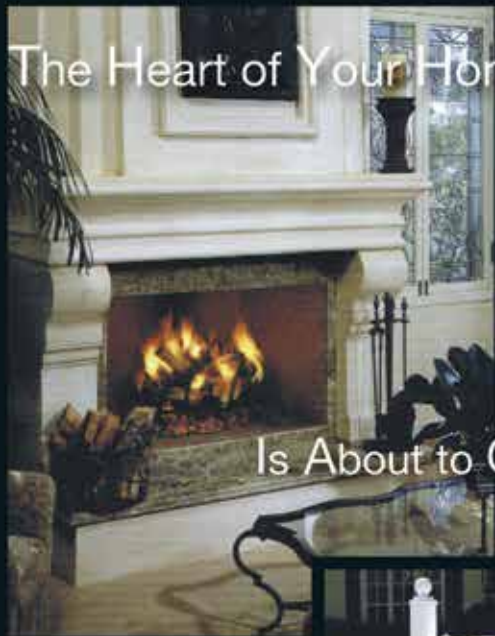


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Behind the Scenes

Going out for drinks is permissible again, and here's where and what our featured contributors say they'll sip first.

Matt Kettmann

"I explore the food-and-drink scene for work, so I've already enjoyed quite a few outdoor cocktails from the shores of Montecito to the alleys of Solvang," says contributing writer Matt Kettmann ("Mixology Masters," page 62 and "The Cocktail Climate," page 72). "But stepping foot into The Pickle Room in Santa Barbara and ordering a few greyhounds from bartender extraordinaire Willy Gilbert was like going home."



Leslie Dinaberg



"The aloha spirit of the Mai Tai at Chuck's of Hawaii in Santa Barbara has been calling to me for more than a year," says contributing writer Leslie Dinaberg (*Pulse*, page 33). "The timeless tiki vibe is just as sweet as this summery cocktail served with an umbrella and cherries on top."

Jennie Nunn



"I have been wanting to check out the Rosewood Miramar Beach," says shopping editor Jennie Nunn (*Finds*, page 39). "The Miramar Beach Bar looks like the perfect spot for sunset viewing and a drink on the patio."

Pulse

TRACKING THE BEAT OF THE 805



RAISE A GLASS TO EXOTIC APPEAL

“When we decided to open this place blending Asian and Polynesian aesthetics, the name just came to mind,” says Jeffrey Helfer, co-owner of Westlake Village’s newest cocktail lounge, **Bamboo Room** (bambooroomwlv.com), slated to open June 10. “We really hope it gives people a feeling that they’re going to walk into an environment that’s nontypical for around here.”

Inside, the establishment is both spacious and intimate with cozy sofas and chairs, while outside, additional seating rings firepits. Naturally, bamboo is featured throughout. To create the 3,500-square-foot venue, Helfer partnered with chef Anthony Alaimo, who is now chef

at 101 North Eatery & Bar, which he also co-owns with Helfer, but the Bamboo Room is strictly for a drinking crowd. That’s why they tapped 101 North’s mixologist, Austin Franco to be the bar manager.

“Austin has created some really incredible cocktails that, like the rest of the space, really make a statement,” says Helfer.

Franco’s new menu includes originals like Born Under a Bad Sign, a mix of *reposado* tequila, maple, coffee liqueur, mole bitters, and orange essence; and Risk and Reward, made with cilantro chile-infused tequila, honeydew melon, Green Chartreuse, and pressed lime.

—Anthony Head

WHIMSICAL WATERCRAFTS LAND IN VENTURA

Here's a new way to get out on the water this summer. **Swan Pedal Boats** from Ventura Boat Rentals (venturaboatrentals.com) are available for rent at Ventura Harbor Village (venturaharborvillage.com). Glide on the water under your own power in the Ventura Harbor marina while enjoying wildlife and scenic views. The custom-painted swan-shaped pedal boats are decked out with colored lights to allow for sun-soaked day use and sparkling evening rides.

"I am very excited to have brought something new and enticing to Ventura Harbor," says Captain Doug Cooper, owner of Ventura Boat Rentals. "The swan pedal boats feel like an amusement park on the water!" Daytime rentals are on a first-come first-served basis, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings by appointment. Visit the website or call 805-642-7753 for details.

—Nancy Ransohoff



A PERFECT SIT

Settle on a new chair to match your style at a one-stop shop.

Everyone has a favorite chair—that comfy perch that invites settling in with a good book or an iPad, cuddling with Fido, or even taking a nap. Here, with a nod to Father's Day, is a sampling of candidates, in various styles, for a new favorite bastion of relaxation for Dad or any discerning sitter. All can be found at or ordered through **For Your Home** (fyhfurn.com) in Ventura.

Opened in 1976, the California-style furnishings store now

features products from more than 75 high-quality manufacturers in its two-story showroom. "We carry a wide variety of unique, eclectic items," says owner Kevin Seelos. "It makes it fun to browse through the store. We specialize in American-made goods, including products from Amish makers, and offer some imported pieces and made-to-order options."

—N.R.



Frank Lloyd Wright would have approved
Canal Dover Furniture "Craftsman Morris"

This Arts and Crafts Movement-inspired adjustable recliner comes in cherry, oak, and maple with unique wooden inlays (\$4,285).



Channeling an Inner Ringo Starr
Moe's Furniture "St. Anne"

Upholstered in dark top-grain leather, this swivel club chair has a distinctly mid-century-modern vibe (\$2,499).



On par for the Tiger Woods wannabe
Pulaski Furniture "Miles"

This classic, tailored club chair is upholstered in green top-grain leather and accented with dual rows of nickel-finished nailhead trim (\$1,895).



A nod to Don Draper's aspirational style
Moroni "365 Frensen"

Featuring boxy, mid-century-modern lines atop metal legs available with a black- or copper-finish, this chair is upholstered in top-grain Italian leather with tufted stitching (\$1,275).



Proper repose for Lord Grantham
New Pacific Direct "Guinevere"

This birch-framed, English/French country-style, wing armchair contrasts a Nubuck charcoal upholstery seat with a burlap exterior. A removable lumbar pillow is included (\$825).

SKATE DATES



Roller skates. Longboards. Hoverboards. It's all allowed at The **SLORoll** (thesloroll.com), a free skating party that pops up the first Saturday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at various locations in San Luis Obispo County. "We just kind of gave the people what they

wanted," says founder Shauna "Dottie" Gustuson, former Central Coast Roller Derby skater.

DJ Brotha C supplies the tunes, monthly themes like May the Roll Be with You inspire the outfits, and local brand Reap What U Sow sells custom t-shirts and accessories. The meetups have grown from 20 to 70 people of all ages. The ultimate goal, Gustuson says, is to secure a piece of land or a building to share with other nonprofits to create a community space based on inclusivity and creativity.

—Erin Rottman

STRENGTH IN ELEGANCE

Having worked for decades as an entertainment-industry visual-effects artist, Santa Rosa Valley resident Kevin Prendiville says he has always been a maker at heart. When his wife Jerami requested that he create a bag for her to bring to the barn where she boards her horse, he was inspired to create a handcrafted leather equestrian-themed tote with a removable saddlebag. It became the first product of the couple's new brand, **Rebar Works** (rebarworks.com).

"So many people said, 'I want one of those,' that we redesigned it and made it even better," says Jerami. More leather goods are on the horizon, as well as home furnishings and whatever else catches their creative spark.

"We consider ourselves a luxury lifestyle brand, and we like to cater to people who appreciate beauty, clean design, high-quality materials, and detailed craftsmanship," Jerami says.

"We're bringing a unique voice to it, too," adds Kevin. Taking inspiration from the steel rods it's named for, the company's mission is to harness the strength and integrity of understated elegance.

—Leslie Dinaberg

Sturdy, stylish tote bags (above, right) are the first in a line of products by Rebar Works, a new handcrafted leather goods company founded by Jerami and Kevin Prendiville (right).



A 1960 Alfa Romeo (below) and other vintage Italian vehicles will make a showing on July 24 at Lotusland (right) to support its gardens.



THE PETAL MEETS THE METAL

Thirty classic Italian cars with vintages from the 1930s through the 1980s are motoring into Ganna Walska Lotusland (lotusland.org) botanical garden in Montecito on July 24 for this year's **Lotusland Celebrates** fundraiser. The event's Petal to the Metal theme showcases restored Ferraris, Maseratis, Alfa Romeos, and more.

"Lotusland has some really amazing, almost-extinct plants, and the event focuses on the same concept of collecting something that's precious so that someone can enjoy it," says event cochair Caroline Thompson, co-owner of Cabana Home (cabanahome.com) interior design and furniture in Santa Barbara. "It's a terrific marriage of something that is living and something that is metal."

The outdoor event, which will take place in a variety of time slots to allow for pandemic-safe physical distancing among visitors, will feature wine, beer, and light refreshments. Proceeds support year-round care of the garden and its conservation programs.

—E.R.



SPIRITED SOAPS

Piney juniper with a hint of citrus. Sweet fruit and spice with a touch of bitter orange. These may sound like flavor notes in popular cocktails, but they're actually fragrance combinations in a line of handcrafted soaps. For two of its sudsy bars, **Etta + Billie** (ettaandbillie.com), a Ventura-based maker of small-batch



body-care products, takes olfactory cues from libations. "I'm constantly inspired by the food and beverage world," says CEO Alana Rivera, "so I wanted to capture the essence of some of my favorite classic cocktails—the gin and tonic and the negroni."

After what she describes as "years of pushing paper around in corporate America and feeling deeply unsatisfied and utterly uncreative," Rivera received a book about soapmaking as a gift from her mother. She credits it with sparking her creative, entrepreneurial journey.

"I combine highly effective natural ingredients to create products that are centered around my love of farm-to-table food culture and the connection it brings," she says. ♦

—L.D.

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