

HERE + NOW



Crispy beef cheek at The Yard in Santa Monica

DINING

BACK AT THE YARD

Santa Monica neighborhood gastropub **The Yard**, located off Third Street Promenade, reopens with a sophisticated new look and new American menu courtesy of chef Chris "C.J." Jacobson, a contestant on the Bravo TV show *Top Chef*. At dinner, expect dishes such as house-ground bratwurst, marinated beet salad with grilled avocado and a cheese plate with selections from nearby Andrew's Cheese Shop. There are eight beers on tap and 30 bottled selections. 119 Broadway, Santa Monica, 310.395.6037

ART

Rich in Rembrandt

Southern California is home of the third-largest assemblage of paintings by Rembrandt van Rijn in the U.S., and the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena and the Getty Center in Brentwood present concurrent exhibitions on the 17th-century Dutch artist's printmaking. The Getty's **Drawings by Rembrandt and His Pupils: Telling the Difference**, opening Dec. 8, explores the differences between Rembrandt's drawings and those of more than 14 of his pupils and followers. **The Familiar Face: Portrait Prints by Rembrandt**, opening Dec. 4 at the Norton Simon, offers 15 etchings of personalities who sat for the artist, plus self-portraits. pp. 88, 90



Study of Hendrickje Sleeping (1654–55), left, and *Self Portrait With Saskia* (1636) by Rembrandt van Rijn

HOT TIPS

TOURS

CASTLE GREEN HOLIDAY TOURS The Castle Green apartments in Pasadena, built in 1898 and typically closed to the public, are open on Dec. 6 for docent-led or self tours of its rooms and residences, elaborately decorated for the season. Holiday music and sweet treats are offered. p. 82

CULTURE

L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION This Emmy Award-nominated free event at Dorothy Chandler Pavilion downtown features music and dance from L.A.'s many cultures. Expect Japanese drums, English and Korean songs, street dance and more at the Dec. 24 show. p. 82

MUSICALS

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS The Pantages Theater in Hollywood presents a musical inspired by the Dr. Seuss story (pictured) featuring sets and costumes inspired by his whimsical illustrations. Five-time Emmy Award winner John Larroquette plays Max the Dog, who narrates. p. 82



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