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Visit California is pleased to present this newsletter describing new developments taking place throughout the Golden State. Please note that dates listed are subject to change. Confirm with appropriate media contacts listed after each entry.

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# 2020 California Visitor's Guide inspires travel ideas throughout the Golden State

## Discover insider travel tips, epicurean adventures, surfing legends and more

The all-new 2020 California Visitor's Guide is available free of cost on Visit California's website and available at select newsstands. Full of informative and inspirational content, the 196-page annual guide is a great resource for potential travelers as they plan their next California vacation.

The cover of the guide features iconic entertainer Steve Martin, who in an exclusive interview reflects on his time in the Golden State and discusses his new song, "California," a whimsical, banjo-driven homage to Los Angeles.

California's vibrant culinary scene is showcased in this year's guide as well, featuring "3 Epic Culinary Road Trips" around the state with recommendations from culinary icons and Michelin-starred chefs including Dominique Crenn (Atelier Crenn), Niki Nakayama (n/naka) and Nancy Silverton (Pizzeria Mozza).

The magazine also includes a tribute to surfing, the state's official sport. "California Surf Culture: An A-to-Z Guide" takes readers up and down the coast, highlighting many of the key attractions, destinations and people who helped establish surfing as an international phenomenon.

Other features within the publication include an insider's guide to nine family-friendly attractions ("How to Hack California Theme Parks"); an interactive decision tree designed to help match readers with the perfect winter resort ("Choose Your Ultimate Snow Getaway"); an "Explore" section that emphasizes the latest and greatest experiences available to visitors; and richly detailed directories for each of the state's 12 distinct regions.

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

### AVALON

## Historic Hotel Atwater Reopens After Extensive Renovation

The Catalina Island Company recently reopened the 95-room historic Hotel Atwater, which celebrates its centennial this year, after a major makeover. Located just off the Southern California coast on Catalina Island, the completely revitalized property offers modern amenities and a new design that embraces the future and the Wrigley family legacy. This design features nostalgic elements throughout the hotel, from vases filled with fragrant carnations to complimentary splits of sparkling wine in every room. Decorative elements including the original Wrigley family safe, books of family history and an accordion and harp. New fully equipped meeting and event space allows for gatherings of up to 49 people.

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### COACHELLA

## Hotel Indigo Coachella Takes the Stage

Hotel Indigo Coachella recently debuted, offering visitors an exciting new accommodations option when attending the area's iconic music festival and ongoing events. The upscale, full-service property occupies a 35-acre site along Hwy 11 between Indio and Coachella and reflects the region throughout. The concept draws inspiration from the storied destination, from distinctive design to farm-to-table restaurant. Guests can kick back in casita-style rooms before heading to the 10,000-square-foot pool where a fashion runway and a DJ stage aim to offer the best party in town. The hotel's grass-covered Playground will host everything from private music festivals and art exhibitions to local events. Those looking to rejuvenate after partying can visit the hotel's spa, health club or yoga studio.

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### GILROY

## Hampton Inn & Suites to Open in Gilroy

A new Hampton Inn & Suites will be opening in Gilroy in spring of 2020. The new 103-bed hotel will be conveniently located just off Highway 101 on Travel Park Circle, just three miles from Gilroy Premium Outlets. The hotel is also close to wineries, golf courses, historic downtown Gilroy, and Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park. WiFi and hot breakfast are included in your stay along with access to a fitness center and outdoor heated pool. Each room includes a comfortable bed, microwave, mini fridge and coffee maker.

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### GREATER LOS ANGELES

## Hotel Boom Continues Across Los Angeles

Los Angeles will welcome a variety of new hotels this year, from hip boutique hotels and major brand resorts to budget friendly properties. This winter Proper Hotels will open a second Southern California property in downtown, featuring 151 rooms as well as a rooftop pool and two restaurants overseen by James Beard Award-winning duo, Suzanne Goin and Caroline Styne. This spring AccorHotels' Fairmont badge will take over the landmark Century Plaza hotel when the property is redeveloped. Scheduled to open next April, the hotel will boast 394 rooms. The 94-room Hotel Mariposa, a new-build upscale-boutique hotel, will open in Sherman Oaks with an eco-conscious, wellness emphasis. Marriott International's Aloft lifestyle brand will enter Glendale in November with a 90-room new-build hotel on Brand Boulevard. Hilton will bring its Hampton Inn & Suites brand to Koreatown's West 3rd Street in late 2020 with a 171-room hotel.

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### HOLLYWOOD

## Two Lifestyle Hotels to Premiere in Hollywood

Two trendy lifestyle hotel brands will take the spotlight this year, including Thompson Hotels, Thompson Hollywood. Scheduled to open this spring, the new-build property will debut on Wilcox Avenue between Hollywood and Sunset Boulevards. The 200-room hotel, to be built by Dream Hollywood developer Relevant Group, will boast a rooftop deck with a pool. This summer Hyatt's Tommie Hotels will open, specializing in micro-suites. Relevant Group will also develop this 212-room property, located near Hollywood's Cahuenga Corridor.

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## LOS ANGELES

## Iconic Mondrian Los Angeles Unveils \$19 Million Redesign

Leading international lifestyle hospitality group sbe recently revealed the \$19 million makeover of the Mondrian Los Angeles. Nestled atop the hills of West Hollywood on Sunset Boulevard the luxury hotel now features 236 redesigned rooms—including its signature Skyview Loft and Penthouse—complete with a new lobby and upgraded meeting spaces and fitness center. The spacious accommodations boast floor-to-ceiling windows, marble bathrooms and signature 24-hour room service.

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## Wayfarer Hotel

Downtown Los Angeles continues to surge in popularity and in 2020 the community-focused boutique Wayfarer DTLA debuts. The property brings a social focus with its distinct restaurants, communal guest-hosted cooking and dining space, underground and rooftop bars and even shared room options.

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## Portola Hotel & Spa

The Four-Diamond property along Monterey Bay will unveil a multi-million dollar property renovation in spring 2020. All 379-guest rooms will reflect the hotel's stunning coastal location while honoring the historic roots of Monterey with traditional Hispanic styles and patterns. Public spaces are also being updated, from the carpet and wall coverings in the meeting rooms to the replacement of the furniture in the elevator landings.

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## NEWPORT

## Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort Makes a Splash

The iconic family friendly Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina recently debuted an exciting refurbishment. Nestled along the Back Bay of Newport Beach, the resort's new features include updated beachfront cottages, a resort-style pool complex, expanded Inflatable Water Park and an enhanced cafe menu with beachfront communal lounge addition. The pool area now offers a children's pool and a second hot tub, as well as private cabanas and a large lounge area where guests can converse around a fire pit.

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## NEW CUYAMA

## Cuyama Buckhorn, the Must Visit Getaway to Put on Your List for 2020

Cuyama Buckhorn, a timeless roadside inn and restaurant is sure to become the next "it" destination for an intimate off-the-beaten-path getaway located in the heart of California's high desert within Santa Barbara County approximately 2.5 hours from Los Angeles. Cuyama Buckhorn has been re-opened by Los Angeles-based designers and the owners of ID Group, Ferial Sadeghian and Jeff Vance. The 21 guest rooms have been designed to bring clean, comfortable elegance to The Hidden Valley of Enchantment with modern amenities like free WiFi and Bluetooth radios, complete with custom-built furniture. Vintage accents, with a nod to the property's mid-century history, add a classic feel to these modern, updated rooms. The property also boasts a choice of rooms and spaces for hosting private events, retreats, and weddings for up to 120 people.

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## OAKLAND

## New Hotel Lands at Oakland International Airport

Springhill Suites by Marriott Oakland Airport recently opened by Oakland International Airport, featuring 134 suites—including 67 with king beds and 67 with double king beds. The full-service property offers vibrant common spaces, including a lobby, British restaurant, lounge, 24/7 business center and market, a fully equipped fitness center, a heated pool, patio and fire pit and event space with catering. Guests can enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast buffet, Wi-Fi, shuttle to and from the airport and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Coliseum Station. Spacious, stylish suites feature west elm® furnishings, 3-in-1 trundle sleep sofa, dry-bar, spa-like bathroom, Netflix, YouTube, and Pandora.

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## ORANGE COUNTY

## New Hotels Coming to Orange County

Orange County's hotel scene continues to expand with the new JW Marriott Anaheim Resort, scheduled to open in February 2020. The property, adjacent to the Gardenwalk entertainment and shopping center, offers easy access to Disneyland Resort. The Inn at the Mission, San Juan Capistrano—part of Marriott's Autograph Collection—aims to debut in March 2020, featuring 125 hacienda style guest rooms with seven luxury suites, 40,000 square feet of master-planned indoor and outdoor event space, and a 2,500 square foot spa with four dedicated treatment rooms. The Coffee House serves La Colombe specialty coffees, Spanish style tapas and craft cocktails. The property overlooks the ruins of the mission church.

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## ORCUTT

## Old Orcutt Welcomes First Hotel

The Wine Stone Inn, Old Orcutt's first hotel, recently opened, featuring a country-meets-industry vibe, coupled with luxury 4-star guest rooms and a residence style décor that complements the local charm. Guests of the 12-room boutique hotel can enjoy complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily and a beautiful spread done by Cups and Crumbs every morning.

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## AC Hotel Pleasanton Arrives in Tri-Valley

Following a \$20-million transformation, the AC Hotel Pleasanton just arrived in Northern California's Tri-Valley. The design-driven lifestyle hotel embraces the AC brand's sophisticated, modern design, with sleek, custom furnishings with warm, neutral tones, 171-reimagined guest rooms and suites, a new pool deck and outdoor pavilion, engaging communal spaces and cross-functional indoor and outdoor venue spaces. Drawing design inspiration from the destination's surrounding nature of verdant trees and notable vineyards, the property offers a unique sense of place through its custom artwork and expertly executed food and beverage programming.

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## SAN FRANCISCO

## The Clift Royal Sonesta Hotel Introduces Fredericks Eatery

The Clift Royal Sonesta Hotel will unveil its new Fredericks Eatery in March 2020, with a menu that complements the famed Redwood Room's offerings. A beautiful black and white floor, like what adorned the space in the 1920s, inspires the rest of the décor, which merges the classic design of the original restaurant with the feel of modern-day San Francisco. The brasserie will serve cuisine by Chef Dan Corey, formerly of Michelin Star LUCE, as well as a high-end coffee program, gourmet pastries and snack and full bar. The bistro will include an area for quick takeaway orders.

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## SAN FRANCISCO

## YOTEL SF

The micro-hotel YOTEL chain debuted its first adaptive reuse project in San Francisco's historic Grant Building which will soon feature a rooftop terrace and bar on the 10th floor. The hotel is the West Coast's first aviation inspired hotel and weaves the building's historical architectural elements with a future-forward design including the brand's first sky cabin room category.

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## WEST HOLLYWOOD

## Pendry Brand to Launch in West Hollywood

Pendry, the Montage Hotels & Resorts offshoot brand that debuted in San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter in February 2017, will make its Los Angeles-area entry in 2020. The new-build luxury Pendry West Hollywood hotel, located at the Sunset Strip site formerly occupied by House of Blues, will feature 149 rooms, 40 luxury condominiums, a restaurant, a live-entertainment venue and a bowling alley.

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## WINTERS

## Hotel Winters Coming to Yolo County

Visitors to Sacramento and Napa Valley wine country can now book the new Hotel Winters, boasting 78 oversized guestrooms, high ceilings, rooftop bar, custom water lounge, and full-service spa. Located in downtown Winters in Yolo County, the hotel offers quick access to local celebrated restaurants, regional wine tasting rooms and unique shops. The property provides luxury accommodations just 25 miles from the Sacramento International Airport and at the beginning of Highway 128, which serves as the eastern gateway to Napa Valley wine country.

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## CULINARY

### CAMINO

## Edio Vineyards Tasting Room Coming to Delfino Farms

Delfino Farms has been a SLO institution since its founding by Edio Delfino in the 1960s. In spring 2020 his grandchildren take the farm to a new level with the addition of the Edio Vineyards tasting room featuring the winery's first vintages of Rhone varietals, Albarino, Primitivo and Cabernet Sauvignon.

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### CARLSBAD

## Jeune et Jolie Makes Esquire's Best New Restaurants in America 2019 List

Jeune et Jolie, Carlsbad's new-wave French restaurant whose name translates to "young and beautiful," earned a firm place on Esquire's Best New Restaurants of 2019—a list of only 21 restaurants. Jeune et Jolie offers a globally inspired French menu, exploratory cocktail menu, and impeccable interiors designed by Bells and Whistles. The Carlsbad eatery is the latest restaurant bringing the spotlight to reimagining of State Street, along with its sister restaurant Campfire two blocks south, which won Bib-Gourmand status from the California Michelin Guide earlier this year.

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### CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

## Carmel-by-the-Sea Dishes Up New Indie Eateries

Carmel-by-the-Sea's culinary renaissance continues with new independent restaurants popping up throughout the village. The eclectic eateries span the gustatory globe, from the Mediterranean to Asian, French, Italian, Spanish, Cuban, Greek, and much more. The latest upscale restaurant entering the scene is The Pocket, which opens its doors in winter 2020. The family-owned restaurant will offer California fusion cuisine inspired by the Carmel lifestyle, incorporating Spanish, Italian, Mexican and Asian flavors. Also coming this winter is the casual and family friendly Rise + Roam, a Roman-style bakery and pizzeria. This new concept in the village will offer a wide selection of artisan pizzas, laminated dough pastries and breads artfully conceived by chef partners Aaron Rayor and Todd Fisher of the Folktale Wine Group.

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### CAZADERO

## Flowers Vineyard & Winery Blooms in Sonoma County

Flowers Vineyard & Winery recently introduced a new tasting room and tasting experience to the Russian River Valley wine scene near Healdsburg. The House of Flowers offers indoor-outdoor seating overlooking the beautiful gardens. Guests can longer over their signature Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines, made from grapes grown using organic and sustainable farming practices. The grapes benefit directly from the nearby Pacific Ocean, which provides cool daytime breezes during bright sunny days to ensure proper ripening, and chilly evening fogs to guarantee lively acidity for freshness in the finished wines.

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### DANA POINT

## Celebrity Chef Opens Dana Point Eatery

Outer Reef at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa in Dana Point opens in time to ring in 2020. Created by four-time James Beard nominated chef and two-time Top Chef contestant, John Tesar, Outer Reef is inspired by his two other restaurants, Spoon Bar & Kitchen and Knife.

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### HEALDSBURG

## Saini Vineyards Launches Tasting Room and Tour

Saini Vineyards, long known as a grape grower for some of Sonoma County's leading wineries and the producer of Saini Vineyards wines since 2008, recently launched their own tasting room and tour. Guests can sip customized flights of wines without a reservation and bring their own lunch to savor at one of the tasting rooms outdoor picnic tables. They can also enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour by appointment. Visitors may bring dogs to the property if they remain outside the tasting room, which is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday to Sunday by appointment.

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## LOS ANGELES

## Luxe Vegan Food Tours Sprout Up in Los Angeles

Vegans visiting Los Angeles can now enjoy an elevated culinary experience with the new Luxe Vegan Food Tours, which go way beyond the traditional food tour. They provide all-inclusive cuisine tours in a luxe vehicle with vegan leather seats, tasting some of the finest quality vegan fare in the region. A concierge curates private and group experiences with cultural entertainment, exclusive menus, intimate gatherings, exclusive event access, hidden gems, and classic tour destinations. Tour themes include That's Amore, Vegan Sex and the City, Vegan Top Chef L.A., Junk Food Vegan- Pop Up L.A., Raw Sophistication, Vegan Brew Tour and many more. Every tour ticket purchased provides one vegan meal to the local homeless community.

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## MORRO BAY

## Rose's Bar & Grill Adding Accommodations this Summer

Rose's Bar & Grill recently made a splash on Morro Bay's restaurant scene, offering the chance for families to enjoy waterfront views while digging into affordable seafood dishes, burgers, salads, and tacos. This summer the business will expand and introduce Rose's Landing motel accommodations. The property, located above the restaurant, will feature 10 rooms—most of which will offer views of the bay, Morro Rock or the Estuary.

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## NAPA

## New Downtown Napa Wine Tasting Card Launches

The new Downtown Napa Wine Tasting Card 2020 lets visitors taste wines for half-price at eight select tasting rooms, all within walking distance of each other. Wine enthusiasts can savor small lot, hard-to-find artisanal wines offered exclusively at some of these tasting rooms. They can save over \$125, while experiencing some of the Valley's best-kept wine secrets. The card costs \$15 and is valid through the end of 2020. Guests can buy it online at donapa.com or pick it up at the Napa Welcome Center.

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## Downtown Napa to Welcome New Tasting Room

Roots Run Deep Winery plans to open January 31 in downtown Napa in an artfully restored 120-year-old Craftsman home. Located at 1607 First St. and Seminary, the owners aimed to provide the perfect historic backdrop for their flagship wines, such as Educated Guess Napa County Cabernet Sauvignon and the newly released EG by Educated Guess North Coast Cabernet—both of which recently earned national acclaim. Tastings take place Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guests don't need to make an appointment and can get the tasting fee waived with a minimum purchase.

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## OXNARD

## New Restaurants Join the Annex in Oxnard

Shoppers at the Collection at RiverPark in Oxnard can take a break and savor a meal at two new eateries at the lifestyle center's Annex. Silverlake Ramen offers noodles and ramen cooked up to perfection by two chefs, offering diners the option to choose their ingredients ranging from pork, chicken and fish to vegetarian selections. Boba Time also debuted at the Annex, offering fresh and customizable fruit smoothies, slushes, coffees, juices, milk teas, shaved ice and cheese foams. Guests can add Boba to any drink of choice.

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## PASO ROBLES

## Les Petites Canailles

Dine at Les Petites Canailles the next time you're in Paso Robles for sophisticated and modern, yet casual, French fare. Chef Julien, a Michelin-star winner during his tenure in Las Vegas, recently opened this farm-to-table bistro that focuses on Central Coast California-sourced ingredients with seasonally focused menus. Aside from exquisite French fare, the restaurant also features a top-tier wine list, including a section labeled "Family," where you can choose a wine Chef Julien's family has been involved with, including his father's winery LAventure and more.

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## PETALUMA

## New Trattoria Roma Comes to Petaluma

Visitors craving authentic Italian fine dining can check out the new Trattoria Roma in Petaluma's theater district, featuring a lengthy menu of long-held Tuscan family recipes. The Pizzutti family-run eatery's specialties include house-made pastas, such as daily ravioli, lasagna layered with meat sauce, mozzarella, and Parmesan, and spaghetti carbonara tumbled with pancetta, egg, Parmesan, and Pecorino Romano. Entrées include pollo piccata with chicken sautéed in lemon, caper butter, and white wine, char-grilled rib-eye steak with sautéed spinach and Gorgonzola butter, and calamari steak Doré sautéed abalone style with parsley-butter-lemon sauce. The vegetables and herbs come fresh from the Pizzutti garden.

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## ROHNERT PARK

## Parliament Brewing Opens Rohnert Park Taproom

Beer enthusiasts can sip craft beer at its peak freshness—on the other side of the wall from where it is brewed—at the new Parliament Brewing Company taproom in Rohnert Park. Tucked away in a small commercial area just off Highway 101, the modern and minimalist taproom serves a variety of small batch beers. Recent offerings include Whatchamacallit IPA, Friend from Vermont New England Pale Ale, Berry Pie Sour, Goes Uh, Brown Cow brown ale, and a brown ale infused with coconut and chocolate.

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## SAN DIEGO

## Carruth Cellars forges ahead as San Diego's largest winery

Carruth Cellars has long been touted as San Diego's largest urban winery, but as of their 2019 crush season, it is now San Diego's largest winery, period. Having crushed 366 tons of grapes (about 70 more than in 2018) sourced primarily from Sonoma and Healdsburg last fall, Carruth Cellars has pulled ahead of San Diego and Temecula competitors, forecasting 1,000 barrels of 2019 vintage. For the last ten years, owner and head winemaker, Adam Carruth, has delivered award-winning wines made at his production facility in Solana Beach, but the most recent crush was completed at Carruth Cellars' new production facility in Oceanside, where bottling and barrel storage will be held and a new tasting room is slated to open in Spring 2020. In addition to the new facility, Carruth Cellars operates 3 tasting rooms: one in the flagship Solana Beach facility, as well as Carlsbad Village and the beloved Little Italy Wine Garden.

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## SAN FRANCISCO

## New Beer Hall Brews Up in San Francisco

San Francisco's largest independent brewer, Fort Point Beer Co., just opened a big beer hall in the lively Mission District. While widely available on tap, in cans, and at a small Ferry Building outpost, Fort Point lacks a public taproom inside its Presidio production space, so the new Fort Point Valencia beer halls allows fans of the brand to enjoy the brews in person with the makers. The owners designed the hall to provide a casual, convivial vibe, offering a long-standing bar and open seating. The menu aims to be fun and sharable, with eclectic options ranging from Dungeness Crab Rangoon, Party Bread with Beer Cheese and a Pork Chop Sandwich to Kimchi Cukés, Orange Chicken and Almond Cookie "Financiers."

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## SAN FRANCISCO

## Señor Sisig Introduces First Brick and Mortar Restaurant

Señor Sisig, a pioneer of the San Francisco food truck movement, recently launched its first brick and mortar location at 990 Valencia Street. Co-founders Evan Kidera and Gil Payumo have worked carefully to translate the Señor Sisig experience into a permanent location, making sure every decision including layout, design, and even the location, ensured they were not losing the laid back, community-driven spirit they have built over the past decade. Señor Sisig earned a place on FOX News' Top 10 Food Trucks in the Nation" list and a segment on the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives" show. Their new space boasts beautiful murals hand painted by local artists, and a menu of Señor Sisig fan favorites in addition to exciting new additions—such as the Ube Horchata Soft Serve—that are exclusive to the restaurant.

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## SANTA CRUZ

## Venus Spirits to Unveil Santa Cruz Restaurant in 2020

Venus Spirits will open a new tasting room, distillery and restaurant; adding to the West side landscape of Santa Cruz—just adjacent from its old location in spring of 2020. The new dining experience will feature seating for up to 100 and an 11,500 square foot distillery, all housed in an industrial section of town, reusing an expansive warehouse space utilizing natural light when possible. The urban-chic feel will be enhanced by the use of wood and coated steel, and will feature a full kitchen, bar, and tasting room. The indoor-outdoor space will include patio seating al fresco. Distillery tours will be offered every half hour. Menu items will include bar snacks, small plates, fresh salads and sharable entrees. The new eatery is expected to debut in May 2020, when Venus will also pour a new rum, which has been aging in barrels since the inception of the project. Spirits from other small-batch craft distilleries will also be offered.

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## SANTA ROSA

## Village Bakery Reopens at Two New Sites

Fans of Village Bakery can once again savor the smell of their fresh baked breads, pastries, and more at two new retail stores, both in Santa Rosa. Owners David and Melissa Coddling bounced back after closing the large production bakery and café in Sebastopol due to flooding. Visitors can now visit the new location—a retail bakery, a café with an expanded menu, and a gluten-free baking facility—in the Montgomery Village Shopping Center. Or they can check out the new Santa Rosa location at 2851 Sebastopol Road, featuring breads, pastries, and coffee, with a traditional bread-baking kitchen.

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## SONOMA

## Sonoma County's Artisan Beers and Ciders Scene Expands

Craft beer and cider fans can now explore three new places in Sonoma County, famous for wine but also home to more than two dozen craft breweries, eight cider makers, and 15 distilleries. They can sip craft in the same location it's made at Parliament Brewing Company taproom, serving a variety of its small batch beers just off Highway 101 in Rohnert Park. In Sebastopol, Seismic Brewing Company pours its flavorful and sustainable craft beers in a 4,000-square-foot taproom, while nearby Golden State Cider serves its apple-driven, vegan-friendly, and gluten-free dry ciders.

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## SONOMA

## Ovello Salumeria Opens in Sonoma

The new Ovello Salumeria in Sonoma offers salami in several Italian regional styles, along with Spanish and Italian hams. Chef Andrea ensures a truly artisan product with a climate-controlled salumi fermenting room and a salumi aging room. She also sells tins of Italian and Portuguese sardines and tuna, preserves and Italian hazelnuts, and bakes several different types of focaccia, pizzettes, Italian cakes and more. A native of Piedmont in Italy, chef Andrea worked in more than 20 restaurants in Europe before opening his own restaurant in Barbaresco, Italy, where he earned a Michelin Star.

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## SONOMA

## Baker & Cook Now Serving Sonoma Valley

Neighborhood bakery and café Baker & Cook just debuted in Sonoma Valley, sourcing local, sustainable ingredients to create delicious pastries, breads and more. The bakery menu varies daily, with offerings like croissants, muffins, morning buns, brioche filled doughnuts, braided brioche, gluten free beignets, gluten-free coconut almond cake with chocolate glaze cookies, sweet and savory galettes, and scones. The simple breakfast menu items range from biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs and quiche, to a house-made bagel with smoked salmon, bacon, breakfast potatoes, Bellinis and more. They also serve light lunch options such as soup, sandwiches, hummus, and salads, and choice of drinks from coffee and tea to hot chocolate and smoothies.

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## TRUCKEE

## The Good Wolf Brewing Joins Truckee's Beer Scene

The Good Wolf Brewing just opened in Truckee, offering handcrafted “hop forward” and “forest inspired” beers on tap and in to-go growlers. Beer enthusiasts can visit the taproom on Industrial Way Tuesday through Sunday to taste suds, including the signature “Neon Rainbow,” a juicy IPA hopped with Australian Galaxy and rounded out with Mosaic to present a tropical aroma, with notes of overripe peach, pineapple, and guava. Other popular options include the Fern Hill pale ale, loaded with Nelson Sauvin hops and dripping with flavors of white wine grapes, passion fruit, and subtle notes of strawberries at the finish.

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## TRUCKEE

## Old Trestle Distillery Restaurant Now Open

The first distillery in Truckee in over 100 years, Old Trestle plans to pair its locally made gin, whiskey and vodka with a modern menu designed to complement the spirits.

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## TRUCKEE

## Tahoe Food Hub Introduces New Harvest-to-Order Service

Visitors coming to Tahoe for the weekend can now get fresh, regionally sourced in one stop. Tahoe Food Hub's new Harvest-to-Order service makes it easy to order sustainably grown veggies, fruit, pasture-raised meats, eggs and dairy as well as salsa, kimchi, oils, beans and more from 50 farms and ranches within 150 miles of North Lake Tahoe. Customers can pick from a list of local farms who harvest fresh the next day, and Tahoe Food Hub gets it ready for pick-up at the Farm Shop located near the Truckee-Tahoe Airport Tuesday-Saturday.

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### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## NAPA

## Napa Valley Museum Unveils New Exhibits this Spring

Several new exhibits will soon display at the Napa Valley Museum, including Lucy Liu: Paintings & Sculpture by the Artist, Actress and Advocate, which runs Feb. 1, 2020 through April 26, 2020 in the Main Gallery. This marks the U.S. museum debut of the exhibit, which includes deeply personal artworks including wooden sculptures, intricate multimedia pieces, and large-scale paintings by this accomplished artist, respected director and dedicated UNICEF ambassador. The museum will soon unveil The Yates Collection in the

Spotlight Gallery, running February 1 through April 1, 2020. The exhibit showcases exquisite works collected by the Yates Foundation and on long-term loan to the Museum, including works by Matisse, Pissarro, Picasso, and Chagall. The permanent history exhibition, Land and People of the Napa Valley, will debut Feb. 1, 2020 in the new History Gallery.

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## OCEANSIDE

## New Exhibits to Open in Oceanside this Spring

This spring visitors can explore new museum exhibits in Oceanside, starting with the Oceanside Museum of Art's Sidewalk Activism (Feb. 15-June 21, 2020) looks at social action through the lens of street art as well as a feature on Griselda Rosas (Feb. 15-May 24, 2020), whose art tackles issues of migration, commerce and exchange of goods between US and Mexico. At Arcade Tattoo, visitors can now get inked by talented tattoo artists and explore the history of tattoo art in the new museum, which features an extensive collection of artifacts that showcase the history and evolution of folk-art tattooing.

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## OXNARD

## New Murals Coming to Downtown Oxnard

Two new murals will soon debut in downtown Oxnard on the east and west wings of City Hall, facing Third Street. Set for completion in February 2020, this artwork of regional artists Celeste Byers and Mauricio Ramirez aims to cross borders and boundaries. Ramirez, who incorporates colorful geometric shapes into his art, will paint a piece that focuses on

Oxnard's future, including a recent graduate with cap and gown and rapper Anderson Paak. Byers' piece will draw from the rich history of Oxnard, such as the Chumash, Mexican migrant farmworkers as well as Chinese and Japanese immigrants. The sugar beet factory references iconic business owned by the Oxnard Brothers, where the town got its name.

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## OXNARD

## Oxnard Unveils New Art Studio

Local artist Heidi F. Beal recently unveiled her new eponymous art studio on Fisherman's Wharf at Channel Islands Harbor. Her artwork, primarily mixed media painting using photography and encaustic, explores concepts of fertility, the relationship with the common vital life force in all living things, and the edge where life meets death. Current works have centered around how people internally carry their life force within. She offers ongoing workshops for professional and novice artists.

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## SAN FRANCISCO

## Contemporary Jewish Museum Debuts Levi Strauss Exhibit

The Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco will unveil its latest exhibit, Levi Strauss: A History of American Style, running Feb. 13, 2020 to August 9, 2020. The exhibit tells the quintessentially American story of Levi Strauss, a Jewish immigrant who invented the now iconic blue jean in 1853 at the height of the Gold Rush. The show reveals how the company's trajectory reflects the changing

consciousness of the country—from its emphasis on 19th century blue-collar laborers; to its role in crafting the mythology of the American West in the early 20th century; to its impact on the rise of international youth culture. Highlights include a suit owned by Lauren Bacall, a reissue of a jacket worn by Albert Einstein, an AMC Gremlin car with denim interior, and a custom ensemble worn by Lauryn Hill on her Miseducation tour.

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#### UNIVERSAL CITY

## Universal Studios Hollywood Debuts The Secret Life of Pets Ride

Adoption day is the ultimate rite of passage for every animal seeking a home, and it's now the inspiration for Universal Studio Hollywood's lively new ride, "The Secret Life of Pets: Off the Leash!" opening in 2020, based on Illumination's global blockbuster movie. In this all-new fully immersive experience, guests assume the roles of stray puppies as they join a familiar cast of leading characters from The Secret Life of Pets on the ultimate quest of finding forever homes.

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#### YORBA LINDA

## Nixon Library Opens League of Wives Exhibit this Spring

The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum will soon unveil a special exhibit about the wives of Vietnam POW's and their tireless advocacy work. The League of Wives: Vietnam's POW/MIA Allies & Advocates, presented in partnership with the Dole Institute of Politics, runs May 1-Aug 20 and tells the story of the military wives who founded the organization that would later become the National League of POW/MIA Families. The show will include many photos from the time period, timelines, quotes and

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#### YOSEMITE

## Chop It Up at Yosemite Axe Throwing

A new attraction adds to the joy of visiting and living in the gateway to Yosemite National Park. The warm scent of cedar and pine welcomes visitors through the doors of Yosemite Axe Throwing. The target lanes and countertops are built from reclaimed wood from a local fire scar. The effect brings the outdoors inside and the enjoyment of timber sports to a brand new audience. If you enjoy hiking and the outdoors, you are going to love this!

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**FAMILY FUN**

#### ANAHEIM

## Disneyland Resort Offers More Reasons to Visit in 2020

Disneyland Resort promises an exciting 2020 with the debut of new attractions, a new land, a new parade and exciting guest experiences throughout the resort. Whether it's living out Star Wars adventures aboard two attractions in Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, teaming up with

Super Heroes at the new Avengers Campus, celebrating magical moments in the all-new "Magic Happens" parade, or indulging in a Disney-themed treat, guests will discover more ways to have fun at the Happiest Place on Earth. The Star Wars attraction is scheduled to open Jan. 17, 2020 while the parade begins Feb. 28, 2020. Stay tuned for an announcement on the opening date of Avengers Campus.

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#### ANAHEIM

## 'Magic Happens' Parade Comes to Disneyland Park

Debuting in spring 2020, the new "Magic Happens" parade will travel down Main Street, U.S.A. in Disneyland Park. Celebrating awe-inspiring moments that are at the heart of so many Disney stories, the "Magic Happens" daytime spectacular will feature stunning floats, costumes and beloved Disney characters—all led by Mickey Mouse and his pals.

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#### CARLSBAD

## LEGOLAND® California Resort Announces Largest Addition in Park's History

LEGOLAND® California Resort announced the largest addition in the park's history: The LEGO® Movie™ World, opening in spring 2020. Based on the blockbuster films The LEGO Movie and The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part, the new land fully immerses guests into the LEGO Movie universe and places them onto the streets of Bricksburg. On the flagship ride, Masters of Flight, guests hop aboard Emmet's triple decker flying couch for a thrill-seeking adventure. Visitors will also enjoy the rush of falling from Unikitty's

Disco Drop after getting launched to the top of Cloud Cuckoo Land, then dropped, spun and bounced down to earth. Guests can also explore Benny's Play Ship, ride a fully reimagined carousel, and meet Emmet and friends in Emmet's Super Suite apartment.

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#### SAN FRANCISCO

## Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Debuts in San Francisco

Harry Potter fans of all ages can experience J.K. Rowling's magical universe like never before at the international hit stage production "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child." Now through July 12, 2020 guests can immerse themselves in the story of Harry, Ron and Hermione at the Curran Theater in San Francisco. Receiving universal acclaim for its breathtaking magic and stage wizardry, 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' has become one of the most awarded plays in theatre history.

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## OUTDOORS & RECREATION

#### SANTA CRUZ

## Surfing Club Plaque Celebrates Pioneers of the Waves

Surfing history fans can check out the new commemorative plaque honoring the Santa Cruz Club—whose members for decades have been known as pioneers of the waves. Designed

locally and made of 12,000 pounds of concrete, the bronze relief shows the group's clubhouse and includes the names of the original club members from 1936. The plaque overlooks Cowell Beach, and is a tribute to those whose talent helped foster the sport of surfing in Santa Cruz, known as the birthplace of mainland surfing in the United States. The city's surfing history began in 1885, when three Hawaiian princes who were attending military academy in what is now Silicon Valley, came to Santa Cruz and surfed the beaches on redwood boards crafted from a local lumber mill.

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## TECHNOLOGY & TOURS

#### SAN DIEGO

## GoCar San Diego Rolls Out New Electric Vehicles and Scooters

GoCar San Diego, a tour company offering two-seater storytelling cars that navigate passengers around the city, just added new electric GoCars and scooters to their fleet. The tour partnered with AEV Technologies to bring electric, street legal three-wheeled AEV 311 GoCars to tour the sights, featuring a touch-screen tablet that includes GPS tour software that talks to and guides the driver. The company created new routes and experiences for the electric car to add to their current tours, including one-hour Harbor and Gaslamp Quarter tours, two-hour Old Meets New tours of Old Town and downtown, four-hour Shoppers Delight tours and full day tours of Balboa Park, Point Loma and more. The company also joined forces with Phat Scooter to include an electric scooter option, such as a new tour to Coronado Island.

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#### VISALIA

## Play Ball & Get Moving at Visalia's New Riverway Sports Park

With dozens of soccer and baseball fields, playgrounds, barbecues, an interactive splash pad and more, Visalia offers endless opportunities to get visitors outside and having fun with the completion of the brand-new Riverway Sports Park. A special grand opening celebration will coincide with Opening Day of the 2020 youth softball season on March 14. The \$12 million project broke ground in January to develop the final phase of the 84-acre sports complex and establish a premier location for softball tournaments and sporting events. Riverway Sports Park and Visalia invite traveling sports teams from around the state to play ball at an exciting destination for sports, entertainment and leisure.

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## SHOPPING

#### HUNTINGTON BEACH

## Peter's Landing Shopping Center Undergoing Transformation

The Peter's Landing Shopping Center—currently undergoing a multi-million-dollar redevelopment—will soon welcome some of Orange County's best retail and restaurant concepts. Located in Sunset Beach overlooking Huntington Harbor, this unique retail space will provide new storefronts, walking paths, curated art installations, and a landscaped outdoor plaza. The first restaurants to sign on include Golden Road Brewery (open now),

Himalayan Grill, Bigg Dane and Beale's Texas BBQ. The renowned Sola Salon will also open an outpost at the center. The developer aims to complete the project by spring/summer 2020.

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#### MORRO BAY

### Morro Bay Welcomes New Shops

Two unique stores recently opened in Morro Bay, selling everything from the town's famous avocados to Bo-ho chic clothing and kitchen gadgets. The Avocado Shack, a new retail farm stand selling organic produce, offers at least five varieties of avocado—including renowned Morro Bay Avocados, which spend 16-18 months on the vine making them rich in oils and among the best tasting. The shop also sells about 100 other fruits and vegetables from regional farmers. Nearby, the Lavender Blu boutique carries distractive clothing and gifts, shoes and jewelry curated by owner Susanne Rogers. Culinary enthusiasts can stop at The Hermit Crab for eco-friendly kitchen essentials, including, handmade and biodegradable kitchen gadgets, as well as cooking utensils, serving dishes and more.

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#### SAN LUIS OBISPO

### SLO Public Market Debuts

In early 2020 the SLO Public Market opens giving visitors a chance to sample the best the Central Coast has to offer. The new market blends historical buildings from Bonetti Ranch with new construction to create eight buildings featuring shops, restaurants, boutiques, a brewery and a market hall.

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#### TRUCKEE

### Women-Led Coalition Snow Opens Flagship Store in Truckee

Coalition Snow, a women-owned and operated brand dedicated to creating award-winning and athlete approved skis and snowboards, recently opened its flagship Coalition Clubhouse store in Truckee. Guests can rent or demo skis and snowboards, peruse a curated collection of goods from women-owned brands and artists such as Kika Macfarlane, Chie Tamada, Jocelyn Chante, and chat up the brand's founders. CEO and Sisu Magazine Editor-in-Chief Jen Gurecki, listed among Entrepreneur Magazine's Top 50 Most Daring Entrepreneurs, felt there was a huge need for ski equipment made for women, allowing female riders to advance their skills.

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WELLNESS

#### KENWOOD

### Spa at Kenwood Inn Gets a Facelift

The Spa at Kenwood Inn just unveiled an extensive makeover, offering luxurious treatments in an exclusive environment. The intimate new spa includes three individual treatment rooms, a couple's treatment room, a private outdoor terrace for treatments or lounging, and a private tub for bath treatments, featuring glorious vineyard views. Other additions include men's and women's locker rooms, a poolside relaxation room, two semi-private outdoor cabanas, a swimming

pool, and a hot tub next to the spa. Located in Sonoma Wine Country's fabled Valley of the Moon, Kenwood Inn & Spa is a serene, Mediterranean-inspired boutique inn set on more than two-and-a-half acres, surrounded by vineyards, orchards, and ancient oaks.

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#### LAGUNA BEACH

### Visit Laguna Beach Launches First Destination-Wide Wellness Trail

Visit Laguna Beach recently introduced the "Pathway to Zen," a one-of-a-kind wellness trail for artists, adventurers, experience collectors, and mindful travelers seeking rejuvenation of the mind, body and soul. "Pathway to Zen" is mapped out on Visit Laguna Beach's website and showcases 12 year-round stops to experience aura readings, Chakra massages, Laughter yoga, natural foods, organic beauty products, mind-blowing hikes, crystal shops, and more.

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## WOODSIDE

## The new Canyon Ranch Wellness Retreat is now open

Enveloped by centuries-old redwoods, the new Canyon Ranch Wellness Retreat in Woodside, California, is set among the hills and forests of Northern California, just outside of San Francisco. Canyon Ranch Woodside promises a worry-free retreat inclusive of all the essentials: a custom mattress with luxury linens, therapy sound machines to help you sleep, health-forward daily meals, expert-led workshops, creative classes, yoga sessions, outdoor activities, local excursions, mediation lessons, onsite hiking and forest fitness courses, and access to trainers, nutritionists, spiritual wellness, and more.

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## MONTEREY

## Monterey Commemorates 250th anniversary with a yearlong celebration

The City of Monterey will commemorate its 250th birthday in 2020 with a yearlong celebration and citywide birthday bash June 3. Visitors can celebrate the city's history through interactive tours and historic attractions. History buffs can embark on a walking tour of Monterey's most historic landmarks such as Old Customhouse—the site where U.S.

Commodore John Drake Sloat raised the American flag and declared California part of the United States in 1846—while foodies can enjoy the flavors of the city and its fascinating history with Monterey Bay Food Tours.

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## SAN DIEGO

## Mingei International Museum Opening 2021 After \$52 Million Overhaul

In December 2019, Mingei International Museum officials announced the final construction phase of its \$52 million transformation on the Plaza de Panama in Balboa Park. The project, projected to open in 2021, will feature a newly designed community gathering space, including a new plaza level open to the public free of charge, an education center, a garden courtyard accessible to all park visitors, quiet and spacious upper level galleries devoted to exhibitions with a library open to visitors. Restored historic spaces, including upper terraces, will open to the public for the first time in decades, offering views of the Plaza de Panama, El Prado and the California Tower. Guests will get access to the building's historic Bell Tower, boasting a new grand staircase. Also planned is a multipurpose theater space for performances, lectures, concerts and special events, and a full-service cafe with coffee bar.

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## SAN DIEGO

## Maritime Museum Announces 50th Anniversary Restoration Project

The Maritime Museum of San Diego will celebrate its 50th anniversary this spring with the restoration of the Navy Frigate Replica HMS Surprise. The ship launched in 1970 as a replica of the 18th century Royal Navy frigate Rose. During the next 30 years Rose

sailed thousands of miles as an attraction vessel and sail training ship prior to her conversion to HMS Surprise. The ship, which is now 50 years old, starred in the epic film “Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World” and remains open during re-decking. The public can view the shipwrights working and participate in a “surprise party” for the ship later this spring. The museum will also host the 2nd Annual Port of San Diego Festival of the Sea on Memorial Day weekend, include general admission to visit all Museum ships, exhibits and a host of maritime and educational activities, music, food, bay tours, sailing, cannon battles and more.

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## SAN FRANCISCO

## Hotel Vitale's Kicks Off 15th Anniversary with Event Series

Hotel Vitale will celebrate its 15th anniversary throughout 2020, kicking off a series of special events throughout the year, starting with National Hotel Vitale Day on March 9, 2020. Recently named a Conde Nast Traveler 2019 Reader's Choice Award winner, the hotel will host a variety of anniversary activations including a San Francisco speaker series, social media giveaways, happy hours at Americano, and special anniversary packages.

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## SAN FRANCISCO

## Celebrate the 150th anniversary of Golden Gate Park

2020 is the 150th anniversary of Golden Gate Park, home of the California Academy of Sciences, De Young Museum, Conservatory of Flowers, Japanese Tea Garden, Botanical Gardens, National AIDS Memorial Grove, Stowe Lake, Shakespeare Garden, Rose Garden, two windmills, a bison paddock, the Children's Playground, the Golden

Gate Angling and Casting Club, and more. Visitors can enjoy a wide array of activities at the park, along with iconic annual events. 2020 will also mark the 50th anniversary of San Francisco Pride.

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#### SAN FRANCISCO

### San Francisco celebrates 30th anniversary of sea lions arriving at PIER 39

In honor of the 30th anniversary of the sea lions' residency at the pier, Aquarium of the Bay and PIER 39 launched "Sea Lions in San Francisco" in January 2020. Thirty local artists will paint 6-foot-tall sea lion statues in their own unique styles, each with an environmental message. The statues will be displayed throughout San Francisco all year long. Combined with 3,000 smaller statues painted by local luminaries, the program will be entered in the Guinness Book of World Records for the "World's Largest Display of Hand-Painted Sea Lions."

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#### SAN LUIS OBISPO

### Kirkwood Collection Expands with Historic Garden Street Inn

Kirkwood Collection recently announced the addition and upcoming renovation of the historic Garden Street Inn hotel in San Luis Obispo, expanding its portfolio to five properties. The boutique hotel will undergo an extensive renovation in late 2020. When complete in early 2021, the property will boast the signature Kirkwood Collection elegance while remaining loyal to its historic roots. The brand will also debut a boutique restaurant and wine bar, serving high tea to locals and travelers alike.

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#### PASADENA

### The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens Hits 100 Years

The Huntington's Centennial Celebration kicked off Sept. 5, 2019, setting in motion a yearlong series of exhibitions through September 2020, public programs, new initiatives, and more—inviting people with a range of interests to engage with the venerable institution's collections and the connections they offer, and to join an exploration of ideas that will shape the future. The Huntington also announced that it will enter a float in the 2020 Rose Parade® in Pasadena for the first time in 50 years in order to train a spotlight on its Centennial Celebration and welcome a wide audience to participate.

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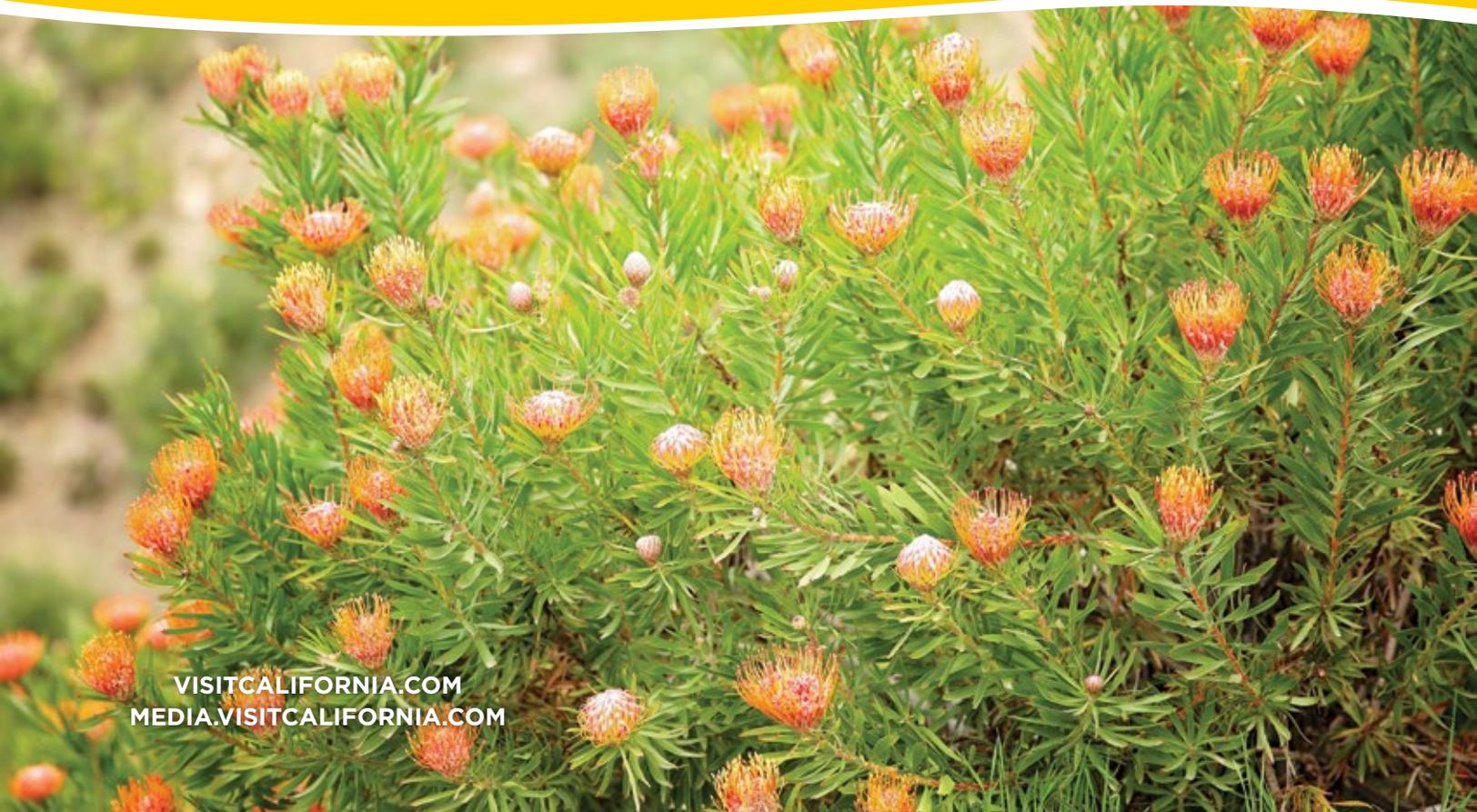
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