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OVEN BAKED BEAUTIES

Written by Rayna Jensen & Photographed by Eslee

Just two years since Samantha Bryan, a native Australian, opened up The Bronzed Aussie, the city's first Australian hand-pie shop is already LA-famous, and addictively good.

"It started because I just really wanted a pie," Bryan says, who's lived in the states for nearly a decade, "and there's not a single place in this country to get a pie!"

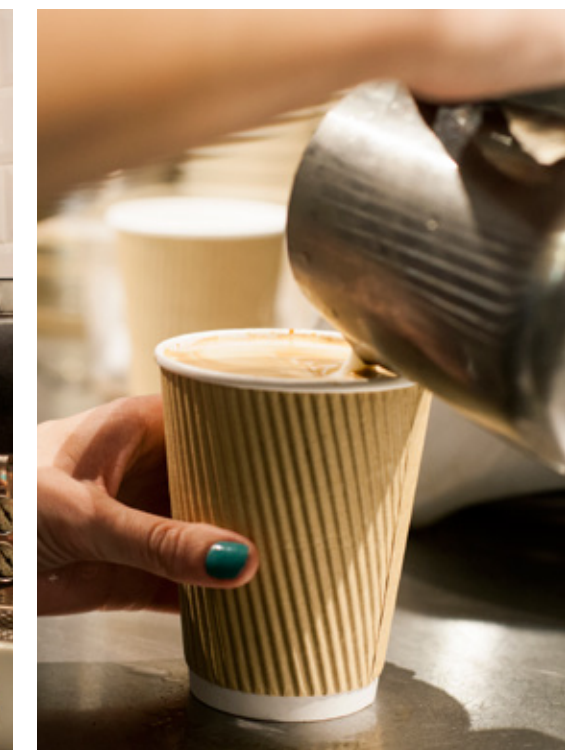
Pies in Australia are like burritos in Los Angeles. You can find them at restaurants, on street corners, at gas stations. You eat them with your hands. In the car, on the bus, at your desk. Pies are practical, easy comfort food, and you have to try one (we won't tell the burrito you're cheating).

The ground beef pie is the traditional — eat it with ketchup, because that's the way to do it, but if you're looking for something on the more sophisticated side, the roast lamb pie is what you're after. It's like your mother's best lamb roast, but in a pie, so maybe even better.

Yes, there are vegetarian options. The ratatouille pie with eggplant, tomato, and basil — is savory and satisfying. For the adventurous, there's the vegan curry pie, a yellow curry pie with peas, carrots, and tofu.

Bryan was a vegetarian for seventeen years, so these pies were initially made for her. But when she opened the shop, she figured she had to taste the meat pies too—and then she couldn't stop eating them. If you also can't get enough, you can take frozen pies to bake off at home, but come early — sometimes they're gone by afternoon. After all, in LA, it's nice to be able to stock up on something comforting and familiar.

"We have all these people come in," Bryan says, "from Australia, from New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa, all over, and they all the same thing: this tastes like home."





ELABREW COFFEE

CAFFEINATED SERENITY

Written by Cleo Tobbi & Photographed by Alyse Gilbert

A barista takes a steady hand to the kettle of steaming water. Lifting it over the manual carafe, he carefully distributes stream after stream of water over a small lump of ground coffee sitting in a filter. Tentative, he waits for the 12-ounce cup to fill and gently transfers it to the waiting customer. This pour-over process may take time but, at Elabrew Coffee, a delicious cup of coffee is worth it.

Squeezed into what looks like a hallway in the heart of Main Street, Elabrew Coffee recently opened to bring more double espressos, pour-overs and breakfast pastries to the streets of downtown. While many coffee shops boast wild recipes or gimmicks to distract from actual taste, Elabrew serves a cup of joe to convert any non-coffee drinker. Although, their chai latte is not to be missed.

Brewing with coffee from Ritual Roasters in San Francisco, Kuma Roasters in Seattle and Ceremony Roasters in Annapolis, Elabrew seeks

the ideal cup of caffeinated serenity. "Our main goal is to make you happy while transcending your coffee experience."

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Beginning in Santa Monica, Elabrew finally made it out to the downtown area for a second shop. Also slinging their java stylings is their roaming coffee food truck of the same name. That's right, the Elabrew team can stretch beyond their downtown establishment and serve all of Los Angeles one cup at a time.

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GUISADOS

HANDHELD BREAKFAST GLORY

Written by Janica de Guzman & Photographed by Eslee

Home style braises of stewed meat, chiles and spices ooze over fluffy scrambled eggs and seasoned potatoes — all of this, wrapped up in a thick corn tortilla for handheld breakfast glory. Every Sunday from 9–11AM, Guisados serves breakfast tacos giving Downtowners a reason to get out of bed on a lazy Sunday morning.

“WE CAME HERE TO GROW OUR BUSINESS ALONGSIDE DOWNTOWN.”

“We serve everything that I ate as a kid.” says owner Armando De La Torre Jr. For \$2.75, Guisados prepares family recipes held close to their hearts, leaving taste buds begging for more. They act as the bridge between pricey upscale restaurants and street corner taco trucks. Try the six taco sampler and take your palate through a

journey south of the border. Flavor intense braises like Mole Poblano, Chicharron or Cochinita Pibil sits atop a bed of scrambled eggs — do the ‘taco head tilt’ and witness this hangover redeemer face to face. Tame that spiced splendor down with cinnamon rice milk Horchata and repeats steps one to three on the next tacos.

Originally from Boyle Heights, the mini-chain opened up shop in the Spring Arcade last year, “We came here to grow our business alongside Downtown.” says De La Torre Jr. As a native Angeleno, he’s seen the changes and knows where Downtown is headed while never losing sight of the people who make Downtown uniquely it’s own. They take pride in collaborating with local growing artists and feature their work in a rotating artist gallery. Customers can stop by pay respect and feast because at Guisados it’s #InTacosWeTrust.

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DOWNTOWN FAVORITES

- 1** **MELODY LOUNGE**
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HUGHES ESTATE SALES

PRE-LOVED FINDS

Written by Linda Hosmer & Photographed by Janica de Guzman

The Arts District is a vibrant nest of businesses catering to a culture of weekenders. And word's getting out about a new to-do: treasure hunting at the Hughes Estate Sales showroom off Alameda Street.

Here you get the experience of estate sale hopping without the gas guzzling. Instead you'll pull up to an airy 8,000-square-foot brick warehouse with wide rollup doors allowing natural light to pour onto a pair of restored rides, a 1978 Mercedes and a vintage VW Rabbit, serving as gatekeepers to a collector's playground.

“WE’RE GOING INTO A HOME AND TAKING EVERYTHING THAT WE FEEL HAS A SENSE OF STYLE, A SENSE OF HISTORY, SOMETHING THAT GIVES IT INTEREST.”

These new kids on the block are old industry players in the estate sales world. The company's founder Larry Hughes, now retired, opened his

first shop in Pasadena in 1978 and pioneered the showroom model with fresh stock from multiple estates on one floor. Today his son, Todd Hughes, runs the family business.

Liz Hesik, the Hughes Estate Sales development director and Todd's wife, explains the picking process, “We're going into a home and taking everything that we feel has a sense of style, a sense of history, something that gives it interest.”

The stock ranges from coveted Herman Miller pieces to vintage Mexican silver bracelets to old scrapbooks, all at wholesale prices. You'll see shoppers picking things up, weighing their need to possess it against the price tag.

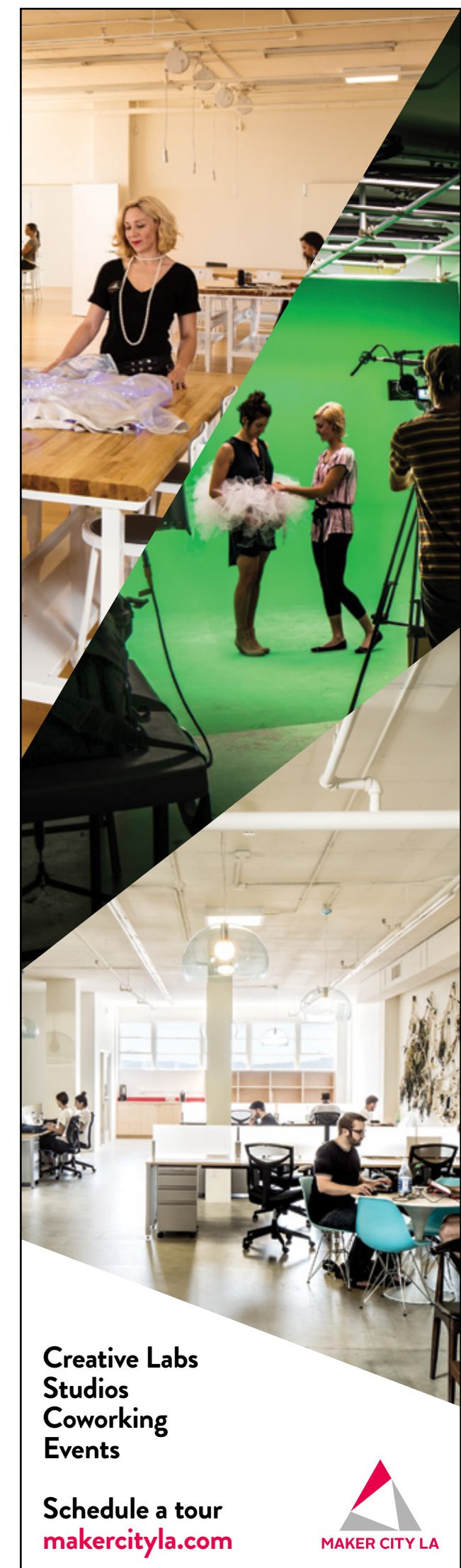
Hesik feels downtown's the perfect place to re-introduce a timeless tradition to a new generation of collectors and she's eager to have the Hughes brand become part of the community.

The 3-day sale kicks off with drinks and tunes on the third Friday of each month.

A little insider tip: get on the Hughes email list so you can preview what's hitting the floor days before doors open.

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STREET STYLE

FEATURING:
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WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE HANG-OUTS IN DOWNTOWN?

I'm really into coffee shops — so *Stumptown*, *Blue Bottle*, *Verve Coffee Roasters*, *Blacktop*, and *The Classic Coffee*. Breakfast at *Poppy + Rose* or *Nick's and Ledlow*. Great lunch places are *Zinc Cafe*, *The Springs*, and *Daily Dose*. Dinner/Drinks at *Perch*, *Varnish*, *Fifty Seven*, *Preux & Proper*, *Little Bear*, *Wurstkuche*, *Ace Hotel*, and *Kazu Nori*.

WHAT ABOUT DOWNTOWN DO YOU LOVE MOST?

I love that there's a community of creatives that embrace what downtown is doing and support the local shops and restaurants that are making the area so unique. I also love that it's a developing area and it seems like there's new things and places happening every week.

Find Michelle & "Take Aim" at:
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WENDELL

OLD SCHOOL DANGER

Written by Rayna Jensen &
Photographed by Carolina Korman

If you've been around for a bit, you might remember Crabby Joe's, the bar on the Skid Row side of Main Street, (sometimes called 'Pain Street'), where you could stop in for a nightcap, a drug deal, even a fist fight if you felt like it. Then the police dropped the curtain in 2007.

Last year, the neighborhood bar that Main Street lost was replaced with the neighborhood bar it needed all along — Wendell, a cozy, old-school rock and roll joint with all the right charm.

The bar gets its name from the late mutual friend of the four owners, Wendell Green, who opened up some of the city's most legendary rock bars. Wendell the man was a no-frills drinker, and Wendell the bar holds a similar motto: keep it simple. They're best at the standard canon of



cocktails — there's nothing too fancy behind the counter, but if you know what you want, they'll figure it out. It might even be better than you expected.

The craft beers on tap are about as local as it gets, roughly ranging from Angel City to Coronado. It's a familiar selection, but it's hard as nails. And what fun is a beer without a hot dog? Try the Chicago Lawnmower, an LA take on the classic Chicago dog — with all the traditional toppings fixed up in a salsa, so you won't lose half of them whenever you take a bite. See? Wendell's already looking out for you, and you've barely even met.

Although it's a new bar, Wendell is one of the places that marks the upturn of downtown. It's a stake in the ground, claiming one small space for the character of the neighborhood, with less of the old school danger. Already, the crowd is largely regulars. There are new faces almost every weekend, and then they become regulars too.

To find out more, go to: wendellbardtla.com

DOWNTOWN EVENT CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 ROCK AND ROLL FLEA MARKET Regent Theater 418 S Main St. 10AM – 3PM Vinyl, music and booze. Thrift like a rock star.	4 LUCHA VAVOOM Club Mayan 1038 S Hill St. 7PM Celebrate a psychedelic cinco with Mexican masked wrestling and saucy strip tease.	5 LOS LOBOS Regent Theater 418 S Main St. 7:30PM Spend Cinco de Mayo with Grammy winning American Chicano rock band hailing from East LA.	6 JAZZ WEDNESDAYS Urban Radish 661 Imperial St. 6 – 9PM Dinner and live jazz, it's romantic without even trying.	7 HEAVEN ADORES YOU Regent Theater 418 S Main St. 6:30PM Documentary film of the life and music of Elliott Smith.	8 PUNKY REGGAE PARTY La Cita Bar 336 S Hill St. 9PM – 2AM Punky reggae madness every Friday night. Summon your squad!	9 THE SONICS Regent Theater 418 S Main St. 8PM Louie Louie makes a comeback. Legendary 60s garage rock band takes the stage.
10 MOTHER'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH Hotel Figueroa 939 S Figueroa St. 10AM Celebrate mom with all-you-can-eat stations and bottomless mimosas. Now that's love.	11 ALL NIGHT HAPPY HOUR The Escondite 410 Boyd St. 5PM – Close With nothing priced over \$5, the case of the Mondays is instantly cured.	12 GRAND PARK MARKETPLACE Grand Park 200 N Grand Ave. 10AM – 2PM Farmers market with locally grown produce and food vendors. Shop, eat and be merry.	13 COMEDY JACKPOT Casey's Irish Pub 613 S Grand Ave 9:30PM Comedians, free prizes and drink giveaways. That's some serious business.	14 GRAND PERFORMANCES SEASON KICKOFF California Plaza 350 S Grand Ave. 6 – 8:30PM Summer is brewing so celebrate with good music, beers and friends at this sunset party.	15 MUSE Club Mayan 1038 S Hill St. 6:30PM Progressive rock and extravagant performance. A live band not to be missed.	16 ORANGE IS THE NEW MUSICAL Los Angeles Theatre Center 514 S Spring St. 8PM A musical parody of the Netflix series Orange Is The New Black.
17 HUGHES ESTATE SALE 458 S Alameda St. 10AM – 4PM Shop hand picked art, furniture & decor at wholesale prices.	18 THANK GOD IT'S MONDAY Honeycut 819 S Flower St. 10PM Dance away the lingering weekend energy to 90s jams.	19 THE MAKERS Seven Grand 515 7th St. 10PM – 1AM Improvised jazz and unrelenting whiskies.	20 DJ BRIAN WATERS Upstairs Bar at Ace Hotel 929 S Broadway 8:30PM Toe tap to 60s rock n roll with good views and good vibes.	21 MIGRANT PERFORMANCE MOCA 200 S Grand Ave. 5PM "Creatures" come alive. Performance piece and installation made for William Pope.L: Trinket.	22 FALLA & FLAMENCO WITH DUDAMEL Walt Disney Concert Hall 111 S Grand Ave. 8PM Ole! Roaring Flamenco performance with stomping dancers.	23 BOOTIE LA Regent Theater 418 S Main St. 9PM All mash-up dance party. Stretch before, you'll be dancing all night long.
24 REGGAE LOVE Broadway Bar 830 Broadway 9PM – 2AM Reggae, Jamaican food and positive vibrations!	25 SPIN The Standard Hotel 550 S Flower St. 8PM Make new friends and dear enemies over a friendly game of ping pong.	26 NEXT ON GRAND: GREEN UMBRELLA JOHN ADAMS CONDUCTS Walt Disney Concert Hall 111 S Grand Ave. 8PM Adams introduces brand new works by three of America's leading composers.	27 WORKING WOMEN'S CLUB Ace Hotel 929 S Broadway 11AM – 5PM Weekly gathering for creative, working women. Get together, be inspired.	28 MESS PROJECTIONS MOCA 200 S Grand Ave. 7PM Poetry Reading with Douglas Kearny. Sit back and ponder.	29 LAST FRIDAYS Ace Hotel 929 S Broadway 2PM Get a head start on the weekend. Make your 9–5 friends jealous.	30 JIM JEFFERIES Theatre at Ace Hotel 929 S Broadway 8PM Big laughs for irreverent and sardonic anecdotal humor.
31 UNIVERSITY OF MMA Club Nokia 800 W Olympic Blvd. 5PM Amateur fighters duke it out for respect in the octagon.	1 ALL EYEZ ON ME: WRITINGS OF TUPAC Grammy Museum 800 W Olympic Blvd. 11:30AM – 7PM Artifacts of the late rapper Tupac Shakur.	2 THE KIDS IN THE HALL Theatre at Ace Hotel 929 S Broadway 8PM 90s comedy troupe return to the stage for nostalgic laughs.	3 SUFJAN STEVENS Dorothy Chandler Pavilion 135 N Grand Ave. 8PM Delicate and melodic, Sufjan Stevens celebrates the release of his forthcoming album	4 LATIDO THURSDAYS Cana Rum Bar 714 Olympic Blvd. 9PM Cumbia, dub and Afrobeat and just about anything with unrelenting bass.	5 AVAILABLE LIGHT Dorothy Chandler Pavilion 135 N Grand Ave. 8PM For the first time in 30 years Frank Gehry, John Adams and Lucinda Childs come together for a post modern performance.	6 CATCON Magic Box 1933 S Broadway 9AM – 6PM Cat-centric convention for feline critters.

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