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## DOWNTOWN EVENT CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>30</b> <b>BALLETNOW</b> Dorothy Chandler Pavilion 135 N Grand Ave. 2PM International ballet superstar Tiler Peck curates a selection of what's now in ballet with boundary pushing ballets from revered choreographers.</p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>MEZCAL MONDAYS</b> Mezcalero 510 S Broadway 3PM DTLA's newest Mezcal specialty bar offers 50% off Mezcal, \$4 wine and wells, and \$7 specialty cocktails all night.</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>BOOT CAMP</b> Grand Park 200 N Grand Ave. 5:30 — 6:30PM Enjoy a free post-workout while you explore Grand Park and mingle with your DTLA neighbors. All fitness levels welcome.</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>LOW END THEORY</b> The Airliner 2419 N Broadway 9:30PM Weekly experimental hip hop and electronic music. Bring ear plugs</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>CHINATOWN AFTER DARK</b> Far East Plaza 727 N Broadway 6 — 10PM On the first Thursday of every month, Chinatown's hottest property becomes a hotbed of culinary innovation, as chefs and friends take over.</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>NO SIDE NOW-DANCE THAT ABANDONS BOUNDARIES</b> California Plaza 350 S Grand Ave. 8:00 PM Grand performances presents an evening experimental dance works inspired by street dance, studio practice and girlhood games.</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>MORE STARS THAN THERE ARE IN HEAVEN W ALICIA MAYER</b> Los Angeles Central Library 630 W 5th St. 2PM Great-grandniece of Louis B. Mayer shares never-before-seen photos, memorabilia and stories about the film industry patriarch and MGM studios.</p>
<p><b>6</b> <b>TONY'S SALOON SUNDAY COOKOUTS</b> Tony's Saloon 515 W 7th St. 5PM If enjoying a neighborhood BBQ on the patio of Tony's Saloon with \$2 PBRs wasn't enough, proceeds raised from the purchase of Moscow Mules go to charity.</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>NO MAMES MONDAY</b> Everson Royce Bar 1936 E 7th St. 5PM Enjoy a complete menu takeover featuring Latin inspired drinks and eats.</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>TIM &amp; ERIC AWESOME SHOW 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY</b> The Theatre At Ace Hotel 933 S Broadway 8PM Tim &amp; Eric take their beloved show on the road with new material for diehard fans. Shows Tuesday and Wednesday.</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>KENDRICK LAMAR WITH TRAVIS SCOTT &amp; D.R.A.M.</b> Staples Center 1111 S Figueroa 7:30 PM Kendrick Lamar supports his chart topping fourth studio album, DAMN., along with Travis Scott and D.R.A.M.</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>HONEYCUT THURSDAYS: BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE</b> Honeycut 819 S Flower St. 9PM Honeycut and Mojito Boys burn down the house every Thursday with Italo Disco and House. Guest DJs and drink specials all night long.</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>HANS ZIMMER LIVE ON TOUR</b> Shrine Auditorium 665 W Jefferson Blvd. 8PM Hans Zimmer presents a multi-layered experience featuring classic music scores and re-imagined versions of The Dark Night and Inception. Special guests.</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>AMTRAC &amp; FRIENDS: THE JUAN MACLEAN, DURANTE</b> The Standard Hotel Downtown 550 S Flower St. 3PM Amtrac's summer party residency continues on the rooftop of the Standard Hotel. Special guest stars to be announced.</p>
<p><b>13</b> <b>SUNDAY SESSIONS</b> Grand Park 200 N Grand Ave. 2 — 8PM Local stars of LA's house music scene take over Grand Park. DJs Kaleem, Jun, Tony Powell, and a mystery guest perform.</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>DRINKY DRAW</b> Angel City Brewery 216 S Alameda St. 8 — 10PM Enjoy a pint at Angel City Brewery as you practice drawing live models. Art supplies will be on hand if you forget to bring your own.</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>TACO TUESDAYS</b> Mezcalero 510 S Broadway 3PM Enjoy half-off Agave spirits and \$3 Tacos at DTLA's newest addition to the Mezcal scene.</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>NEON INDIAN</b> Teragram Ballroom 1234 W 7th St. 8PM Alan Palomo, a.k.a., Neon Indian brings his indie electronic stylings to the Teragram Ballroom.</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>GORDI</b> Resident 428 S Hewitt St. 8PM Australian artist Gordi tours in support of her forthcoming debut full length album, Reservoir.</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>DANCE DTLA: DJ NIGHTS</b> Exposition Park 200 N Grand Ave. 9PM Dance the night away under the stars at The Music Center's Dance DTLA, now in its 13th year.</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>ARTS DISTRICT DAZE</b> Arts District Participating Stores 1 — 6PM Look for the yellow balloons at more than 55 restaurants, shops and spaces for special events and happenings throughout The Arts District. Every 3rd Saturday.</p>
<p><b>20</b> <b>KCON</b> Staples Center 1111 S Figueroa 7:30 PM Meet your favorite K-Pop &amp; Korean TV stars in person as you celebrate Korean fashion, food and beauty at this two day Hallyu convention.</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>ALE ACADEMY</b> Angel City Brewery 216 S Alameda St. 7PM Angel City Brewery continues its monthly series teaching anything and everything you ever wanted to know about the craft of crafting beer.</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>GARRISON KEILLOR</b> The Theatre At Ace Hotel 933 S Broadway 8PM Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home "Love and Comedy" Tour swings by the Theater At Ace. Special guests Richard Dworsky and The Road Hounds join.</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>HIP HOP HAPPY HOUR</b> La Cita Bar 336 S Hill St. 9:30PM Hip Hop Happy Hour happens every Wednesday on El Patio at La Cita. \$3 Tecate and domestics, \$4 imports and wells.</p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>DIE ANTWOOD</b> Shrine Expo Hall 665 W Jefferson Blvd. 8PM Ninja and Yo-Landi Visser bring their infectious rave rap act to Shrine Expo Hall.</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>SUMMER HAPPENINGS AT THE BROAD: ORACLE</b> The Broad 221 S Grand Ave. 8:30PM August's happenings include artists exploring themes of globalization, surveillance, anxiety and absurdity.</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>LA TACO FESTIVAL</b> Grand Park 200 N Grand Ave. Everyone knows LA has a killer Taco game, and the LA Taco Festival brings out the best for a good cause. All proceeds support solutions for homeless youth.</p>
<p><b>27</b> <b>AN AFTERNOON W/ BIFFLE &amp; SHOOSTER: LIVE COMEDY SHOW</b> LA Central Library 630 W 5th St. 2PM Enjoy a live stage show with special guests and archival slapstick musical comedy short films.</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>RUNDALAY</b> Grand Park 200 N Grand Ave. 7:45AM Start the week off right with a Monday morning run along with a hundred of your closest friends.</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>YESTIVAL: YES &amp; FRIENDS, A FULL FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE</b> Microsoft Theater 777 Chick Hearn Court 7:30PM Prog rockers, YES, bring their travelling festival to the Microsoft Theater. Todd Rundgren and Carl Palmer's ELP Legacy join.</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>MUZE: LIFE DRAWING - ART WORKSHOP</b> ArtShare LA 801 E 4th Place 6:45PM Try your hand at uninstructed life drawing every Wednesday at ArtShare LA. Bring your own supplies. RSVP is necessary.</p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>THE SOULFIRE COLLECTIVE</b> Resident 428 S Hewitt St. 8:30PM On the first Thursday of every month, Chinatown's hottest property becomes a hotbed of culinary innovation, as chefs and friends take over.</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>DANCE DTLA: DJ NIGHTS</b> Grand Park 200 N Grand Ave. 9PM Dance the night away under the stars at The Music Center's Dance DTLA, now in its 13th year.</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>CLASSIC TAI CHI CLASSES</b> Los Angeles Central Library 630 W 5th St. 10 — 11:30AM Take a free class in Tai Chi at the LA Central Library. Classes include demonstration, instruction and posture practice of 108 classic Tai Chi forms.</p>



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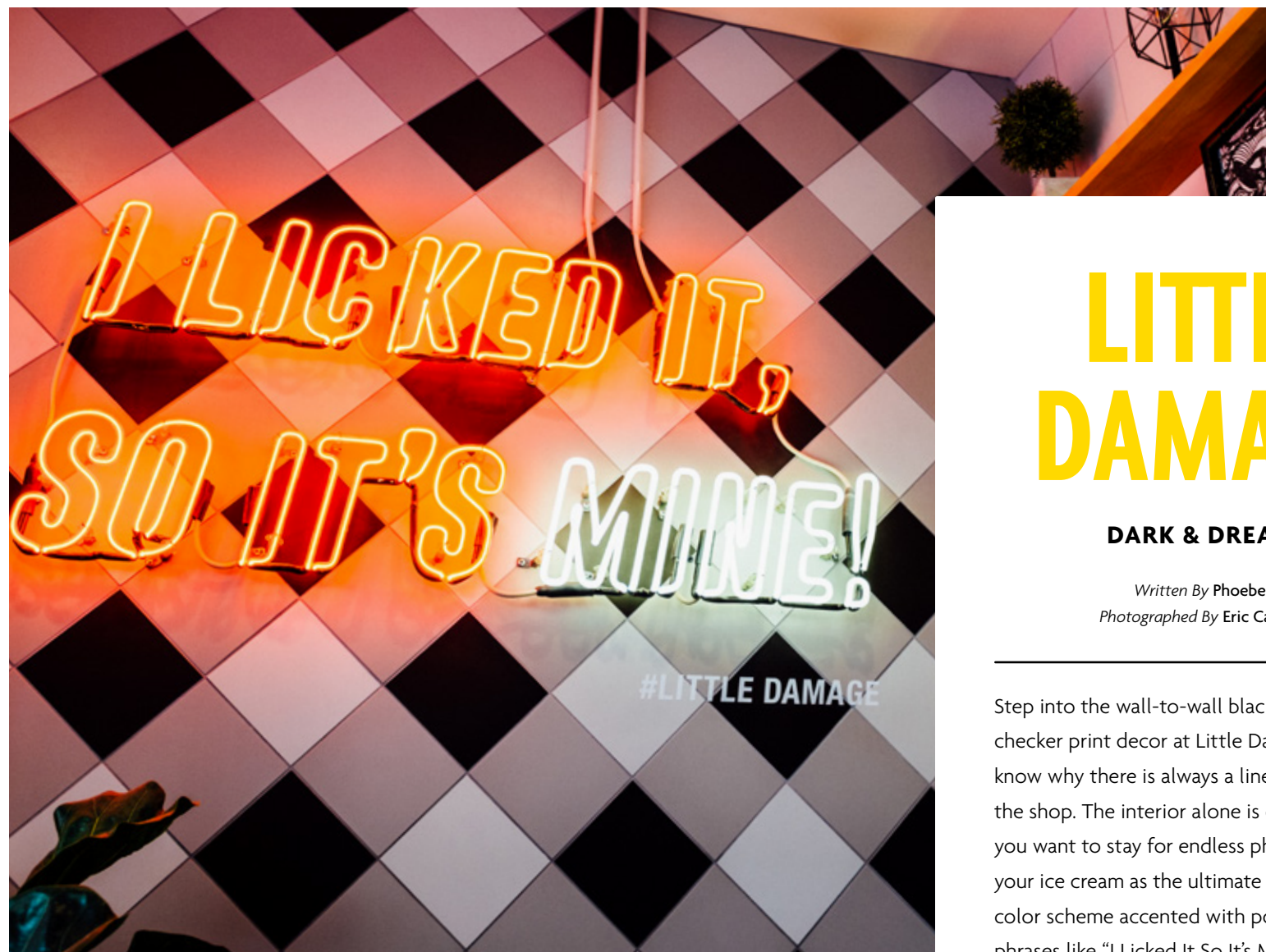
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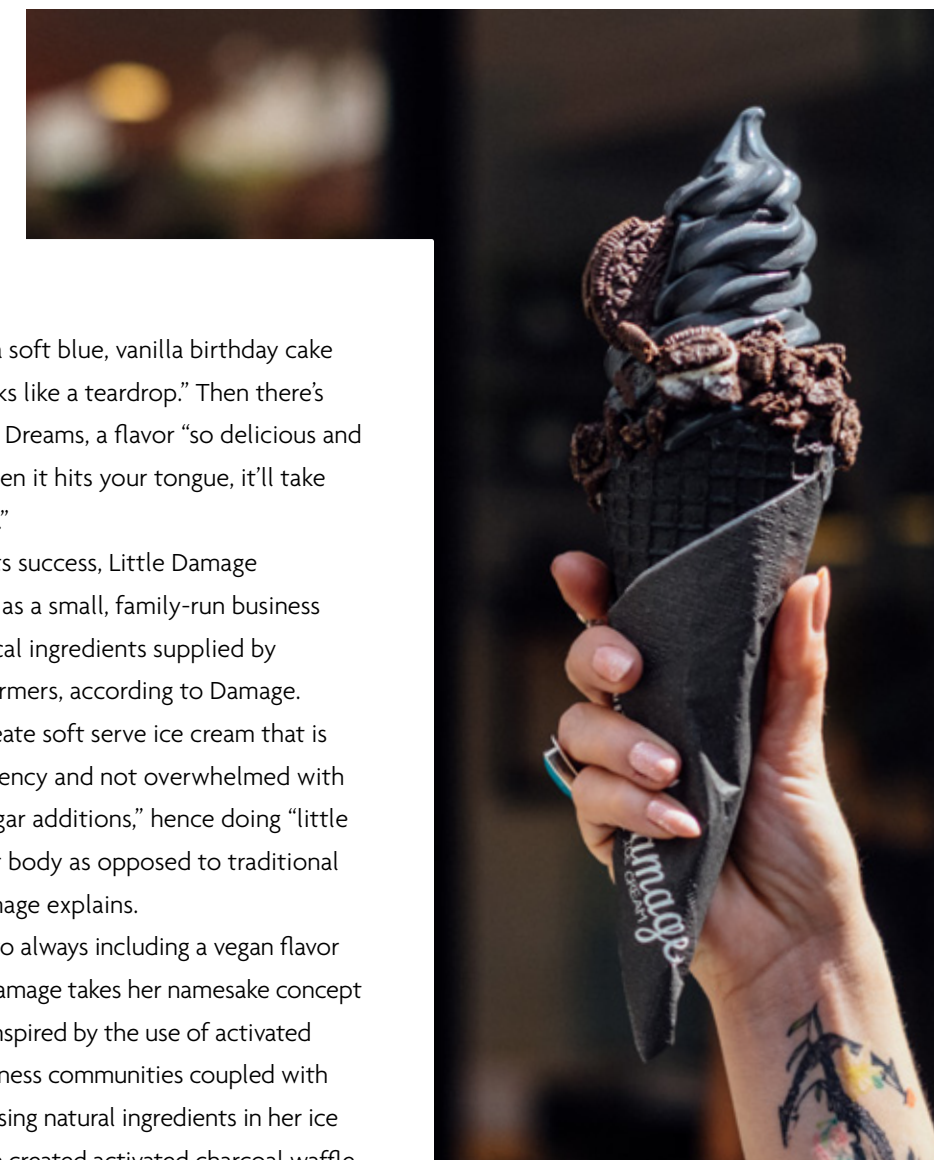
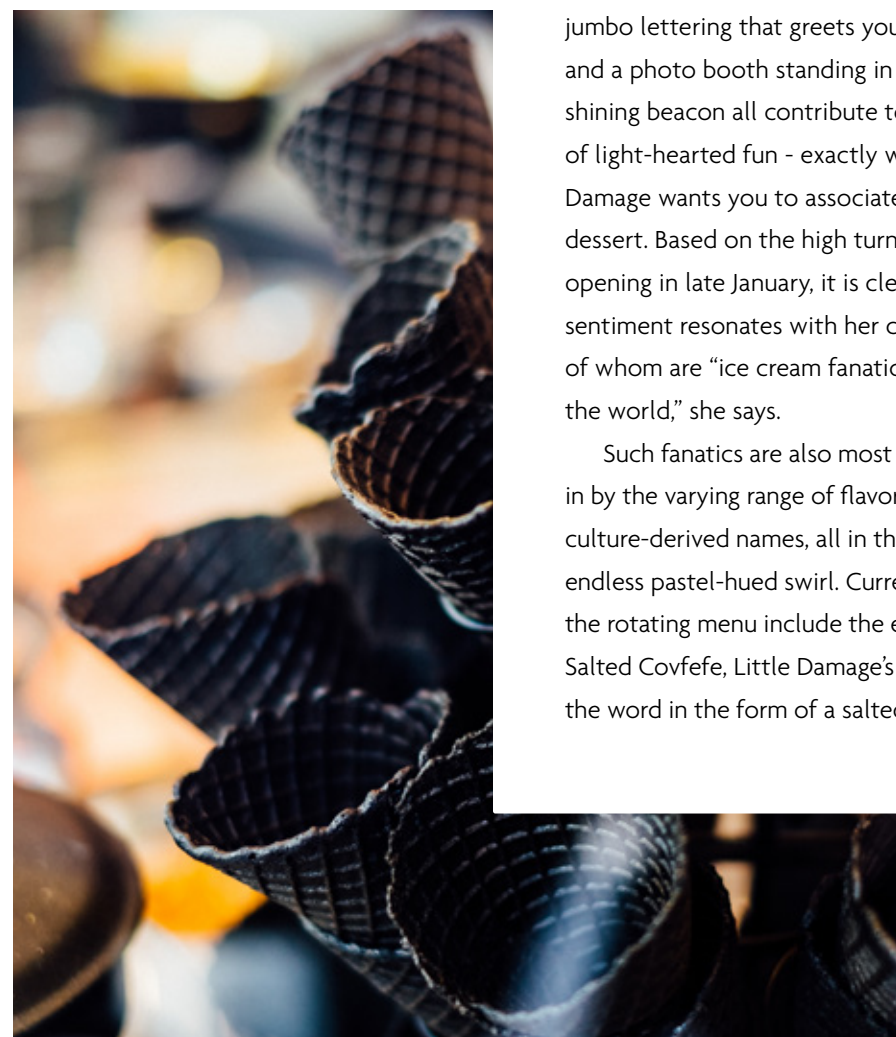
# LITTLE DAMAGE

## DARK & DREAMY

Written By Phoebe Yu  
Photographed By Eric Cacioppo

Step into the wall-to-wall black and white checker print decor at Little Damage and you'll know why there is always a line wrapped around the shop. The interior alone is enough to make you want to stay for endless photo ops with your ice cream as the ultimate prop. The minimal color scheme accented with pops of neon phrases like "I Licked It So It's Mine," a menu with jumbo lettering that greets you at the entrance, and a photo booth standing in the back like a shining beacon all contribute to an atmosphere of light-hearted fun - exactly what owner Jenny Damage wants you to associate with her favorite dessert. Based on the high turnout since its opening in late January, it is clear that Damage's sentiment resonates with her customers, many of whom are "ice cream fanatics from all around the world," she says.

Such fanatics are also most likely drawn in by the varying range of flavors and playful, culture-derived names, all in the form of an endless pastel-hued swirl. Current offerings on the rotating menu include the ever-popular Salted Covfefe, Little Damage's interpretation of the word in the form of a salted cookie flavor,



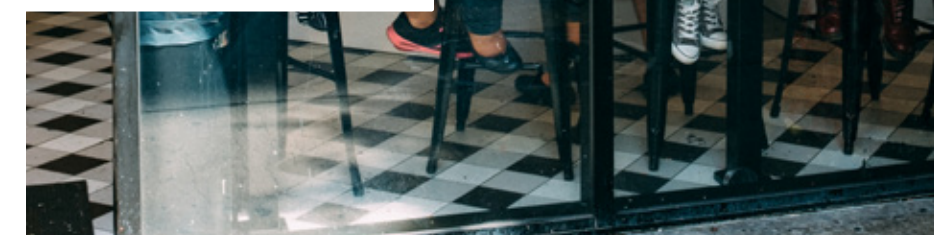
Unicorn Tears, a soft blue, vanilla birthday cake flavor that "looks like a teardrop." Then there's Vegan Avocado Dreams, a flavor "so delicious and creamy that when it hits your tongue, it'll take you on Cloud 9."

In spite of its success, Little Damage maintains itself as a small, family-run business that sources local ingredients supplied by organic dairy farmers, according to Damage. Its goal is to create soft serve ice cream that is "light in consistency and not overwhelmed with unnecessary sugar additions," hence doing "little damage to your body as opposed to traditional ice cream," Damage explains.

In addition to always including a vegan flavor on the menu, Damage takes her namesake concept a step further. Inspired by the use of activated charcoal in wellness communities coupled with her interest in using natural ingredients in her ice creams, Damage created activated charcoal waffle cones, an ever in demand and permanent item on the menu. The distinctly black cone paired with an equally dark ice cream, the horchata-flavored Dark Cinns, has probably crossed your social media feed after being appropriately dubbed "goth-inspired ice cream."

Damage's hope is to "bring everyone and every culture in the city to experience [our] ice cream" as an establishment in the diverse downtown Los Angeles landscape. Whether you're on a first date, just need a post-meal treat, or an impromptu family outing, one thing is clear — Little Damage is a place for making sweet memories.

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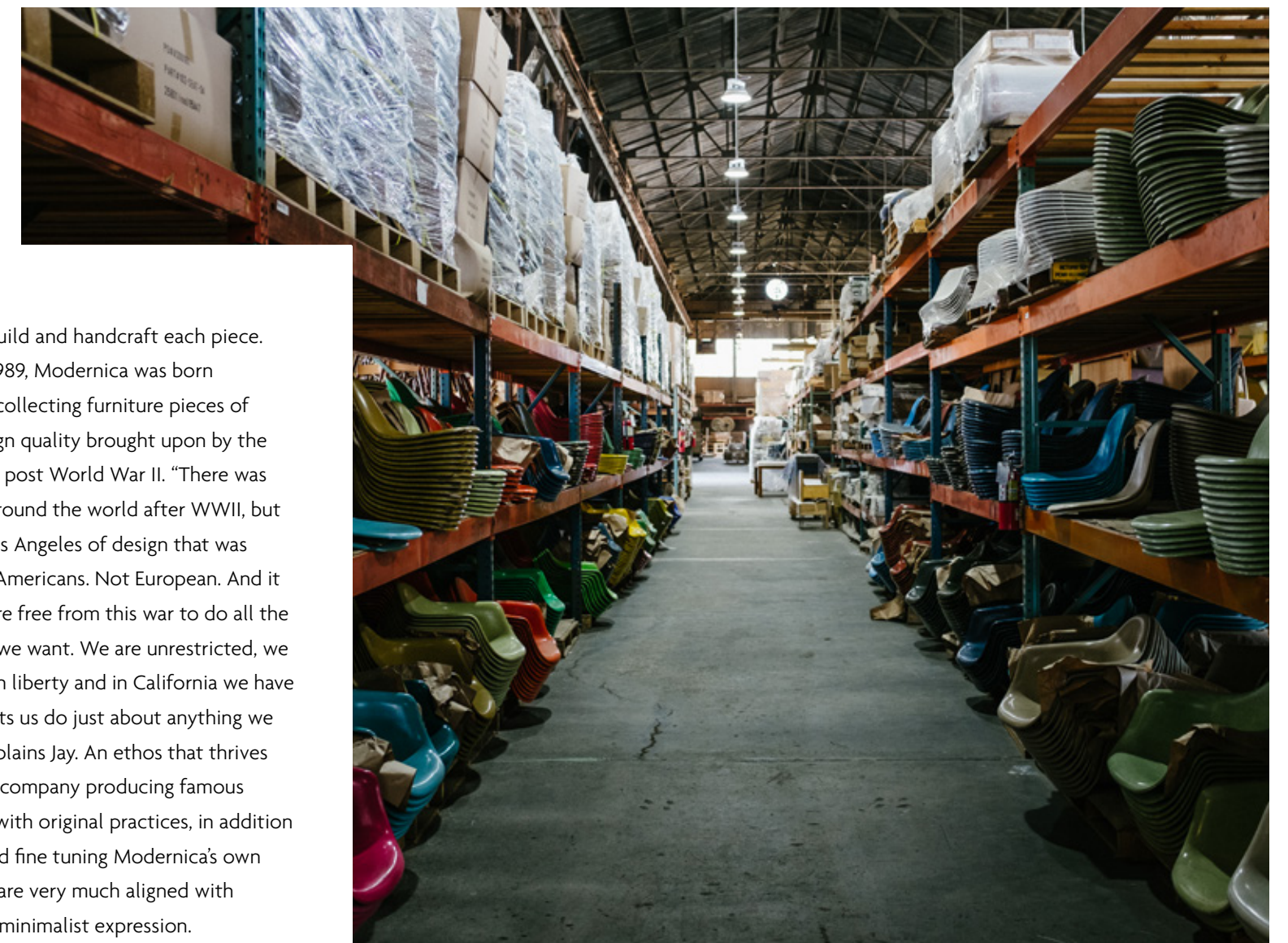
# MODERNICA

## MODERN LOVE

Written By Ivan Navarro  
Photographed By Eric Cacioppo

“Keeping it relevant to the current population is fun and important,” says Jay Novak of the custom-designed Eames Fiberglass armchairs that greet you upon entering the showroom of the Modernica campus. The stark white interior is punched by special edition Eames chairs resulting from collaborations between the classic design of Charles and Ray Eames and contemporaries like The Hundreds, Anti Social Social Club and Takashi Murakami, all of which are produced by Modernica. One look at the bright pink exterior paint job from a previous event with Anti Social Social club and you’ll understand the collaborative spirit is alive and well. For Novak, who co-owns Modernica with his brother Frank, keeping classic designs relevant is good business.

Sprawling across several acres and composed of 5 buildings, the Modernica campus is home to 80 employees and houses world-class wood and upholstery workshops, creating original designs and reproductions that utilize original materials and manufacturing methods. The company has more than 80 products that can be customized to order, thanks in large part to a skilled and veteran team of artisans who



meticulously build and handcraft each piece.

Started in 1989, Modernica was born from a love of collecting furniture pieces of significant design quality brought upon by the wave of design, post World War II. “There was a renaissance around the world after WWII, but especially in Los Angeles of design that was identifiable to Americans. Not European. And it was like we were free from this war to do all the fabulous ideas we want. We are unrestricted, we have freedom in liberty and in California we have weather that lets us do just about anything we want to do” explains Jay. An ethos that thrives today with the company producing famous reproductions with original practices, in addition to designing and fine tuning Modernica’s own designs, which are very much aligned with Modernist and minimalist expression.

In referencing the current design renaissance in Los Angeles, Jay notes “Our workforce here, from graphics to Internet to woodworking to upholstery, we have a workforce that is brilliantly talented. I don’t know if we could garner this type of talent at many other places in the United States. There is a synergy there. If one woodworker comes to work here, then another wants to work with him. They don’t want to work at a place making particleboard cabinets; they want to be doing craft-work. So there is a synergy that draws.”

FIND IT HERE:  
2901 Saco St.  
modernica.net





# DRINK

**A** **BERNADETTE'S**  
361 S Broadway  
bernadettesla.com

# EAT

**B** **LITTLE DAMAGE**  
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**C** **CENTO**  
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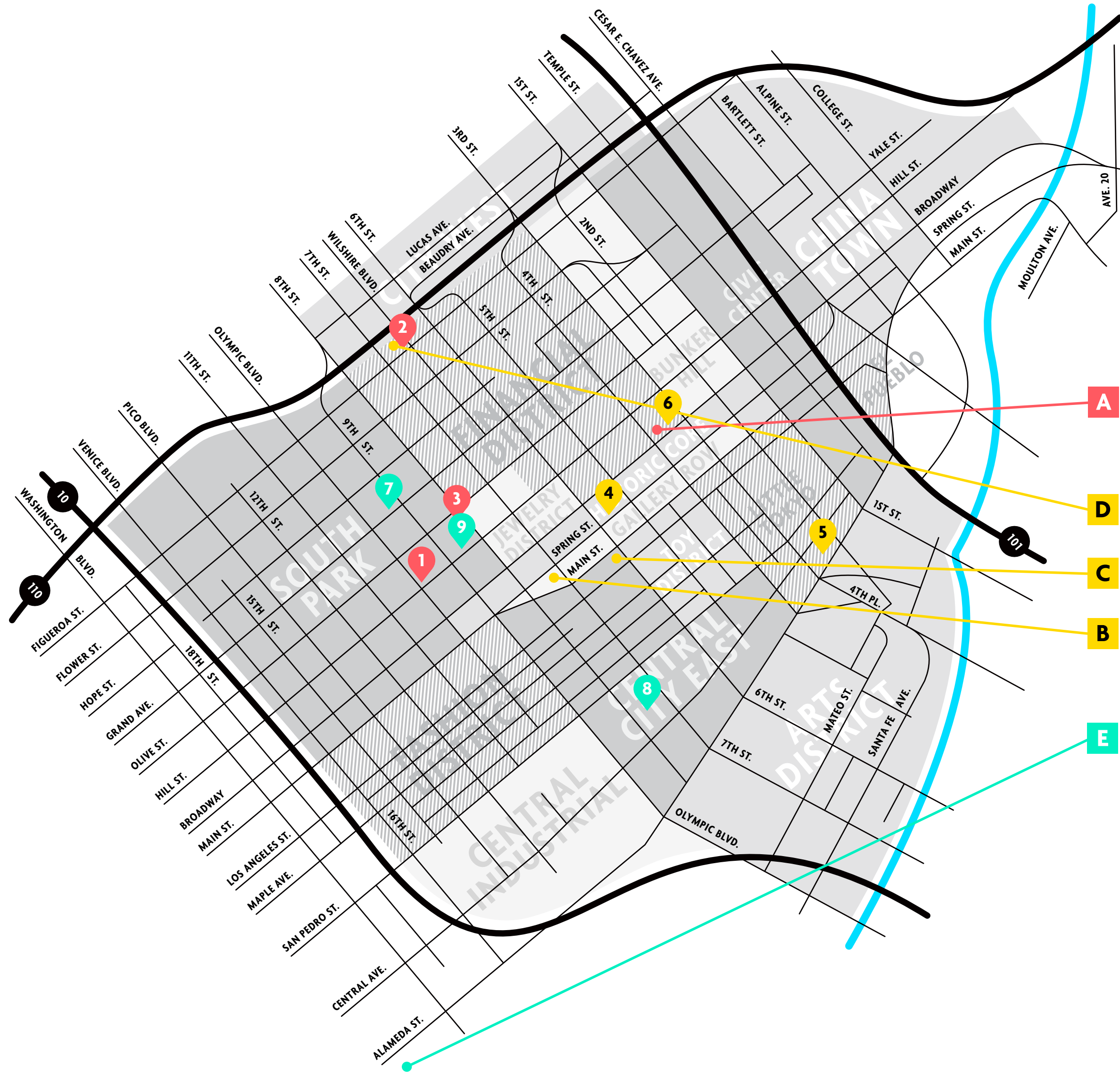
**D** **HARBOR HOUSE**  
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- CITY STREETS
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# DOWNTOWN FAVORITES

- 1 LOIT CAFE**  
301 W Olympic Blvd. — [theloit.com](http://theloit.com)  
Comme des Garçons and Cafe Au Lait converge in the sleek modern cafe attached to the high-end clothing and lifestyle retailer of the same name. Requisite crafted coffee South Park sleek Modern interior Marble, Jenis Ice Cream, clothing Y-3, Comme des Garçons
- 2 SPIRE 73**  
900 Wilshire Blvd. 73rd Floor — [dining.dtla.intercontinental.com/dining](http://dining.dtla.intercontinental.com)  
Billing itself as the highest rooftop bar in the Western Hemisphere, Spire 73 sits atop the newly opened InterContinental hotel. Enjoy one of many signature cocktails as you take in the breathtaking views. Arrive early to avoid waiting for the elevator to the top.
- 3 RUDOLPH'S BAR & TEA**  
416 W 8th St. — [freehandhotels.com/los-angeles/rudolphs-bar-tea](http://freehandhotels.com/los-angeles/rudolphs-bar-tea)  
Rudolph's Bar & Tea has opened in the Freehand Hotel. Unique offerings include tea-infused cocktails and vintage spirits, in addition to full tea service and small plates.
- 4 BLU JAM CAFE**  
541 S Spring St. #110 — [bluejamcafe.com](http://bluejamcafe.com)  
Brunch Mecca, Blu Jam Cafe has a new outpost in the Spring Arcade. It's hard to go wrong with any of their breakfast standards, but the Crunchy French Toast is legendary. Get there early.
- 5 IHWAMUN**  
333 Alameda St. — [ihwamun.com](http://ihwamun.com)  
If you're a forward-thinking ice cream aficionado, you'll want to check out Ihwamun in Little Tokyo, where you can indulge your culinary curiosity with seaweed waffle cones and house-made small batch Korean ice creams. Soybean and tea based recipes along with flavors such as Green Plum and Black Sesame are a huge hit.
- 6 PRAWN COASTAL**  
317 S Broadway St. — [prawncoastal.com](http://prawncoastal.com)  
Famed Campanile chef, Mark Peel, has opened a new destination for seafood lovers in Grand Central Market. This 'coastal casual' concept offers Peel's elevated takes on staples such as fish sandwiches, chowder, and grain bowls for good measure.
- 7 FIDM MUSEUM & GALLERIES**  
919 S Grand Ave. — [fidmmuseum.org](http://fidmmuseum.org)  
FIDM Museum & Galleries will be presenting the 11th installment of their annual The Art of Television Costume Design exhibition. Featured pieces this year include selections from "The Handmaid's Tale" and "The Crown," among others. Opens August 22nd. Admission is free.
- 8 A+R AT ROW DTLA**  
777 S Alameda St. — [aplusrstore.com](http://aplusrstore.com)  
High-end contemporary furniture purveyor, A+R has opened its new location at Row DTLA. Peruse 6,800 square feet of housewares, furniture, lighting, and objects, from some of the brightest stars in contemporary design.
- 9 HOTBOX INFRARED SAUNA STUDIO**  
835 S Hill St. — [hotboxsaunastudio.com](http://hotboxsaunastudio.com)  
Sweat your troubles away and detox with the latest in Sauna technology. HotBox offers infrared sauna treatments with Chromotherapy, in private rooms with StayWell Vitamin C showers and wifi.





# CENTO

## RAISING THE PASTA BAR

Written By Abel Horwitz  
Photographed By Stephen LaMarche

When you step into Cento Pasta Bar you're greeted with a smile from the man behind the counter. Today he'll be your chef, waiter, and busboy. For mere mortals, this may seem a herculean task (especially if you've worked in a restaurant before), but fortunately for us, Michael Lewis loves what he does, and his enthusiasm can be felt in everything he cooks.

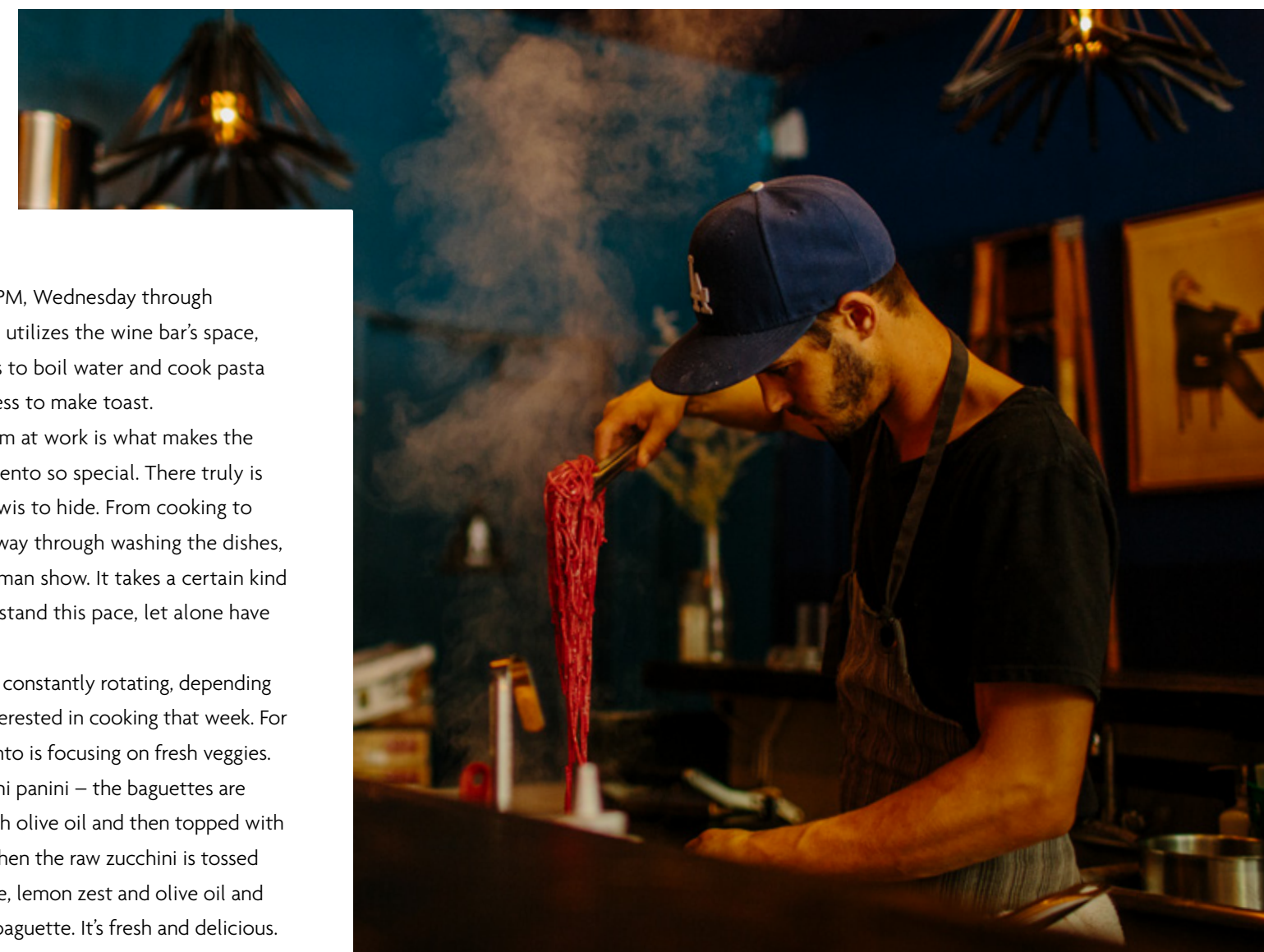
Welcome to Cento, a pasta-focused restaurant that simply must be tasted.

Lewis comes to Cento by way of six years of professional cooking, but he gives all credit to his grandmother for his skills. "The most influential person in my life," he says.

His grandmother is from Pavia, a small town in Northern Italy, and her love of cooking was passed down to her grandson.

After culinary school Lewis cut his teeth in kitchens around Los Angeles including Bestia, the Arts District's Italian heavy-hitter. It's there where he met Avner Lavi, the mind behind Cento. Lavi had started Cento a year and a half ago — a pop-up that managed to be so successful they moved into Mignon, the wine bar next door to Cole's.

"We became a permanent pop-up," says Lewis.



From 11AM — 3PM, Wednesday through Saturday, Cento utilizes the wine bar's space, using hot plates to boil water and cook pasta and a panini press to make toast.

Watching him at work is what makes the experience at Cento so special. There truly is nowhere for Lewis to hide. From cooking to plating, all the way through washing the dishes, Cento is a one-man show. It takes a certain kind of Chef to withstand this pace, let alone have fun with it.

The menu is constantly rotating, depending on what he's interested in cooking that week. For the summer Cento is focusing on fresh veggies. Try their zucchini panini — the baguettes are first toasted with olive oil and then topped with crème fraîche, then the raw zucchini is tossed with lemon juice, lemon zest and olive oil and topped on the baguette. It's fresh and delicious.

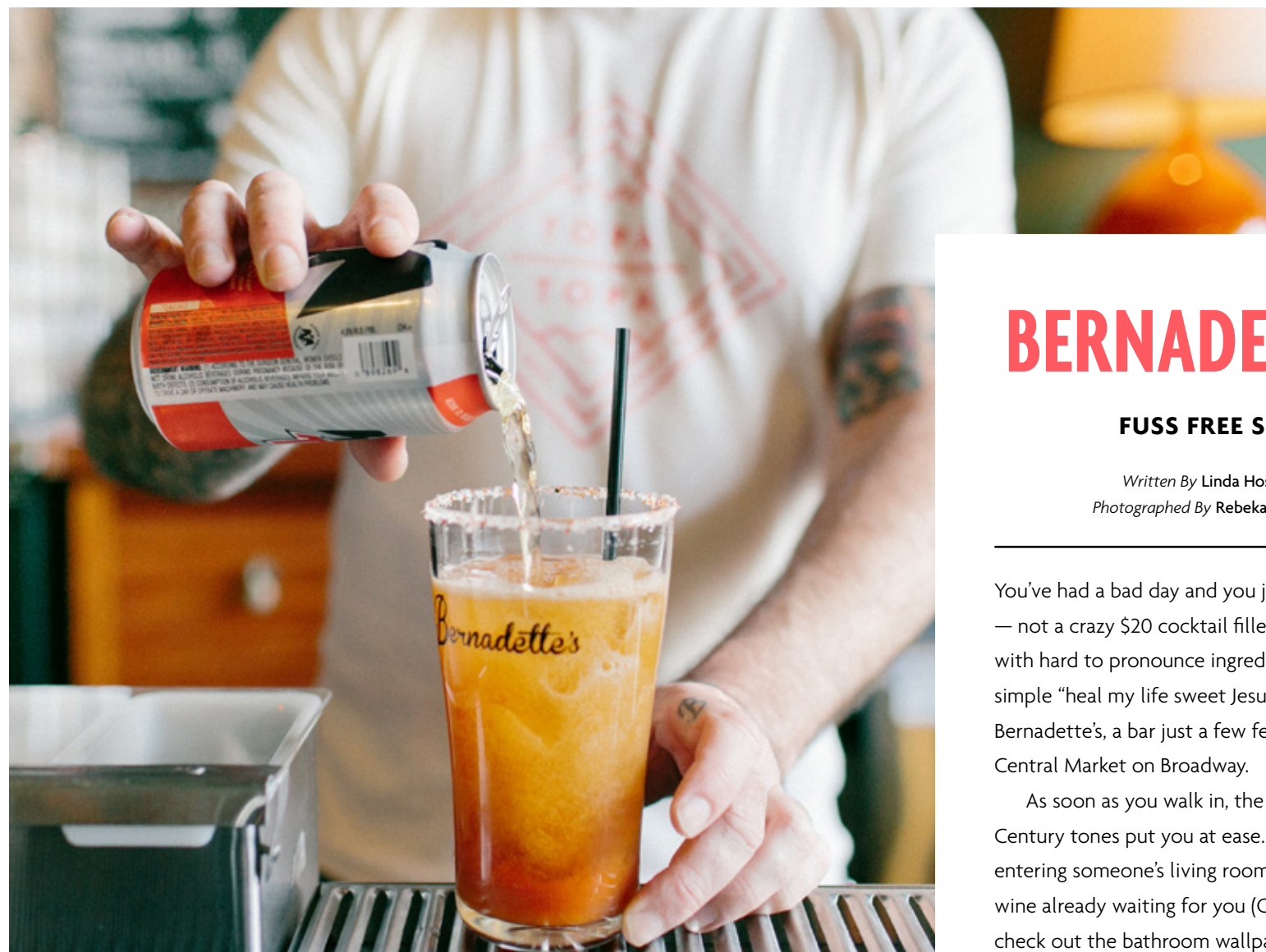
There's only one item that stays on the menu year-round: the beet spaghetti. The delicious dish is tossed with beer puree, poppy seeds, browned butter, a little bit of salt and sugar. A dollop of goat cheese and a sprinkle of chives finish up the dish. "It's light and earthy and not super beet-y," says Lewis. "It's a nice pasta." This is an understatement. It is wonderful.

More than just an outstanding pasta-focused restaurant, Cento makes a great lunch spot. Watch as your chef/waiter/busser moves like magic, putting incredible plates in front of you and then taking them away, just as delighted as you are with your meal.

FIND IT HERE:  
128 E 6th St.  
centopasta.com







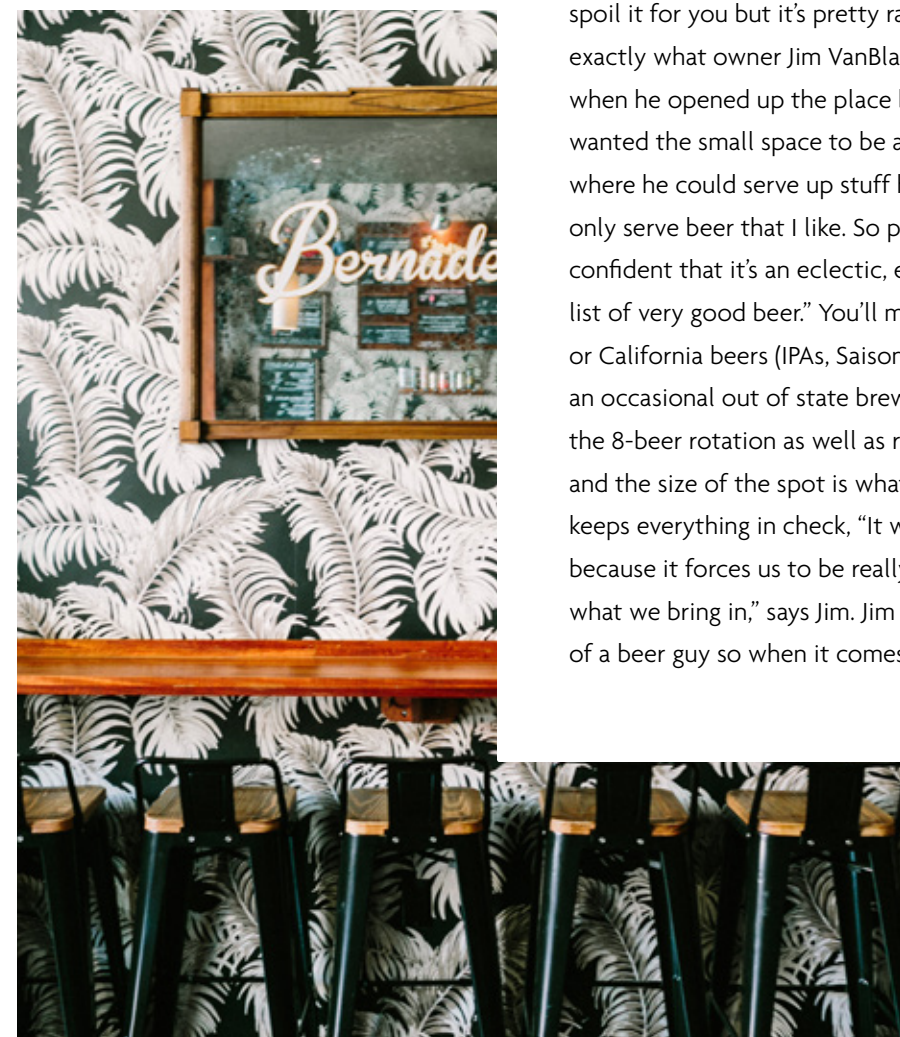
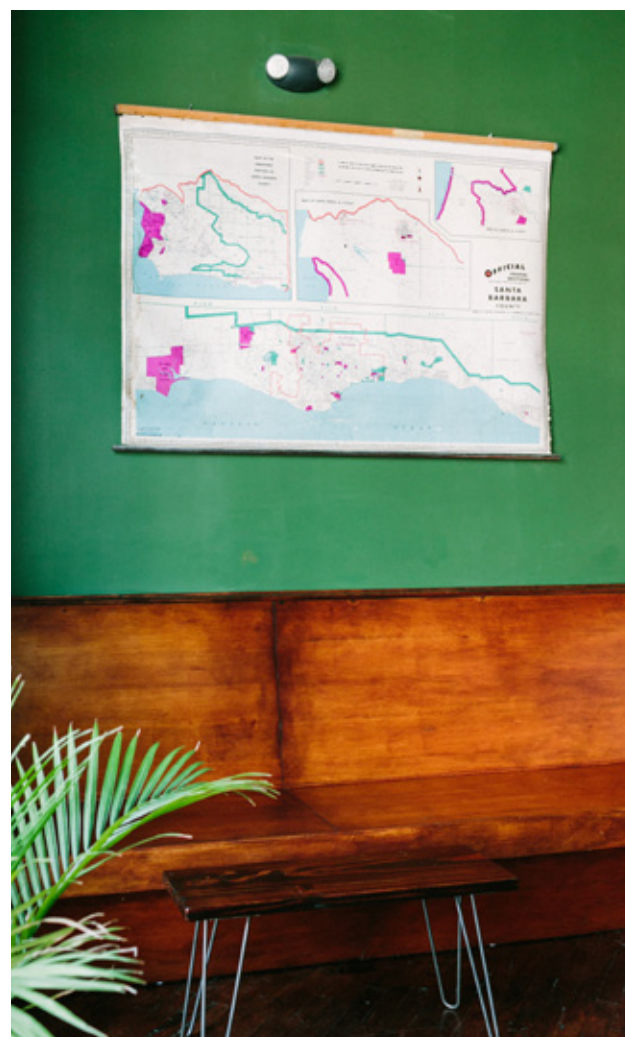
## BERNADETTE'S

### FUSS FREE SIPS

Written By Linda Hosmer  
Photographed By Rebekah Lemire

You've had a bad day and you just need a drink — not a crazy \$20 cocktail filled to the brim with hard to pronounce ingredients — just a simple “heal my life sweet Jesus” drink. Enter Bernadette's, a bar just a few feet from Grand Central Market on Broadway.

As soon as you walk in, the warm Mid-Century tones put you at ease. It's almost like entering someone's living room with beer and wine already waiting for you (Oh and please go check out the bathroom wallpaper, we won't spoil it for you but it's pretty rad). And that's exactly what owner Jim VanBlaricum aimed for when he opened up the place back in April. He wanted the small space to be a zero fuss place where he could serve up stuff he stands by. “I only serve beer that I like. So people can feel confident that it's an eclectic, ever-evolving list of very good beer.” You'll mostly find local or California beers (IPAs, Saisons, Stouts) with an occasional out of state brew thrown into the 8-beer rotation as well as refreshing ciders and the size of the spot is what ultimately keeps everything in check, “It works in our favor because it forces us to be really judicious about what we bring in,” says Jim. Jim admits he's more of a beer guy so when it comes to wine he



leaves the picks up to his bar manager Michael who knows what's up in that department.

Jim, originally from Santa Barbara, headed East and cut his teeth on the NYC bar scene for a couple of years, learning about beer and bar management along the way thanks to some kind mentors. When he was ready to return to California he knew he wanted to open up a bar.

So here we are, sitting inside his vision with Fleetwood Mac's “Tango in the Night” album playing on the record player, and a friendly face behind the bar ready to talk to you about the two special sips up on the chalkboard menu prime for this sweaty summer heat: the Froisé O'Donnell and the Michelada.

The Froisé is a frozen smack of relief, kinda like an A/C unit for your mouth in the form of rosé, fresh watermelon juice (juiced in house), fresh grapefruit juice (juiced in house), a splash of simple syrup, orange blossom water, topped with bitters and a lime. It's neutral despite its bright pink color — a color usually associated with a “too sweet to finish because I'll wake up with a migraine” drink. Then there's the Michelada, his own mishmash mix after sampling dozens of recipes. He thinks it's pretty great but as picky as us LA folk are about a solid Michelada — only you can be the judge.

And since we all know checking out new bars opening up around DTLA is like grownup summer school, make sure to add Bernadette's to your drinking curriculum, it's totally worth it.

FIND IT HERE:  
361 S Broadway  
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# HARBOR HOUSE

## LIFE AFTER WORK

Written By Brian Chernick  
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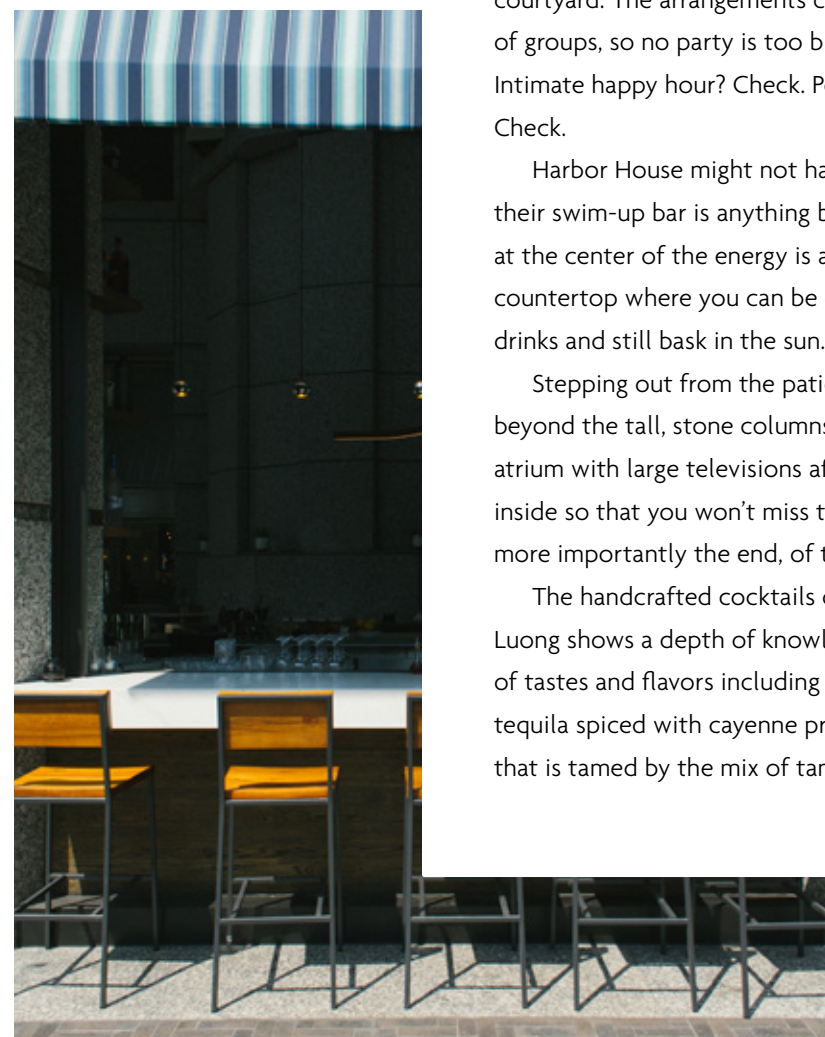
The key to a happy life is a healthy work-life balance. It can help relieve stress and increase productivity, leaving you feeling more fulfilled and less drained in the office and back at home. The Harbor House wants to rewrite that equation and tip the scales more toward life.

Perched just above 7th and Figueroa, Harbor House's expansive garden terrace houses wide, open spaces and seating that's fit for a royal courtyard. The arrangements cater to a range of groups, so no party is too big or too small. Intimate happy hour? Check. Post-work shindig? Check.

Harbor House might not have a pool but their swim-up bar is anything but dry. Stationed at the center of the energy is a marble countertop where you can be close to the drinks and still bask in the sun.

Stepping out from the patio, and just beyond the tall, stone columns is a spacious atrium with large televisions affixed on the inside so that you won't miss the beginning, or more importantly the end, of the big game.

The handcrafted cocktails devised by Jordan Luong shows a depth of knowledge and range of tastes and flavors including a reposado tequila spiced with cayenne provides a nice kick that is tamed by the mix of tamarind cordial,



honey and lemon. A great pairing for a warm summer day is the Whiskey Punch – made up of rye, scotch and bourbon. The concoction is infused with an over-steeped Hojicha tea which is balanced against the sugary citrus oil flavors of the house-made oleo saccharum.

If cocktails aren't your fancy the House boasts a beer tap 20 strong that exclusively serves brews within a 50-mile radius. The selection runs the gamut from lagers to stouts to sours and doubles as a tour of LA's breweries from Mumford to Golden Road to Angel City and Eagle Rock Brewery.

Who is the mastermind in the kitchen? It's a Harbor House secret. His identity is cloaked under a veil of secrecy like an Oppenheimer — the Harbor House his Manhattan Project; his dishes the bomb.

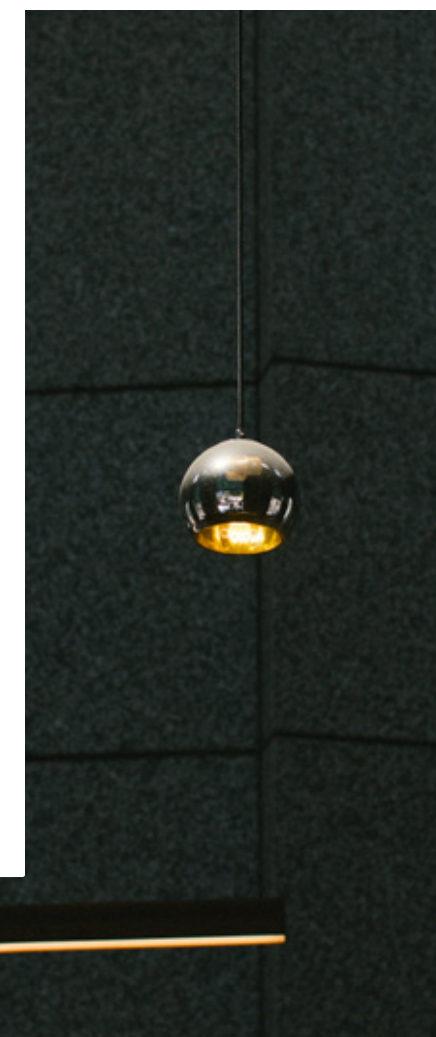
The roasted Brussels sprouts with chopped green apple have their individually distinct notes accentuated by the feta, pine nuts and dill. The end result is so light and refreshing you could almost get away calling it a salad.

The four, large Maryland style crab cake dish would be the ideal dish to share with a friend or colleague if the crunch from the light fry and sweet spice from the old bay aioli didn't make you devour it all by your lonesome.

Just make sure to save room for the large, succulent herb roasted chicken leg nestled in a bed of quinoa. It is an absolute delight when mixed with the tzatziki garnished by sprigs of dill that seal the deal on the savory meal.

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