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By Brett Salto

### FIRST FRIDAYS AT LOCAL MUSEUMS

### The Favorite Monthly Culture Night

n a city that thrives on innovation, art, Angeles museums have become more than just evening exhibitions—they're full-fledged experiences. Every first Friday of the month, LA's beloved institutions open their doors after hours, transforming gallery spaces into hubs of music, food, lectures, and discovery. Whether you're a local art lover or a visitor looking to dive deeper into LA's



cultural fabric, First Fridays are an immersive way to explore the city's creative soul. Natural History Museum - Science, Sound, and Socializing

The most famous of LA's First Fridays happens at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM) in Exposition Park. NHM's First Fridays blend science with pop culture, music, and food trucks in a high-energy format that appeals to all ages. Each month features a science-based theme-ranging from climate change and space exploration to extinct species-and includes live DJ s, panel discussions with scientists and futurists, and indie bands performing.

Pro tip: Arrive early for the guided nature walks or to explore the museum's exhibits. www.nhm.org The Getty – Evening Elegance and Architecture

While the Getty Center doesn't brand their programming as "First Fridays," they host Friday evening hours and pop-up events that rival the best cultural happenings. With its hilltop views, modernist architecture, and European art collections, the Getty becomes a romantic evening destination.

On select Friday evenings, expect live classical or jazz in the courtyard, garden tours at sunset, and limited-time exhibitions, www.getty.edu The Broad - Contemporary Vibes in Downtown LA

The Broad Museum in Downtown LA, home to one of the world's leading collections of postwar and contemporary art, occasionally hosts First Fridays-style pop-up events featuring artist talks, DJ sets, and collaborations with MOCA and REDCAT. Their Summer Happenings and late-night programming often mirror the energy of First Fridays.

Free tickets go fast, and if Yayoi Kusama's "Infinity Mirror Rooms" are open, expect long lines. The atmosphere is pure LA chic. www.thebroad.org LACMA - Music and Movies Under the Stars

While LACMA (Los Angeles County Museum of Art) doesn't host a dedicated "First Fridays" program, its "Jazz at LACMA" and Film Fridays fulfill the same role. Through November, Friday evenings come alive with



live outdoor jazz performances on the museum's Smidt Welcome Plaza, drawing a diverse crowd.

Pair the concert with a stroll through LACMA's modern and classical collections, then enjoy a twilight photo under the iconic "Urban Light" installation www.lacma.org

### The Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) - Culture, Food, and Celebration

In Long Beach, MOLAA's First Fridays are colorful celebrations of Latin American art and culture. With live music, bilingual tours, interactive art-making, and food vendors, this vibe is welcoming and vibrant. It's a great place to discover emerging artists from across the Americas. www.molaa.org Why First Fridays Matter

First Fridays at LA museums are more than social events—they are community builders. They break down the formality of museum-going and invite people of all backgrounds to engage with art, science, and ideas in relaxed, festive settings. For institutions, they offer new avenues of outreach and inclusion; for visitors, they turn the museum into a night out on the town.

Whether you're sipping a cocktail next to a T. rex, dancing under gallery lights, or sketching beside a sculpture garden, First Fridays offer a fresh and dynamic way to enjoy LA's cultural capital.

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# Summer In Style

n Los Angeles, summer isn't just a season - it's a vibrant lifestyle. As the sun-drenched months roll in, the city comes alive with luxurious opportunities to celebrate life's biggest milestones. From opulent Mother's Day brunches to glamorous weddings, creative graduation parties to stylish Father's Day gatherings, Los Angeles and its surrounding areas — including Long Beach, Pasadena, Malibu, and the Hollywood Hills offer the perfect canvas for unforgettable high-end summer events.

Whether you're planning a stunning party at home or booking a show-stopping venue like the gorgeous Hotel Maya in Long Beach, here's your guide to unique, luxurious, and utterly memorable summer celebrations.

### Mother's Day: Blooming Brilliance At Home: Secret Garden Soirée

Bring the magic of a European garden home. Transform your backyard into a floral dreamscape filled with hanging wisteria, climbing roses, and elegant seating under vintage parasols.

Décor: White lattice structures, pastel linen tablecloths, gilded cutlery, and lush peony arrangements.

Menu: Hire a private chef to prepare an artisanal brunch featuring lemon-ricotta pancakes, smoked trout salads, and lavender macarons. Add a rosé Champagne tower as the centerpiece.

Entertainment: Book a harpist or a string quartet. Offer guests a flower bar where they can create custom bouquets to take home.

Venue: Hotel Bel-Air

Location: Bel-Air, Los Angeles

Host an exquisite afternoon garden tea at Hotel Bel-Air, where swans glide across

lily ponds and the scent of jasmine perfumes the air. Their lush outdoor spaces and five-star service make it an ideal setting for a refined Mother's Day brunch.

Father's Day: Whiskey, Wheels, and

At Home: Backyard Gentleman's

Set up a high-end whiskey lounge with dark leather seating, cigar stations, and a retro outdoor movie screening of classics like The Godfather.

Décor: Dark wood tables, vintage car memorabilia, and classic jazz records spinning.

Menu: Gourmet sliders, Wagyu beef skewers, bourbon-glazed ribs, and whiskey flights featuring brands like Pappy Van Winkle and The Macallan.

Entertainment: Hire a blues trio, and arrange a classic car show featuring rented vintage vehicles parked on the lawn.

Venue: Petersen Automotive Museum

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Host an unforgettable Father's Day event at the Petersen Museum. Book a private tour through the Vault — home to more than 250 rare cars — and top it off with rooftop cocktails and a catered BBQ dinner overlooking Wilshire Boulevard.

















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#### Graduation: Festival Glamour

At Home: Gradchella Backvard Festival Celebrate graduation Coachella-style with a full-blown backyard music festival. Think luxury tents, lounging areas with Moroccan poufs, live DJs, and interactive photo walls.

Décor: Bright neon signage, floral walls, LED dance floors, and bohemian lounges under fairy lights.

Menu: Food trucks offering gournet tacos, Korean BBQ, and artisan gelato. Mocktail stations and slushy craft cocktail bars.

headphones, indie acoustic performers, or even a surprise appearance by a local celeb DJ.





Venue: The Houdini Estate Location: Laurel Canyon, Los Angeles For an epic graduation bash, rent the Houdini Estate with its waterfalls, secret tunnels, and sprawling gardens. Host a festival-style

event complete with stage performances, luxury lounges, and night-time bonfire gatherings. Bridal Showers: Mediterranean Dreams

At Home: Amalfi Coast Inspired Luncheon

Recreate the beauty of Italy's coast in your backyard. Fill the space with lemon trees in terra-cotta pots, blue and white linens, and Amalfi-style tiles.

Décor: Whitewashed tables, coastal lanterns, ceramic dishware from Positano.

Menu: Fresh seafood towers, handmade pasta with truffle cream, Limoncello spritzes, and citrus sorbet for dessert.

Entertainment: Hire a live sketch artist for personalized guest portraits and a mandolin player for background music.

Venue: Hotel Maya Location: Long Beach, CA

With its vibrant Latin American design, panoramic ocean views, and chic outdoor spaces, Hotel Maya is a spectacular setting for a summer bridal shower. Their lush gardens, waterfront patios, and private event spaces create the perfect blend of beachy relaxation and upscale elegance.

Imagine hosting a luxurious garden party here, complete with tropical florals, a waterfront brunch, and a sunset cocktail hour by the marina. **Weddings: Ultimate Summer Romance** 

At Home: Estate Wedding Under the Stars Turn your home into a stunning summer **Entertainment:** Silent disco with high-end wedding venue with clear-top tents, chandeliers, draped fabrics, and hundreds of twinkling lights.

> Décor: Cascading floral installations, mirrored tables, soft velvet seating lounges, and floating candles in pools or fountains.

Menu: A customized farm-to-table. multi-course dinner paired with boutique California wines and Champagne sabrage ceremonies.



**Entertainment:** Live orchestras for ceremonies, jazz trios for cocktail hours, and celebrity DJs for late-night dancing under the stars.

Venues: Hotel Maya: Waterfront Wedding Bliss

Location: Long Beach, CA

Hotel Maya offers stunning waterfront venues perfect for a summer wedding, combining colorful gardens, swaying palm trees, and sweeping ocean views. Ceremonies can be held on the Luna Solstice

Calamigos Ranch Location: Malibu, CA

Rustic elegance at its finest - tree canopies, fairy lights, waterfalls, and wine-country vibes create an unforgettable summer wedding destination just outside Los Angeles.

### Terranea Resort

Location: Rancho Palos Verdes, CA Perched atop dramatic cliffs overlooking the Pacific, Terranea offers ceremony lawns and ballrooms for weddings that are both intimate and breathtaking. Sunset ceremonies here are nothing short of magical.



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### The Ebell of Los Angeles

Location: Mid-Wilshire, Los Angeles

The Ebell offers 1920s grandeur with modern luxury. Marble columns, grand staircases, and lush courtyards set the scene for elegant summer weddings steeped in timeless glamour.

#### Other Sophisticated Summer Parties

Yacht Parties: Marina del Rey to Malibu

Charter a luxury yacht and cruise along the Pacific coastline. Host sunset dinners, live DJ sessions, and champagne sabering ceremonies as dolphins play in the

Fourth of July: Private Vineyard Fireworks Gala Venue: Saddlerock Ranch, Malibu

Host an Independence Day bash with farm-to-table feasts, local wine tastings, Americana-themed lounges, and a private fireworks display cascading over the rolling

Retirement Party: Malibu Safari Wine Tour

Celebrate life's next chapter with a wine safari tour through Malibu's lush vineyards, complete with exotic



animals, luxury tastings, and picnic spreads among the grapevines.

### Luxe Enhancements to Any Party

Take your summer celebrations to a whole new level with these luxury add-ons:

Champagne Walls: Vertical installations with individual flutes ready for toasting.

Luxury Mobile Bars: Craft cocktail carts and vintage prosecco vans like The Bubble Tap Trailer.

Interactive Installations: Floral swing sets, edible flower walls, boho lounges.

Private Chefs and Sommeliers: Curated wine pairing experiences with LA's top culinary talent.

Drone Light Shows: Environmentally friendly, customizable nighttime spectacles.

Live Artists: Watercolor portrait artists, calligraphers, and sand sculptors.

Personalized Gifting Suites: Skincare, fine jewelry, designer sunglasses — let guests pick a bespoke memento.

Silent Discos and Beach Bonfires: Perfect for Malibu or Hotel Maya waterfront celebrations.

#### **Create Your Own Endless Summer**

Los Angeles offers more than sunshine and surf — it offers the ultimate canvas for bespoke celebrations that blend luxury, creativity, and unforgettable experiences. Whether you're honoring Mom with a dreamy garden brunch, celebrating a graduate with a music festival under the stars, or tying the knot on an oceanfront lawn at Hotel Maya, summer parties in and near LA promise unforgettable moments in magical settings.

This season, don't just host a party. Create an experience that becomes a treasured memory — a celebration where every detail shines under endless summer skies.





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By Mary Winch

### **LUXURIOUS HOTELS IN LOS ANGELES**

os Angeles and its surrounding valleys—San Fernando, Ventura, Simi, Santa Barbara, and Santa Clarita—offer a diverse range of accommodations from luxurious resorts to charming boutique hotels. Here are the best hotels in these areas, with extensive descriptions, pricing, and direct websites for your perfect stay. Los Angeles

The Beverly Hills Hotel: A legendary luxury retreat known for celebrity sightings, this iconic hotel features private bungalows, lush gardens, a glamorous pool, and impeccable service.

Price: From \$1,200/night

Website: www.dorchestercollection.com/los-angeles/the-beverly-hills-hotel

Hotel Bel-Air: Hidden in the exclusive Bel-Air neighborhood, this elegant hotel offers serene gardens, luxurious rooms and suites, and renowned Wolfgang Puck dining.

Price: From \$950/night

Website: www.dorchestercollection.com/los-angeles/hotel-bel-air



The Ritz-Carlton Los Angeles: Located downtown at L.A. LIVE, this hotel boasts stunning city views, luxurious rooms, rooftop pool, spa, and proximity to major attractions.

Price: From \$450/night

Website: www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/laxlz-the-ritz-carlton-los-angeles

Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows (Santa Monica): A coastal escape



offering ocean views, luxurious bungalows, a renowned spa, and vibrant nightlife nearby.

Price: From \$500/night

Website: www.fairmont.com/en/hotels/santa-monica/fairmont-miramar-hotel-bungalows.html

San Fernando Valley

### The Garland (North Hollywood):

Retro-chic design with contemporary comforts, vibrant pool area, and complimentary shuttle to Universal Studios Hollywood.

Price: From \$250/night
Website: www.thegarland.com

**Hilton Woodland Hills:** Modern accommodations, spacious rooms, close to shopping and dining at Westfield Topanga and The Village.

Price: From \$180/night

Website: www.hilton.com/en/hotels/burwchf-hilton-woodland-hills-los-angeles

Sheraton Universal Hotel: Steps from Universal Studios Hollywood, featuring comfortable rooms, pool, and easy access to LA attractions.

Price: From \$200/night

**Website:** www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bursi-sheraton-universal-hotel

Ventura

Ojai Valley Inn (Ojai):

Luxury spa resort featuring award-winning spa, championship golf course, and exceptional dining in a picturesque setting.

**Price:** From \$600/night

Website: www.ojaivalleyinn.com

Ventura Beach Marriott: Comfortable rooms near Ventura Pier and beaches, offering pool, fitness center, and easy downtown access.

Price: From \$180/night

Website: www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/oxrvb-ventura-beach-marriott

Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach: Beachfront hotel with ocean-view rooms, onsite dining, and proximity to Ventura Harbor Village.

Price: From \$200/night

Website: www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/ventura/vntca/hoteldetail

Cliff House Inn on the Ocean: Charming inn offering direct oceanfront accommodations, stunning views, pool, and onsite dining.

Price: From \$220/night

Website: https://cliffhouseinn.com Simi Valley

**Grand Vista Hotel:** Affordable luxury with outdoor pool, spacious accommodations, and easy freeway access.

Price: From \$117/night

Website: https://grandvistasimi.com

Best Western Posada Royale Hotel & Suites: Comfortable suites, complimentary breakfast, and pool, ideal for families and business travelers.

Price: From \$130/night

Website: www.bestwestern.com/en\_US/-book/hotels-in-simi-valley/best-western -posada-royale-hotel-suites/property-Code.05662.html

Courtyard Ventura Simi Valley: Modern hotel offering amenities including fitness center, outdoor pool, and contemporary rooms.

Price: From \$150/night

Website: www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/oxrcy-courtyard-ventura-simi-valley Santa Barbara

Rosewood Miramar Beach (Montecito): Ultra-luxury beachfront hotel featuring exquisite accommodations, spa, beach access, and fine dining.

Price: From \$800/night
Website: www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/miramar-beach-montecito

The Ritz-Carlton Bacara: Luxurious resort offering expansive ocean views, multiple

pools, spa, and dining options in a Mediterranean-style setting.

> Price: From \$500/night

Website: www.ritzcarl-

ton.com/en/hotels/sbarz-the-ritz-carlton-bacara-santa-barbara

El Encanto, A Belmond Hotel:

Historic property featuring lush gardens, luxurious cottages, panoramic city and ocean views.

Price: From \$436/night

Website: www.belmond.com/hotels/north-america/usa/ca/santa-barbara/belmond-el-encanto

Santa Clarita

**Hyatt Regency Valencia:** Premier hotel offering stylish rooms, heated outdoor pool, close to shopping, dining, and Six Flags Magic Mountain.

Price: From \$160/night

Website: www.hyatt.com/hyatt-regency/en-US/valen-hyatt-regency-valencia

Embassy Suites by Hilton Valencia: All-suite hotel ideal for families and extended stays, featuring complimentary breakfast,

indoor pool, and evening receptions.

Price: From \$170/night

Website: www.hilton.com/en/hotels/valeses-embassy-suites-valencia

These hotels ensure a memorable and luxurious experience tailored to every visitor's preference, from beachfront escapes to urban sophistication.

### TICKET EVENTS

## Ventura Harbor Village Launches Seaside Vacay Giveaway 2025

By Brett Genes

entura Harbor Village is thrilled to announce the Seaside Vacay Giveaway for 2025! One lucky winner will receive a coastal getaway experience at Ventura's seaside playground - Ventura Harbor Village valued at over \$1,000, and packed with seaside fun, a two-night harbor stay, waterfront dining, shopping, and on the water adventure.

The Grand Prize for the Ventura Harbor Village Seaside Vacay Trip includes:

A 2-night stay at Four Points by Sheraton Ventura Harbor Resort

2 Whale watching tickets with Island Packers at Ventura Harbor Village

A \$100 dining credit to a Ventura Harbor Village waterfront restaurant

A \$50 shopping credit to a Ventura Harbor Village boutique

\$50 in arcade play at the new The Loose Cannon arcade

A character pedal boat ride with Ventura Boat Rentals

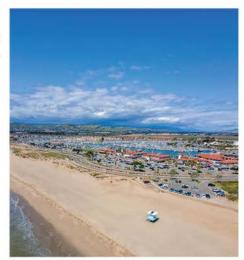
2 entry tickets to play at The Ultimate Escape Rooms

Entering is easy — Participants simply need to complete a quick visitor survey to be automatically entered. Locals and visitors alike are encouraged to join in; past partici-



pants are welcome to enter again this year (limit one entry per person per year). Plus, come visit Ventura Harbor Village every Saturday until May 10 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the Seaside Vacay Booth to enter as well with a chance to win more weekly prizes once entered. No purchases necessary to enter. Deadline to enter is Saturday, May 10, 2025.

For full contest details and to enter, visit VenturaHarborVillage.com or click the dolphin icon on the homepage. Don't miss your chance to win the ultimate seaside play-cation at Ventura Harbor Village! As part of California Tourism Month in May, highlighting tourism's role as a key economic driver for the Golden State, Ventura Harbor Village will host a weekly Welcome

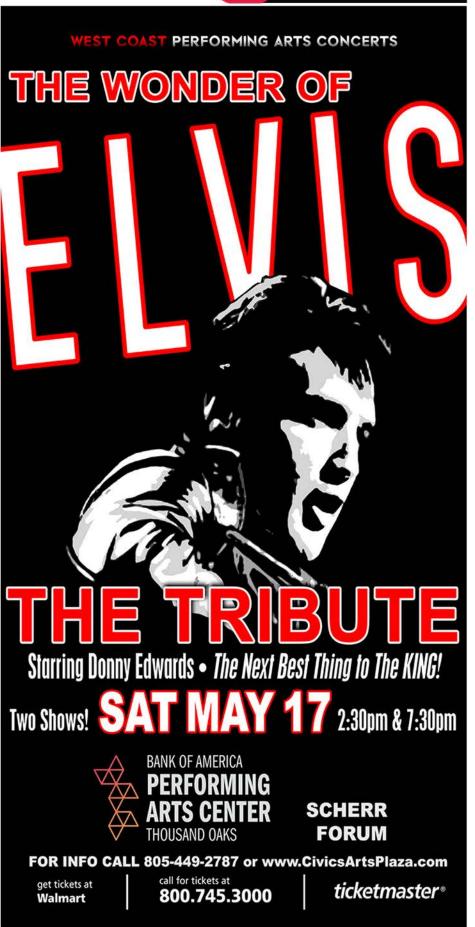


Booth on Saturdays from 2 - 4 p.m. with a "Send A Postcard" to a friend offer, whereby the Village provides postcards and pays for the postage (if visitors mail via the booth on the same day); bubbles, free destination stickers; and a chance to win weekly gift cards from Ventura Harbor Village to shop, dine and play.

Also in May, mark your calendars for the Mystic Whaler Tall Ship arriving in the Ventura Harbor on May 14 through Memorial Day weekend (May 27). Live music on weekends, public tours and more in store for the Mystic Whaler visit. During its Ventura Harbor stay, the Mystic Whaler will offer dockside tours and hands-on learning experiences on board. Set foot on deck, meet the salty crew, and learn the ropes of schooner life. Hear captivating sea stories and discover how the Mystic Whaler keeps maritime traditions alive. For more details visit VenturaHarborVillage.com

As a must-SEA attraction along California's Central Coast, Ventura Harbor Village is a vibrant waterfront shopping and entertainment center offering breathtaking views, beach access, coastal dining, casual eats, sweet treats, boutique shopping, boat rentals, and entertainment.

For information visit VenturaHarborVillage.com and follow @VenturaHarbor on social.



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ordes of horror films line up for Halloween and Christmas movies in December, but there is less competition around Tax Day. Yet here is "The Accountant 2," Gavin O'Connor's sequel to the 2016 film that did not leave audiences clamoring. But in a movie world anything successful gets a second one, "The Accountant 2" has the benefit of not having much to live up to. Just balancing the books would count as a win.



And by low standards of the original, O'Connor's film, a thriller about a fastidious CPA (Ben Affleck) whose powers of deduction are enhanced by autism, just succeeds at punching up the numbers.

It's a role that was an odd fit for Affleck. In a way, that's the intention. Affleck's Christian Wolff is a monotone bean counter who used to help criminal organizations launder money and clean books. Now, he's a stickler and vigilante whose insight into tax filings and paper trails helps him hunt down any clue. The best scene might be when he exposes a human trafficking scheme at a pizza company by calculating a dubious gap of underreported pizza box expenses.

Affleck, of course, has always been a charismatic screen presence. The role of savant wasn't for him; it was for "Good Will Hunting" co-star, Matt Damon. Here, though, he's an emotionless android who speaks in clipped sentences and avoids eye contact. You can tell Affleck is enjoying himself.

In "The Accountant 2," that's true when he's paired up with Jon Bernthal. He plays Wolff's outgoing and freewheeling brother, Braxton,

who has a knack for bloody mayhem but harbors hurt feelings from his brother's distance. The two make a fine action duo of opposites. The problem? It takes a long time to get to them.

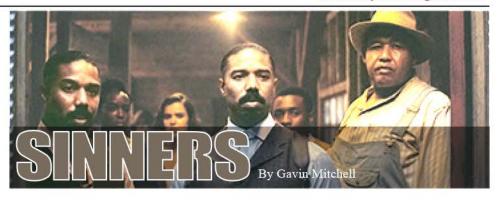
The movie begins with a piece of misdirection that adds to the muddled nature. Retired FBI financial crimes boss Raymond King (J.K. Simmons) is meeting someone who might help in his search for a family of Central American refugees. It's a hit job, though, with snipers in position, and a mysterious assassin (Daniella Pineda) lurking. The scene ends with King's body taken out with a message he's written on his forearm: "Find the accountant."

Marybeth Medina (Cynthia Addai-Robinson), King's protege and financial crimes deputy, takes the case. She knows enough about Wolff to know how to summon him — by phoning a neurological research center in New England and leaving a message.

Wolff is living out of an Airstream RV, with an office at the research center full of young autistic hackers. The scenes are clunky and don't always move the story along — there's an aimless but moderately funny one of Wolff speed dating. But once Braxton shows up — "The Accountant 2" clicks into idiosyncratic place.

What that place "The Accountant 2" occupies probably wouldn't stand up to scrutiny, let alone an audit. For a movie about a detail obsessive, it's curiously messy. But — and this might matter more — the film has a reasonably firm sense of just how serious and how knowingly silly a movie about an uber-talented accountant ought to be.

There is also just a wisp of real-life relevancy. By centering an accountant thriller on the fate of a migrant family, "The Accountant 2" might even be said to be timely. The Trump administration is in the midst of cutting IRS employees, some of whom, including acting commissioner Melanie Krause, have resigned in part over a decision to use IRS data to help deport undocumented immigrants. For departing IRS workers, "The Accountant 2" might just be the most cathartic movie of the year.



t's gotta be something in the water. How else to explain the A-list twins on screens lately? In the last few months alone, we've had Robert Pattinson, Theo James and Robert De Niro playing opposite each other on screen. But now we have the most ambitious, culturally layered, artistically bold twin-led cinematic outing yet — with Michael B. Jordan on double duty in "Sinners."

And while the Jordan-Jordan pairing is front and center, Jordan himself would agree the most important pairing here is the one between him and Ryan Coogler. The talented writer-director turns to Jordan — star of all four of his previous films — for his first completely original movie.

So what is "Sinners," shot on large-format film befitting the size of its vision, about? Depends which layer you're looking at.

The outer layer is two brothers coming home to Mississippi in 1932 to launch a juke joint after spending time on the front in World War I and then learning from Al Capone in Chicago. Peel away, and it's a story about music, especially blues. It's also about love: love that's lost, love that's found, love that's impossible. And it's about life in the Jim Crow South.

And then ... it turns into a full-on, gore-spewing, guts-spilling vampire film.

The only thing small about this film is the timeline — one day, unless you want to count the afterlife. How Coogler pulls everything off — and makes it cohere — is a sight to see.

And even more, to feel. With a crowd you don't know, as Coogler intends At my screening there was laughter, both joyous and nervous, some screams and not a few jumps, including one where I felt my own self leaving my seat.

We begin our 24 hours in Clarksdale, Mississippi with skinny Preacher Boy, aka Sammie (Miles Caton), bloody and barely alive, staggering into a church. His father, the pastor, urges him to drop the twisted vestige of a guitar he carries. We see lightning-quick flashbacks to scenes of horror — way too quick to settle. Coogler will take his time.

We then rewind, to one day earlier.

Twin brothers Smoke and Stack —
Jordan and Jordan, who share the screen,
seamlessly — have arrived with a truckful of beer
from Chicago. Handing cash to a white owner for an

old mill and its land, the brothers tell the man they'll "kill any of your Klan buddies" if they come around. "The Klan don't exist no more," the character replies.

The plan is to open that same night. The brothers separate to rally staff, supplies and food. They also need music. Young cousin Sammie turns out to have a soulful voice and prodigious talent on the blues guitar. They pick up a harmonica and piano player (Delroy Lindo) by promising all the beer he wants.

We also meet the love interests. Stack is the slicker of the two brothers, quicker to smile, if not happier, with a red brimmed hat and a few gold-rimmed teeth. He's soon approached by his ex, Mary (Hailee Steinfeld), the young white woman he loved and left. She's angry. It won't be 'til later that we learn he was only trying to keep her safe.



As for Smoke, more somber in a blue cap, he reunites with a soulful medicine woman, with whom he's shared past grief. He convinces Annie — played by Wunmi Mosaku with a serene grace — to come cook at the joint.

The place opens. The beer's flowing and the dance floor hopping. Sammie and Pearline (Jayme Lawson), a married woman who's caught his fancy, hook up. It's the best night of his young life.

And then come the vampires.

Remmick (Jack O'Connell), a spindly and scruffy villain, first shows up at a farm couple's home, their Klan hood visible in the back. A red-eyed group now numbering three, the vampires head to the juke joint for the bloody final act.

It's a doozy, and the less said the better. Well—we WILL say that perhaps only Coogler would think of a lusty group of vampires singing old Irish folk songs. In any case, the climactic confrontation is what we're waiting for, and pays off.

But please don't leave once the credits start rolling; Coogler has more gifts up his sleeve. His very long, ever-growing sleeve.

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### MARIAH CAREY: THE ULTIMATE STAR

New Music, Rihanna, The Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame, And Her Long-Lost Grunge Album

By Jack Sonjan

ariah Carey has nothing left to prove. With more No. 1 hits than any solo artist, a five-octave vocal range, and an unmistakable cultural imprint, she's royalty—pop, holiday, or otherwise.

This year, Carey is hinting at new music, and sparking conversations with unexpected commentary—on everything from Rihanna's genre-defying reign to the persistent whispers about her Rock & Roll Hall of Fame snub, and even her famously shelved grunge album. mood." Carey A New Era of Music?

While Carey is best known for ballads and chart-toppers like "Vision of Love" and "We Belong Together," she's never been one to play it safe. From hip-hop-flavored "Butterfly" to vocal fireworks on gospel deep cuts, Carey has flirted with reinvention. She teased the arrival of new music, describing the sound as "personal, playful, and sonically ambitious."

Producers involved include The-Dream. whose credits include Beyoncé and Rihanna, and Dev Hynes of **Blood Orange** 

"I'm creating a clarified. Admiration

For Rihanna

fame.

When asked about artists who inspire her, Carey didn't hesitate. "Rihanna is fearless," she

said. "She's one of the few who can merge fashion, music, and attitude."

The praise goes both ways. Rihanna, who called 
The Lost Grunge Album Resurfaces Mariah "a goddess," recently sampled "Breakdown" in an unreleased demo, causing fans of both stars to speculate about acollaboration. Despite

their different vocal styles and stage personas, the two divas share a kindred creative spirit.

#### Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

Another topic gaining momentum is Carev's absence from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Eligible since 2015, Carey has yet to receive a nomination. The oversight has raised eyebrows.

Music historians have noted Carey's impact on vocal style, particularly

> melismatic phrasing and whistle register, can be heard in a generation of artists from Beyoncé to Ariana Grande. "Mariah literally changed the sound of pop vocals," said professor and music critic Jason King.

There's growing momentum behind a grassroots fan petition to have her inducted, with supporters pointing to her genre versatility, songwriting credits, and global impact.

### MUSIC

Perhaps one of the most fascinating parts of Carey's musical story is the grunge project she secretly recorded in 1995 under the alias "Chick." Long considered an urban legend, the album Someone's Ugly Daughter was recently confirmed by Carev herself and is now being remastered for re-release.

At the time, Carey was grappling with personal turmoil, creative control, and a desire to explore.

"I was listening to Hole, Garbage, Green Day," she told Pitchfork. "There was a rage and freedom in that music."

The vocals on the album were replaced by Clarissa Dane, and the release flew under the radar.

Music journalists who've heard early mixes describe it as "raw, witty, and catchy," The updated version, featuring Mariah's vocals, is expected to drop this fall alongside a short-form documentary. Looking Ahead

With whispers of a Vegas residency reboot, a memoir-to-film adaptation, and a new album, Carey is expanding her empire. But this year feels different. Less like a comeback, and more like a full-fledged renaissance. Mariah Carey is once again rewriting her legacy-on her terms.





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### **TECH TALK**

### Keep It Loud! By Jeff Larsen

### Best Outdoor Waterproof Speakers

f you're seeking the perfect soundtrack for your outdoor adventures, investing in a high-qual-

by the pool, or on a camping trip, the right speaker can elevate. Below is a curated list of the best outdoor waterproof speakers.

#### JBL Boombox 3

Price: \$499.95 Waterproof Rating: IP67 Battery Life: Up to 24 hours

Features: Known for powerful bass and robust sound, the JBL Boombox 3 is designed for large gatherings. Its durable build and waterproof rating make it suitable for various outdoor settings, www.jbl.com

### **Ultimate Ears EPICBOOM**

Price: \$349.99

Waterproof Rating: IP67

Battery Life: Up to 17 hours

Features: Delivering 360-degree sound, the ity waterproof speaker is essential. Whether EPICBOOM is compact yet powerful. Its rugged you're hosting a backyard barbecue, lounging design ensures durability. www.ultimateears.com

#### Bose SoundLink Max

Price: \$399.00

Waterproof Rating: IP67 Battery Life: Up to 20 hours Features: Combining Bose's sound quality with durability, the SoundLink Max offers corrosion and UV resistance, making it ideal for beach outings. www.bose.com

#### Sonos Move 2

Price: \$449.00 Waterproof Rating: IP56 Battery Life: Up to 24 hours

Features: The Move 2 offers Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connectivity, along with smart features like voice control. Its integration



with Sonos systems makes it a versatile choice, www.sonos.com

### JBL Flip 7

Price: \$149.95

Waterproof Rating: IP68 Battery Life: Up to 14 hours

Features: Compact and affordable, the Flip 7 doesn't compromise on sound quality. Its upgraded tweeter and extended playtime make it a reliable choice . www.jbl.com

#### **Soundcore Motion Boom Plus**

Price: \$179 99

Waterproof Rating: IP67 Battery Life: Up to 20 hours

Features: Delivering impressive volume and bass, the Motion Boom Plus is perfect for outdoor adventurers needing robust audio. www.soundcore.com

#### Sony ULT Field 7

Price: \$299.99

Waterproof Rating: IP67 Battery Life: Up to 25 hours

Features: Featuring LED lighting and deep bass, the ULT Field 7 is ideal for party enthusiasts. www.electronics.sony.com

### **Anker Soundcore Motion 300**

Price: \$79.99

Waterproof Rating: IPX7 Battery Life: Up to 13 hours

Features: Offering value with high-quality sound, the Motion 300's adjustable EQ settings via the app and compact design make it a great choice. www.soundcore.com

### **Ultimate Ears Wonderboom 4**

Price: \$99.99

Waterproof Rating: IP67 Battery Life: Up to 14 hours

Features: Delivering 360-degree sound, the Wonderboom 4 floats on water, making it pool-friendly, www.ultimateears.com

Selecting the right outdoor waterproof speaker depends on your specific needs, whether it's portability, sound quality, or smart features. The options listed above cater to a variety of preferences, ensuring you can find the perfect match for your outdoor audio adventures.



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By Robert Gooder

### TIKI LOUNGES IN SO CAL

ere's a curated guide to the best tiki lounges across Los Angeles, the San Fernando Valley, Ventura, Santa Barbara and Simi Valley counties. Each offers a unique escape into tropical bliss, complete with specialty cocktails, immersive atmospheres, and unforgettable experiences.

Tiki-Ti – Los Angeles, CA

Atmosphere: A legendary, family-owned tiki bar since 1961, Tiki-Ti is renowned for its intimate setting adorned with Polynesian decor and vibrant lights. The bar's lively ambiance is enhanced by patrons' chants during drink preparations, creating a communal and spirited experience.

Specialty Drinks: Boasting over 90 exotic concoctions, signature drinks include the "Blood and Sand," where guests chant "Toro, Toro, Toro" as it's prepared, and the mysterious "Uga Booga."

Price: \$\$.

Website: www.tiki-ti.com

Tonga Hut - North Hollywood, CA

**Atmosphere:** As L.A.'s oldest operating tiki bar since 1958, Tonga Hut exudes



vintage charm with its lava rock fountain and retro decor. The bar's nostalgic vibe is complemented by its loyal following and classic tiki ambiance.

Specialty Drinks: Known for traditional tiki cocktails like the Mai Tai and the flaming Scorpion Bowl. Adventurous patrons can attempt all 78 cocktails from

"The Grog Log" to join the Loyal Order of the Drooling Bastard.

Price: \$\$

Website: www.tongahut.com/north-hol-

VenTiki Tiki Lounge and Lanai – Ventura, CA

Atmosphere: An island oasis in downtown Ventura, VenTiki offers a vibrant setting with tiki carvings, tropical plants, and a laid-back lanai. The ambiance is perfect for both daytime relaxation and lively evenings.



Specialty Drinks: Features a diverse menu of traditional and modern tiki cocktails, including the famed Mai Tai and the inventive "Lagoon of Forbidden Desire."

Price: \$\$

Website: www.ventikiloungeandla-

nai.com

Test Pilot - Santa Barbara, CA

Atmosphere: Located in the Funk Zone, Test Pilot combines nautical and Polynesian elements to create a chic, tropical retreat. The bar's turquoise walls and tiki art set the stage for a sophisticated yet fun experience.

**Specialty Drinks:** Offers a range of exotic cocktails and spiked slushies, with unique presentations like the "Montenegro for Two" served in a hollowed-out pineapple.

Price: \$\$

Website: www.testpilotcocktails.com High Roller Tiki Lounge – Solvang, CA

Atmosphere: A cozy lounge that blends tiki flair with wine country elegance. The intimate setting features bamboo accents and tiki memorabilia, creating a unique fusion of styles.

Specialty Drinks: Specializes in "winetails," wine-based versions of classic

tiki drinks like the Mai Tai and Navy Grog, offering a distinctive twist on traditional recipes.

Price: \$\$

Website: https://highrollertiki.com Pacific Seas at Clifton's Republic – Los Angeles, CA

Atmosphere: An opulent tiki bar located within the historic Clifton's Republic. The space dazzles with nautical artifacts, lush greenery, and a vintage Chris Craft boat repurposed as a DJ booth.

**Specialty Drinks:** Serves expertly crafted tiki classics like the Mai Tai and Scorpion Bowl, using fresh ingredients and elaborate garnishes.

Price: \$\$\$

Website: www.cliftonscafeteria.us/pacifc-seas

The Bamboo Club - Long Beach, CA

Atmosphere: A laid-back tiki destination featuring bamboo decor, vinyl nights, and a spacious patio. The relaxed setting is



perfect for casual gatherings and daytime visits.

**Specialty Drinks:** Offers a variety of tropical cocktails, including the "Piña Verde," a piña colada enhanced with green chartreuse, and other inventive creations.

Price: \$\$

Website: www.bambooclublb.com The Lucky Tiki – Mission Hills, CA

Atmosphere: A hidden gem with a speakeasy vibe, The Lucky Tiki boasts a cozy interior adorned with tiki masks, bamboo accents, and a thatched roof bar.

Specialty Drinks: Features a menu of classic tiki cocktails, each crafted with precision and served in themed glassware.

Price: \$\$

Website: https://mytiki.life/ti-ki-bars/the-lucky-tiki

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### **Berry Wonderful Fruits**

By Catherine Perres

hether you're a local resident or a visitor, strawberry season in Los Angeles offers an opportunity to connect with nature, support local agriculture, and enjoy the freshest berries.

Strawberry season is delightful, offering the chance to enjoy fresh, juicy berries and partake in various strawberry-themed activities.

### **Strawberry Picking Farms**

Farms near Los Angeles County offer "U-Pick" experiences, allowing visitors to pick their own strawberries. Underwood Family Farms – Moorpark

**Location:** 3370 Sunset Valley Rd., Moorpark

Highlights: Activities including tractor rides, an animal center, and seasonal events. underwoodfamilyfarms.com

Location:

Drive, Irvine

Highlight



### Underwood Family Farms – Somis

Location: 5696 E. Los Angeles Ave, Somis

**Highlights:** An intimate setting focusing on berry picking and a relaxed atmosphere. www.underwoodfamilyfarms.com/somis

Tanaka Farms – Irvine Location: 5380 3/4 University

**Highlights:** Interactive

strawberry tours including wagon rides and opportunities to pick seasonal vegetables. www.tanakafarms.com



### Carlsbad Strawberry Company - Carlsbad

**Location:** 1050 Cannon Rd, Carlsbad

**Highlights:** Family-run farm offering U-pick strawberry fields and various family activities. www.carlsbadstrawberrycompany.com



**Location:** 32701 Alipaz St, San Juan Capistrano

Highlights: Offers a regenerative organic strawberry picking experience. www.theecologycenter.org Strawberry Festivals in the Region

Strawberry season is also celebrated through festivals. California Strawberry Festival – Ventura

Dates: May 17–18, 2025
Location: Ventura County
Fairgrounds, 10 W Harbor Blvd, Ventura



**Highlights:** Features strawberry-themed foods, live entertainment, arts and crafts, and family-friendly activities. www.castrawberryfestival.org

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Garden Grove Strawberry Festival

Dates: May 23-26, 2025

Location: Main Street, Garden Grove Highlights: Carnival rides, music, a parade, and contests celebrating trawberry heritage. www.strawberryfestivl.org

A Successful Strawberry Picking Experience

**Timing:** Visit farms during early morning or late afternoon.

Attire: Wear comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes.

Supplies: Bring sunscreen, hats, and water.

**Containers:** Some farms provide containers, but it's advisable to bring your own.

Check Ahead: Call or check the farm's website before visiting.

Strawberry season offers a delightful opportunity to connect with nature, support local agriculture, and enjoy the freshest berries Southern California has to offer.



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# HEATH/BEAUTY Pamper Mom

### Give Her The Royal Treatment At Local Spas

By Angel Para

eing a mom is a beautiful journey -but it's also one of the hardest jobs in the world. Between school runs, work, family commitments, and daily life stresses, moms rarely take time for themselves. Thankfully. Los Angeles and its surrounding areas are home to some of the country's most serene and rejuvenating spa retreats, perfect for giving moms the luxurious break they deserve. Whether it's for Mother's Day, a birthday, or just a surprise "thank you," these spa escapes will leave any mom feeling refreshed. appreciated, and deeply pampered.

### The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Los Angeles (Downtown LA)

If Mom deserves the royal treatment, The Ritz-Carlton Spa in Downtown Los Angeles is the ultimate indulgence. Tucked away on the second floor of the glittering Ritz-Carlton Hotel, this 8,000-square-foot oasis features eucalyptus-infused steam rooms, a rooftop pool, and a selection of luxurious treatments designed for deep relaxation. Moms can choose from customized massages, diamond facials, and body wraps that make her feel like a Hollywood star. It's the perfect spot for a "Mom's Day Out" with sweeping city views to match. www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/laxlz-the-ritz-carlton-los-angeles/spa Ojai Valley Inn Spa Ojai (Ojai)

Sometimes, the best way to recharge is to completely step away from the daily grind. Just 90 minutes from Los Angeles, the Ojai Valley Inn offers an unforget-table escape into nature and luxury. Spa Ojai features Spanish Revival architecture, lush gardens, and treatments like the "Kuyam," a unique group clay treatment combined with guided meditation. For artistic moms, the Artist Cottage at the Inn offers creative workshops like pottery and painting. It's the kind of place where she can truly breathe, reconnect, and be inspired. www.spaojai.com

### Tomoko Japanese Spa (Beverly Hills)

Tomoko Spa in Beverly Hills is pure bliss. Known for its quiet, minimalistic luxury, Tomoko specializes in Japanese-style hospitality, beginning with a soothing foot bath and ending with optional gourmet Japanese snacks after her treatment. Customizable massages, including a signature "Tomoko Massage," combine Thai, Swedish, and Shiatsu techniques, making it ideal for stressed muscles and tired minds. This highly private, appointment-only retreat offers the gift of total peace. https://tomokospa.com Glen Ivy Hot Springs (Corona)

For a more playful and social day of pampering, Glen Ivy Hot Springs



in Corona offers an expansive spa playground. With 19 mineral pools, a mud bath grotto, and outdoor treatments under the California sun, it's a wonderful way for moms to relax, laugh, and recharge with friends or family. The "Mom's Day Package" often includes massages, facials, and access to the pools, making it an unforgettable way to celebrate her special day. https://glenivy.com

### The NOW Massage (Various LA Locations)

If time is short but self-care is still a must, The NOW Massage offers a laid-back, boho-chic environment perfect for a quick rejuvenation session. With locations in Silver Lake, Santa Monica, Studio City, and more, it's easy to pop in for a 50- or 80-minute massage tailored to Mom's needs.

Aromatherapy upgrades and specialized treatments like "The Prenatal"

make it ideal for new or expecting moms. https://thenowmassage.com A Gift of Love and Renewal

Moms give endlessly — it's time to give back. Whether it's a full weekend escape to Ojai's rolling hills or an afternoon soaking in Glen Ivy's mineral pools, these spa retreats offer more than relaxation — they offer restoration. In a world that asks so much from mothers, there's no better gift than reminding her that she deserves to be nurtured too.





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### Rising From The Ashes

### Youth Theatre Comes Back To Pacific Palisades

By Michael Reno

n Pacific Palisades, a youth theater production has become a symbol of resilience and renewal following the devastating Los Angeles fires. Rising literally from the ashes, the community's young performers are staging an inspiring comeback.

The wildfires tore through Los Angeles County, leaving trails of devastation. Pacific Palisades, known for its picturesque views and vibrant community, was not spared. Homes, landmarks, and community centers faced significant damage, including the local youth theater group's beloved rehearsal space. Costumes, props, scripts, and sentimental artifacts collected over years of dedicated performances were lost. It was a heartbreaking blow.

But the spirit of theater, inherently rooted in storytelling, adaptability, and community, proved to be stronger than even the flames. Determined to see their next production through, students, parents, teachers, and neighbors rallied together. The Pacific Palisades community responded swiftly, offering temporary rehearsal spaces in churches, school gyms,



and private homes. Donations of costumes, props, and funds poured in, showcasing the remarkable generosity and solidarity among residents.

The production chosen to symbolize this powerful rebirth was aptly named "Phoenix Rising," an original musical crafted by the students. Directed by theater educator, Abigail Morrison, the production's narrative cleverly mirrors the community's own experience of loss and rejuvenation. "We chose 'Phoenix Rising' not just because it echoes our journey," Morrison explained, "but because it emphasizes hope, resilience, and the unwavering strength that comes from sticking together."

Rehearsals for "Phoenix Rising" became therapeutic spaces where young performers shared their experiences. Emotional rehearsals turned into sessions of collective healing, allowing students to express themselves creatively while processing trauma. Seventeen-year-old lead actress Emily Hartley spoke about her experience: "Losing our theater space was devastating. But coming together to create something new gave us all purpose and hope. Every rehearsal reminded us we weren't alone."

One of the greatest challenges was recreating an entire stage set. Yet, this too became a testament to community strength. Local businesses donated materials, carpenters, artists, and volunteers worked tirelessly alongside the youth to construct a set even more spectacular than before. "Every nail we drove, every stroke of paint, felt symbolic," said 16-year-old set designer and actor Sam Martinez. "It was like we were rebuilding ourselves along with the set."

Finally, the highly anticipated premiere of "Phoenix Rising" took place at a local high school auditorium, which opened its doors to the theater group. The event was a powerful testament to solidarity, drawing a record attendance from across Los Angeles. Families, firefighters, city officials,

and arts patrons alike filled the auditorium, eager to witness a performance born from resilience.

ON STAGE

The show itself was a triumph—filled with powerful songs, drama, and heartfelt performances that spoke directly to the audience's experiences. By the final curtain call, there wasn't a dry eye in the house. The ovation that erupted wasn't merely for the brilliant performances but for the resilience and determination symbolized by every participant.

Pacific Palisades' youth theater has since used this momentum to strengthen its programs. Plans for permanent rebuilding of their theater space are now underway, bolstered by funds raised from "Phoenix Rising." Workshops, master classes, and community outreach programs have expanded.

Reflecting on the incredible journey from loss to revival, director Morrison shared, "This experience taught our students more than any play could. They learned courage, empathy, perseverance, and the profound importance of community. Art saved us, and art will continue to empower our youth."

Indeed, Pacific Palisades' youth theater production has risen from the ashes of tragedy, shining brighter than ever. Its remarkable revival serves as a reminder to all communities that even in the darkest moments. resilience and unity can illuminate the way forward.

https://theatrepalisades.org





By Kelly Clark

### **Fun And Funky Destinations**

outhern California isn't just palm trees and beaches—it's a wildly diverse wonderland. From shimmering desert blooms and secluded island escapes to Japanese gardens and Tibetan temples, here are some of the most exotic places to visit. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Southern California's largest state park is a surreal desert paradise filled with slot canyons, wildflowers (in spring), and alien-like landscapes. During super





bloom season, the normally arid terrain transforms into a vibrant floral canvas. Stargazing here is epic. Hike through The Slot or visit the Ricardo Breceda metal sculptures. www.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=638 Catalina Island

Just an hour from the mainland, Catalina Island is a Mediterranean-style retreat with turquoise waters, charming villages, and exotic marine life. Snorkel in Lover's Cove, zipline above the treetops, or take a glass-bottom boat tour. www.lovecatalina.com Sunnylands Center & Gardens

This 200-acre estate was once a private retreat for presidents and royalty. Now, Sunnylands features otherworldly desert gardens with over 53,000 drought-resistant plants arranged in geometrically surreal displays, www.sunnylands.org

The Japanese Garden at Woodley Park

A hidden gem, this garden replicates the design and aesthetic of ancient Japanese landscape architecture. With koi-filled lakes, stone lanterns, arched bridges, and cherry blossoms, the garden is a meditative escape. www.thejapanesegarden.com Salvation Mountain and East Jesus

Art lovers and adventurous souls flock to this technicolor desert attraction, where a

man-made mountain painted in bright Christian imagery rises out of the sand. Nearby, East Jesus is an experimental artist community filled with wild, recycled art. www.salvationmountain.org The Integratron

This dome-shaped structure is believed by many to be a conduit for healing and cosmic energy. Built by a ufologist, it's now best known for its "Sound Baths"—restorative sessions using quartz crystal bowls that vibrate through your body. www.integratron.com

#### Point Dume Nature Preserve

Point Dume is a quiet, exotic cliffside preserve offering ocean views, blooming wildflowers, sea caves, and secluded coves. It's a great spot for



whale-watching and has a surprisingly untouched, cinematic beauty. www.malibucity.org/Facilities/-Facility/Details/Point-Dume-Nature-Preserve-78 Tibetan Monastery at Odiyan Retreat Center

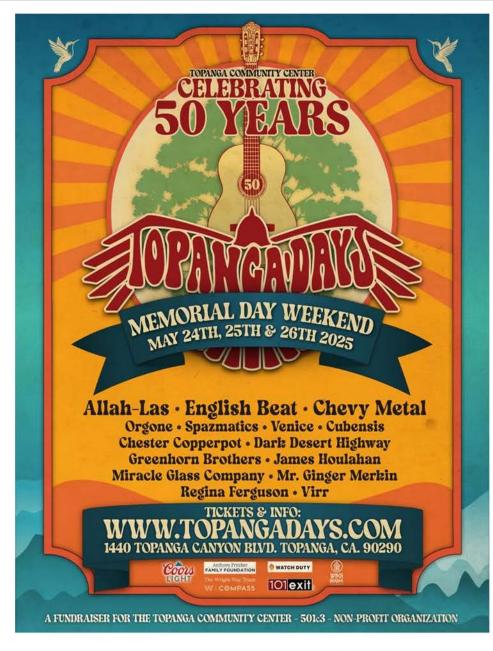
While technically just beyond SoCal, Odiyan is worth the drive. This mountaintop retreat is home to a large Tibetan temple, massive mandalas, and vast fields of prayer wheels. Plan ahead for open house events or guided retreats. www.odiyan.org El Matador Beach

El Matador's rock arches and sea stacks feel like something from the coast of Portugal. This hidden gem, accessed by a steep stairway down the cliffside, is perfect for photographers and romantic picnics. www.parks.ca.gov/?page\_id=623

### Los Rios Historic District & Hidden House Coffee

Step back in time in one of California's oldest neighborhoods, featuring adobe houses, lush gardens, and artisan shops. Tucked behind one of the homes is Hidden House Coffee, a charming café with garden seating and fresh pastries that feel like you're in a European countryside. www.sanjuancapistrano.org/losrios

Whether you're seeking spiritual restoration, artistic expression, or just jaw-dropping scenery, Southern California offers plenty of exotic escapes—without ever leaving the state. Pack a camera, wear sunscreen, and get ready to be transported.





### **Celebrity Escapes**

### The High-End, Luxury Travel of the Rich and Famous

By Robin Pritchard

hen the world's most recognizable faces seek respite from the spotlight, they retreat to destinations where luxury, privacy, and exclusivity converge. From secluded island resorts to

and stunning view. www.saintbarth-tour-isme.com

#### Lake Como, Italy

Nestled in the Italian Alps, Lake Como offers serene landscapes and luxurious



opulent European villas, these locales offer the perfect blend of indulgence and anonymity. Here's an exploration of some of the most coveted celebrity vacation spots.

### St. Barthélemy (St. Barts), Caribbean

St. Barts, a gem in the French West Indies, is synonymous with upscale relaxation. Celebrities like Beyoncé and Jay-Z, Ryan Seacrest, and Marc Jacobs have been known to frequent its pristine beaches. The



island boasts luxury accommodations such as Eden Rock and Cheval Blanc St-Barth Isle de France, offering unparalleled service villas. George and Amal Clooney's residence here has added to its allure. High-profile visitors like Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce have been spotted enjoying the lake's tranquility, often staying at esteemed establishments like Grand Hotel Tremezzo. https://lakecomotravel.com/lake-como-italy Maldives

The Maldives, with its overwater bungalows and crystal-clear waters, is a haven for celebrities seeking seclusion. Supermodel Naomi Campbell recently shared glimpses of her family vacation at the luxurious One&Only Reethi Rah resort, highlighting the destination's appeal. https://visitmaldives.com/en

#### Aspen, Colorado

Aspen is not just a winter sports paradise but also a luxury retreat. Stars like the Kardashians and Mariah Carey are known to frequent its slopes. The Little Nell and Hotel Jerome offer upscale accommodations that cater to the elite. https://aspen.gov

#### Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

A short flight from Los

Angeles, Cabo San Lucas is a favorite for quick getaways. Celebrities such as Jennifer Aniston and George Clooney have been seen enjoying its beaches. Resorts like Las Ventanas al Paraíso and The Resort at Pedregal provide top-tier luxury experiences. www.visitloscabos.travel Amangiri, Utah

Set amidst the stark beauty of the Utah desert, Amangiri offers minimalist luxury and unparalleled privacy. Frequented by the likes of Kim Kardashian and Brad Pitt, this resort is the epitome of secluded elegance. www.aman.com Ibiza, Spain

Beyond its vibrant nightlife, Ibiza offers tranquil retreats that attract celebrities seeking relaxation. Luxury villas and resorts like Nobu Hotel Ibiza Bay provide serene escapes with Mediterranean charm. www.spain.info/en/region/ibiza-island Bora Bora, French Polynesia

Known for its turquoise lagoons and overwater bungalows, Bora Bora is a dream destination. Celebrities like Nicole Kidman and Justin Bieber have been drawn to its idyllic settings, with resorts such as the Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora offering unparalleled luxury. www.tahiti.com/island/bora-bora



**CELEBRITY NEWS** 

### French Riviera, France

The French Riviera, encompassing glamorous locales like Cannes and Saint-Tropez, has long been a playground for the rich and famous. During events like the Cannes Film Festival, the region buzzes with celebrity activity. Hotels like Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc in Antibes are renowned for hosting A-list guests. https://frenchriviera.travel

These destinations represent the pinnacle of luxury travel, offering celebrities the perfect blend of opulence and discretion. Whether it's a secluded island or a chic European locale, the rich and famous have an array of exquisite options to choose from for their getaways.

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### **High-End Outdoor Fitness**

By Amanda Boosten

s summer hits, outdoor exercise evolves into a luxurious lifestyle. Southern California,



Aspen, Miami, and the Hamptons are dotted with luxury fitness enthusiasts stretching, sprinting, cycling, and climbing in style. From private rooftop yoga to designer trail running, here's how to break a sweat in opulent fashion.



#### Elite Outdoor Fitness

to Miami): Imagine practicing sun salutations with the Pacific Ocean in front of you and a private instructor guiding. Luxury yoga brands like ALO Yoga resorts like Montage Laguna Beach host beachside classes, while VIPs book private sessions. www.aloyoga.com

Cycling with a View (Santa Barbara, Napa, Aspen): High-end cycling is no longer just fitness—it's a fashion and tech statement. Riders wear aerody-

namic \$500+ kits from MAAP or Rapha, and ride carbon-frame bikes from Cervélo or Pinarello (starting at \$7,000). Popular luxury cycling tours, such as those by DuVine Cycling + Adventure Co., take riders through wine country and coastal cliffs. www.duvine.com, www.rapha.cc **Designer Trail Running** 

Fashion-forward athletes are outfitted in Arc'teryx Veilance, Goldwin, or Satisfy Running. Advanced trail shoes from HOKA x Moncler or Salomon Lab can top \$300. Popular routes include Griffith Park in LA or the Montauk Beachside Pilates & Yoga (Malibu trails in New York, www.satisfyrunning.com, www.moncler.com Stand-Up Paddleboard Yoga

> SUP classes are booming at and Rosewood Mayakoba. Guests do core workouts or yoga flows on premium boards like Bote Rover Aero (\$2,000), while dressed in UV-protective, quick-dry gear from Tropicfeel or Lululemon's Lab line. www.boteboard.com, www.lululemon.com

Designer Activewear & Performance Gear

Ermenegildo Zegna's Outdoor Tech: Blending Italian tailoring with rugged performance, Zegna's



collection includes windproof shell jackets, technical sneakers, and hiking-ready outfits, www.zegna.com

Moncler Grenoble for Mountain Activities: Even in summer. mountaintop yoga and hiking demand high-end gear. Moncler Grenoble's breathable zip-ups and featherlight puffers are perfect for unpredictable conditions. www.moncler.com

Loro Piana's "The Gift of Kings" Activewear: Crafted with

merino wool, Loro Piana's activewear line brings softness to joggers, polos, and zip hoodies that pair luxury with breathability. www.loropiana.com Luxe Fitness Accessories

Louis Vuitton Dumbbells & Yoga Mats: Luxury is how you accessorize. LV sells monogrammed dumbbells (\$2,750) and yoga mats (\$2,600). www.louisvuitton.com

Bang & Olufsen Beoplay E8 **Sport Earbuds** 

Waterproof, sleek, and tuned for high fidelity during rigorous motion, these earbuds combine performance with quality. www.bang-olufsen.com

THERAGUN Elite for Recovery: A luxury workout isn't complete without recovery. This \$399 massage device is compact but powerful. therabody.com Where to Work Out in Style

The WELL at Mayflower Inn (Connecticut) - Outdoor bootcamps, forest bathing, and personalized hiking. www.aubergeresorts.com/mayflower

Equinox+ In the Wild Retreats -From the beaches of Cabo to mountains of Utah, Equinox curates fitness getaways. www.equinoxexplores.com

Runyon Canyon Personal Trainers (Los Angeles) - Celebrity-favorite fitness trainers host private sessions overlooking the Hollywood sign. www.runyoncanvon-losangeles.com

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### Pampering Your Pet In Los Angeles

By Jack Johnell

ets aren't just companions; they're family. When it comes to pampering your four-legged royalty, the San Fernando Valley, Ventura, Simi Valley, and Santa Barbara offer an abundance of luxurious, pet-centric places designed to spoil your pup or kitty like never before.

### Pussy & Pooch Pethouse and Pawbar (Beverly Glen)

Treat your beloved fur baby to the ultimate luxury at Pussy & Pooch, where pets experience a gournet Pawbar featuring freshly prepared meals tailored specifically to their dietary needs. Their attentive staff pampers pets with boutique grooming services, organic spa treatments, and an extensive selection of designer collars, beds, and toys. www.pussyandpooch.com

Three Dog Bakery (Encino)

Spoil your pup at Three Dog
Bakery, where canine connoisseurs
can indulge in freshly baked treats
made with wholesome ingredients.
From pupcakes to personalized
birthday cakes, every visit becomes
a memorable treat. Custom orders
cater to dogs with dietary restrictions,
ensuring every pup leaves wagging
their tail. www.threedog.com
Dioji K-9 Resort & Athletic Club

### Dioji K-9 Resort & Athletic Club (Agoura Hills)

Let your dog enjoy a luxurious resort-like stay at Dioji K-9 Resort, offering cage-free boarding, expansive indoor and outdoor play areas, swimming pools, and 24-hour staff supervision. Whether your pup stays overnight or just for daycare, they'll enjoy the ultimate vacation experience designed just for dogs. www.dioji.com **Petropolis (Camarillo)** 

At Petropolis, your furry friend experiences a five-star resort atmosphere complete with spa treatments, stylish grooming, and lavish accommodations. Their luxury suites feature cozy beds, soothing music, and attentive care tailored to your pet's unique personality, making



grooming ensure your pup returns relaxed, refreshed, and royally treated. www.waghotels.com

them feel right at home—or better yet, pampered royalty. www.petropolispets.com

### Wag Hotels (Westlake Village)

Wag Hotels elevate pet care with state-of-the-art facilities, including luxurious private suites equipped with plush bedding and flat-screen TVs playing pet-friendly programming. Spa services such as blueberry facials, paw massages, and professional

### Fitdog Sports Club (Thousand Oaks)

Fitdog provides pets with a stimulating, high-end fitness environment combining wellness activities and structured play. Their offerings include agility training, swimming lessons, and enrichment programs designed to keep your pup physically fit and mentally stimulated, truly treating them like canine royalty. www.fitdogsportsclub.com The Barkley Pet Hotel & Day

The Barkley is renowned for offering pets a luxurious stay akin to human hotels, featuring spacious suites,

Spa (Westlake Village)

personalized care, and gourmet room service menus tailored to pet tastes. Their renowned spa pampers your pet with massages, aromatherapy, and grooming services that promise relaxation and rejuvenation. www.thebarkleypethotel.com Maxwell Dog (Studio City)

Maxwell Dog boutique provides an exquisite selection of designer pet accessories, clothing, beds, and gourmet foods. Their knowledgeable staff can help style your pet for any occasion, making them the talk of the town and ensuring every outing feels like a royal event. www.maxwelldog.com

### Cat Therapy Café (Santa Barbara)

PETPOURRIE

Give your feline friend a unique outing at Cat Therapy Café, where kitties relax in a serene, cat-friendly environment. Visitors and cats alike unwind amidst climbing walls, cozy loungers, and plenty of human interaction, all contributing to a blissful experience of feline royalty. www.cattherapysb.com

### Healthy Pet (Thousand Oaks)

Healthy Pet offers comprehensive wellness services, holistic grooming, and premium organic pet foods. Their spa treatments include calming baths, gentle massages, and specialty grooming designed to keep your pet healthy, happy, and undeniably pampered. www.healthypetstores.com

Treating your pets like royalty has never been easier in the vibrant valleys of Southern California. With these exceptional establishments dedicated to luxurious comfort and indulgent care, your furry family members will undoubtedly feel like kings and queens.



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## **SMOOTH CRUISING**

### Your Guide to Boutique Yachting

By Edward Heren

outhern California's sparkling coastline is an open invitation to include in sea-bound elegance. From Malibu's rocky headlands to the tranquil coves of Catalina Island, the

Pacific is best experienced from the deck of a small luxury yacht. These compact yet opulent vessels are perfect for open-sea adventures—offering all the prestige of yachting without the enormous footprint or expense of mega yachts.

For those looking to charter or buy, here's a complete guide to the top small luxury yachts made for SoCal's open waters, plus where to find them and how much you can expect to invest. What is a Small Luxury Yacht?

A small luxury yacht is typically between 35 to 70 feet in length, capable of open-sea navigation but still compact enough for private ownership or intimate charters. They come equipped with plush seating areas, sleeping quarters, outdoor decks, and



often, gourmet galleys and high-end audio systems. These yachts combine agility and comfort—perfect for exploring Catalina, island-hopping along the coast, or hosting an upscale gathering at sea.

### Top Small Luxury Yachts Ideal for Southern California Waters

Azimut Verve 42: Length: 42 ft, Cruising Speed: 35 knots, Cost (New): ~\$1.3–1.6 million, Charter Rate: \$4,000–\$6,500/day

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This Italian luxury sport yacht is perfect for speed lovers and design enthusiasts. With triple Mercury engines, a sleek profile, an air-conditioned cabin, and a modern sun deck, it's ideal for fast getaways to Catalina or whale-watching along the Santa Barbara Channel. Where to Charter or Buy: www.denisonyachtsales.com

VanDutch 40: Length: 40 ft, Cruising Speed: 28–38 knots, Cost (New): ~\$900,000-\$1.2 million, Charter Rate: \$3,000-\$4,500/day



A favorite among celebrities and designers, the VanDutch 40 is a head-turner with its avant-garde angles and minimalist luxury. It offers a vast deck, plush sunpads, and a low profile ideal for Malibu's scenic coastline or private coastal parties. Charter Option: www.duffycharters.com

Hinckley Picnic Boat 37 MKIII: Length: 37 ft, Cruising Speed: 30 knots, Cost (New): ~\$1.1 million, Charter Rate: \$2,500–\$3,800/day

This American-made classic combines traditional craftsmanship with cutting-edge jet propulsion. Hinckley's Picnic Boat is revered for its quiet engines, teak accents, and cozy cabin, making it ideal for romantic overnights anchored off Two Harbors on Catalina. Purchase Info: www.hinckleyyachts.com

Fjord 40 Open: Length: 40 ft, Cruising Speed: 25–35 knots, Cost (New): ~\$950,000-\$1.1 million Charter Rate: \$2,800-\$4,200/day

The Fjord 40 is built for entertaining with a walk-around deck, pop-up wet bar, outdoor grill, and lounge seating. Scandinavian design meets Mediterranean vibes in this stunning vessel, which is ideal for a cocktail cruise from Redondo Beach to Long Beach. Charter Service: www.fjordchartersla.com

Greenline 39 Hybrid: Length: 39 ft, Cruising Speed: 10–15 knots (Hybrid), Cost (New): ~\$600,000–\$850,000, Charter Rate: \$1,800–\$3,000/day

For eco-conscious yachters, the Greenline 39 offers electric propulsion, solar panels, and a quiet ride—perfect for exploring marine sanctuaries near the Channel Islands. Its interior includes a modern galley, large panoramic windows, and a spacious salon. Available via: www.seacoastyachts.com **Buying vs. Chartering** 

**Buying:** Ownership is ideal for frequent boaters. Beyond the purchase price, annual maintenance, docking, insurance, and crew (if needed) can add \$30,000–\$75,000 per year.

Chartering: Perfect for special occasions or seasonal adventures. Daily charter rates range from \$1,800 to \$6,500 depending on yacht size, crew, route, and included amenities (e.g., catering, water toys, or fuel). Popular Departure Ports for Luxury Yacht Experiences

Marina del Rey: The Westside's luxury yachting hub with high-end charter services and marina slips.



**Newport Beach:** Known for its glamorous harbor and fleet of boutique yachts.

Santa Barbara Harbor: Scenic, upscale, and a gateway to Channel Islands National Park.

San Diego Bay: Perfect for long-range sea excursions and upscale overnights.

### **Top Routes and Destinations**

Catalina Island (Avalon or Two Harbors): 26 miles from Long Beach and filled with moorings, restaurants, and hiking.

Malibu Coastline: Cruise past iconic homes and stop for paddleboarding in secluded coves.

**Dana Point to Oceanside:** Great for southern SoCal explorations and dock-and-dine experiences.

Channel Islands: Remote and rugged, ideal for multi-day adventures and wildlife watching.

Whether you're sipping champagne off the bow of a VanDutch 40 or anchoring a Greenline 39 under the stars near Catalina, small luxury yachts offer an unparalleled blend of intimacy, adventure, and style. In Southern California—where land meets luxury—these boutique yachts deliver on every front.

### SPRUCE UP YOUR KITCHEN

### WITH HIGH-END GADGETS AND APPLIANCES

By Rosalie Dawing

n 2025, the kitchen has evolved into a hub of innovation and luxury, blending cutting-edge technology with sophisticated design. From AI-integrated appliances to artisanal tools, here are the top kitchen luxuries and gadgets redefining culinary spaces this year. Smart Appliances: The AI

Revolution Artificial Intelligence is transforming

kitchen appliances, making them more intuitive and efficient. Samsung's Bespoke AI Jet Ultra cordless stick vacuum. for instance. boasts 400 watts of power and a smart LED

panel that displays call and text alerts, integrating seamlessly into the smart home ecosystem. Additionally, their smart refrigerators can monitor food contents. suggest recipes, and even communicate with ovens to optimize cooking.

Bosch's Series 8 ovens are another example, featuring AI that adjusts cooking settings automatically for perfect results, enhancing both convenience and culinary precision .Ideal Home

### Iconic Stand Mixers: KitchenAid Artisan Series

The KitchenAid Artisan Series 5 Ouart Tilt-Head Stand Mixer remains a staple for both professional chefs and home bakers. With a powerful 325-watt motor and 10 adjustable speeds, it handles everything from kneading dough to whipping cream. Its compatibility with over 10 accessory attachments transforms it into a multifunctional kitchen hub. Currently, it's available at a 24% discount on Amazon, making

it an opportune time to invest in this culinary workhorse.

### **High-End Coffee and Espresso** Machines

For coffee aficionados, the Nespresso VertuoPlus Deluxe Coffee and Espresso Machine offers barista-quality beverages at home. Its ease of use, variety of pod flavors, and integrated milk

frother make it a luxurious addition to any kitchen. Moreover, Nespres-

so's commitment to sustainability

through their pod recycling program adds an eco-friendly touch to your morning routine.

Luxury Appliance Brands: Sub-Zero, Thermador, and Viking

When it comes to luxury kitchen appliances, brands like Sub-Zero, Thermador, and Viking lead the pack. Sub-Zero's refrigeration systems are renowned for their precise temperature control and sleek design. Thermador offers innovative cooking solutions, including steam ovens and induction cooktops, while Viking's professional-grade ranges bring restaurant-quality performance to home kitchens.

### Sustainable and Smart Kitchen Designs

Sustainability is a key trend in ers are opting for energy-efficient appliances and eco-friendly materials. Smart kitchens equipped intuitive technology not only streamline daily tasks but also reduce energy consumption, aligning luxury with environmental responsibility.

### Innovative Kitchen Gadgets

The Almond Cow is revolutionizing plant-based milk preparation, allowing users to make fresh almond, oat, or cashew milk in under a minute. Its efficiency and ease of cleaning make it a favorite among health-conscious consumers.

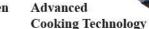
Additionally, the Nutribullet Blender continues to be a versatile tool for smoothies, sauces, and more, praised for its durability and performance over the years.

### Designer Cookware and Accessories

High-quality cookware is both functional and aesthetically pleasing. Le Creuset's enameled cast iron pieces, for example, are not only durable but also add a pop of color to the kitchen. Similarly, SMEG's retro-style appliances combine vintage charm with modern technology, making them a popular choice for stylish kitchens.

### **Smart Storage Solutions**

Efficient storage is essential in a luxury kitchen. Innovations like Simplehuman's sensor trash cans, which feature odor-absorbent pods and dual-use lids, enhance hygiene and convenience. Emile Henry's ceramic bread boxes not only preserve freshness but also serve as elegant countertop displays.



Modern kitchens are embracing advanced cooking technologies. Induction cooktops offer precise temperature control and energy efficiency, while dual fuel ranges combine the benefits of gas cooktops and electric ovens,

### Personalized Kitchen Spaces

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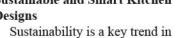
providing versatility for various

Personalization is at the forefront of kitchen design in 2025. Homeowners are customizing their kitchens with unique backsplashes, personalized hardware, and custom lighting fixtures, creating spaces that reflect their individual tastes and lifestyles.

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In summary, the best kitchen luxuries and gadgets of 2025 seamlessly blend technology, sustainability, and personalized design. Whether it's through AI-powered appliances, eco-friendly materials, or bespoke aesthetics, modern kitchens are becoming more than just cooking spaces—they're expressions of lifestyle and innovation.





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### **NEWS OF THE WEIRD**

### CROSSWORD

### By Andrews McMeel Syndication Top Stories

One of the latest advancements in the field Beach, Florida, that included kicking a of nanomedicine was announced near the end of March in the journal Nano Letters, and it came with a bit of a hardcore theme. Vice reported on April 28 that researchers in China had dehydrated and cooled tardigrades, the famously resilient micro-animals known colloquially as water bears, and used an electron beam and a coating of a compound called anisole to tattoo microscopic patterns on their bodies. According to the abstract, the experiment "has potential applications in cryopreservation, biomedicine and astrobiology." Forty percent of the creatures survived the process, and the researchers hope to improve the survival rate in future tests.

Earth-shaking is one thing, but space-shaking? A new study published April 3 in the journal AGU Advances concluded that the January 2022 eruption of the underwater volcano Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai, which registered as one of the most powerful in modern history and blasted ash and gas 31 miles into the atmosphere, actually produced secondary gravity waves that reached the edge of space -- you know, where the satellites we rely on for GPS technology, communication and tracking the weather are in orbit. MSN reported that the findings are "prompting scientists to reassess the potential impacts of volcanic activity on our technological infrastructure."

A recent Southwest Airlines flight was met by law enforcement after landing in Chicago, where police removed a passenger who had stripped naked and defecated on her seat, NBC Chicago reported on April 25. The plane was taken out of service to be cleaned. Southwest, just the latest airline to be put in the unenviable position of apologizing for the bizarre behavior of an unruly passenger, issued a statement: "Nothing is more important to Southwest than the safety of our customers and employees, and we appreciate the professionalism of our flight crew."

Hey, they say you shouldn't let coming into money change you, right? On April 28, James Farthing, 50, of Kentucky, was presented with an oversized check for winning the \$167.3 million Powerball jackpot. The next day, Farthing was arrested on felony and misdemeanor charges after an incident at the TradeWinds Resort in St. Pete

sheriff's deputy in the face and attempting to flee. The Smoking Gun reported that Farthing, an ex-con whose record includes convictions for theft, drug trafficking and engaging in an organized criminal syndicate, got into a drunken argument with a male patron at the resort and punched that man in the face, then assaulted the deputy as he attempted to break up the fight. The police report said Farthing "appeared very intoxicated and was yelling, screaming, and making incoherent statements." The newly minted millionaire's bond was set at only \$10,000, but he remains behind bars on felony and misdemeanor charges for violating his parole.

As Kristen Savage was walking her dog near her home in Sanford, Florida, on April 25, the pair were beset upon by a black bear, WKMG News 6 reported. While the bear made every effort to snatch Ringo, a 13-pound Chihuahua mix, away from his owner, Savage spun around, dangling Ringo in the air, and fell to the ground before using the only weapon she had at hand: a bag of cookies she had just been given by her mother, who lives down the street. "I whacked the bear across the face with it, and then I threw it," said Savage. "She put her head down and sniffed the cookies and we ran to the front door." Both owner and pet -as well as the bear -- were safe after the run-in. Bear encounters are fairly common in Savage's Markham Woods neighborhood, with more than 300 reported so far this year; Savage herself has doorbell video of a bear on her front steps. "From now on, I will always carry something," Savage said. "An air horn, whistle, something that can scare her off."

Customers at the upscale Treehouse Studios hair salon in the Hollywood Hills had a hair-raising experience on April 26, when a coyote climbed onto the building's roof and lapped at water that had collected in the skylight, in full view of the patrons below. Owner Travis Ogletree shared footage of the unusual encounter on TikTok, with the caption "Just another day at the Treehouse." USA Today noted that while it is not uncommon for coyotes to adapt to and survive in urban areas like the Hollywood Hills, it is unusual for the animals to be in populated areas during daylight.

### Crossword by Myles Mellor

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### Crossword by Myles Mellor

#### Across

- 1. Be in a cast
- 4. Trailer
- 9. Roswell sighting
- 12. Peach or tangerine
- 13. Egyptian solar god
- 14. Sorry
- 15. "20/20" network
- 16. Adapt
- 18. Expression of affection
- 20. Meadow
- 21. Styles
- 24. Competitor
- 28. "I can see clearly now, the \_\_ is gone"
- 29. Month
- 32. Calf-length skirt
- 33. Bend
- 34. Word with bum or bunny
- 35. Crash
- 36. Try
- 38. That ship
- 39. Smell
- 40. Herb with clusters of flowers
- 42. Loathsome
- 44. Goes with Zeppelin 46. Nudge
- 47. Italian tenor
- 52. \_\_\_ Khan
- 55. Have chits out
- 56. Crying veggie 57. Dead \_\_ walking
- 58. \_\_\_ Luthor, of "Superman"
- 59. It's a gas
- 60. Maine time

#### Down

- 1. Surprised expression
- 2. Apprentice
- 3. Expert
- 4. Virus that infects bacteria
- 5. "Arabian Nights" menace
- 6. Lord of the Rings bad guy
- 7. Think (over)
- 8. Willow
- 9. Red-white-and-blue inits.
- 10. Overabundance
- 11. Canticle
- 17. Mess up badly
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- 49. Torment
- 50. Canister
- 51. Unduly
- 53. \_\_\_ mask
- 54. Itchy insect

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- 26. "Farewell, mon ami"
- 27. Chain sections
- 30. Small guitar, for short
- 31. Copter's predecessor
- 37. Gaucho's rope
- 39. \_ de Janeiro
- 41. Duplicate

### Bad Dad Jokes

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### Previous Puzzle

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### Spring Camps and After School Programs



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By Ron Amal

### **The Best Summer Camp For Your Kids**

Your Complete Guide to a Memorable and Enriching Summer Adventure

hoosing the right summer camp for your child Explore the Programming isn't just about filling up school-free days—it's about unlocking growth, creativity, confidence, and friendships. With hundreds of options available, ranging from STEM boot camps and wilderness treks to music intensives and surf schools, the decision can feel overwhelming. But the best summer camp is the one that matches your child's personality, interests, and developmental needs. **Know Your Child's Personality and Interests** 

Start with a simple question: What lights your child up? Are they a budding artist who can't stop doodling? A young naturalist fascinated by insects and birds? A team-sport junkie who thrives in competition? The best

summer camps amplify what kids already love.

**Tip:** Involve your child in decision-making process. Look at websites and brochures together. Watch camp videos. See what excites them. Day Camp or Sleepaway Camp?

One of the first decisions is choosing between a day camp or overnight camp. Day Camps are great for younger children. They offer activities during the day and return your child home by evening. Sleepaway Camps provide a full-immersion experience with overnight stays, ideal for older kids and teens.

Ask yourself: Is your child comfortable sleeping away from home? Have they done sleepovers or traveled without parents before? For many kids, overnight camp is a powerful growth experience. Location, Location, Location

Proximity matters, especially for younger kids. Local day camps reduce commute stress and are often familiar community spaces. But don't be afraid to explore regional or national camps—especially if your child has a special interest like marine biology, film production, horseback riding, or environmental science.

If choosing an overnight camp far from home, consider logistics, transportation, and whether the camp offers pick-up and drop-off. **Check Accreditation and Safety Standards** 

Always choose camps that are accredited by reputable organizations like the American Camp Association (ACA) or similar regional bodies. Accreditation ensures the camp meets national standards for safety, staff qualifications, emergency procedures, and programming.

Key safety questions to ask: What is the camper-to-staff ratio? Are background checks conducted on staff? What are the protocols for medical emergencies? How is food prepared, and do they accommodate allergies?

Great camps blend fun with enrichment. Look for programs that include physical activity, creative arts, team collaboration, and individual exploration.

Sports Camps: These athletic camps offer activivites like soccer, baseball, martial arts, swimming, and surfing. Star Galaxy offers

academic support with fitness and recreation. www.starinc.org. NFL SFV Flag Summer Camp empowers youth through sports. www.nflsfvflag.com. Summer Surf Camp provides a positive atmosphere while learning to surf.



Playground offers painting, film production, drama, and music. www.svvac.org/young-artists-playground-summer-camp. CSUN Teenage Drama Workshop teaches

STEM Camps: Robotics, coding, astronomy,

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for a creative environment. www.afterschoolconservatory.com. Golden Performing Arts teaches kids to put on a Broadway-style production. www.goldenpac.org

**Science Camps:** Learn about scientific marvels. Camp Discov-

ery explores all things science featuring animals from the past to the present, www.discoverycube.org. Destination Science is a science camp where it is cool to be smart! www.destinationscience.org

Nature & Wilderness Camps: Hiking, fishing, conservation, survival skills. Adventures in Nature at the Natural History Museum and La Brea Tar Pits and Museum offer interactive experiences with dinosaurs and natural history. www.nhm.org

Special Needs Camps: Tailored for campers with autism, ADHD, mobility challenges, and more. Victory Junction is a place

where children with serious illness can experience the joys of childhood. www.victoryjunction.org

Ask for a sample schedule. The best camps build in time for both structured activities and free play. **Consider Camp Values and Culture** 

Each camp has its own philosophy. Some are competitive, others collaborative. Some emphasize personal growth and mindfulness, while others are more achievement-driven or tech-oriented. Some are rooted in religious or cultural traditions.

Questions to ask: What are the camp's core values? How are conflict and discipline handled? How is inclusivity and diversity promoted? What's the camp's stance on technology and screen time? Check Staff Experience and Camper Support

Behind every great camp experience is a team of enthusiastic, well-trained counselors. Ask about: Staff training and certifications. Average staff return rate. Mental health resources. Whether there is a nurse or medical professional on-site.

Additionally, find out how camps support first-time or shy campers. Look for places with structured buddy systems, warm welcome rituals, and age-based groupings. Read Reviews and Ask for References

Word of mouth is invaluable. Talk to other parents, read online reviews, and ask the camp for references. You want to know: What other families loved (or didn't). If campers returned year after year. How the camp handled past challenges (like COVID protocols, unexpected weather, etc.) A trustworthy camp will be transparent and responsive to feedback. Set a Budget

Camp costs can vary—from \$100 per week for basic day camps to over \$2,500 for elite specialty sleepaway experiences. When comparing prices, consider: Meals and snacks, Transportation, Field trips or excursions, Equipment and supplies, Overnight accommodations, Sibling discounts or scholarships

Some camps even offer financial aid or sliding scale tuition.

### **Trust Your Instincts**

Ultimately, choosing a summer camp is a blend of research and intuition. Once you've gathered facts, spoken to directors, and compared options, trust your gut. If something feels off it probably is.

If your child is excited and you feel confident in its environment, chances are you've found a great match.

Summer camp can be one of the most memorable parts of childhood—a place where kids unplug, explore, and discover who they are away from school and screens. With the right preparation and thoughtful questions, you can find a camp that's safe, enriching, and full of joy.

Whether your child returns with new best friends, a love of archery, or a pottery masterpiece they're ridiculously proud of, one thing is certain: the right summer camp experience stays with them long after the tan fades.

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### KIDS AND PARENTS CONNECT THROUGH COOKING CAMPS AND PROGRAMS IN THE L.A. AREA

By Catherine Perro

os Angeles-based cooking facilities that help parents cook with their kids, focusing on how these experiences foster healthy eating habits, teach essential life skills, and bring families closer.

#### L.A. Cooking Spots

In Los Angeles, a city pulsing with culinary creativity and cultural diversity, cooking classes aren't just for aspiring chefs-they're also for parents and kids seeking to stir up something special. Whether you're a parent hoping to instill healthy eating habits or simply want to spend more quality time with your little ones, L.A.'s family-focused cooking spaces offer the perfect blend of fun, education, and nourishment.

### Why Cook With Kids?

Cooking together is more than fun. It helps children develop math and science skills, gain confidence, build motor coordination, and make better food choices. When kids help prep their own meals, they're more likely to try new foods and adopt healthier eating.

"Getting your hands dirty in the kitchen demystifies food," says Dr. Linnea Smith, a child psychologist based in Pasadena. "It's empowering. They feel ownership, which promotes a lifelong healthy relationship with food."

Here's a roundup of some of the best Los Angeles-area cooking facilities.

The Gourmandise School of Sweets and Savories - Santa Monica

Set inside the Santa Monica Place shopping center, this celebrated school offers "Parent & Me" classes that range from pizza-making to French pastries. What sets Gourmandise apart is its emphasis on organic, locally sourced

Parents praise the relaxed, judgment-free environment and professional instructors who know how to keep kids engaged. Classes are hands-on, and children as young as 6 can wield spatulas and roll out dough.

ingredients and traditional cooking.

Bonus: Seasonal workshops during school holidays are ideal for deep dives into bread-making, pasta crafting, and farm-to-table themes. www.thegourmandiseschool.com

### Little Kitchen Academy - Century City & Westfield Topanga

Little Kitchen Academy offers structured, Montessori-inspired culinary curriculum for children aged 3-18. While not a traditional "parent and child" setup, this spot earns a place on the list for its innovative focus on fostering independence and mindfulness in the kitchen.

Each 3-hour class lets kids prep, cook, and eat their creations, with guidance from culinary instructors. Families appreciate the plant-forward, allergy-conscious menus. It's a great option for parents who want to give their kids freedom to thrive.

Parental Perk: Parents can watch via livestream or grab a coffee at Westfield while the kids cook up magic. www.littlekitchenacademy.com

#### BLVD Kitchen - Sherman Oaks

This gem is beloved for its wide range of family-friendly offerings, including "Kids in the Kitchen" and "Family Cook Nights." With a mission to "bring people together around food," BLVD Kitchen offers everything from sushi rolling and homemade pasta workshops to plant-based cooking and international cuisines.

Their themed cooking nights (like Taco Tuesdays or Mediterranean Magic) make it easy to plan a family outing.

> Why Parents Love It: The atmosphere feels like an extension of your own kitchen, and classes ensure personal attention. www.theblvdkitchen.com

Sur La Table - Woodland Hills

Designed for parents and

children to cook together, these hands-on classes make it easy to share quality time while learning new skills. Led by professional chef instructors, families will work in small groups of four at shared workstations, preparing delicious recipes from scratch. Classes typically last two hours and are limited to 12-16 participants to ensure plenty of personal guidance. As well, for young chefs eager to dive deeper into the culinary world, their multi-day summer series is the perfect adventure. Each session explores different techniques, from baking and knife

skills to international flavors and gourmet meals, www.surlatable.com Sprouting Chefs - Mobile Pop-Up **Kitchen (Various Locations)** 

This nonprofit brings culinary

education to schools, parks, and

farmers markets across L.A. County, including Glendale and Pasadena. Sprouting Chefs is focused on underserved communities and offers classes that incorporate gardening, cultural cuisine, and sustainability.

Many of their family programs include parent-child pairings, so you can plant, harvest, prep, and cook together. Think outdoor pizza ovens, build-your-own salad bars, and cooking with produce from community gardens.

Social Impact: Every class supports food justice and healthy eating in local schools. www.sproutingchefs.org



Tips for Cooking With Kids at Home

Can't make it to a class? These tips can help you turn your own kitchen into a

culinary classroom:

Start simple: Think fruit kabobs, scrambled eggs, or quesadillas.

> Age-appropriate tasks: Toddlers can wash veggies, while older kids can measure ingredients.

> > Make it visual-use charts, step-by-step photos, or even video clips. Encourage creativi-

ty—let them choose toppings or create their own "signature" dish.

Talk about nutrition as you go, so kids understand the value of what they eat. Cooking Together, Growing Together

In a city where time moves fast and screens dominate, these cooking schools offer an antidote: hands-on, screen-free bonding that benefits the mind, body, and soul.

Because at the end of the day, cooking with your kids isn't just about the food-it's about the joy of creating something together, one ingredient at a time.



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### GET YOUR GAME

### Where to Score the Best Los Angeles Sports Attire

n Los Angeles, sports are more than just games—they're a lifestyle. Whether you're repping the Lakers, Dodgers, Rams, Kings, or LAFC, showing up in style is mandatory. From vintage jerseys to modern streetwear collabs, L.A.'s sports attire scene is as vibrant and diverse as the city itself.

#### The Staples of L.A. Sports Fashion

Los Angeles sports fans are known for blending classic gear with cutting-edge fashion. Here are the essentials:

Jerseys: Vintage and modern—think a Magic Johnson throwback or a fresh Shohei Ohtani jersey.

Caps: A crisp New Era fitted cap for the Dodgers, Rams, or Lakers is a must.

Sneakers: Jordans or Vans-the right footwear completes the look.

Outerwear: Letterman jackets, bomber jackets, and hoodies.

Streetwear Collabs: Partnerships between teams and brands like Fear of God, and Undefeated.

Where to Shop for L.A. Sports Attire

Lids Locker Room at Westfield Century City: For one-stop shopping, you can't beat Lids Locker Room. You'll find a collection of licensed jerseys, hats, and accessories for every L.A. team. They also offer in-store embroidery, so you can personalize your cap with your initials, a nickname, or your favorite player's number. Pro Tip: Check for limited-edition hat drops, www.lids.com

### The Dodgers Clubhouse Store

Nothing beats official gear. The Dodgers Clubhouse Store is packed with exclusive merch you won't find anywhere else, including player-signed memorabilia. Hot Item: The Jackie Robinson collection. www.mlb.com/dodgers/ballpark/team-store

### NBA Store Pop-Up — The Grove

L.A. has frequent NBA pop-ups at The Grove bands, socks, or even eye black. and LA Live. These stores highlight Lakers Favorite: Exclusive LeBron James and Kobe Bryant commemorative gear, www.nbastore.com

### The MLS Store — Banc of California Stadium

Soccer fans, this one's for you. The MLS Store at LAFC's home stadium offers sleek, Euro-inspired jerseys, training kits, and streetwear collections. Trend Alert: The "streetwear soccer jersey" trend is growing huge. www.lafc.com Undefeated - Fairfax District

sneaker culture into one. Their limited-edition collabs with brands like Nike, MLB, and NBA bring a high-fashion edge. Must-Have: Undefeated x Lakers collab gear-perfect for fashion-forward fans, www.undefeated.com

#### **Custom Gear**

Want to stand out? Custom shops like DTLA Print and Culture Kings offer options to design your own jerseys, jackets, and hats.

#### **Game Day Styling**

Mix Old and New: Pair a vintage Lakers jersey with new-school sneakers.

Accessorize: Think team-color wrist-

Keep It Comfortable: Remember, you'll be and Clippers merch with premium pieces. Fan jumping and shouting, so breathable fabrics are key.

> Don't Overdo It: Choose one statement piece and keep the rest of the outfit simple. Teams to Rep in Los Angeles

Feeling overwhelmed? Here's a cheat sheet of teams to know: MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Angels. NBA: Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Clippers. NFL: Los Angeles Rams, Los Angeles Chargers. NHL: Los Angeles Kings. MLS: LAFC, LA Galaxy. WNBA: Los Angeles Sparks.

Each of these teams has unique color-Undefeated blends sports, fashion, and ways and cultural vibes, so you can find the

one that fits your personal style.

The Final Whistle

Game day is every day. Whether you're courtside, tailgating, or watching at a local sports bar, the right attire amps up the experience. There's no excuse not to rock your team spirit with serious style. Get your game on, L.A. — the city, and your wardrobe, are counting on it.







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