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It's time to visit #CaliforniaWineCountryNOW

Late fall and winter are a spectacular time to visit California's Wine Country—the weather is beautiful and there's much to see, taste and experience without the summer season crowds. Despite the wildfires that affected the region earlier this year, California's Wine Country businesses are ready for visitors and planning a visit now is the best way to help these communities recover.

Consider a trip in the coming months and enjoy Michelin-starred restaurants, incredible vintages, luxurious spa experiences, culinary classes and more. The wine is better than ever: the region has more than 1,200 wineries, and fewer than 10 were heavily damaged. Most tasting rooms

reopened as of late October and vintners expect the 2017 vintage to be excellent—90 percent of the year's grapes were harvested before the fires struck. In addition to buying California wine and visiting Wine Country, there are many ways to help Wine Country communities recover. For the latest travel information, visit: www.visitcalifornia.com, www.visitnapavalley.com, www.visitmendocino.com and www.sonomacounty.com.

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STATEWIDE

An Outdoor Playground and Foodie Paradise

With a snow season unlike any other, California is an ideal destination for winter outdoor enthusiasts. Here, you can Catch the Winter Wave—ski and surf all in the same weekend—while enjoying unparalleled experiences at resorts throughout the Golden State. With a snow season often spanning from November all the way to early July, California is the perfect place to hit the slopes on a bluebird powder day. After a day outside, your inner foodie will fall in love with the state's renowned culinary scene, particularly during California Restaurant Month in January 2018, where 38 destinations statewide are hosting restaurant weeks and special events. For a full list of participants, visit DineInCA.com.

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BIG SUR

New Highway 1 Bridge Open in Big Sur

Big Sur and Monterey County celebrated the opening of a new Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge on Oct. 13. The new bridge has helped restore normalcy to the area, making it possible once again for visitors to drive along the 35 miles of California's scenic Highway 1 between the Monterey Peninsula and Gorda. Guests are now also able to access stunning properties including Post Ranch Inn, Nepenthe and Ventana Big Sur by car. Highway 1 is not yet passable from Big Sur to San Simeon due to the Mud Creek slide. Caltrans expects to have that portion of the highway open in late-summer 2018.

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HOTELS, RESORTS & SPAS

BURLINGAME

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Completes Renovation

Located in close proximity to the San Francisco International Airport, the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront recently completed a \$3 million renovation of its meeting space. Baskervill designed the renovation, which featured new carpet, chandeliers and accent lighting, wall coverings, new ballroom chairs, breakout rooms and pre-function space, improved air walls, and more. Additional features such as an Event Hub with a media wall, Meetings Imagined capabilities and the Marriott Red Coat Direct App will help ensure that meetings and events are both efficient and seamless. The Greatroom renovation at the hotel is still underway, and is expected to be complete in early 2018. This renovation will include a new front desk, a lobby bar with open seating and stunning light features, and communal spaces offering breathtaking view of the Bay.

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CALISTOGA

Calistoga Spa Hot Springs Spa Announces Remodel

The iconic Calistoga Hot Springs Spa will soon launch the latest phase of its \$4.5 million remodel, designed to enhance the spa and bath house experience. Beginning January 2018, the renovation will touch all aspects of the spa and public spaces, including a lobby redesign with natural materials, generating a cohesive arrival experience. The focal point of the property will feature four geothermal

mineral pools and a pool terrace finished with travertine tiles, resort furnishings and grape-covered arbor niches. The 57 overnight guest rooms were completely redesigned in 2014 with a fresh spa-inspired look and feel.

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EMERYVILLE

Hyatt Place Emeryville Opens and Unveils Delivery Robot

Hyatt Place Emeryville/San Francisco Bay Area recently debuted next to Emeryville's Bay Street shopping/dining/entertainment district, featuring the brand's first delivery robot. Named Emery by the staff, the autonomous robot safely navigates through crowds, operates the elevator, and reliably delivers everything from bottled water, snacks and towels to welcome amenities. Guests can take a selfie with Emery too! The hotel boasts 175 spacious suites—some with Bay and downtown San Francisco views—and offers a free full buffet breakfast and complimentary high-speed internet.

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FISH CAMP

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite Opens Newly Renovated Cottages

On the heels of a \$5 million renovation to main lodge guest rooms, Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite recently introduced their newly remodeled cottages—just in time for a cozy winter getaway. Located close to the main lodge and surrounded by towering Sugar Pines and Cedars, Tenaya's 53 cottages offer guests an elegant cabin-like experience. Each cottage features a picturesque fireplace for romantic evenings by the fire, as well as patio areas or balconies for soaking up the surrounding natural landscape. The cottages' interior design features a "contemporary

meets nature's elements" look, including artwork. Each cottage offers new bedding, an upgraded coffee nook with granite counters and other luxe details. Guests can enjoy easy access to winding forest trails, as well as the resort's pools, dining venues and Ascent Spa.

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IRVINE

Marriott Irvine Spectrum Opens in December

The Marriott Irvine Spectrum—the only full-service hotel in the area—will debut December 2017, boasting 271 guest rooms, including 50 extended stay suites. The design pays homage to Irvine Ranch, once one of the largest private ranches in the United States, with its upscale farmhouse look. The property will also feature Heirloom, a full-service restaurant offering inventive California cuisine, and a rooftop bar and lounge offering great views paired with craft cocktails, fine wine and local brews. The hotel will also offer 13,000 square feet of tech-

savvy indoor/outdoor event space including a 5,000-square-foot ballroom, 4,000-square-foot event lawn and breakout rooms.

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LOS ANGELES

Mayfair Hotel Undergoing Major Makeover

On the heels of a guest room revamp in 2016, the Mayfair Hotel aims to complete the second phase of its transformation to all public spaces—including the lobby, food and beverage concepts, and meeting spaces—by late fall 2017. Restoring the 296-room hotel to its traditional glory, the renovation borrows cues from its notable past, including its legacy as the host of the first Oscars after-party in 1929. Award-winning architect and interior designer Gulla Jónsdóttir aims to bridge the hotel's Roaring Twenties aesthetic—marble floors, etched windows, brass fixtures and fluted column pillars—with its modern downtown L.A. presence. Alongside Gulla, Kelly Graval, famed graffiti and fine street

artist known professionally as RISK, will curate the hotel's art program, including custom installations on each floor as well as a rotating art gallery. The lobby will offer an interactive, energetic and creative space for an informal meeting in the lounge, a recording session in the newly constructed podcast studio, drinks at a multitude of bars, or a private party. Eve American Bistro, a stylish, standalone restaurant helmed by Scott Commings—who won season 12 of Fox's "Hell's Kitchen"—will provide inventive cuisine next door. Fairgrounds, an innovative café offering an array of third-wave coffee roasts, will also make its West Coast debut next to the hotel. Phase III of the hotel's multi-million-dollar facelift will take place in 2018 and include the rooftop pool and deck.

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MANHATTAN BEACH

New Hotel Opening January 2018 in Manhattan Beach

The 26-acre Westdrift Manhattan Beach will debut this January as the first Autograph Collection hotel in Los Angeles. After a multi-million-dollar overhaul, the hotel will boast 392 luxury guest rooms—112 of which will feature private balconies with views of the golf course—including 12 executive suites and a standout presidential suite. The new property will also feature a nine-hole golf course, a high-designed signature indoor-outdoor restaurant, a CrossFit-inspired fitness center and an all-in-one meetings destination intended to take events to new levels. The Westdrift's design aims to provide a breezy modern clubhouse where "East Coast classic" and "Southern California cool" intersect.

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MILLBRAE

Aloft San Francisco Airport Completes Major Facelift

The Aloft San Francisco Airport recently unveiled its multi-million-dollar renovation, adding new King Suites and King Patio Rooms with high ceilings, plush platform beds and walk-in showers with spa showerheads. Suites feature living rooms with a sofa sleeper, armchair and reading lamp, as well as large windows offering mountain views. King Patio Rooms offer roomy interior space and private patios with a chaise lounge, chairs and coffee table. Cross the lawn and sip in style at W XYZ bar, a great place to mix, mingle, play games, and enjoy beverages and bites. Aloft San Francisco Airport also offers Roomcast Streaming—the first in Northern California—so guests can travel with their movies, TV shows, games, photos and music. The hotel also provides fast and free Wi-Fi, as well as access to amenities at its nearby sister

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MONTEREY COUNTY

Several Exciting Renovations Underway in Monterey County

This fall and winter, several of Monterey County's hotels have undergone or are undergoing significant renovations. Embassy Suites by Hilton, located just two blocks from the beachfront in Seaside, completed an exciting \$17 million renovation in mid-October. Renovations to the hotel include its 225 suites and the 16,000 square feet of flexible meeting space as well as the atrium, restaurant and bar. Perched high above overlooking the Pacific coastline, Ventana Big Sur underwent a multi-million dollar reimagination to coincide with its fall 2017 reopening. Enhancements to the property include a refresh of the guest rooms, suites and villas; the new Glass House Gallery to showcase works of art; a new luxury glamping experience offering 15 safari-style, canvas tents spanning a 20-acre canyon; and the new awe-inspiring Ocean Meadow Lawn for events and celebrations. Finally, this winter, L'Auberge Carmel, a Relais & Châteaux property in the heart of Carmel-by-the-Sea, will be giving its guest rooms an aesthetic upgrade for a fresh look. The boutique inn is expecting the renovations to be completed by the end of January 2018.

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MONTEREY

Spindrift Inn on Cannery Row to Get Update

The Spindrift Inn on Cannery Row, part of the Inns of Monterey boutique collection, will undergo a renovation throughout winter 2017/18. The refresh will include a fresh coat of paint to the exterior, new artwork over the lobby fireplace and a re-upholstered lobby sofa. The guest rooms will get a facelift with new custom-made headboards and canopies. The hotel, featuring a European vibe on the shores of McAbee Beach, also offers complimentary breakfast delivered on a silver tray right to the room, as well as in-room massages. Guests can savor seasonal dishes at the award-winning Sardine Factory, and take in panoramic vistas from the hidden rooftop garden.

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NAPA

Archer Hotel Napa Opens This Fall

Archer Hotel Napa, a new-build hotel in the heart of downtown Napa, aims to open December 2017. The multi-million-dollar project will feature 143-rooms and 40 balcony-clad suites spanning five stories and a sweeping 360-degree view of Napa Valley from its expansive rooftop. The rooftop will feature a spa, fitness studio, and ledge pool with cabanas and fireplaces. Charlie Palmer Steak, the hotel's signature restaurant, will provide the culinary direction for the 17,000-plus square feet of indoor and outdoor event space. The restaurant takes design inspiration from the surrounding agricultural and viticultural regions, while the menu will feature progressive American dishes with a distinctive Napa approach. Chef Russell will work with area farms such as Devil's Gulch Ranch and Bernier Farms to gain inspiration for the menu. Half of the restaurant's wine list will feature Napa Valley wines, while the cocktail program will offer local spirits, incorporating botanicals and produce from Archer's rooftop

garden and local farms. The Archer's Rooftop Spa by Francis and Alexander will provide everything from soothing massages to rejuvenating facials. The hotel's signature suites, Archer's Dens, will offer in-room massages.

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NEWPORT BEACH

Lido House Newport Beach Debuts Early 2018

The new-build Lido House will debut in early 2018 as an Autograph Collection hotel in Newport Beach. The property will offer a beach house vibe and boast 130 guest rooms, including one presidential suite, several executive suites and five custom-designed three-story cottages. Located on the Balboa Island Peninsula—a three-mile stretch flanked by the harbor and sandy beaches—the hotel will feature The Mayor's Table, a full-service restaurant, along with Topside, the only rooftop bar in Newport Beach. The Mayor's Table's design aims to exude a gastropub vibe, while the menu will offer inventive cocktails and seafood-oriented fare including a raw bar, chef's table and open action kitchen. Topside will feature fire pits, communal seating and a full slate of libations, including craft cocktails, fine wines and local brews. Other highlights include 4,000 square feet of meeting rooms, a ballroom and events lawn, a saltwater pool with private cabanas, a high-end fitness center, and Boost Spa.

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PALO ALTO

Epiphany Hotel to Rebrand as Nobu Hotel

Nobu Hospitality, the group founded by renowned Chef Nobu Matsuhisa, Academy Award winner Robert De Niro, and Hollywood producer Meir Teper, transitioned the hotel on Oct. 2, 2017 to operate as the Nobu Hotel Epiphany. The downtown Palo Alto property

offers 83 guest rooms and suites, special event and meeting space, and the recently opened Nobu Palo Alto restaurant and bar. Nobu Hospitality continues to maintain the hotel's distinct character while integrating Nobu's operating culture, amenities and philosophy. The hotel's spacious guest rooms and suites, with balcony views of Palo Alto and the Santa Cruz Mountains, offer a variety of amenities, such as 24-hour, in-room dining from Nobu restaurant, Barcelona's Natura Bissé bath products and other signature Nobu touchpoints. The restaurant, which received a makeover, provides breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, with many of Chef Nobu Matsuhisa's classic dishes, including Black Cod Miso and Yellowtail Sashimi Jalapeño as well as locally-exclusive dishes, world-renowned sushi and craft cocktails. Hotel guests get priority reservations at Nobu Palo Alto.

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REDDING

Sheraton Redding Hotel Debuts at the Sundial Bridge

The Sheraton Redding Hotel at the Sundial Bridge recently opened in Redding. The LEED certified, pet-friendly hotel features 130 rooms, meeting/event space and Mosaic Restaurant. The eatery, whose name is inspired by the bridge's mosaic tiles, overlooks the Sacramento River and the Sundial Bridge. Mosaic's locally driven, early California cuisine menu sources ingredients from local farmers. Guests who want to splurge can dine at the exclusive Chef's table, where they can enjoy private seating and tableside demos from the Executive Chef. Mosaic also features two different patios, both heated and cooled for year-round enjoyment, with fantastic views. Guests who want to bring their dog can enjoy a wealth of pet-friendly amenities, such as a gourmet pet menu at Mosaic, dog treats upon arrival, bowls, bedding and a weekly Yappy Hour, the latter of which features treats for Fido and cocktails for the canine parents. Guests with dogs can also access pet walking, pet sitting, dog grooming and veterinary services.

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ROHNERT PARK

New Oxford Suites Opens in Rohnert Park

The five-story Oxford Suites Sonoma County—Rohnert Park features 163 spacious non-smoking suites, specially designed extended stay and pet-friendly rooms. The pet package includes a water bowl, bottle of water and dog biscuits to help make pets comfortable. The hotel's design reflects its California wine country location with a fresh, new feel. Property highlights include an on-site restaurant and lounge; a fitness center; electric vehicle chargers; and an outdoor cabana, pool, hot tub, sauna and steam room. Guests can dine at Barrel Bar, which boasts unique features like two roll-up garage doors that open to the outside courtyard by the pool, with a fire pit surrounded by rocking chairs and plenty of outdoor seating. The menu offers bistro fare, with pub-style appetizers, burgers, hand-battered fish and chips, and salads, sourcing local ingredients whenever possible. The eatery features local Sonoma and Napa County wines, and the hotel manager's reception (nightly, 5:30–7 p.m.) exclusively highlights Sonoma wineries. The restaurant offers on-site catering for groups, who can choose among five meeting spaces totaling 7,000 square feet.

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SACRAMENTO

Sawyer Sacramento Debuts Downtown

The all-new Kimpton Sawyer Hotel opened Oct. 10, 2017 in downtown Sacramento, featuring 250 boutique hotel style rooms just steps from all the action in California's Capital. Located next to the Golden 1 Center, home of the Sacramento Kings, this upscale hotel features the city's first and only rooftop pool and lounge. Revival at the Sawyer, which offers private cabanas during the day, turns into one of the hottest spots in the city at night with DJs, live music and handcrafted cocktails. Guests get greeted in the lobby

with living walls and planters full of fresh greenery. The hotel also features organic textures and natural patterns paired with farm-to-fork culinary offerings, as well as 30-foot floor-to-ceiling windows in the lobby. The property offers a variety of meeting spaces and wedding venues including the breathtaking Magnolia Ballroom. The 4,200-square-foot ballroom includes 22-foot ceilings, unrivaled views and an outdoor terrace.

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SAN DIEGO

Bristol Hotel Undergoing \$7 Million Upgrade

Greystone Hotels recently completed the first round of renovations for The Bristol Hotel, a 114-room property in the heart of historic downtown San Diego that celebrates the lifestyle and mood of the iconic 1960s era. The designers for the \$7 million, multi-stage project aim to maintain the hotel's retro foundation while modernizing it. The first phase included fully refurbished guest rooms, including upgraded bathrooms in half of the hotel, and a new fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment. Boston-based design firm Perkins+Will led the renovation, incorporating elements of pop art by Lichtenstein and Warhol, as well as décor honoring The Beach Boys, The Beatles and the surfer lifestyle of the era. Rooms boast mid-century furnishings, accent pillows printed with a design of The Beatles 1965 Balboa Park concert ticket stub, and an overall neutral gray and black color palette with bright pops of color. Selected rooms and suites will have 1960s era vintage record players along with vinyl records from that era. The pet-friendly property provides amenities such as large flat screen TVs with media hubs (which allow guests to stream content from their personal devices), and complimentary high-speed internet access. The next two phases are already underway, and are scheduled for completion by the end of 2017. These phases will include new guest suites and finishing the remaining guest rooms, as well as a revamped lobby, bar and meeting spaces.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Westin St. Francis Rolls Out Peloton Bike Program

The Westin St. Francis launched an exciting new partnership with Peloton to give guests exclusive access to new high-tech bikes, one of the hottest new workout crazes among celebrities and fitness fanatics alike. Busy travelers can now keep up their fitness routines in the newly expanded 6,000-square-foot WestinWORKOUT® Fitness Studio, open 24 hours and featuring an array of the latest equipment. Combining new commercial-grade hardware and software with the best-in-class workout elements, Peloton delivers a unique and efficient workout experiences on the market, including live and on-demand group cycling classes.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Kabuki Hotel Unveils \$28 Million Makeover

Joie de Vivre Hotels' boutique Hotel Kabuki revealed its \$28 million transformation in September 2017, featuring a modern, sophisticated design with whimsical, bohemian accents and Japanese-inspired touches reflective of its Japantown neighborhood. The 225-room hotel boasts soaring 19-foot-tall ceilings in the expansive lobby lounge and library, unobstructed city views, 14 suites up to 600 square feet in size, and a Japanese garden woven throughout the property. Guests at the new Kabuki Bar can savor an innovative, progressive cocktail program, laced with thoughtful Asian influences, in Japanese-style glassware. Focusing on Japan's dedication to the art of fermentation and distillation, the spirits menu focuses heavily on Japanese whiskey and sake. Japanese beers will round out the options, with three distinct styles on draft and a select list of craft labels. The menu options aim to balance the flavors and ingredients of Japanese culture with the American influences of California cuisine. The

property also offers a spacious outdoor lounge with fire-pits and a pond, a 3,000-square-foot state-of-the-art fitness center, and a 400-square-foot yoga studio. Meeting groups can enjoy their own designated floor with 13,000 square feet of meeting and event space.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Westin St. Francis Unveils Wellness Center and Spa

The Westin St. Francis recently welcomed the Rejuvé Wellness Center & Spa, designed to revolutionize health and beauty through specialized treatments and state-of-the-art cosmetic technology. Located on Union Square on the 14th floor of the hotel, the spa utilizes scientific data and real-time skin analytics to customize facials and massages specific for each individual client. In addition to traditional spa practices such as hot-stone massages and meditation, Rejuvé offers innovative techniques, nutrition plans and yoga classes for comprehensive wellness packages. Their technologies include serum-infused HydraFacials and California's only SolTec Lounge, a neurologist-designed tool for maximum comfort and profound relaxation. Rejuvé also hosts the Beauty Lab, a research facility that leverages aesthetic reports and international cosmetic brands to identify procedures and makeup techniques tailored to each client.

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

New AC Hotel San Francisco Airport Opens

After a multi-million-dollar renovation, the AC Hotel San Francisco Airport/Oyster Point Waterfront debuted in October 2017, featuring 187 rooms and suites. Located between Silicon Valley and San Francisco in a biotech hub, this design-led property effortlessly blends its European soul and Spanish roots with a contemporary California mindset. Guests can indulge in tapas-style bites and a Spanish-

inspired menu in the AC Kitchen; grab a local craft beer, specialty wines and expertly made drinks (including the hotel's signature "Karl the Fog" cocktail) in the AC Lounge; or indulge in locally sourced snacks like Blue Bottle Coffee, IT's-IT Ice Cream Sandwiches and Dandelion Chocolates from the AC Store. Visitors can also take advantage of the AC Fitness Center complete with an indoor heated pool, or escape to the AC Library, featuring a collection of inspiring titles. The AC Meeting and Event Space features five meeting rooms totaling more than 8,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor space ideal for corporate meetings, events and presentations.

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SUISUN CITY

New Boutique Hotel Sails into Suisun Waterfront

Travelers looking for unique accommodations can now book two classic, restored yachts in Suisun City near Fairfield. The Barkissimo, and its companion yacht the Barquito, serve as a luxurious floating boutique hotel with four staterooms, newly located on the historic waterfront. Staterooms range from 120 to 440 square feet and all feature queen beds with plush linens, private bathrooms, digital fireplaces and portholes. Each yacht includes a kitchenette, a full desk and a private deck. The Captain's Quarters in the Barkissimo also boasts a Jacuzzi tub. Amenities include Wi-Fi, an upper-deck fire pit, lounge, a spacious main salon with Pandora and Netflix, and three dining areas. Guests can enjoy breakfast served each morning in the lounge with water views. The Barkissimo Classic Yacht Hotel is also available for meetings, special events and weddings for up to 60 people.

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CULINARY

ANAHEIM

Anaheim Brews Up More Tasting Options for Beer Lovers

Beer connoisseurs in Anaheim can soon clank their glasses at a new brewery, as well as expanded tasting rooms at two favorite brewhouses. Once open in early 2018, Leisuretown in downtown Anaheim will bring the destination's brewhouse offerings to 15. Located in a craftsman house with the property spanning 31,927 square feet, patrons can look forward to boundary pushing beer, a café, stalls serving food from Southern California's best chefs, a swimming pool complete with a poolside bar, a movie screen and great coffee. Bottle Logic Brewing Company will expand their tasting room and production facilities in early 2018, doubling the brewery's size, and adding an outdoor patio area and private event space. They'll also increase their collection of bourbon barrels to triple production capacity of barrel-aged brews. Noble Ale Works' expansion in early 2018 will triple their footprint, adding 10,000 square feet to the beer production facility, including a new 30-barrel brewhouse and expanded tasting room. Located within walking distance of Angel Stadium and Honda Center, this pregame brewery was named Best Small Brewery in the 2016 World Beer Cup.

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BERKELEY

Chef Donato Scotti Debuts New Italian Restaurant in Berkeley

Restaurateur Donato Scotti recently unveiled his fourth restaurant concept, Donato & Co., in Berkeley's Elmwood retail district in

late September. Scotti, chef and proprietor of Donato Enoteca and CRU in Redwood City, and DESCO in Oakland, partnered with fellow Italian chef and longtime friend Gianluca Guglielmi on this new eatery, which features rustic Italian cuisine with a contemporary twist, including housemade pastas, locally sourced seafood and meats cooked over a live fire. The menu reflects the chefs' culinary philosophy of using fresh, simple ingredients in inventive ways, drawing upon each region of Italy with a sensibility only natives can bring. Chef Guglielmi will oversee the Italian-inspired cocktail menu featuring fresh juices and small batch spirits while Chef Scotti will create a mostly Italian wine program, with additional selections from France and Northern California. Decor will feature large photographs of Italy and a vintage Vespa in the dining room.

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BUELLTON

Buscador Winery & Tasting Room Opens in Buellton

Buscador Winery & Tasting Room recently opened in Buellton, run by husband-and-wife team Matt and Steph Kowalczyk and their dog Lincoln. The pet-friendly tasting room, where winery dog Lincoln greets visitors, sits in an industrial warehouse, where the team crafts wines using old world techniques with new school technology. Guests can meet the winemaker and get a special tasting straight from the barrels Friday through Sunday. The label focuses on bold Bordeaux-style and smooth Rhone-style varietals made with grapes sourced from the Santa Ynez Valley, Sta. Rita Hills and Paso Robles.

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BUELLTON

Industrial Eats Opens Private Dining Venue

Popular Buellton dining establishment Industrial Eats just opened The Grand Room to accommodate groups from 30 to 80 people. Located by the restaurant and Alma Rosa tasting room, the customizable venue offers a private experience where guests enjoy the delicious food from Industrial Eats, whose offerings are sourced from sustainable farms year-round. They also source from food pioneers such as: Jacob Grant of Roots Organic Farm; Stephanie Mutz of Sea Stephanie Fish; Abel Basch of Classic Organic Farm; Jake Francis of Valley Piggery; Debby and Shu Takikawa of The Garden Of...Farm; Commercial fisherman Travis Meyer; and John and Matt Givens of John Givens Farm.

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BUTTE COUNTY

Butte County Serves Up New Restaurants

Butte County will soon offer two new eateries for visitors to savor. The Exchange Spirits & Tapas just debuted on downtown Oroville's waterfront. Located in a renovated historic building, the restaurant features an upscale, full-service bar serving classic cocktails, craft beer, California wines and small plate creations, with live music on Saturday nights. Iconic downtown Chico nightclub LaSalles will transform into a restaurant with the same moniker in early 2018. Owners Kevin Riley and Nick Andrew, who also own 5th Street Steakhouse, Franky's and Riley's, will preserve its nightclub roots with the old bar top, updated back patio and live music. The American menu will include many shared appetizers, prime rib and seafood, along with 20 rotating beers and a full cocktail list.

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CHICO

Chico's Beer Scene Expands

As the home to Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Butte County holds hallowed ground in the world of craft brewing. Chico's craft brew scene just expanded, with plans for a new watering hole and recently opened establishments. Longtime homebrewer Charlie Barrett aims to open the Secret Trail Brewing Company by January 2018, where beer lovers can sip favorites like Kolsch and Baltic Porter while taking in panoramic views of the operating brewery. Other craft beer options recently opened, including family owned and operated The Chico Taproom, boasting a rotating list of 40 craft beers, and Taps Bar & Grill, a sports bar and grill near Chico State's campus offering 20 different taps for the craft beer lover.

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HEALDSBURG

Reeve Wines Opens in Dry Creek Valley

Taste winemaking with a passion at Reeve Wines, now located in the Dry Creek Valley, about four miles north of the Wine Country town of Healdsburg, in Sonoma County. Reeve Wines is a small passion project by Noah Dorrance, co-founder and head winemaker (still his day job) at the celebrated Banshee Wines, and his wife, Kelly Dorrance, who helped launch Banshee's tasting room and wine club. The couple started Reeve Wines (named for their young son) in 2015 to explore new territory and as a creative outlet, with a goal of creating balanced and elegant wines that pay homage to the beauty and possibility that California provides. Reeve Wines is open for tasting Thursday to Monday, by appointment only.

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HEALDSBURG

Farm-to-Table Kitchen 335 Sprouts Up in Healdsburg

Kitchen 335, the newest restaurant from Bay Area Chef/Restaurateur Octavio Diaz, just debuted in Healdsburg. The eatery focuses on simply prepared, seasonal Sonoma County cuisine from Chef Rodrigo Mendoza, and sources many ingredients from What's Up Farms, a privately-owned regional farm that teaches Santa Rosa children about organic agriculture from seed to market. Kitchen 335 also sources from other nearby farms, such as Preston Farms, as well as Diaz's home garden in Santa Rosa, which features herbs and vegetables such as basil, chives, cilantro, squash and edible flowers.

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HOPLAND

New Culinary Offerings in Hopland

Visitors to the small town of Hopland, located near the west bank of the Russian River in Mendocino County, The Golden Pig debuted in summer 2017, helmed by Chef Jeramie Wagar. The restaurant believes in providing fine cuisine in a casual gathering place and focuses on sourcing ingredients from local, honest growers. In addition to working with nearby farms, The Golden Pig stocks its shelves primarily with wines, beers and ciders from local Mendocino County businesses. Rock Seas Farm Fusion Fare, also located in Hopland, launched in late September, featuring delicious favorites like pecan pie in a friendly local setting.

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KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Kings Canyon National Park Debuts New Restaurant

The National Park Service and Delaware North recently unveiled the new Grant Grove Restaurant in Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. The \$6.3 million rebuilt restaurant opened June 30, designed to elevate food and beverage services in the park. The new restaurant boasts enhanced views surrounded by majestic giant sequoia trees. Replacing the original restaurant, built in the 1970s with a seating capacity of only 74, the new 8,000-square-foot restaurant accommodates approximately 225 diners with indoor and outdoor seating areas. The eatery features a revamped indoor area, plus a new outdoor deck overlooking Bradley Meadow, and a large courtyard for grab-and-go dining. The new structure includes a striking indoor space with natural wooden furniture and rockwork complemented by high ceilings and large exposed beams. Built to meet LEED Gold standards, the revamp also offers a new fireplace, large windows and an open concept floor plan.

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LAFAYETTE

Lafayette Welcomes New Peruvian Restaurant

Chef Carlos Altamirano, owner and operator of six Bay Area restaurants, just opened his seventh concept in the Altamirano Restaurant Group: Barranco, a chic full-service Peruvian restaurant in the heart of Lafayette's commercial district. The name Barranco pays homage to a popular district of Lima, Peru, best known for its beaches, seafood, historic buildings and artistic, bohemian scene. Barranco's menu features seafood with Chef Altamirano's hallmark cebiche made to order at the cebiche bar, as well as wines and artisan cocktails. The

restaurant, located in a completely renovated 3,300-square-foot space with a sweeping corner patio, also offers family-style tapas and items such as Bocaditos (small bites), Pollo a la brasa (traditional Peruvian rotisserie chicken), Grilled anticuchos (meat skewers) and Alfajores (popular Latin American artisanal cookies).

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NAPA

CIA Unveils Copia Tasting Showcase

The new CIA at Copia's Tasting Showcase offers visitors an exciting opportunity to taste a selection of wines from different wineries in one unique destination. The Tasting Showcase features up to six wineries at a time, with each winery at its own custom-built tasting bar. The wineries' educators man the tasting bars so guests learn directly from a winery representative. Guests can choose which stations they want to visit and which wines they'd like to taste, creating their own tasting experience—whether it's comparing varietals, appellations or individual wines. Guests can also learn about the American wine industry in the free Wine Hall of Fame exhibit, or continue their experience by participating in a cooking class or demonstration, perusing The Store at CIA Copia, or dining at The Box Office or The Restaurant at CIA Copia.

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OXNARD

New Eateries Enter Oxnard's Culinary Scene

Diners can now savor two new restaurant options in Oxnard. Xielo Artisan Desserts, now at the historic downtown Woolworth Building, serves sweet and savory crepes, shaved-ice cream treats, and baked goods ranging from flan to culinary traditions of Mexico. Owned by local resident Juan Carlos Ramirez, the restaurant's name plays on the Spanish word

“cielo,” which means “sky” and “heaven.” The family, who features many of their personal traditional recipes, transformed the space by covering one of the walls with a wallpaper-style mural depicting Guadalajara Cathedral as it looked in 1902. EMC Seafood also debuted in Oxnard recently, located at the Collection Shopping Center. The restaurant features fresh fish, local wines and craft beers on tap. A massive framed mirror and a giant crab mural painted by Jeff McMillan and Gary Musgrave of The Draculas dominates the setting.

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PISMO BEACH

New Dining Options Debut in Pismo Beach

Two new restaurants opened in Pismo Beach in summer 2017. Mattie's Bar & Eatery embraces California's farm-to-table culture, offering delicious comfort food with a new twist. Diners can pair the eatery's fusion cuisine with specialty drinks created by their mixologists. The restaurant, featuring a subtle “Urban Beachy” décor theme, can seat 65–70 people. The menu changes every quarter to incorporate seasonal items and offer more variety. Some menu favorites include smoked salmon flatbread, deviled eggs, candied bacon and fried onion, grilled trout and trout roe, a scallop and shrimp tower, and mollusks served at the raw bar. The casual and coastal Flagship restaurant, which seats up to 175 people, offers spectacular ocean views, local fare and refreshing drinks. Guests can enjoy breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner in the nautical-inspired setting, such as an indoor boat with seating.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Park Central Hotel Taps Local Craft Brewery for Tastings

On the heels of an extensive hotel refresh, the 681-room Park Central Hotel recently partnered with local craft brewery, San Francisco Brewing Co., to offer guests an authentic San Francisco tasting experience inside the hotel. Every Monday through Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m., a lead brewer from San Francisco Brewing Co. will offer complimentary sips and local beer scene tips at the newly designed Lobby Bar & Lounge.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Chef Robin Reveals New Dining Concept in Tenderloin

Award-winning Chef Robin Song will bring a new dining experience to San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood in late fall 2017 with the launch of Gibson. This contemporary restaurant will feature live fire cooking with a menu driven by Song's relationships with small, local farms. Designed by acclaimed Oakland-based Mister Important, the restaurant sits in the soon-to-be renovated Hotel Bijou, and will harken back to the Art Deco era in design and atmosphere, emphasizing engaging service along with social dining and drinking. Driven by Song's passion for sustainability, the menu will feature high-quality dishes and cocktails with local ingredients. The experience revolves around sharing, beginning with several small bite items followed by a charcoal-grilled sourdough bread service with seasonal accompaniments, designed to celebrate the convivial act of breaking bread.

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SAN FRANCISCO

New Bar-Centric Concept Coming in October

Lazy Bear Chef David Barzelay and Head Bartender Nicolas Torres' new bar-centric concept, True Laurel (formerly Flowershop), opened in the Mission district this October. The concept is modeled after the Mezzanine portion of the Lazy Bear experience, where guests can sip inventive cocktails and San Francisco-inspired snacks prior to the seated tasting-menu experience for dinner. The casual bar boasts a carefully curated list of spirits—including rare and vintage offerings—and a small list of natural wines. In a separate space seating eight to 10 people, the highly-seasonal, ticketed tasting experience features a multi-course progression of drinks paired with refined snacks.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Iconic Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant Gets a Makeover

Alioto's, San Francisco's oldest family-run restaurant, recently celebrated the reopening of CAFÉ 8 at Fisherman's Wharf. Located on the street level of the landmark Alioto's Restaurant, the new café offers casual dining in a newly renovated space with indoor and outdoor seating. The café serves artisan pizza, fresh seafood, Sicilian family recipes and the San Francisco favorite, Clam Chowder in a sourdough bread bowl. Opened almost a century ago as a fresh fish stall, Alioto's has been serving the freshest seafood on Fisherman's Wharf since 1925. Their Nonna Rose Alioto is widely credited with bringing Cioppino to San Francisco; combining Sicilian flavors with local seafood.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO

New Dining Concepts Debut in San Luis Obispo

San Luis Obispo's thriving culinary scene recently expanded with the debut of two new restaurants. The Vegetable Butcher Culture Kitchen in downtown combines locally sourced, premium meats and sustainable seafood with the bounty from farmers' markets, offering residents and visitors fresh, ethnically diverse cuisine with bold Southwestern-inspired flavors. La Esquina Taqueria will open in winter 2017 in downtown, serving up classic Mexican dishes with a twist, from fresh local red snapper and al pastor on a rotisserie to queso burgers—a hamburger wrapped in a quesadilla. Located in the historic Creamery building, the eatery will specialize in infused tequilas, and boast an extensive list of house margaritas with specialty salt blends and an open kitchen concept.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO

Brew Scene Expands in San Luis Obispo

7Sisters Brewing company recently opened in San Luis Obispo, bringing the city's craft brewery options to 10. Serving small batch beer at the indoor bar or out on the patio, 7Sisters Brewing Company uses sustainable practices, such as water and energy conservation in their brewing, as well as sourcing local ingredients. The owners built their tasting room almost entirely from repurposed materials, and offer informal tours upon request. 7Sisters is included on the Hop On Beer Tours, which feature walking and/or driving tours to all 10 breweries in the city, as well as several others in the county.

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SANTA BARBARA

“Top Chef” Competitor to Open Four Eateries at Montecito Inn

“Top Chef” and “Chopped” competitor Phillip Frankland Lee of L.A.’s Scratch Restaurants and his wife, pastry chef Margarita Kallas-Lee, will launch four eateries in the Montecito Inn from late 2017 into early 2018. The concepts will include: Frankland’s Crab & Co., a casual seafood restaurant; The Monarch, which will have a wood-burning oven and bar; Silver Bough, a modern approach to the “grand fine dining tradition;” and Margarita’s Homemade Ice Cream, which will include ice cream flavors inspired by pastries, Kallas-Lee’s specialty. The inn is located in Montecito, an upscale neighborhood featuring some of the area’s most stunning stretches of coastline and homes of several celebrities, including Oprah Winfrey and Ellen DeGeneres.

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SANTA BARBARA

Booming Beer Scene Brews Up New Offering

Santa Barbara’s booming craft brew scene will introduce the newest kid on the block—Night Lizard Brewing Co.—in late 2017. This family project, inspired by a passion for the environment and great beer, will feature tasty brews named after a local endangered species, from the Bush Mallow Honey Blonde, named after a Channel Islands flower, to the Torrey pine-inspired Torreyana IPA. The brewhouse will donate 10 percent of its proceeds to Central Coast conservation efforts, and showcase labels created by local artists. With this debut Santa Barbara County will boast approximately two dozen breweries.

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SANTA ROSA

2 Tread Brewing Opens in Santa Rosa

Hang out in the beer garden, drink artisan beers brewed on-site, have a cocktail, and share a simple but interesting chef-created meal at the new 2 Tread Brewing Company that opened this past September in Santa Rosa, in central Sonoma County. The seating area and bar offer clear views of the brewery, so you can see the production process while enjoying their small-batch craft beers. The aim is to produce exciting interpretations of classic beer styles along with 2 Tread’s own unique twists in grains, hops, fermentation methods and aging. Some beers may be on the menu all the time with a tiny change here and there, while some limited offerings may only come round every year or two. The changing menu offers meals that are simple and tasty, working with the change of seasons for inspiration and enabling fun ingredients—a Nor Cal take on traditional pub food. Choose from burgers and other hot sandwiches, California-influenced flatbreads, seasonal salads, and rotating entrées on particular days of the week. The house-made beers are also used in the marinades, dressings and sauces made from scratch.

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SANTA ROSA

Beer Baron Comes to Courthouse Square

Bay Area brewpub brand Beer Baron recently opened its fourth location in downtown Santa Rosa’s newly reunified and revitalized Courthouse Square. Beer lovers can savor delicious drinks, gourmet eats and local musical talent, and tap the expertise of the staff—all craft beer connoisseurs and mixologists who’ve curated a roster of more than 30 craft beers on tap; 300-plus whiskey, bourbon and scotch offerings; and hand-crafted cocktails. Beer Baron offers local brews from the likes of Henhouse, Bear Republic and Sonoma Springs.

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SOLVANG

New Olive Oil Tasting Rooms Debut in Solvang

Downtown Solvang welcomed two new olive oil emporiums this summer, bringing the local tally of olive-centric tasting rooms to three. Joining longtime popular The Olive House, the Solvang Olive Press and Solvang Olive Company source ingredients from the Santa Ynez Valley, which has become a burgeoning olive oil region in the last decade. The Solvang Olive Press provides tastings of a world-wide variety of olives oils and vinegars, while The Solvang Olive Company features 100 percent California grown extra virgin olive oils, extracted from the first cold pressing of the olive without use of heat or chemicals. California olives date back to the mid-1700s, when Spanish colonists planted a grove at the state’s first mission—San Diego de Alcalá. In 1804, the padres at Old Mission Santa Ines in Solvang began planting and harvesting olives.

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SONOMA

Taste all things Rhône at The Rhône Room in Sonoma

Sip and experience more than 85 Rhône varietals in The Rhône Room wine studio and farm, the newest wine bar in the historic town of Sonoma in eastern Sonoma County. The new wine bar is owned by restaurateur and cookbook author Sondra Bernstein; her the girl & the fig restaurant on the Sonoma Plaza features an award-winning “Rhône-Alone” wine list. The Rhône Room serves as a tasting room of the girl & the fig’s wines as well as a curated selection of Rhône varietals from friends. The Rhône Room is located in the new Sonoma Roadside Shops, a 1.5-acre property that also includes the organic gardens for the girl & the fig, as well as the Fat Pilgrim

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TURLOCK

Dust Bowl Brewing Co. Launches Craft Brewery Tours

Popular Central Valley brewpub Dust Bowl Brewing Co. recently launched their craft brewery tours, offering a guided, behind-the-scenes look at the brewing process, as well as two half-pints of Dust Bowl beer. These adults-only tours can be booked online and take place Saturdays and Sundays at 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Guests must wear closed-toe shoes. In addition to indoor and outdoor dining, Dust Bowl features outdoor games such as corn hole, giant Jenga and bocce rentals.

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UNIVERSAL CITY

Universal CityWalk Dishes Up New Dining Options

Universal CityWalk recently introduced two sweet and savory casual dining concepts, Mini Monster and Poke Bar, adding an all-new delicious dimension to the destination's latest dining options that already include the popular Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, Ludo Lefebvre's LudoBird and Dong Po Kitchen. Mini Monster—recognized as one of the most Instagrammed restaurants in Southern California—features a menu of small-batch brewed teas and lemonades, served in California glass jars and specially-designed signature light bulbs. The specialty drinks come made to order with warm boba (black tapioca pearls) and whimsical clouds of spun-to-order cotton candy. Poke Bar serves up a fresh twist on Hawaiian cuisine with build-your-own poke bowls and a customizable menu that includes a

variety of seafood including ahi tuna, salmon and albacore, as well as vegetarian options paired with tasty ingredients that range from cucumber salad and crabmeat to seaweed salad and edamame. These openings coincide with the vibrant outdoor entertainment center's multi-million-dollar revitalization.

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WEST MARIN

Slide Ranch Unveils New Farm-to-Table Teaching Center

West Marin's beloved outdoor educational farm, Slide Ranch, recently opened their Farm-to-Table Teaching Center (FTTC). The state-of-the-art children's eco-learning center and kitchen significantly enhances and expands Slide Ranch's nationally renowned environmental education and lifestyle programming. The first new building at Slide Ranch in nearly 50 years, the FTTC features a commercial teaching kitchen, deck overlooking the Pacific Ocean, living roof and fully accessible design. The organic garden serves as a teaching tool for programs and a food source for the 18 staff and family members who live on the Ranch. Through a wide variety of programs, kids can learn about native plants and tide pool ecology, make nature crafts, cook from the garden and camp under the stars. Guests can also roam or picnic on Slide Ranch's 134 acres for free from dawn to dusk.

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ANAHEIM

Anaheim Convention Center Expands with New ACC North

The Anaheim Convention Center (ACC) recently completed ACC North, a 200,000-square-foot expansion that adds much-needed flexible space for public shows and meetings. ACC North features two levels including a 10,000-square-foot balcony facing Anaheim's theme parks, offering row seats to a nightly fireworks show. Upcoming public shows this winter and beyond include the Premier Bridal Show (Jan. 6–7, 2018), LA Cookie Con & Sweets Show, (Feb. 10–11, 2018), Orange County Spring Home & Garden Show (June 1–3, 2018), The FitExpo Anaheim (Aug. 25–26, 2018), and the Orange County International Auto Show (Oct. 4–7, 2018).

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BODEGA BAY

New Pacific Bay Gallery Features Local, Worldwide Artists

Discover a variety of contemporary artworks by local and worldwide artists as well as historical, antique and vintage paintings of the Sonoma Coast, and original Native American paintings at the new Pacific Bay Gallery in Bodega Bay on the spectacular Sonoma County coast. Although this fine art gallery only opened recently, it features an art collection 35 years in the making. Explore the wide variety of unique and beautiful two- and three-dimensional works of art, including original oil, acrylic and watercolor

paintings; rare etchings; limited editions on paper; sculptures; carvings; and relic art.

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COSTA MESA

Julianne and George Argyros Plaza Now Open

The Julianne and George Argyros Plaza at Segerstrom Center for the Arts is taking the stage in Orange County's cultural community. Officially open as of Oct. 28, 2017, the transformed Arts Plaza will serve as a public gathering place and dynamic town square, with new guest amenities such as a public stage and 40 free events and performances throughout the year. A stunning fountain, 60 feet in diameter with shimmering water arches soaring 24 feet in the air, creates a dramatic new visual element at the entrance. The Center presents a broad range of programming for audiences of all ages, including international ballet and dance, national tours of top Broadway shows, jazz and cabaret, classical music, and free performances open to the public from outdoor movie screenings to dancing on the plaza and many other special events. The Center recently announced its Broadway lineup for the 2017–2018 Season, with shows such as *Something Rotten!*, *Book of Mormon*, *Jersey Boys*, *The Color Purple*, *The King and I*, and more.

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OAKLAND

Oakland Museum Debuts World Premiere of Installation

The Oakland Museum launched the world premiere on Oct. 7, 2017 of "Nature's Gift: Friends & the Unknown," a large-scale, light-filled installation which aims to spark joy, positivity and social connection. Running through Jan. 21, 2018, the dazzling immersive experience created by LAbased Friends with You—fine art collaborative featuring Samuel Borkson and Arturo Sandoval III—takes guests through a rainbow into another world. The museum invites guests to check out this whimsical experience, which welcomes visitors into a magical, multi-sensory world where the line between imagination and reality is blurred.

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SAN DIEGO

Museum of Art Unveils Modern Latin American Masters Exhibit

The San Diego Museum of Art will unveiled its latest exhibit, "Modern Masters from Latin America: The Pérez Simón Collection," on Oct. 21, 2017. This expansive exhibition showcases roughly 100 works of art by some of the greatest modern masters and seminal figures from countries including Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Uruguay and more. Drawn from one of the world's foremost private collections, the exhibition illustrates the multifaceted history of Latin American modernism. It features a remarkable selection of more than 75 artists, including Frida Kahlo, Rufino Tamayo, Fernando Botero, Jose Maria Velasco, Joaquín Torres-García, Kazuya Sakai, Jesus Rafael Soto, Roberto and Matta. Running through March 11, 2018, the show also features David Alfaro Siqueiros, Diego Rivera and José Clemente Orozco—the three pioneers of the Mexican muralism movement.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Haight Street Art Center Adds New Color to City by the Bay

The newly opened Haight Street Art Center—the first-of-its-kind poster art gallery and print shop—features one of the largest galleries dedicated to concert poster art in the U.S., a poster print shop and retail store. The inaugural exhibition, "The Art of Consciousness," features more than 90 seminal works from 1965 to 1967, which celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love in San Francisco, a city long known for its pioneering role in showing concert posters as art. Featuring never-before-seen Family Dog original art, many of the pieces are largely unknown, even among very serious poster collectors, and have never before been displayed in public. Admission is free.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Special Exhibit Coming to Asian Art Museum

From the courts of Seoul to the runways of Paris, "Couture Korea"—a special exhibition that opened at the Asian Art Museum on Nov. 3—immerses audiences in historic and contemporary Korean fashion. The exhibition features more than 120 garments, including ancient kings' robes, elegant courtesans' ensembles, modern designs in new fabrics inspired by traditional clothing, and Korean-influenced styles from Chanel's Karl Lagerfeld. The show aims to give visitors a rich understanding of the social and cultural roots, as well as the global impact, of Korean fashion. The exhibition runs through Feb. 4, 2018.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Chinese Historical Society Introduces New Exhibit

The Chinese Historical Society will present its latest exhibit, “Sunset District,” on Nov. 19, 2017. The show honors the heritage of the Sunset district, where Chinese Americans have lived and thrived for decades. In an effort to share their narrative, the Chinese Historical Society of America collected stories from the pioneer Chinese American families that moved to San Francisco’s suburbs after World War II. In addition to interviews, they also collected photos and artifacts that document an alternative look at domestic life in the district from Post-WWII through 2010. The exhibit will run through spring 2018 at the museum, where guests can also experience other exhibits, miniature replicas of Chinatown by artist Frank Wong and daily docent tours.

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SAN FRANCISCO

De Young Museum Reveals Latest Exhibits

The de Young Museum recently unveiled two new exhibits. “The Maori Portraits: Gottfried Lindauer’s New Zealand” exhibition, which runs through April 1, features the leading Maori protagonists of 19th century New Zealand in a series of arresting images by the country’s most prolific portrait painter, Gottfried Lindauer. These paintings, revered embodiments of Maori ancestors, capture the fascinating personal stories of his subjects as well as the complex intercultural exchanges occurring at a time of great political, cultural and social change. Now through Feb. 11, 2018, the “Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire” exhibition explores how artwork from the ancient city shape our understanding of Teotihuacan as an urban environment. One of the earliest, largest and most important cities in the ancient Americas, Teotihuacan is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the most visited archaeological

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SAN FRANCISCO

Legion of Honor Announces New Exhibits

The Legion of Honor launched its latest exhibit, “KLIMT & RODIN: An Artistic Encounter Exhibition,” on Oct. 14, 2017, marking the 100th anniversary of the deaths of Auguste Rodin in November 1917 and Gustav Klimt in February 1918. The exhibition celebrates the legacies of these two pioneers who each broke the reigning aesthetic boundaries of the time to create powerful agendas for modern painting and sculpture. Arranged in dialogue with the Legion of Honor’s acclaimed collection of Rodin works, “KLIMT & RODIN” will provide an incredibly rare opportunity for audiences to see a range of signature works by the Austrian master Klimt, many of which will travel to the U.S. for the first time. The show runs through Jan. 28, 2018. The “Gods in Color: Polychromy in the Ancient World” exhibition debuted Oct. 28, 2017 and highlights Polychromy, a regular feature of most ancient sculptures, especially in Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Aegean, Greece and Rome. When antiquities were rediscovered after prolonged exposure to the elements or millennia of burial, their colored surfaces were often faded to invisibility, making the underlying form and compositions the most prominent characteristics of the work, and leading later sculptors to evoke classicism by leaving white marble and bronze surfaces unadorned. The show runs through Jan. 17, 2018 and will feature vividly painted reproductions of classical sculpture and objects from the Museums’ collections.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Presidio Officers’ Club Launches Special Exhibition

The Presidio Officer’s Club recently launched its latest exhibition, “EXCLUSION,” which invites visitors to investigate the choices that led to the dark chapter of Japanese internment in American history. The show encourages guests to reflect on what society has learned to help address present-day issues of mass incarceration, immigration reform and racial profiling. The Presidio Trust collaborated with the Fred T. Korematsu Institute and the National Japanese American Historical Society to curate the exhibit, which runs through March 2018. The Presidio Officers’ Club also announced new programming with themes associated to “EXCLUSION,” that will include concerts, educational lectures and tours.

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SANTA ROSA

Peanuts Serve Up Mud Pies and Jelly Beans

The Charles M. Schulz Museum mixes one-part blockhead and two parts mud pies with its latest exhibit “Mud Pies and Jelly Beans: The Flavor of Peanuts,” which takes a humorous approach to food throughout the history of the Peanuts comic strip. Visitors can learn how Schulz’s own palate influenced numerous story lines including Snoopy’s love of chocolate chip cookies and Charlie Brown’s distaste for coconut. This exhibition explores all things culinary through the display of a special collection of comic strips, photographs, cookbooks and chef-worthy ephemera. The featured culinary delights not only reflect those that Schulz himself enjoyed throughout his life, but also those that were new and popular to American dinner tables over the years. As a father of five, he believed family meals were a great time to share ideas and air grievances; he similarly used lunchtime at school for the Peanuts characters to have

deep conversations and share big news over a “fold over bread and butter” sandwich. The exhibit runs through March 11, 2018, and also features related merchandise.

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SOLANA BEACH

Solana Beach Celebrates Breeders Cup with Art Installation

The Solana Beach Chamber of Commerce recently unveiled a life-size replica of the Breeders' Cup trophy to celebrate the recent races Nov. 3–4 in nearby Del Mar. Painted by Southern California artist Tish Wynne, the fiberglass California Harmony statue “prances” along Solana Beach’s Highway 101 Boardwalk. Wynne’s work pays tribute to the Golden State with depictions of California icons, such as the State flag, race champion California Chrome, beach scenes, a classic wooden longboard, a Garibaldi (state fish), a California Grey Whale and backlit surf.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Arts Groups Run Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA through January

Arts organizations throughout Southern California recently launched “Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA,” which highlights Latin American and Latino art from the ancient world to the present day. Supported by the Getty Foundation, this one-of-a-kind, ambitious collaboration runs through January and takes a fresh look at vital and vibrant traditions in Latino and Latin American art through more than 70 exhibitions and programs from San Diego to Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles to Palm Springs. Participants include: six Santa Barbara South Coast museums exhibiting everything from a major

survey of Guatemalan art and a retrospective of contemporary Brazilian artist Valeska Soares, to studying the intersections of religion and art in Chumash and Latin American traditions; a broad range of shows in Los Angeles focusing on visual artists such as Gilbert Lujan and photographer Laura Aguilar, along with music and dance performances throughout the county, including a performance art festival featuring 30 programs; arts centers in San Diego hosting themes from modern Latin American masters to the ways Latin American artists from the 1960s to the 1980s responded to the unraveling of the utopian promise of modernization after World War II; and exhibits Palm Springs that include an unprecedented exploration of the synergy in the visionary building and design of two midcentury architects, Frey and Bo Bardi, who used architecture to connect people, nature, building and living.

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FAMILY FUN

OAKLAND

Oakland Zoo Launches Urban Gondola and Hilltop Restaurant

Oakland Zoo aims to help visitors reach new heights with its new Urban Gondola and Hilltop Restaurant, both boasting soaring views. The eight-passenger aerial gondola stops at The Landing Cafe, named among the San Francisco Chronicle’s 20 Biggest Bay Area Restaurant Openings of 2017. The restaurant features a locally-sourced, seasonal menu while overlooking the entire San Francisco Bay. The award-winning Oakland

Zoo is home to more than 700 native and exotic animals, and offers many educational programs and kid’s activities. The zoo will become one of the state’s largest zoos—in 100 acres—in 2018 with the California Trail expansion. This transformational project reflects the zoo’s commitment to animal care, education and conservation with a focus on this state’s remarkable native wildlife.

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SAN DIEGO

LEGOLAND® California Resort Debuts New Attractions

LEGO® Showplace Theater at LEGOLAND® California Resort will launch several new attractions this winter. Starting Jan. 12, 2018, LEGO® NINJAGO®—Master of the 4th Dimension will show a short film that combines dazzling 3-D computer animation with 4-D real-world effects. The movie offers guests an amazing new adventure with their favorite ninjas. Exclusively at LEGOLAND®, “The LEGO® Movie™”, 4-D A New Adventure™ follows a new journey for Emmet, Wyldstyle, Unikitty, Benny and MetalBeard after they receive a mysterious invitation leading them to a new theme park where all of the rides are based on the characters’ adventures in “The LEGO® Movie™.” Also in January, a new LEGO® NINJAGO® 4D movie launches, followed by the opening of LEGOLAND® Castle Hotel in the spring. LEGO® City Deep Sea debuts in summer 2018, where up to 12 passengers board one of eight real submarines and submerge into an ocean habitat. During the journey, a touchscreen allows riders to find glowing gems and lost sunken treasure.

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SANTA CLARA

Great America Rolls Out First Single Rail Steel Coaster Spring 2018

California's Great America will launch a groundbreaking new single rail steel coaster, RailBlazer, this spring for the 2018 season. The first coaster of its kind on the West Coast, RailBlazer will boast a single rail track throughout, requiring the rider to straddle the rail for an extremely low center of gravity that amplifies every move and enables more dynamic turns and rotations than have ever before on a coaster. With an eight-passenger single file train hugging the rail, the coaster will give riders an unobstructed view of the ground and air as they speed smoothly over the twisting track. RailBlazer will lift riders to a height of 106 feet before plunging them facedown at a 90-degree angle. Riders will travel along 1,800 feet of track at 52 miles per hour, experiencing maximum airtime and steeply banked turns, three inversions and twist through a zero-gravity roll.

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VALENCIA

Magic Mountain to Run Year-Round and Open World's Tallest Pendulum Ride

Six Flags Magic Mountain will ring in the new year Jan. 1, 2018 by launching a 365-day operation on par with other Southern California theme parks. The park also unveiled plans for CraZanity, the world's tallest pendulum ride, which debuts late spring 2018. At a record-breaking 17 stories in the air, this impressive giant disk will reach speeds up to 75 miles-per-hour as it whips back and forth, higher and higher to give riders a staggering view of the world below them.

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OUTDOOR RECREATION

MAMMOTH LAKES

High Sierra Snowcat & Yurt Launches Guided Multi-Day Tours

High Sierra Snowcat & Yurt now offers guided, multi-day backcountry skiing and snowboarding. For a few years the company has delivered skiers and snowboarders via snowcat to comfortable backcountry accommodations, providing access to excellent backcountry terrain; now guests can partake in an experience that includes delicious prepared meals and guided backcountry ski touring. High Sierra Snowcat & Yurt also unveiled a new snowcat and a second yurt for this season, as well as new avalanche education courses (level 1 and level 2).

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MCARTHUR

Shasta Region Welcomes New Equipment Rental Company

Intermountain Adventures recently debuted in McArthur, offering recreation equipment rentals for visitors who want to make the most of the area's clear lava springs, bird-watching and world-renowned fishing. Located in the Fall River Valley between Mt. Shasta and Lassen Peak, Intermountain Adventures strives to connect people to the outdoors by offering Hobie kayak and canoe rentals at various locations throughout the Burney-Fall River area. These kayaks feature a pedal-powered "mirage drive" and turn-dial steering that makes them easier to navigate. These hands-free kayaks allow fisherman, wildlife watchers

and nature lovers to relax and recline as they paddle downstream. Currently Intermountain Adventures offers service to Fall River, Hat Creek, Big Lake, Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park, Baum Lake and Lake Britton.

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PARADISE

Yellowstone Kelly Heritage Trail Debuts

The 4.5-mile Paradise Memorial Trailway—a pedestrian and bike trail—was recently renamed the Yellowstone Kelly Heritage Trail. The trail pays tribute to the proud tradition of this community through a series of new monuments depicting 30+ different families, individuals and events that shaped the community of Paradise from 1850 through 1950. The trail begins with a memorial to one of Paradise's most famous residents, Luther Sage Kelly, a veteran, trapper, miner and scout at the turn of the century. A trusted confidant of Theodore Roosevelt, Yellowstone Kelly is a long-time figure of Paradise lore, and has been portrayed in various movies, books and stories. Each monument on the trail that bears his name offers a brief description, pictures, and QR codes for connections to the museum and more information on a specified event. The trail, located in the Sierra Nevada foothills, will expand in the future to connect the pathway to Stirling City and Chico.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Whale Trail Adds New Viewing Sites

The CA Highway 1 Discovery Route (H1DR) invites visitors to marvel at the Pacific Ocean's amazing marine life from the shores of several new Whale Trail sites. The H1DR, comprised of 10 coastal towns along Highway 1, added viewing locations at the Avila Beach Pier, Cambria, Cayucos, San Simeon, Oceano and Nipomo, in addition to Montaña de

Oro State Park in Baywood Park-Los Osos. Each location offers signs designed to educate people about the marine mammals they can spot from that location and when. The signs feature illustrations to scale of eight marine mammals and information on that specific area. They include conservation messages in partnership with the Stewardship Travel program along the CA Highway 1 Discovery Route. Future enhancements could include spotting scopes and benches. The San Simeon site already features a spotting scope provided by the Cavalier Hotel. The Whale Trail is a series of 90 sites along the Pacific Coast where visitors can see orcas, as well as other cetaceans and marine mammals from shore.

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SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

Tahoe South Introduces New Ski Activities

Visitors can soon enjoy a variety of new ski activities and events in South Lake Tahoe. Night skiing under the stars debuts this season every weekend at Heavenly Mountain Resort beginning Dec. 18. California Lodge's new rooftop bar offers the ultimate happy hour with creative craft cocktails, appetizers, cozy fire pits and live bands. Vail Resorts recently announced it aims to achieve a zero net operating footprint by 2030 with special initiatives, from using pine needles to create erosion-fighting soil cover and snowmaking investments in low-energy technology to free ski shuttles. Sierra-at-Tahoe just expanded its beginner area with SMART TERRAIN®, which helps new skiers efficiently master the fundamentals while gaining confidence. Kirkwood Mountain Resort, known for its deep powder, steep runs and cornices, will welcome the season with the expansion of Expedition: Kirkwood, which aims to provide an experience that differs from traditional ski lessons. New offerings include The American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education

Classes, which offer programs such as a three-day introduction course to the avalanche phenomena, helping skiers develop a solid grounding to prepare for a backcountry trip, basic decision making and concepts of a rescue.

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SHOPPING

LOS ANGELES

New Shopping Destinations to Debut in Los Angeles

After major renovations, three shopping/dining destinations across Los Angeles will open by winter 2017/18. Opening in November, Citadel Outlets will unveil the new Center Court building, which includes a two-story COACH, HUGO BOSS, Tommy Hilfiger & GUESS stores. In the Arts District, ROW DTLA recently began historically sensitive renovations, and by early 2018 it will offer shopping from nearly 20 retail stores, two fitness/wellness tenants and six restaurant concepts, including the highly anticipated Tartine Manufactory from San Francisco's reputable Tartine Bakery. Once fully complete down the road, ROW DTLA will include over 100 progressive shops and restaurants. Later this fall the Westfield Century City Mall will complete its \$1 billion modernization project. Most importantly for foodies, the project will bring in more than 55 eateries, a new outdoor dining district, and the West Coast's first Eataly, featuring authentic Italian flavors that will open by early 2018.

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MILL CREEK

New Ski Rental Store Opens Near Lassen Volcanic National Park

The Village Mercantile, a newly renovated sister property to Highlands Ranch Resort, opened in July of 2017, offering a year-round grocery store and mountain gear shop with cross-country ski rental equipment. The store just unveiled a new fleet of Alpina Nordic skis, which are waxed, sharpened and ready for the 2017-18 ski season. Ski fans can also gear up with classic and backcountry NNN skis, boots and poles packages, and take advantage of the resort's daily groomed Nordic ski trail in the meadow. For beginners looking to ski the nearby trails of Lassen Volcanic National Park, a 10-year veteran PSIA Ski Instructor offers on-site Nordic ski lessons at the ranch. The two-hour ski lesson covers Nordic ski equipment usage and classic Nordic ski techniques and skills progression.

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TECHNOLOGY, TOURS, TRANSPORTATION AND GUIDES

BURNEY

Burney Launches New Recreation Website and App

The Burney Chamber of Commerce recently created a new interactive website which highlights the recreational opportunities in the Intermountain Area. It provides visitors with resources and information for recreation, hiking, boating, hunting and fishing. Visitors to the website will be able to access a mobile interactive guide application this spring that

can be used without internet access. The Chamber will also offer customizable vacation packages that will unlock special deals for lodging, dining, fitness and recreation.

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OCCIDENTAL

Visit With Wild Cats on a Private Tour

Get up close and personal with 20 endangered wild cats including a snow leopard, African leopard, cougar, lynx, cheetah and ocelot on the new private tours at the Wild Cat Education and Conservation Fund campus outside the Western Sonoma County town of Occidental. Founded in 1993, the fund supports small, grass-roots organizations that work directly in the field to conserve wild-cat species. The organization's goal is to educate the public about the decreasing population of wild-cat species worldwide. On private tours of its Sonoma County campus, you can watch a wild cat catch fish in a waterfall pond, an ocelot demonstrate its rare climbing skills, and a cheetah doing what it does best—accelerating from 0 to 70 mph in four seconds. Private tours are by reservation only, and can include a safari luncheon. The VIP package includes spending the night in the guesthouse and listening to the cats talking to each other, followed by a continental breakfast while watching the cheetah outside your door.

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PETALUMA

Explore Sonoma and Marin with New SMART Train Service

Visitors can now step aboard a sleek SMART train and discover Sonoma and Marin counties without having to deal with traffic or parking. Energy-efficient, clean diesel trains carry passengers along 43 miles of track,

from the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport station in Santa Rosa to downtown San Rafael in Marin County. Riders can enjoy large comfortable seats with tray tables, overhead storage and big windows to take in the scenic views. Onboard they'll find free Wi-Fi, a snack bar and accessible restrooms. This recently launched first phase of the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) project that will eventually cover 70 miles, and will include one of the nation's longest continuous bicycle-pedestrian pathways, next to or near the SMART tracks.

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SAN DIEGO

Evening Helicopter Tour Takes Flight in San Diego

Corporate Helicopters in San Diego recently launched new nightly helicopter tours over downtown, taking advantage of the sun setting earlier in the winter. Guests soar over the illuminated downtown skyline, pairing their flight with a glass of sparkling wine. Passengers will also view the evening lights along the coast and the beautiful Coronado Bridge. The helicopter fleet can accommodate couples and groups up to 25 people. The 24-minute tour departs from Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport and runs Nov. 1–Dec. 31, 2017. The tour costs \$369 for up to four passengers.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Alcatraz and San Francisco Zoo Join iVenture Card

iVenture Card San Francisco recently welcomed Alcatraz Island and the San Francisco Zoo & Gardens to its roster of participating attractions, where ticket holders can save up to 50 percent. Visitors can now explore Alcatraz, a former prison to some of America's most notorious criminals, and San Francisco Zoo and Gardens, home to more

than 2,000 exotic, endangered and rescued animals, representing more than 250 species. Launched in September 2016, iVenture Card San Francisco offers the 'Flexi' attractions pass with a three (\$65) or five (\$99) day ticket package, which includes over 25 of northern California's must-see attractions and experiences such as a tour to Yosemite, Napa and Sonoma Valley wine tasting, Muir Woods, San Francisco city tour and many more.

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SAN SIMEON

San Simeon Announces New Hearst Castle Tour and Welcome Sign

The Pacific Coast town of San Simeon, home to the world-famous Hearst Castle, recently unveiled its community welcome sign, which has become a popular selfie spot for visitors. The sign is located just south of Hearst Castle, which recently unveiled is Art of San Simeon Tour, a semi-private, two-hour tour that runs through winter 2018. The tour, offered on select dates, accommodates up to eight people and explores Mr. Hearst's spectacular collection of fine and applied arts. As guests explore Hearst Castle, which is only California State Park that is also an art museum accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, a knowledgeable guide will focus on Hearst and how he acquired his remarkable paintings, tapestries, sculptures, antiquities and furniture. Visitors will get to see areas that combine the itineraries of the four daytime tours, while continuing to areas in the Castle that have never before been included. The tour costs \$100 per ticket and at the conclusion of the tour, visitors can stroll the gardens and terraces at their leisure.

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SQUAW VALLEY

Squaw Valley Announces Major Improvements for Winter

Squaw Valley|Alpine Meadows ski resort recently announced various improvements for the winter season. High Camp, Squaw Valley's mid-mountain facility located at 8,200' and accessed by the scenic Aerial Tram, will complete an overhaul winter 2017–18 that includes the new Terrace Restaurant & Bar, Squaw Valley's most scenic dining venue with panoramic views of Lake Tahoe, and a new High Camp Marketplace that will offer healthy grab-and-go meals and snacks, coffee, espresso, wine and beer plus all of the essential gear and accessories for a day out on the mountain. Alpine Meadows Lodge improvements this season include eight new automatic sliding doors for easier entry from the sun deck into the mezzanine level, upgraded flooring and bathrooms, and new lockers. New snowmaking hydrants at Squaw Valley will allow faster and more productive snowmaking throughout the base area. At Alpine Meadows, the complete overhaul of several air compressors will allow for a more efficient use of resources when making snow. Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows will debut new snow removal machines to expedite clearing roads and parking lots. In The Village at Squaw Valley, Rucker@Squaw will see updated interior design this winter, while Funi's on-mountain market at Gold Coast will feature new fresh, healthy salads and house made soups. The Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows Mobile App will soon launch its upgraded version which includes a leaderboard feature that will allow users to compare their ski day performance with their friends, as well as live snow and weather conditions at three elevations.

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TRUCKEE

First Tracks Now Available at Northstar California

Skiers and snowboarders can now begin the day at sunrise with First Tracks, where Adventure Guiding and Learning Center mountain guides take two intimate groups on a tour of the mountain before lifts open to the public. This shamelessly indulgent experience gives private access to freshly groomed runs and sparkling powder across the entire mountain. Convenient and inviting, the Adventure Guiding and Learning Center welcomes guests into the lounge with fresh espresso and custom equipment fitting, prior to meeting a hand-picked mountain guide. Northstar mountain guides and instructors provide what guests need—including tours to the most serene locations on the mountain. After a full day of skiing Northstar like a local, visitors return to the Village for a well-earned champagne toast.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Kung Pao Kosher Comedy Celebrates 25th Anniversary

San Francisco's annual Jewish Christmas tradition, "Kung Pao Kosher Comedy™," celebrates its 25th Anniversary on Dec. 23–25 with a "best of" program. The legendary Jewish-comedy-on-Christmas-in-a-Chinese-restaurant extravaganza, the longest running comedy show in town, has featured household name Jewish comedians and Yiddish proverbs in its fortune cookies for over two decades. The brainchild of San Francisco-based comedian Lisa Geduldig, the show solves the age-old

question, "What are Jews supposed to do on Christmas?" To celebrate the milestone, this year's show will feature three past headliners: Cathy Ladman, one of the country's top comedians; Gary Gulman, who has performed on every late night comedy show; and Wendy Liebman, who has appeared on HBO, Comedy Central, and Showtime specials.

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UNIVERSAL CITY

Universal Studios Hollywood to Unveil New Attraction in 2018

With DreamWorks Animation's recent acquisition, Universal Studios Hollywood will soon roll out the red carpet for a unique, never-before-seen DreamWorks Theatre attraction. Opening in 2018, this newly designed venue will play host to a variety of action-packed DreamWorks Animation themed attractions, beginning with the multi-sensory adventure inspired by the global blockbuster franchise Kung Fu Panda, and created in partnership with Universal Creative and DreamWorks' Artists. This new technologically advanced attraction will take guests on a legendary journey that fuses captivating storytelling with state-of-the-art projection mapping and LED lighting effects for a highly engaging and immersive experience.

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