKE A FITNESS CLASS OR GO ON AN ADVENTURE OUTDOORS

BY DAISY LEVINE

» 'TIS THE SEASON for sun, fun and relaxation. With summer coming in hot, Los Angeles has a sparkling new roster of staycation adventures that satisfy cultural enthusiasts and pool

seekers alike. From laying in the sun at the city's most luxe rooftops to seeing the Santa Monica mountains on horseback, Angelenos can also relish in the tourism perks of their city.



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RESORTPASS

» Plan a celebrity-approved staycation at some of L.A.'s most iconic locations with ResortPass. The pool and spa day pass service grants Angelenos access to some of the city's finest hotels. Lay out at the rooftop pool at the West Hollywood Edition (shown above) or unwind in style at Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel — the longtime favorite of Elvis Presley and setting for Julia Roberts and Richard Gere in *Pretty Woman*. A day with ResortPass starts at just \$25.

» resortpass.com

2

JOHN REED FITNESS

» Known for invigorating the workout experience with a nightclub spirit, John Reed Fitness' West Hollywood branch recently unveiled its brand-new outdoor pool just in time for summer. Sit beneath bright pink umbrellas and watch the sun set on Santa Monica Boulevard after a long workout. An all-access day pass permits entry to a number of facilities, including exclusive time at the sauna, Jacuzzi and fitness classes.

» 8612 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, us.johnreed.fitness

3

AIRBNB

» Booking an Airbnb is now about more than just reserving a home to stay in. Curating innovative L.A. experiences for locals and tourists alike, the vacation masters offer excursions like a tour of the Hollywood Sign with a comedian for \$20 or admiring breathtaking outdoor artwork with famous critics. Browse Airbnb's app or website to find a myriad of bookings, from horseback riding to museum access. Of course, you can also find housing accommodations.

» airbnb.com

4

CALIFORNIA SURF CLUB

» BeachLife Festival co-founders Allen Sanford and Rob Lissner reimaged two harbor-front Redondo Beach buildings for the new California Surf Club. A coastal take on hospitality, design, music, food and culture, the membership club is accessible via day passes for \$9 per adult and \$7 per child. Because it's adjacent to the city's seasonal Seaside Lagoon, visitors can spend the day at the family-fun pool and walk up to CSC's restaurant for soft serve.

» 239 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, casurfclub.com





Disneyland Celebrates 70 Years

A yearlong celebration hits its peak this month, marking seven decades of happiness. Here's a look at a few things that make this ever-evolving park so special

by Chris Nichols

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UILDING Disneyland was an uphill battle for Walt Disney. Architects didn't understand his vision. Banks didn't want to make loans. And his business-minded brother (and partner) wanted him to reign in his spending. Yet Walt's magnificent original park, the only one that he ever got to visit and enjoy, became a global icon beloved by generations of visitors.

Today, as Disneyland celebrates its 70th anniversary, new and old are seamlessly integrated. Original rides and attractions your grandparents enjoyed (think Autopia, Jungle Cruise, Peter Pan's Flight and Mr. Toad's Wild Ride) are still as fun and popular as the latest and greatest creations (like Tiana's Bayou Adventure).

The party lasts all summer, culminating on the actual anniversary, July 17, with the debut of an entirely new show, "Walt Disney—A Magical Life," in the Main Street Opera House, where it will play alongside "Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln." The world's first Audio-Animatronic figure of the company's legendary founder will greet visitors in a recreation of his studio office and share stories and anecdotes. The advanced figure is pushing technological boundaries with lifelike materials and movements, and even has a special effect simulating the twinkle in his eye. "This has been a labor of love. It's a new world for us, new challenges," Imagineer Tom Fitzgerald told *Fortune*. "But as Walt would say, it's kind of fun to do the impossible."

Other retro comebacks include groovy orange sweatshirts from the 1960s and others with big, fun, googly-eyed Mickeys. They've also brought back those vintage "E" ticket books reimagined as mint tins and notepads. A line called the Nostalgia Collection features imagined historical items like a brown leather journal inspired by Walt's briefcase, a charm locket with a tiny portrait of the boss hiding inside and a shirt with the Disney quote: "Disneyland is the star. Everything else is in the supporting role."

Even some of the food from the past is returning for the summer. "The Hook's Galley Tuna Melt is an homage to the original tuna melt that used to be served at Chicken of the Sea restaurant when the resort first opened," Disneyland chef Esther Alonso explained

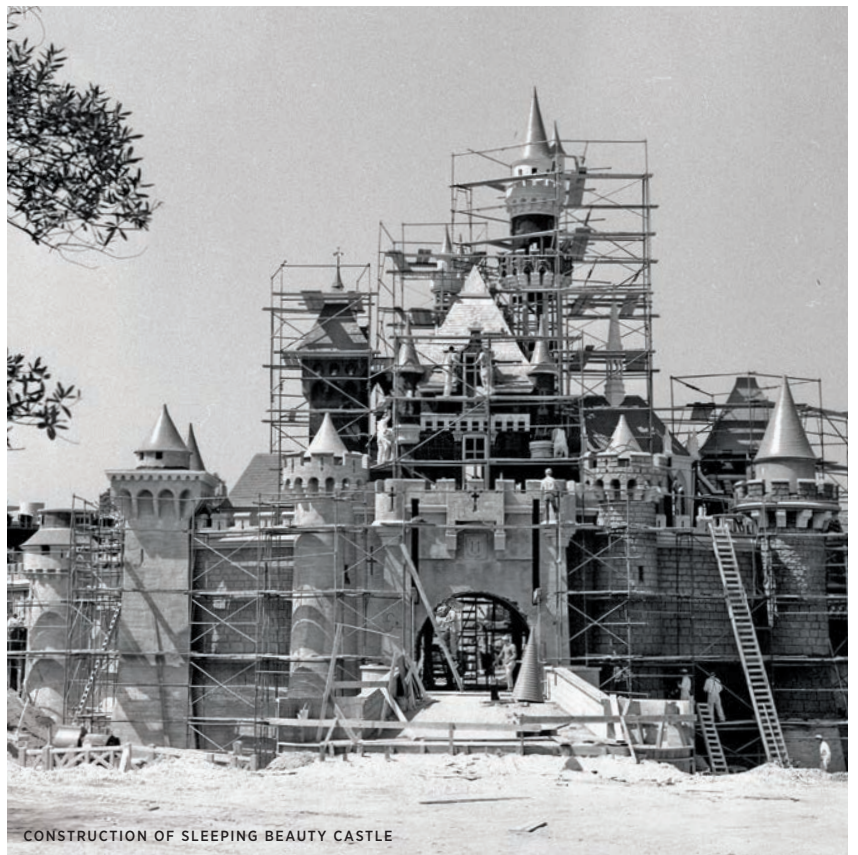




SLEEPING BEAUTY CASTLE



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CONSTRUCTION OF SLEEPING BEAUTY CASTLE

“This has been a labor of love. It’s a new world for us, new challenges. But as Walt would say, it’s kind of fun to do the impossible.”

— IMAGINEER TOM FITZGERALD



before turning her attention to a vintage-inspired dish from Frontierland. “The Fried Tamale Walking Taco is inspired by Casa de Fritos,” she continued. “Back then, we used to have two fan-favorite dishes, a Frito pie and a fried taco, and we mashed those together into this beautiful dish.”

Another new addition to the park comes from legendary songwriter Richard Sherman, who walked into Disney CEO Bob Iger’s office with a new verse for his opus, “It’s a Small World,” some 60 years after completing the original for Walt. The late legend’s 34 words about love and humanity have been added to the soundtrack. A new after-dark light show called “Tapestry of Happiness” is projected across the ride, transforming it into a brilliantly colorful memory portal featuring modern animated renditions of Pirates of the Caribbean and Walt Disney’s Enchanted Tiki Room. We even hear a snippet from “A Great Big Beautiful Tomorrow,” the Sherman Brothers theme to a ride that disappeared more than 50 years ago. The show ends with a quote from Walt

“To all who come to this happy place ... welcome!”

— WALT DISNEY

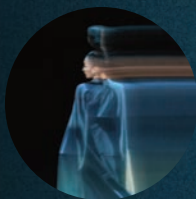
echoing around the park, “Like I say, we’re just getting started.” (Over at Disney California Adventure, visitors can also hear a recording of words spoken from Walt during the new “World of Color” show: “To all who come to this happy place ... welcome!”)

And in a new “Wondrous Journeys” show projected onto Sleeping Beauty Castle, moments from films like *Peter Pan* and *The Princess and the Frog* are among the greatest hits playing out across the façade while fireworks erupt overhead.

Nothing ever really goes away at Disneyland. It just fades in and out like a dream. ■



NORTH AMERICAN TOUR OF THE JOURNEY OF A LEGENDARY LANDSCAPE PAINTING



A MASTERPIECE OF CHINESE AESTHETICS BEYOND TIME, LANGUAGE, AND CULTURE

Presenting to the world the pinnacle of Chinese aesthetics, *A Piece of Green*, a phenomenally classic dance drama, is elaborately created by the China Oriental Performing Arts Group. It will grace the stages of four cities in North America - Vancouver, Seattle, Los Angeles, and Houston - from July 17 to August 11, 2025, embarking on a nearly - month - long North American summer tour.

Classics Breed Classics, Classics Honor Civilizations

Inspired by *A Thousand Li of Rivers and Mountains*, a long - scroll blue - and - green landscape painting from the Northern Song Dynasty and one of the treasures of the Palace Museum, this romantic dance drama tells a story that spans time and space.

Expressing China in the Most Chinese Way

A Piece of Green is regarded as the epitome of "Chinese aesthetics". Since its premiere at the National Center for the Performing Arts in Beijing in 2021, it has become a household name, especially after the "Green Waist" performance on the Spring Festival Gala in 2022. In 2023, it began its overseas journey.

Vancouver
July 17, 18
Queen Elizabeth Theatre

Seattle
July 25, 26
McCaw Hall

Los Angeles
August 1, 2
Dolby Theatre

Houston
August 9, 10
Sarafim Hall at the Hobby Center



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Pray With David

"*Pray with David* is a collection of my conversation with God through my challenges to find strength through faith and hope. It captures moments of doubt, resilience, and grace, offering prayers that uplift, heal, and inspire. Through every struggle, I seek guidance, embrace trust, and discover the unshakable peace that comes with divine love."
-Dave Ford

PrayWithDavid.com



Style Goal: Skechers x Harry Kane

Score high marks in style and comfort with Koopa casuals from the new Skechers x Harry Kane – Off Pitch collection. Inspired by the world-renowned footballer's legendary moves, the street casual brings his winning touch to every step with its sophisticated, effortless design and the brand's signature Air-Cooled Memory Foam® cushioning.

Skechers.com

In Their Orem Words

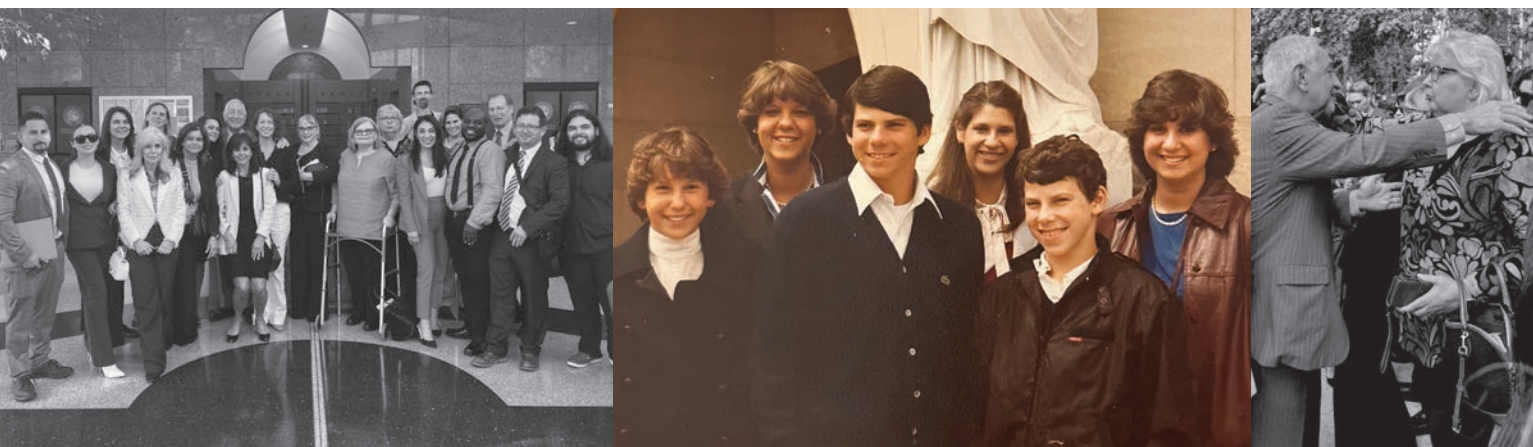
AFTER SPENDING MOST OF THEIR ADULT LIVES IN PRISON FOR COMMITTING ONE OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL DOUBLE MURDERS IN U.S. HISTORY, THE EXECUTION OF THEIR PARENTS IN BEVERLY HILLS ON A HOT AUGUST NIGHT IN 1989, LYLE AND ERIK MENENDEZ COULD BE RELEASED AS EARLY AS THIS SUMMER **By MICHELE MCPHEE**

IT'S RARE FOR ANY MURDERER TO WALK into a parole hearing with the loved ones of their victims not fighting for continued incarceration but instead, making impassioned pleas for the killers' release. But that is exactly what is expected to happen on Aug. 21, the first day of California Board of Parole Hearings for Lyle and Erik Menendez, who have spent 35 years in prison for the killings of their parents, Jose and Kitty Menendez. When they face the parole board, the brothers will have dozens of Menendez family members — and other unlikely champions — on their side. Correctional officers. A longtime law and order, lock 'em up Florida judge. Prison wardens.

Here is what the Menendez brothers told the court about their ugly past, the amends they are making in the present and their unfettered hope for their futures.

FAMILY TIES

From left: The extended Menendez family celebrates the resentencing of Lyle and Erik Menendez with their legal team, which includes Mark Geragos (also the co-owner of Engine Vision Media, the parent company of *Los Angeles*), Alexandra Kazarian of Geragos & Geragos, Cliff Gardner and others; Lyle and Erik as teenagers with the cousins who have spent years fighting for their release; Geragos hugs a Menendez family member, Kathleen Simonton.



THE LONG ROAD TO REDEMPTION

The Menendez brothers case has transfixed the nation since 1989. Here are some of the pivotal moments in the lives of the country's most infamous siblings.

AUGUST 20, 1989

Jose and Kitty Menendez are in the den of their Beverly Hills home when their sons, Lyle, then 21, and Erik, then 18, burst in and opened fire.

MARCH 8, 1990

Lyle Menendez is arrested outside the family's Beverly Hills mansion and charged with two counts of first-degree murder with special circumstances.

MARCH 11, 1990

Erik Menendez turns himself in to authorities. The brothers are told they could face the death penalty.

JULY 1993

The brothers go on trial, each with a separate jury, and detail sexual abuse they suffered from their father.

JANUARY 1994

Both juries deadlock and the trials end in mistrials.

OCTOBER 1995

The brothers' second trial begins, this time with a single jury and limited testimony about their abuse claims.

Lyle Menendez

VIDEO COURT STATEMENT, MAY 13, 2025

“ ON AUGUST 20, 1989, I killed my mom and my dad. I make no excuses and I offer no justification. I take full responsibility for my choices and for the person I was when I made those choices.

The choice to confront my dad about the abuse.

The choice to keep the family secrets instead of asking for help.

The choice to stay instead of leave.

The choice to buy guns and ammunition.

The choice to point guns at my parents and shoot them in their own home.

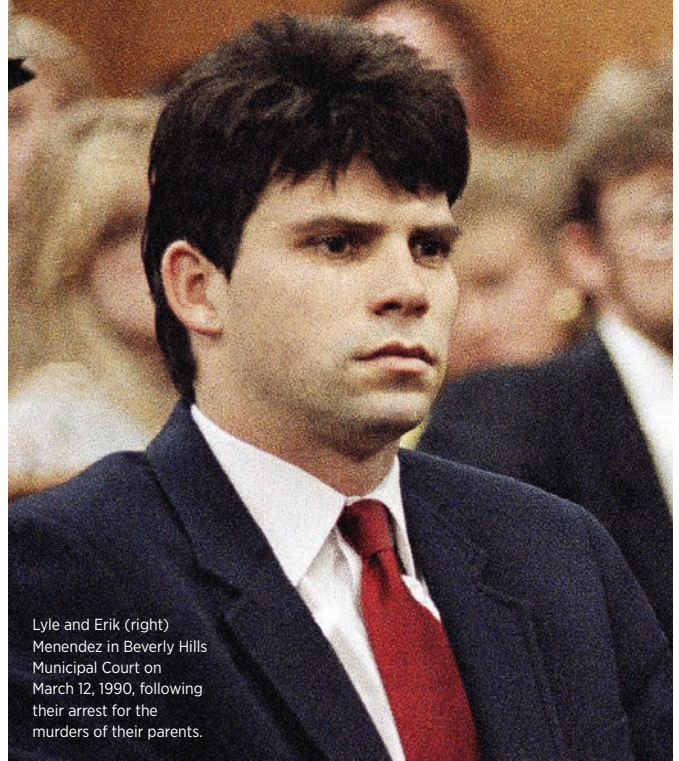
The choice to reload and return to the den and run up to my mother on the floor and shoot her again.

The choice to run and lie and hide and do anything I could to get away with these terrible crimes.

The choice to make a mockery of the criminal legal system by suborning perjury.

I have spent many years facing what I did and trying to understand who I was and why I made this horrific choice. Again, I offer no excuse or justification. I do not blame my parents. But I now understand that I was a 21-year-old who believed I could fix what could not be fixed. I was immature, impulsive, distrusting, emotionally isolated and in a codependent relationship with my little brother with whom I shared a traumatic bond. I bottled up my emotions and anger. I carried a deep shame that I hid from everyone ...

I had always relied on my father to solve the big problems in my life. I was suddenly on my own and reeling. My choice to buy guns that Friday did not come



Lyle and Erik (right) Menendez in Beverly Hills Municipal Court on March 12, 1990, following their arrest for the murders of their parents.

from logic or reason. I was scared, but I was also filled with rage ... I would not have bought a gun had I had the coping skills to process my emotions, had I taken more time to consider options, had I trusted others to help; had I made different choices, I would not have committed these crimes.

Even after I killed my father, his voice was still in my head ... I carried a deep shame. I clung to the belief that no one would believe my brother and I about the sexual abuse. I had no respect for institutions and societal norms. Without my father to solve this crisis, I was floundering and desperate. I could not accept the consequences of my actions. I felt responsible for the situation we were in, and I acted out in inexcusable ways. I am sorry for it, and for putting people in that position simply because I didn't want to face my own reality.

Today, 35 years later, I am deeply ashamed of who I was, sitting in that jail. I am thankful for Fr. Ken Deasy, who worked with me for almost two years to find the courage to speak publicly about the family secrets. He taught me to let go of expectations, the need to control results, and helped me begin to release the burden of shame ...

In 1996, I was faced with a daunting and seemingly hopeless journey: Life without the possibility of parole. I knew I deserved the suffering to come. I also knew I needed to grow up, to heal, to mature and to change. I struggled, especially in the beginning, and I am sorry for the mistakes that I made, but eventually I chose to live a life of personal growth, education and service to others. ”

THE LONG ROAD TO REDEMPTION
(CONTINUED)

MARCH 1996

The jury convicts both brothers of first-degree murder.

JULY 1996

The brothers are sentenced to life in prison without parole.

FEBRUARY 1998

A California appeals court upholds the brothers' conviction.

MARCH 2023

Roy Rosselló of the band Menudo reveals he was raped by Jose Menendez.

MAY 2023

Lawyers Mark Geragos and Cliff Gardner file a writ of habeas corpus citing new evidence that supports abuse claims from Lyle and Erik Menendez.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Netflix drama *Monsters: The Lyle and Erik Menendez Story*, co-created by Ryan Murphy and Ian Brennan, is released.

OCTOBER 2024

Los Angeles County D.A. George Gascón says he believes the brother were abused and should be “immediately paroled.” Two dozen Menendez relatives announce a coalition to push for the brothers' release.



Erik Menendez

VIDEO COURT STATEMENT, MAY 13, 2025

“ I WANT TO EXPRESS my gratitude for the opportunity to address the court and my family. It is an incredible privilege to be able to speak before the court today. I do so with deep recognition of the gravity of these proceedings and with profound sorrow for everyone in my family, all of whom are still deeply impacted by the tragedy I created.

Thirty-five years ago, on August 20, 1989, I committed an atrocious act of brutality against two people who had every right to live. I took the lives of Mary Louise Menendez and Jose Enrique Menendez, my mother and father.

My actions were criminal; they were also selfish, cruel and cowardly. I stole from my parents the right to a full life. I took from my relatives the right to share a life with my parents. I stole from the neighbors the right to a peaceful and safe community. I have no excuse, no justification for what I did; there is nothing that can make it any less wrong.

Afterwards, I tried to create an alibi at the movie theater,

I take full responsibility for my crime and blame no one else.

I was the one who reached out to my 21-year-old brother that Tuesday for help.

I was the one who convinced him that we couldn't escape.

I was the one who was too ashamed to turn to my family or anyone else for help.

I was the one who didn't trust in the police when I should have.

Instead, I bought guns, I bought ammunition and I barged into the den, where my parents were watching television. I fired all five rounds at my parents. Then I ran back out to the car to get more ammunition. Neither my brother nor I stopped until my parents were dead.

I discarded the guns and I did everything I could to get away with my crimes. I lied to police about what I had done. I lied to my family.

I am truly sorry. This crime should never have happened. My parents should be alive. They're not, and I know that's because of me ...

My crime was not just criminal and wrong and immoral, it was cruel and vicious. It was more than the murder of two people; it was the infliction of unimaginable and horrible suffering on them and everyone who loved them. I am directly responsible for it all. My choices that night robbed my parents of their full lives.

No apology could ever reduce their suffering by even a degree. Continually apologizing, I realized, was a selfish act. As much as I wanted release from my guilt and shame, there was no release from it.

For most of my life, I believed I would die in prison. The weight of a life sentence without the possibility of parole broke me. I fell into a life on the maximum-security yard, where violence and misery were routine, the only constants.

For a long time, I lost all hope.

I lost myself ...

Depression spreads like wildfire here, and when hope is gone, pain takes its place. That pain hangs over so many of us and makes it hard to grow and heal ...

In 2013, something shifted in me. It became a turning point — I was given the opportunity to serve others. I began caring for the elderly, the disabled and the terminally ill. It may seem small, but that act of service changed everything for me. I mattered to others. I had purpose ... I was part of a community. ■ [Read more at lamag.com](https://lamag.com)

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NOVEMBER 2024

California governor Gavin Newsom says he will delay his clemency ruling in connection with the brothers until incoming District Attorney Nathan Hochman, who replaced Gascón, can review the case.

FEBRUARY 2025

Hochman, who grew up in Beverly Hills, announces he will not support the petition for the Menendez brothers' resentencing.

MARCH 10, 2025

Hochman battles the Menendez brothers' defense team in court.

APRIL 11, 2025

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Jesic rules against Hochman, saying he has authority to proceed with the resentencing hearing.

MAY 13, 2025

After hearing emotional statements from each of the Menendez brothers, Jesic sentences them to 50 years to life in prison, making them immediately eligible for parole.

AUGUST 21-22, 2025

Lyle and Erik Menendez will appear in front of the California Board of Parole Hearings.

THE HOT LIST

88 Club's
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JULY

A REGULARLY UPDATED ROUNDUP OF L.A.'S MOST
ESSENTIAL EATERIES

2025

WEST

88 Club

BEVERLY HILLS » Chinese \$\$\$\$

Top Chef winner and James Beard Award-nominated chef Mei Lin (Daybird, Nightshade) and restaurateur Francis Miranda offer a modern take on Chinese dishes — think prawn and bamboo shoot wontons — in a dark, elegant dining room. 9737 S. Santa Monica Blvd., 310-968-9955, or 88clubbh.com; full bar

Beethoven Market

MAR VISTA » Italian \$\$

Open seven days a week, this neighborhood spot housed in a 1949 market serves a menu inspired by Italian simplicity. Chef Michael Leonard (Funke, Mother Wolf) is preparing salads, hand-made pastas and pizzas and roast chicken. 12904 Palms Blvd., 323-579-1391, or beethovenmarket.com; full bar

Dante

BEVERLY HILLS » Italian/Mediterranean \$\$\$

Visit for Martini Hour, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., to enjoy spectacular views, live piano music and \$10 martinis. Then, share a wood-fired pizza (like the bianca, with whipped ricotta and honey) paired with award-winning cocktails. 225 N. Canon Drive, 310-860-7989, or dantebeverlyhills.com; full bar

Din Tai Fung

SANTA MONICA » Taiwanese \$\$

The Michelin-recognized brand's sprawling new home at Santa Monica Place focuses more on aesthetics — and serves up signature soup dumplings prepared in an open kitchen within the inviting indoor-outdoor outpost. 395 Santa Monica Place, 310-737-2088, or dtf.com; full bar

Funke

BEVERLY HILLS » Italian \$\$\$

Chef Evan Funke's multistory namesake restaurant and rooftop terrace are always packed. The

THE BREAKDOWN

WEST

Includes: Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Century City, Culver City, Malibu, Marina del Rey, Mar Vista, Pacific Palisades, Palms, Santa Monica, Venice, West L.A., Westwood

DOWNTOWN

Includes: Aliso Village, Arts District, Bunker Hill, Chinatown, Historic Core, Little Tokyo, South Park

CENTRAL

Includes: Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw, Beverly Grove, East Hollywood, Fairfax District, Hancock Park, Hollywood, Jefferson Park, Koreatown, Mid City, Mid-Wilshire, Pico-Robertson, Virgil Village, West Hollywood

EAST

Includes: Atwater Village, Cypress Park, Eagle Rock, East L.A., Echo Park, Elysian Valley, Glassell Park, Glendale, Highland Park, Lincoln Heights, Los Feliz, Pasadena, San Gabriel Valley, Silver Lake

THE VALLEY

Includes: Agoura Hills, Burbank, Calabasas, Encino, North Hollywood, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Toluca Lake, Van Nuys, Woodland Hills

SOUTH

Includes: Bell, Compton, El Segundo, Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Long Beach, Manhattan Beach, Torrance, Watts

2025 Best New Restaurant Winner Has Outdoor Seating

\$ INEXPENSIVE (Meals under \$10)
\$\$ MODERATE (Mostly under \$20)
\$\$\$ EXPENSIVE (Mostly under \$30)
\$\$\$\$ VERY EXPENSIVE (\$30 and above)

Price classifications are approximate and based on the cost of a typical main course that serves one. For restaurants primarily offering multicourse family meals, the cost per person of such a meal is used.

Restaurant hours are changing frequently. Check websites or social media accounts for the most current information.

reimagined art deco building is highlighted by a 20-foot-tall glass pasta lab, where the chef hand-folds agnolotti right before your eyes. 9388 S. Santa Monica Blvd., 424-279-9796, or funkela.com; full bar

The Grill on the Alley

BEVERLY HILLS » American \$\$\$\$

This classic American steakhouse continues to charm 41 years after opening. Modeled after the great grills of New York and San Francisco in the '30s and '40s, the Grill features quality steaks and fresh local seafood. 9560 Dayton Way, 310-276-0615, or thegrillonthealley.com; full bar

Marea Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS » Italian \$\$\$\$

This sister restaurant to the New York seafood spot specializes in crudo and coastal Italian dishes. Sip specialty cocktails from the signature Onyx bar before dining inside or on the heated patio. 430 N. Camden Drive, 310-620-8463, or marearestaurant.com; full bar

Matū Kai

BRENTWOOD » Steak \$\$\$\$

Chef Scott Linder and Sushi Nozawa Group cofounder Jerry A. Greenberg work to perfect the art of cooking beef at the sibling to their Beverly Hills spot — which serves tasting menus featuring First Light Farms grass-fed wagyu. 11777 San Vicente Blvd. #134, 310-810-2501, or matusteak.com; full bar

Orla

SANTA MONICA » Mediterranean \$\$\$

Chef Michael Mina serves his native Egyptian and Mediterranean cuisine at the new Regent Santa Monica Beach hotel. Indulge in traditional dishes and his standout seafood creations, made with fresh California ingredients. 1700 Ocean Ave., 310-899-4050, or orlasantamonica.com; full bar

Seline

SANTA MONICA » American \$\$\$\$

Michelin-starred Pasjoli chef Dave Beran's most

personal project yet is a 15-to-18-course experience at this cozy 38-seat restaurant. Every detail of the rotating menu is cerebral, featuring dishes that encourage interaction and tell a story. 1700 3110 Main St., Suite 132, 424-744-8811, or selinerestaurant.com; wine

🌸 Si! Mon

VENICE » Central American \$\$\$

Walk right off the boardwalk into Panamanian chef José Carles' ultra-sexy eatery for a transporting mini escape with fiery drinks and an eclectic Central American menu. Be sure to start with the littleneck clam and umi shooters. 60 N. Venice Blvd., 310-302-0016, or si-mon.la; full bar

🌸 Zaytinya

CULVER CITY » Mediterranean \$\$\$

José Andrés brings his coastal flair to this stylish space, serving mezze, kebabs and house-made pita rooted in Turkish, Greek and Lebanese traditions. Enjoy weekday lunch or brunch on the expansive patio or at the bar. 8801 Washington Blvd., 310-356-0200, or zaytinya.com; full bar

DOWNTOWN

🌸 Asterid

BUNKER HILL » American \$\$

This modern California-leaning menu is heavy on seasonal starters. The chicken liver mousse is covered with a bouquet of grape compote, sliced pear, pickled pearl onions and mustard, and served with sliced toasted sourdough. 141 S. Grand Ave., 213-972-3535, or asteridla.com; full bar

Baroo

ARTS DISTRICT » Korean \$\$\$\$

A prix fixe menu offers a five-course, modern Korean meal based on ingredient availability that recently included dishes like a perfectly crispy filet of skate wrapped in fresh veggies with a gim gochuchanaengi sauce. A la carte options also available. 905 E. 2nd St., #109, 213-221-7967, or baroolosangeles.com; full bar

🌸 Camphor

ARTS DISTRICT » French/Indian \$\$\$\$

At this Michelin-starred French bistro, oysters are served in amaretto mignonette, and the beef tartare comes with a side of tempura-fried herbs. Chef Max Boonthanakit draws from his global upbringing and French training, and there's a monthly steak frites night. 923 E. 3rd St., Suite 109, 213-626-8888, or camphor.la; full bar

🌸 Camélia

DOWNTOWN » French \$\$\$

James Beard Award-winning duo Courtney Kaplan and Charles Namba's new Arts District eatery in the former Church & State space serves French dishes with a Japanese flair, like beef cheek with kizami wasabi and a homey pot pie. 1850 Industrial St., 213-800-9750, or cameliadtla.com; full bar

Kato

DOWNTOWN » Asian American \$\$\$

Now located at Row DTLA, chef Jon Yao's Michelin-starred restaurant explores the intersection of Los Angeles and the Asian diaspora through a 10-course tasting menu, a bar tasting menu and a la carte dishes. 777 S. Alameda St. Building 1, Suite 114, 213-797-5770, or katorestaurant.com; full bar

CENTRAL

🌸 Alba Los Angeles

WEST HOLLYWOOD » Italian \$\$\$

This stunning indoor-outdoor hot spot brings "vacation Italian" to WeHo through decadent pastas and a signature focaccia with whipped ricotta. Dine in the garden setting while sipping spritzes or selections from the 5,000-bottle wine list. 8451 Melrose Ave., 424-484-3992, or cucinaalba.com; full bar

🌸 Amour

WEST HOLLYWOOD » French \$\$\$\$

The restaurant has the air of a French brasserie with a highly romantic low-lit interior and a moody library at the entrance, as well as the iconic brick-laden patio in the back. The menu includes a la carte offerings like lavender honey duck and Colorado lamb saddle. 8715 Beverly Blvd., 424-431-6717, or amourweho.love; full bar

🌸 Budonoki

EAST HOLLYWOOD » Sushi \$\$

Once a pop-up, this Virgil Village restaurant pays homage to the izakaya culture with snacks, shared plates and oshizushi, or pressed sushi — where the ingredients are pressed into a wooden box, resulting in a square shape. Other options include kanpachi with daikon and shiso. 654 N. Virgil Ave., 323-928-2320, or budonoki.la; full bar

🌸 Carmel

FAIRFAX DISTRICT » Mediterranean \$\$

Chef Asaf Maoz has transformed the former Village Idiot space into a lively Tel Aviv-inspired eatery serving up fresh Moroccan frena and mushroom cigars late into the night. Breads are baked in-house, including a 72-hour fermented Moroccan frena. 7383 Melrose Ave., 213-516-4129, or carmelmelrose.com; full bar

🌸 Chez Mia

WEST HOLLYWOOD » French \$\$\$

Marissa Hermer's European-flared restaurant located at the famed Ago space brings Southern France to California. Enjoy patio seating and dishes like Pavé de Saumon (Ora King roasted salmon with sauce vierge). 8478 Melrose Ave., 310-909-7715, or chezmia.com; full bar

🌸 Cento Raw Bar

WEST ADAMS » Seafood \$\$\$

The second venture from Cento Pasta Bar's Avner Levi, this stylish ode to seafood features inventive dishes, including a shellfish tower topped with shiso-uni tacos, a lobster melt and cold uni pasta with shredded crab. 4919 W. Adams Blvd., 323-795-0330, or cento.group; full bar

🌸 Ètra

MELROSE HILL » Italian \$\$\$

Italian drives this neighborhood eatery, boasting a menu from chef Evan Algorri (NYC darlings Lupa and Bouley) that includes carne cruda with garlic chips, rigatoni gricia with pecorino romano and onion soubise and a bavette Nerano with poached mussels. 737 N. Western Ave., 323-672-8606, or etra.la; beer and wine

Florence Osteria & Piano Bar

BEVERLY GROVE » Italian \$\$\$

Francesco Zimone, behind the U.S. locations of Lantica Pizzeria da Michele, brings Tuscan flavors to the previous Nic's On Beverly space. Feast on pastas, arancini and wood-fired seafood while a pianist plays. 8265 Beverly Blvd., 323-413-2213, or florenceosteria.com; full bar

CHEF FAVORITES



NOEMI MERLOS

THE EXECUTIVE CHEF OF
MASTRO'S OCEAN CLUB NAMES
HER TOP DISHES IN MALIBU

» After a five-month closure due to the wildfires, Mastro's Ocean Club Malibu (mastrosrestaurants.com) reopened its doors on Friday, May 30. The more aquatic outpost of the famed steakhouse brand made its debut in 2014 at 18412 Pacific Coast Highway, and serves seafood favorites like lobster mashed potatoes and a raw bar tower of chilled crab legs, shrimp and oysters over a cloud of dry-ice — alongside prime steaks, live entertainment and ocean views. In honor of the beachside staple's return, executive chef Noemi Merlos names her favorite dishes from neighboring spots that also survived the unprecedented crisis.

Famous House Dip Taverna Tony

» "It's a great app to start your dinner: whipped, creamy and buttery, so smooth. It's served with fresh, warm pita straight out of the oven. Simple and amazing! [It's] a signature must-try." \$13.95, Malibu Country Mart, 23410 Civic Center Way, Malibu, tavernatony.com

Breakfast Burrito

Lily's Malibu

» "I love this place. They are Salvadoran so we share the same ethnicity. Their breakfast burrito is to die for: It includes their homemade refried beans and their famous green salsa,

which they sell in jars and [you can] take some home with you!" \$16, Point Dume Village, 29211 Heathercliff Road, Malibu, lilysmalibu.com

Signature Seabass Tacos Pita 'Bu

» "Talia, our director of events, stumbled upon this place. We got the fried seabass tacos with a fennel, arugula and radish slaw. The taste is so fresh, and the sauce is definitely a secret recipe, so if you want something quick and refreshing, check it out." \$22, 22935 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, thepitabu — JASMIN ROSEMBERG

☀️ Ka'teen

HOLLYWOOD » Mexican \$\$\$

Wes Avila made a name for himself Downtown with Guerilla Tacos and Angry Egret Dinette prior to opening this chic, Yucatán-inspired spot. Dishes include potato taquitos with avocado salsa and lamb neck barbacoa.

Hollywood VOLUME, 6516 Selma Ave., 323-410-6360, or kateenla.com; full bar

Koast Melrose

HOLLYWOOD » Seafood \$\$\$

Chef Kevin Meehan of Michelin-starred Kali is focusing on seafood — like lobster-baked manicotti and scallop cakes — at this intimate 60-seat eatery designed with Nordic and Japanese influences. 6623 Melrose Ave., 213-262-1711, or koastrestraurant.com; beer and wine

❁ Ladyhawk

WEST HOLLYWOOD » Mediterranean \$\$\$

Dishes at this Eastern Mediterranean restaurant from *Top Chef* Middle East & North Africa champion Charbel Hayek include an aged duck informed by his past work in restaurants like Josiah Citrin's Mélisse, and a more traditional roast chicken. 623 N. La Peer Drive, 213-296-3036, or ladyhawkrestaurant.com; full bar

Meteora

HANCOCK PARK » Eclectic \$\$\$

Chef Jordan Kahn's Meteora is about rediscovery. A vegetable option includes fire-cooked stone fruit served with crispy brassica leaves, grilled roses, quark, cured duck breast and lettuce leaves for wrapping. There's a perfectly grilled sea bream wrapped in banana leaf. 6703 Melrose Ave., 323-402-4311, or meteora.la; full bar

☀️ MXO

WEST HOLLYWOOD » Mexican \$\$\$

Guerrilla Tacos chef Wes Avila pays homage to his heritage and travels with Mexican-Californian inspired dishes. Try the Cowboy (a 20-ounce bone-in ribeye) and crispy papas bravas. 826 N. La Cienega Blvd., 323-805-0696, or mxorestaurant.com; full bar

☀️ Saffy's

EAST HOLLYWOOD » Middle Eastern \$\$\$

Chef Ori Menashe would serve this shawarma, plus lamb, pork and chicken kebabs cooked on a wood-burning stove, to guests in his home. Chef Genevieve Gergis' pastry menu includes the best soft-serve around. 4845 Fountain Ave., 424-699-4845, or saffysla.com; full bar

Somerville

VIEW PARK/WINDSOR HILLS » American \$\$

Issa Rae, along with GVO Hospitality's Yonnie Hagos and Ajay Relan of Hilltop Coffee + Kitchen, opened this supper club lounge focused on good music and elevated food, honoring the Jazz scene. 4437 W. Slauson Ave., 323-815-1505, or somervilleslauson.com; full bar

Stella West Hollywood

WEST HOLLYWOOD » Italian \$\$\$

The bright 8,000-square-foot bilevel space conjures the "sexiness" of 1950s Italy, with terrazzo floors and sultry booths. Specialties include winter heirloom tomatoes, spicy squid-ink lorighittas and grilled mozzarella on top of a lemon leaf. 8899 Beverly Blvd., 213-916-0996, or stellawesthollywood.com; full bar

❁ Uchi West Hollywood

WEST HOLLYWOOD » Sushi \$\$\$

WeHo's former Palm restaurant is now a Zen

garden by Hai Hospitality. Try James Beard Award-winning chef Tyson Cole's sake tom kha — salmon with coconut — and new L.A. items such as tempura with veggies. 9001 Santa Monica Blvd., 310-708-4808, or uchirestaurants.com; full bar

EAST

Bar Etoile

MELROSE HILL » American \$\$\$

Natural wine store Domaine LA owner Jill Bernheimer and manager Julian Kurland (also of The Rose) created this cozy spot inspired by their favorite Paris haunts — where chef Travis Hayden (Rustic Canyon) puts a current spin on bistro classics. 632 N. Western Ave., 323-380-5040, or baretoile.com; full bar

☀️ Bar Siesta

SILVER LAKE » Spanish \$\$

Botanica's Heather Sperling and Siesta Co.'s Lucía Flors and Carlos Leiva are imparting Spanish culture with their new bistro. Enjoy tapas like fresh ensaladas, crispy croquetas and much more. 1710 Silver Lake Blvd., 323-284-8325, or barsiesta.co; full bar

Belle's Delicatessen and Bar

HIGHLAND PARK » American \$\$

Belle's Bagels is now Nick Schreiber and J.D. Rocchio's all-day deli and bar — still offering egg and cheese sandwiches alongside schnitzel, latkes and pickle martinis. 5022 York Blvd., 323-739-6336, or bellesbagels.com; full bar

❁ Bar Sinizki

ATWATER VILLAGE » American \$\$\$

Chef Scott Zwiezen's all-day café serves everything from eggs to a burger to pan-European favorites like handmade pierogies — plus coffee drinks, wine and cocktails. 3147 Glendale Blvd., 323-284-8419, or sinizki.com; full bar

Barra Santos

CYPRESS PARK » Portuguese \$\$\$

The team behind Found Oyster brings this adorable Portuguese wine bar with a concise menu of traditional dishes like salt cod fritters, head-on prawns in garlic vinho verde and confit chicken piri-iri. The food is best enjoyed at the earth-toned bar area, paired with Spanish or Portuguese wine. 1215 Cypress Ave., barrasantosla.com; full bar

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Donna's

ECHO PARK » Italian \$\$\$

Enjoy Italian-American classics with Cali ingredients. Whipped ricotta, chili oil and pecorino Romano are the perfect combo in the fusilli alla vodka, and the spaghetti alla Norma stars eggplant, pomodoro, basil and ricotta salata. 1538 W. Sunset Blvd., 213-266-8132, or donnasla.com; full bar

Dunsmoor

GLASSELL PARK » Southern American \$\$

Processed foods are eliminated at Brian

Dunsmoor's restaurant, where his devotion to "heritage cookery" is on full display and activity centers on a wood-fired hearth. 3501 Eagle Rock Blvd., 323-686-6027, or dunsmoor.la; beer and wine

Encanto

LOS FELIZ » Mexican \$\$\$

With its dark and moody interior, Encanto is a welcome addition to the neighborhood, with California-Mexican dishes like dry-aged whole branzino with mole verde and thyme as well as a steady flow of mezcal margaritas. 2121 Hillhurst Ave., 323-741-0140, or encanto.la; full bar

☀️ Highly Likely

HIGHLAND PARK » Cafe \$\$

Unlike the original location in West Adams, this cafe does a full about-face from counter service to table service at 5 p.m., when the menu expands to add a burger with Parmesan peppercorn sauce and hearty tarragon salmon. 5526 N. Figueroa St., 323-207-1770, or itshighlylikely.com; full bar

☀️ Holy Basil Atwater

ATWATER VILLAGE » Thai \$\$

After serving their Bangkok and Central Thai street food out of a walk-up window, Thailand-born chefs Tongkamal "Joy" Yuon and Wedchayan "Deau" Arpapornnopparat expanded to this indoor-outdoor space with a more robust menu. 3170 Glendale Blvd., Unit C., 323-283-9883, or holybasildtla.com; full bar

☀️ The Hummingbird

ECHO PARK » Peruvian-Japanese \$\$

The latest restaurant from Lima-born chef Ricardo Zarate (Mo-Chica, Picca) is a cozy ceviche house serving his signature Japanese-Peruvian ("Nikkei") cooking. Pair ceviche and hand rolls with non-alcoholic drinks. 1600 N. Alvarado St., 213-929-9610, or thehummingbirdla.com; full bar

Justine's Wine Bar

ELYSIAN VALLEY » Vegan \$\$

The owner of Just What I Kneaded bakery opened a vegan natural wine bar that includes selections from Santa Barbara to varietals from France, Austria and beyond. 2029 Blake Ave. #104, 626-512-0295, @justineswinebar; wine

☀️ Laya

HOLLYWOOD » Middle Eastern \$\$\$

Top Chef star and Ladyhawk chef Charbel Hayek scores another win with this homage to his native Beirut. From a stunning outdoor dining area, enjoy kebabs or warm pita with his signature beet root hummus. 1430 N. Cahuenga Blvd., 323-463-0006, or layarestaurant.com; full bar

☀️ Loreto

ELYSIAN VALLEY » Mexican Seafood \$\$\$

Raw seafood is Loreto's calling card. Spicy shrimp aguachile with avocado balances a sweet paloma cocktail. The menu transitions to tostadas and botanas, or snacks, like a fried-prawn taco with pineapple and aioli, and the desserts are inventive. 1991 Blake Ave., or loreto.la.; full bar

☀️ Mirate

LOS FELIZ » Mexican \$\$\$

Mirate grinds its own masa for tortillas and uses grain from the Tehachapi Heritage Grain Project. Thick-cut yucca fries come drenched in cheesy, meaty queso. Bowls of hamachi

aguachile ceviche with black lime and tomatillo are fresh and bright, and pair nicely with a frothy sour papaya tequila cocktail. 1712 N. Vermont Ave., 323-649-7937, or mirate.la; full bar

Pez Coastal Kitchen PASADENA » Seafood \$\$\$\$

Chef Bret Thompson and Lucy Thompson-Ramirez — the husband-and-wife duo behind DTLA's modern Mexican favorite Pez Cantina and L.A. Burrito Co. in Montebello — are serving cured, smoked and dry-aged seafood. 61 N. Raymond Ave., 626-210-0775, or pezpasadena.com; full bar

Pijja Palace SILVER LAKE » Indian-American \$

Indian-American restaurateur Avish Naran brings pizza and pasta featuring the flavors of his childhood to a strip mall sports bar. The menu includes Malai rigatoni with tomato masala sauce, pizza topped with chicken tikka and cardamom-and-cookies soft serve. 2711 W. Sunset Blvd., or pijjapalace.com; full bar

Queen St. EAGLE ROCK » Seafood \$\$\$

Named after a street in Charleston, S.C., this raw bar-focused sister restaurant to Found Oyster has massive seafood platters stuffed with clams, ceviche, shrimp, tuna tartare and more, as well as Southern bites like deviled blue crab fritters and grilled and smothered pork chops. 4701 York Blvd., queenstla.com; beer and wine

Rasarumah

HISTORIC FILIPINOTOWN » Malaysian \$\$
Inside this former brasserie factory, chef Johnny Lee (Pearl River Deli) and Last Word Hospitality (Barra Santos, Found Oyster) are celebrating Malaysian cuisine with satay skewers, fried chicken and more. 3107 Beverly Blvd., 213-459-3107, or rasarumah.com; beer and wine

THE VALLEY

Avi Cue STUDIO CITY » Israeli \$

Located in the mini-mall that housed the original Sugarfish, this tiny shop stands out with its rotating stack of wagyu beef, an elevated shawarma, if you will. An explosion of tahini and veggies are ground into patties, stuffed in pita and toasted for flavor-bomb arayes. 11288 Ventura Blvd., @avi_cue; no alcohol

Black Market Liquor Bar STUDIO CITY » New American \$\$

Top Chef graduate Antonia Lofaso's Italian chops are visible in the buxom ricotta gnudi with brown butter and pistachios. The deep-fried fluffernutter sandwich is a reminder that food, like life, should not be taken too seriously. 11915 Ventura Blvd., 818-446-2533, or blackmarketliquorbar.com; full bar

Bo-Re-Kas SHERMAN OAKS » Israeli \$\$

The best savory Sephardic pastries in town, oozing with fungi, onion & truffle and potato &

brown butter, can be found in the Valley. The winner here is the cultured cheese with za'atar. 15030 Ventura Blvd., 818-688-4588, or @bo.re.kas; also at 5530 Van Nuys Blvd.; no alcohol

The Brothers Sushi WOODLAND HILLS » Sushi \$\$\$

This hidden gem, reinvigorated when chef Mark Okuda took the helm in 2018, is worth traveling for. The excellent omakase is available in the restaurant, on the patio or to go. You can order a la carte or get non-sushi items. 21418 Ventura Blvd., 818-456-4509, or thebrotherssushi.com; beer, sake and wine

Casaléna WOODLAND HILLS » Italian \$\$\$

This expansive restaurant is a private-party mainstay thanks to a gorgeous interior and dishes like wagyu meatballs, spicy soppressata pizzas and uni-laced seafood spaghetti. 22160 Ventura Blvd., 818-704-1185, or casalena.la; full bar

Osteria La Buca SHERMAN OAKS » Italian \$\$\$

Handmade pasta is this Italian eatery's specialty, as well as pizzas with such toppings as soppressata or fennel sausage. The popular spaghetti cacio pepe is a must, but so is the equally delectable short rib ravioli or bucatini carbonara. 14235 Ventura Blvd., 818-456-1216, or osterialabuca.com; full bar

Petit Trois Le Valley SHERMAN OAKS » French \$\$\$

The French brasserie opened its Valley outpost

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Yume Sushi Bar CALABASAS » Japanese \$\$\$

The popular Studio City restaurant now has a loungier location in Old Town Calabasas — offering its classic sushi rolls, sashimi and kushiyaki paired with a new menu of Japanese-inspired cocktails, rare sakes and whiskies served in a minimalist space with patio seating. 23536 Calabasas Road, 818-572-0221, or yumesushibar.com; full bar

SOUTH

AttaGirl HERMOSA BEACH » Mediterranean \$\$\$

Legendary Fishing With Dynamite chef David LeFevre combos with longtime team member Alice Mai on this bright California-Mediterranean fusion spot near the Hermosa Beach Pier. 1238 Hermosa Ave., 424-600-2882, or attagirla.com; full bar

L'antica Pizzeria da Michele LONG BEACH » Italian \$\$\$

The Neapolitan pizza place Julia Roberts made famous in *Eat, Pray, Love* has drawn

throng of foodies. The pizzas — margherita, bianca, pesto — are not to be missed. 4621 2nd St., 562-248-2320, or damichelusa.com; full bar

Little Coyote LONG BEACH » Pizza \$\$

That most amazing slice of pizza you had that one very drunken night in New York lives on ... in Long Beach. The crust is carby perfection: tangy, crispy, thin but with a healthy puff. 2118 E. 4th St., 562-434-2009, or littlecoyotelb.com; also at 3500 Los Coyotes Diagonal, 562-352-1555; beer and wine

Marlena LONG BEACH » Mediterranean \$\$\$

While the cuisine is Mediterranean, the menu leans more toward Italy in dishes like grilled Spanish octopus and honey squash pizza. California's influence creeps in with gluten-free, vegan and vegetarian options. 5854 E. Naples Plaza, 562-203-1500, or marlena-longbeach.com; full bar

Nonna Mercato LONG BEACH » French/Italian \$\$

This artisan bakery and pastaio prioritizes a traditional experience with comforting fare such as cacio e pepe spaghetti and heirloom tomato panzanella. The organic grains used in the handmade bread come straight from local farmers. 3722 Atlantic Ave., 562-595-1100, or nonnamercato.com; no alcohol

Ryla HERMOSA BEACH » Eclectic \$\$\$\$

Start a meal with Hokkaido milk bread with fish roe-nori spread and move on to the grilled New Zealand Tai snapper that comes in a pool of lime-coconut broth with mussels, daikon and Fresno chiles. 1220 Hermosa Ave., 424-247-9881, or eatryla.com; full bar

Sushi Sonagi GARDENA » Sushi \$\$\$\$

This weekend-only, omakase-only eight-seat sushi spot in a South Bay strip mall has become one of the hottest tickets in the city thanks to chef Daniel Son, who imbues each menu with tastes of Japan, Korea and beyond. 1425 Artesia Blvd., Unit 27, @[sushi.sonagi](https://twitter.com/sushi.sonagi); beer, wine and sake

Tomat WESTCHESTER » American \$\$\$

California natives and spouses Harry Posner and Natalie Dial are serving seasonal dishes with European, Japanese and Persian influences — like Barbari bread with roasted tomato butter and sashimi with English mustard — by LAX, where Dial has roots. 6261 W. 87th St., 213-548-6188, or tomat.la; full bar

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## What happened to Pee-wee Herman's bike?



**CUT TO THE CHASE**  
Pee-wee rides his bike to freedom in *Pee-wee's Big Adventure*.

**A:** It's at the Alamo ... in the basement! Actually, the radically customized midcentury cruiser from *Pee-wee's Big Adventure* on display underground at New York's Alamo Drafthouse Cinema is a replica — one of many.

Fourteen vintage 1946-1953 Schwinn DX bikes were sourced from Pedal Pusher bike shop in Newport Beach for the 1985 film. Prop master Steven Levine had them rigged for special effects

(like spewing oil and swinging from a vine) and crafted the tchotchkes, saddlebags and tiger horns specified by Paul Reubens and Tim Burton. The budget only allowed for a handful of bikes to be completely outfitted, with parts being interchanged on set.

"At the end of the film, they had me put them all in

a bungalow," Levine says. "Paul got at least one and the others were taken from that bungalow." We tracked down six survivors and are chasing rumors of more.

Two authentic cycles are with collectors in the Midwest, including Dan Lanigan, who hosted the Disney+ show *Prop Culture*. "If you watch the film,"

he says, "the details are constantly changing ... different pieces in different scenes." Two sold at auction this spring for north of \$125,000 each (at Van Eaton Galleries and Propstore) and two are in museums, The Bicycle Museum of America in Ohio and The Hollywood Museum on Highland Avenue.

Next month, the Hollywood Schwinn will join the treasures at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures on Wilshire Boulevard, where it will live alongside R2-D2 and the ruby slippers of Oz as icons of Hollywood fantasy. ■

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● LOVE IT or hate it, the scene in *La La Land* where Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone walk across Pasadena's Colorado Street Bridge sure makes it look romantic. Who wouldn't enjoy a glamorous promenade along that spectacular span, nearly as old as the Titanic? Saunter alongside those glowing Edwardian-era lamps as the sun sets over Eagle Rock at the Colorado Street Bridge Party on July 19. The actual bridge is not super pedestrian friendly, but for one day, enjoy it closed to traffic and filled with food and live music and a classic car show. Stroll to your hearts content and raise a few bucks to help Pasadena Heritage, the nonprofit that worked to save and restore it. Some couples will likely bring customized padlocks to join the dozens already on the fence à la the love lock bridge in Paris. [pasadenaheritage.org](http://pasadenaheritage.org)

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