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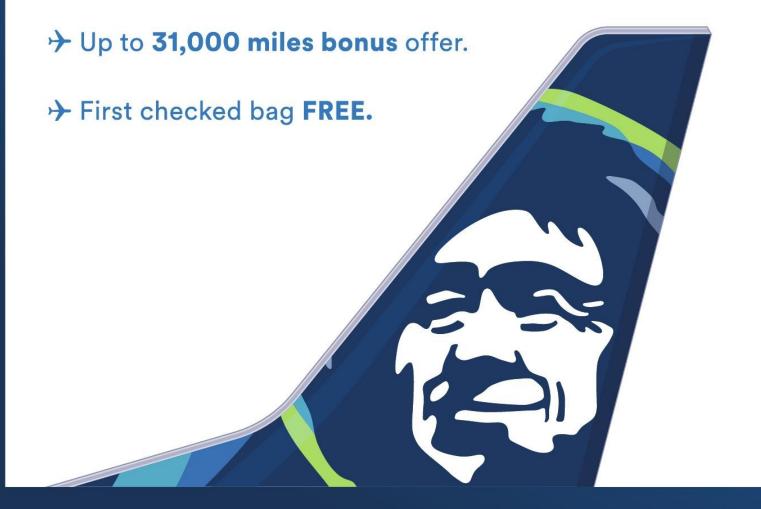
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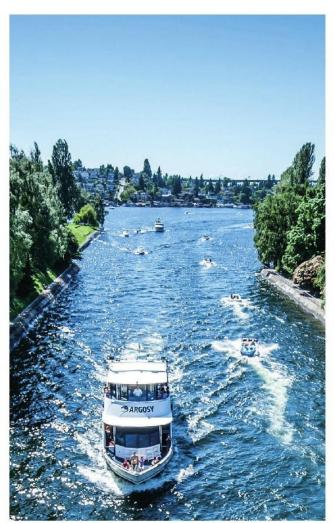




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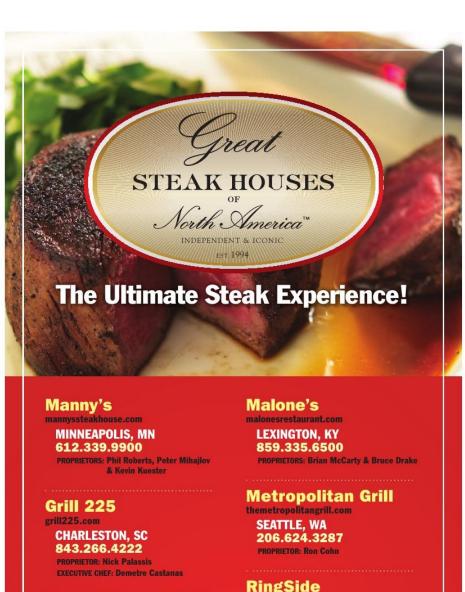
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I also learned a lot about how to pair foods from my registered dietitian. Although I felt I already knew a lot about nutrition, there were some key things that I wasn't doing which turned out to be instrumental to my weight loss and future meal-planning.

In the third week of the program, I began shedding weight. I realized that, in the past, I'd always been on a roller coaster, alternating between gaining and losing the same 5-10 pounds. For the first time, I began losing weight and learning how to maintain the weight loss.

The advice I would give anyone starting out in the program is not to get discouraged if you don't see an immediate weight loss. I was initially worried that I didn't see any changes with the hard work I was putting in but, sure enough, at just about the three-week mark, I began losing weight fast. The other piece of advice I'd share is to take full advantage of everything My Best 10 has to offer the full spa access at all times, a personal locker, and recipes on how to prepare meals for every stage of the program, to mention just a few.

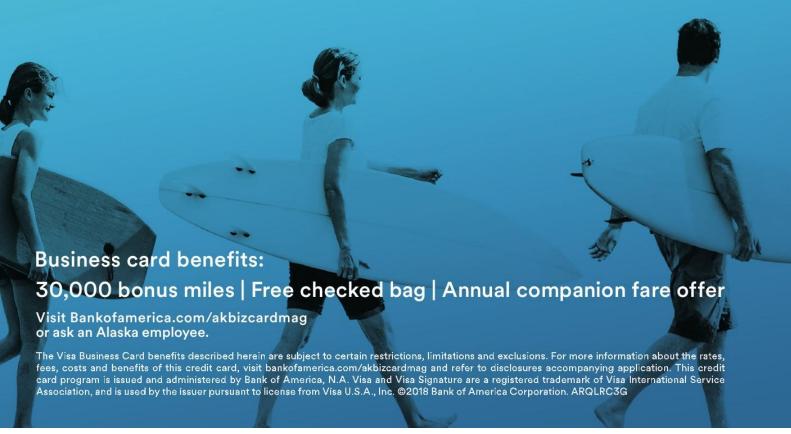
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ONE OF THE BEST: KENNIE LUU

>>> Chances are, if you've flown through Seattle, you've seen and may even know Kennie Luu. He's the guy with the smile a mile wide. His English is a little broken, but his heart is pure gold. If you need something, he wants to help you.

Let me tell you more about Kennie. His given first name is Khang, and he was born in Vietnam. His father was a university professor, and his mother raised him and his four brothers. In 1983, the family made the difficult decision to flee their homeland, which had come under communist rule. Assisted by The Salvation Army, the family spent three months in a refugee camp in Thailand before traveling to the United States. Aside from some clothing and a pair of shoes, Kennie left behind all that he had known, in search of a better life. He was 16 years old and recalls that his family didn't even have a dollar in their pockets.

Kennie's family flew to San Francisco and then boarded a second flight to Seattle, where an aunt had offered them a temporary place to stay. Sometimes, it's the little things one remembers: Kennie recalls asking a flight attendant for 7UP on that

flight, and he and his brothers enjoyed their first taste of America—with all the refills they wanted!

Kennie and his family moved into an apartment in Seattle's Central District. His father and mother, who each spoke three languages, got jobs and began to educate their boys. Eventually they were able to afford a home in West Seattle. Kennie and his brothers settled into their new lives in America.

After graduating from high school, Kennie learned to operate a printing press at a nearby community college. That led to his first job at Alaska Airlines, in our graphics resources department, in 1991. He moved to the Seattle ticket counter in 2004, and has been there ever since.

In all, Kennie has been with Alaska Airlines for 26 years. He has near perfect attendance and works diligently. He allows himself a vacation once a year-often to the Bahamas or Hawai'i. Kennie's brother David, and sister-in-law Mihee, also work for Alaska.

By now you're wondering why I'm telling you about Kennie. Each year, Alaska recognizes the best of the best of our people with the Customer

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Service Legend Award—the highest honor an employee can receive. Kennie was selected with 14 others for recognition in 2018. Our Legends are the top quarter of 1 percent of all the people who have ever worked for our airline.

Today, Kennie has two sons of his own, who both have attended college. One works in music production, and the other is studying architecture at the University of Washington.

English is very natural for Kennie's kids, but not for Kennie himself. In fact, at one time he doubted that he'd make it at Alaska, because English is not his first language. But where words fail him, his smile and humor more than make up for it. He's a customer favorite and is often called upon to translate for guests who need an interpreter. He says he does sometimes have people scratching their heads because they don't fully understand him-like the time he asked a group of flight attendants if they were going to Albuquerque, and they thought he said, "Would you like a cookie?"

Kennie's story reminds me that we shouldn't take anything for granted. I don't talk about this often, but I have a small airplane that I keep in a small hangar at Boeing Field. In that hangar is a large American flag. Each time I fly, I look at the flag, and I think of the incredible liberties and opportunities that our great country, with all of its faults, provides to each of us.

Kennie Luu, for me, is a fantastic reminder of these things. America is a much better place because we have opened our arms and welcomed people such as Kennie Luu and his family into the fold.

Congratulations, Kennie. I'm glad your family came to America; I'm incredibly grateful that you became a member of our team; and I'm happy that you're here today, brightening people's days and encouraging all of us to be our best.

Each month we profile one or more of our Legends in this magazine. Turn to pages 19 and 23 for two Legend profiles this month.

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Brad Tilden. Jefe Ejecutivo

UNO DE LOS MEJORES: KENNIE LUU

)) Es muy probable que si ha volado vía Seattle, haya visto y tal vez conozca a Kennie Luu. Kennie es el hombre con la sonrisa que abarca una milla. Su inglés tiene un poco de acento, pero su corazón es de oro puro. Si alguien necesita algo, él sin duda lo ayudará.

Permítame contarle algo más acerca de Kennie. Su nombre de pila es Khang y nació en Vietnam. Su padre fue un profesor universitario y su madre lo crio a él y a sus cuatro hermanos. En 1983, su familia tomó la difícil decisión de abandonar su tierra natal que se había unido al régimen comunista. Con la ayuda del Ejército de Salvación, pasaron tres meses en un campo para refugiados en Tailandia antes de viajar a los Estados Unidos. Salvo algo de ropa y un par de zapatos, Kennie dejó atrás todo lo que conocía, en busca de una vida mejor. Él tenía solo 16 años y recuerda que su familia no tenía ni un dólar en los bolsillos.

La familia de Kennie voló primero a San Francisco y luego abordaron un segundo avión hasta Seattle, donde una tía les había ofrecido un lugar para quedarse temporalmente. A veces son esas pequeñas cosas las que uno recuerda. Kennie recuerda que le pidió un 7UP a una de las sobrecargos durante el vuelo. Él y sus hermanos disfrutaron del primer sabor de Estados Unidos

iy además podían repetir las veces que quisieran!

Kennie y su familia se mudaron a un apartamento en el Central District de Seattle. Su padre y su madre, que hablaban tres idiomas, consiguieron trabajo y comenzaron a brindarles una educación a sus hijos. Con el tiempo, pudieron comprar una casa en West Seattle. Kennie y sus hermanos se adaptaron rápidamente a su nueva vida en Estados Unidos.

Luego de graduarse de la escuela secundaria, Kennie aprendió a operar la imprenta en la universidad de una comunidad cercana. Eso lo ayudo a conseguir su primer trabajo con Alaska Airlines, en nuestro Departamento de Diseño Gráfico en 1991. En el 2004, decidió continuar aprendiendo y opto por moverse al mostrador en Seattle, donde trabaja desde entonces.

En total, hace 26 años que Kennie trabaja para Alaska Airlines. Tiene una asistencia casi perfecta y además trabaja muchísimo. Toma vacaciones una vez al año, a menudo en Bahamas o Hawái. El hermano de Kennie, David, y su cuñada, Mihee, también son empleados de Alaska.

A estas alturas, usted debe preguntarse por qué le cuento tanto sobre Kennie. La razón es esta: cada año, Alaska reconoce a lo mejor de lo mejor de nuestra gente, otorgando el premio a la Leyenda de Servicio al Cliente (Customer Service Legend

Award), el más alto honor que un empleado puede recibir. Kennie fue elegido junto a otras 14 personas para recibir este reconocimiento en 2018. Nuestras leyendas son el mejor cuarto del 1 por ciento de todas las personas que han trabajado en nuestra aerolínea.

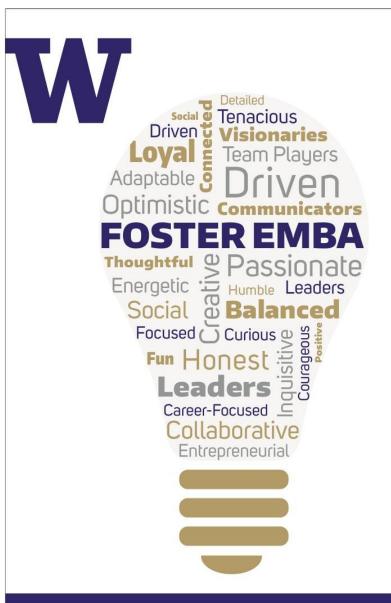
Kennie tiene dos hijos que han asistido a la universidad. Uno trabaja en producción musical, y el otro estudia arquitectura en la Universidad de Washington.

El inglés es natural para sus hijos, pero no para Kennie. De hecho, en un momento dudó de que pudiera irle bien en Alaska dado que el inglés no es su lengua materna. Pero cuando el idioma no lo acompaña, su sonrisa y buen humor lo compensan con creces. Es uno de los preferidos de los clientes y a menudo lo llaman para que actúe de traductor con clientes que necesitan un intérprete. Dice que a veces la gente parece confundida porque no lo entienden totalmente, como la vez en que les pregunto a un grupo de auxiliares de vuelo si iban a Albuquerque, y ellos pensaron que les había preguntado si querían un panqueque.

La historia de Kennie me recuerda que nunca debemos tomar nada por hecho. No hablo de esto con frecuencia, pero tengo un pequeño avión que guardo en un pequeño hangar en el Boeing Field. En ese hangar hay una enorme bandera de Estados Unidos. Cada vez que vuelo, miro la bandera y pienso en las increíbles libertades y oportunidades que nuestro gran país, con todos sus defectos, nos ofrece.

Kennie Luu es un ejemplo fantástico de estas cosas. Los Estados Unidos es un lugar mucho mejor porque hemos abierto nuestros brazos y hemos recibido en nuestro seno a personas como Kennie Luu y su familia.

Kennie, me alegra que tu familia haya venido a los Estados Unidos, siento una enorme gratitud porque seas parte de nuestro equipo, y me alegra que estés hoy aquí, alegrándole el día a la gente y lentándonos a todos a dar lo mejor. ₹



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"To earn this award for 11 years is a fantastic tribute to our people, especially as we worked to integrate two airlines," said Alaska Airlines CEO Brad Tilden, upon learning of this year's award.

The study measures the satisfaction of business and leisure travelers who flew a major North American carrier between April 2017 and March 2018. Alaska ranked highest among traditional airlines, with an overall score of 775 (the segment average was 741). Alaska also scored highest of any traditional airline across five categories, including aircraft; cost and fees; boarding/deplaning/baggage; flight crew; and check-in.

Over the last year, Alaska invested in updates to the guest experience, including completing the rollout of Premium Class on most of its Boeing fleet. Guests flying Premium Class



receive more legroom, early boarding, and a complimentary snack and drinks. In the past year, Alaska Airlines also added 15 spacious, three-class-cabin E175s to its Horizon Air fleet.

Alaska continues to make investments in its guests' experiences, with the addition of high-speed satellite connectivity; more free movies and TV content; new First Class and Main Cabin menu items; new craft beers and local wine selections; and, expected later this summer, new Alaska Lounge experiences that include on-site baristas.

"Ranking No. 1 in this study is a fantastic reminder that we are moving in the right direction," said Tilden.

For additional J.D. Power 2018 award information, visit jdpower.com/awards.

STRAWLESS IN SEATTLE ... AND BEYOND

Alaska Airlines and the environmental nonprofit Lonely Whale recently announced the airline's initiative to replace single-use plastic stir straws and citrus picks with sustainable alternatives in the airline's airport lounges, and on all flights, starting July 16. The program is the first of its kind among U.S. airlines and is part of Alaska's broader effort to reduce per-passenger inflight waste to landfills by 70 percent by 2020.

Plastic straws are a special concern because most cannot be recycled and have impacts on birds and marine life. The straws will be replaced with Forest Stewardship Council–certified white-birch stir sticks. The picks will be replaced with a more-sustainable bamboo alternative. Nonplastic, marine-friendly straws will be made available to guests with special needs and upon request.

Since 2010, Alaska Airlines has reduced passenger waste to landfills by 54 percent. Flight attendants have collected 12,000 tons of recyclables, about the same weight as 244 Boeing 737-900ERs. Visit alaskaair.com/sustainability.



INTRODUCING MILEAGE PLAN HOTELS



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among Mileage Plan members, and the introduction of Mileage Plan Hotels makes that possible. Members can choose to pay for hotel stays using money, miles or a combination of money and miles—all on one platform.

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WHAT'S NEW

SIGNATURE BLUES

)) A little color goes a long way, and Alaska's new signature onboard experience starts with a flash of blue.

Teammates at Virgin America have long known the impact of mood lighting, having used a red color scheme to help define that airline's unique brand over the last decade.

While the Boeing Sky Interior that's been featured on Alaska's recent deliveries of new aircraft has included a pale-blue lighting scheme, Alaska has moved to a signature look of its own, outfitting its newest iteration of interiors with a more intense six-setting lighting scheme that flight attendants can change at different stages of a flight, from boarding to food service to deplaning.

"Our main focus when designing our new lighting scenes was to create a comfortable and enjoyable environment for our guests," says Ashley Sharpe, manager of onboard guest products. "Data showed us that the colors we selected are best for creating a genuine, caring environment that is true to the Alaska brand."

The new color scheme is actually a matter of science, a journey that began in January 2012, when Alaska took delivery of its first 737-800 equipped with the Boeing Sky Interior.



"For the first time, we were able to introduce LED lights into the 737, as well as color capability," says Matthew Coder, Alaska's manager of inflight experience. "The new lighting architecture was designed specifically to enhance the interior look of the cabin, while simultaneously meeting the physiological needs of our guests and crew."

Alaska consulted industry experts, including a lighting scientist. The team analyzed the aircraft interior at different times of day to determine how the look and feel of the cabin changes with different outside ambient light. They then overlaid the Alaska brand lens to determine which colors worked best.

The colors easiest on people's eyes are those

that resemble natural light from the sun, Sharpe explains. Even when color is used to accent aircraft interiors, certain levels of natural coloring are blended in. At night, warmer colors are used with lower light intensities.

Lighting designers also took safety considerations into account, such as using lower light levels for takeoff and landing.

"Our goal is to create a comfortable experience for the many different flyers we have," Sharpe says. "Those who want to relax can, while those who are preparing for a business meeting can arrive energized and refreshed.

Alaska plans to outfit all of its Boeing, Airbus and Embraer aircraft with the blue mood-lighting scheme by late 2019.



EASY BOARDING

)) On July 18, Alaska introduces a group boarding procedure aimed at simplifying the process. The procedure identifies which of five groups you belong to, and you'll simply approach the gate when your group is called and continue to your confirmed, assigned seat.

First, you'll see changes to the boardingpass design, including larger fonts and a more streamlined presentation. Your gate number, boarding time and boarding group will be shown prominently on your boarding pass, as well as on your Alaska mobile app.

Gate announcements for boarding also will be more streamlined, and group-boarding

video displays will let you know when it's your group's time to board. Boarding begins 30 to 35 minutes before departure, starting with the preboarding of guests who need special services, families with children under age 2, active-duty military and First Class guests. Group boarding will then proceed as follows:

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PEOPLE BEHIND THE SPIRIT

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Sherrie Fleming, Trainer/Lead for Passenger Record Support, is a Legend of Customer Service

>> Finding solutions might be what Sherrie Fleming does best. In her job as a trainer and lead for the Seattle-based Passenger Record Support department, where she has been employed most of her 28-year Alaska career, she is often found working compassionately with guests to smooth out issues before their flights, or preparing other agents to do so.

"We always want systems to work by themselves, but if there's a hiccup, it's our job to fix it and make sure everything is perfect before customers check in and fly," Fleming says.

An experienced go-to leader who has been known to suggest useful process improvements to upper management, Fleming is also well-known for helping co-workers in need.

"I can't turn my back if there's a problem," Fleming says. "We have a supportive team, and everybody feels the same way."

Fleming-who is the mother of four adult children, as well as a grandmother—has earned the nickname "Mama Sherr" at work, for her tirelessly caring and helpful approach.

"Sherrie is clear with her directions and easily picks up on co-workers who might be in distress, to quickly come to their aid," says Fleming's direct supervisor, Alixx Pidding.

Outside of work, Fleming volunteers for solutions-oriented causes. Efforts to seek a cure and better treatments for cancer are especially close to her heart, she says, partly due to cancer's past impacts on her relatives. Fleming and her family participate annually in the 3K walk option at the event Run of Hope Seattle, which raises money for pediatric brain tumor research.

Whether she's helping co-workers, guests, family members or others in the greater community, Fleming enjoys making a difference in people's lives.

"I do care," Fleming says. "And caring is an important thing." -Ben Raker



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What do you enjoy about your job?

I love my job because it is challengingthere are a lot of tasks that we handle. I love Alaska Airlines and the people I work with, too. There is a true family feel. We take the time to know each other.

Where do you like to travel?

I've been many places over my years with Alaska. My favorite trip was to Prague with my husband, son and son's friend. We stayed on an old riverboat docked where you could see the city and Prague Castle.

What do you pack when you travel?

I keep it simple. A lot of people overpack. I'm not one to carry a lot of things. First, I'll always check a bag. In my carry-on, I'll have an extra set of clothes, pajamas, my passport, Alaska Airlines credit card and cash.

What else should people know?

Last year, my husband and I bought a farm. When not leading trainings, I'm working from home in Ellensburg, in Eastern Washington. We have nine chickens, a miniature mule and five sheep. I'm looking for cows.

KUDOS FROM SHERRIE'S CO-WORKERS

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-Gail M., Director, Call Center Planning & Technology, Reservations, Seattle

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> —Hollie G., Lead Reservations Sales Agent, Seattle



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PEOPLE BEHIND THE SPIRIT

CAPTAIN KINDNESS

Seattle-based Captain Scott Forbes is a Legend of Customer Service

>> Scott Forbes often brings tacos back

for airport desk workers after venturing to town on layovers in Puerto Vallarta, a destination he flies to regularly. This small kindness is just one of the gestures that has endeared the 33-year Alaska Airlines veteran pilot to people around the Alaska route system.

Captain Forbes also often makes a point of asking flight attendants to bring to the flight deck children or adults who seem like they are nervous about flying. Reassuring them, he says, is one way he can make a positive impact through his position.

"I've always thought that if you can change one person's life, even if just for a few minutes, you could change the world," Forbes says. "I try to change someone's life and make the world a better place each and every day."

Forbes, who is now a father and grandfather, spent his childhood south of Seattle. He recalls dreaming of flying one of the Alaska planes he saw overhead. "There's only ever been one company I wanted to work for," he says. (And his son, Kyle, is now a dispatcher for Alaska.)

Forbes got his first job piloting in the state of Alaska, working for Era Aviation (a precursor to today's Ravn Alaska). He then flew for Arctic Circle Air, as a bush pilot based in Fort Yukon, northeast of Fairbanks. Forbes says that the challenges of this type of flying helped him develop skills he's used since making the jump to flying Alaska's bigger planes in 1985.

Today, Forbes is a conscientious mentor for younger pilots. He provides bits of friendly advice to first officers who fly with him, such as to stay aware of one's surroundings with a plane in the gate area.

It's just one more way Forbes feels he can pay back the tremendous opportunity he feels he has had flying for Alaska.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world," he says.

-Ben Raker



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What do you enjoy about your job?

It's a job that demands a lot of you, to stay proficient and technically sound. I love flying. I love the people. And I can still learn something new every day, even after 33 years.

How do you measure success?

A good takeoff; a good announcement; a good, safe flight; a good landing.

Where is a favorite destination? Probably Puerto Vallarta. I fly there a lot.

What do you pack when you travel?

I always take along my tennis shoes, just in case somebody wants to hit a tennis ball around with me.

What is something that people might not know about you?

I climb stairs. A lot of times, I'll do 80 to 100 flights of stairs in a day.

What are some words you live by?

Make today the best day of your life. Tomorrow is the second-best day.

KUDOS FROM SCOTT'S CO-WORKERS

"Scott is exceptional at all forms of customer service. Everyone knows and loves Scott, from other employees to passengers, to hotel receptionists and van drivers all over Alaska's entire system. It seems like he's on a first-name basis with everyone."

-Brian H., 737 Fleet Captain, Seattle

"Scott's a great guy. He's always very caring. He always takes care of his crew the best a captain can take care of a crew."

—Garin T., Base Chief Pilot, Seattle

"Scott is a funny, positive guy who connects with crews and passengers alike. He has been giving announcements from the cabin since long before this was common. Everybody loves working with him."

-Kristin H., Captain, Seattle

"I've always enjoyed flying with Scott. He's the kind of guy you want to fly with. He always brings humor and a fantastic attitude. He's the salt of the earth."

—George B., Captain, Seattle



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hours and 20 minutes, far exceeding my own expectations! I used to make excuses for not exercising. Now, I look forward to working out, hitting the workout room or running on the road six days a week. I also swim, cross-train and plan to get back into hiking and yoga, as well as try skiing for the first time next winter and kayaking over the summer. I'm also trying Pilates for the first time.

Exercise is great for busting stress and staying in shape, but exercise alone won't fix the problem. You have to have diet and exercise in harmony. Even now, I see my trainer and dietitian regularly to get my diet dialed-in to support my level of activity.

Biggest changes? I could list so many, but what I love the most is that I have more energy, feel so much more confident, and love wearing clothes from stores I couldn't have set foot in before. It's a lifestyle change, not a diet. I'll be working on my lifestyle for the rest of my life. At least now, I have the tools to get it right most of the time.

BRIAN LOST 72 POUNDS



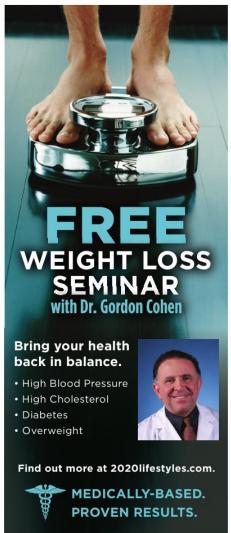
My son is the primary reason I joined 20/20 LifeStyles. When he was born, I wanted to be around for a long time to watch him grow up and, more importantly, I wanted to be a role model so he'd learn healthy habits. I also just wanted to feel better and healthier so I can keep up with him and all the activities he'll want to pursue in the future.

I've struggled with my weight my entire life. By my mid-30s, I was starting to battle the health effects of being overweight. I was on medication for high blood pressure and acid reflux, and had started to notice new issues with cholesterol levels. I knew my diet was unhealthy but, no matter how many times I resolved to change my ways, it just wouldn't stick. I might exercise more, but wasn't taking the steps to improve my diet. I saw that my poor eating habits were impacting my wife's eating choices too. Something had to change.

When I began the 20/20 LifeStyles program and started learning about proper nutrition, it was eye-opening! I discovered that even the "healthy" fruit

smoothies I'd been making for breakfast were having the opposite effect. I learned so many little tips and tricks, but what stood out the most for me was the theme of mindfulness. By just stopping for a moment to think about what I was eating and, more importantly, why I was eating it, has changed my view on food forever. I no longer snack mindlessly. I make each meal count. If it's "on plan," then I want the right fuel to get me through to my next meal or carry me through an activity. If it's "off plan," then it needs to be delicious. I won't waste calories on comfort food like pizza unless it's a pizza I'll really enjoy, and even those moments have become fewer and fleeting. I don't overindulge. It's all about being present and mindful, choosing what I eat and not letting the food choose me.

My personal trainer was also a huge part of my success. When I was younger, I despised running and couldn't string together two miles without a lot of motivation. Once I got into shape, exercise became fun! Now, I routinely run 5-6 miles, three or four times a week. I recently completed the Seattle Half Marathon in 2



REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Alaska employees honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice

By Craig Hill

)) In early 2011, Alaska Airlines mechanic

Brian Bowden heard a message over his radio at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. A fallen soldier en route to his final resting place was about to be offloaded from a plane, should any workers wish to pay their respects.

Bowden, an eight-year Air Force staff sergeant veteran, joined other Alaska employees to watch the process in solemn silence. The moment spurred Bowden and his co-workers to discuss creating a special protocol to be used when Alaska transported fallen soldiers.

A group of 10 Alaska employees talked about the idea with airline officials, who enthusiastically agreed, and the Fallen Soldier Program was born.

The interested Alaska employees contacted Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Washington to learned the proper protocol for handling fallen soldiers, including that the soldier should be last to board the plane and the first to be removed, as a sign of respect.

The team learned the proper way to position the casket and drape the flag. And the process was also enhanced for the military representative accompanying the fallen soldier.

One of the most visible elements of the program involves the Fallen Soldier Carts, used only to transport fallen soldiers. Alaska employees create the large carts, which are blue, with red carpeting. They also have American flag curtains and emblems for each branch of the military.

Each year a new Fallen Soldier Cart is placed at an additional airport around the country. There are carts in Anchorage, Dallas, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Portland, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C., with Phoenix scheduled to join the list next year. The carts are stored and maintained by



Alaska, but they are actually delivered to each applicable airport authority. Any airline transporting fallen soldiers is permitted to use the carts.

This year's cart was delivered to San Francisco International Airport. The carts are too large to fit inside Alaska Airlines planes, so, where possible, the carts are driven from Seattle to their destination, with an escort supplied by the Patriot Guard Riders, a nonprofit group of motorcyclists dedicated to honoring fallen heroes and their families.

The Fallen Soldier Program has also developed a network of volunteers, military officials, veterans, firefighters and police officers who attend the solemn ceremonies to pay their respects and to help with the soldier's transportation process.

Alaska Airlines employees were asked to volunteer their time to assist with the program. Bowden acknowledges that initially, he was nervous that the program might not get enough support from fellow employees. He posted a volunteer sign-up sheet at Alaska's Seattle line maintenance office.

When he checked the next day, the sheet had about 100 volunteers. He had similar

)) In May, the newest Fallen Soldier Cart—specially designed to handle the remains of fallen soldiers when leaving or arriving at an airport-was brought by truck from Seattle to San Francisco International Airport.

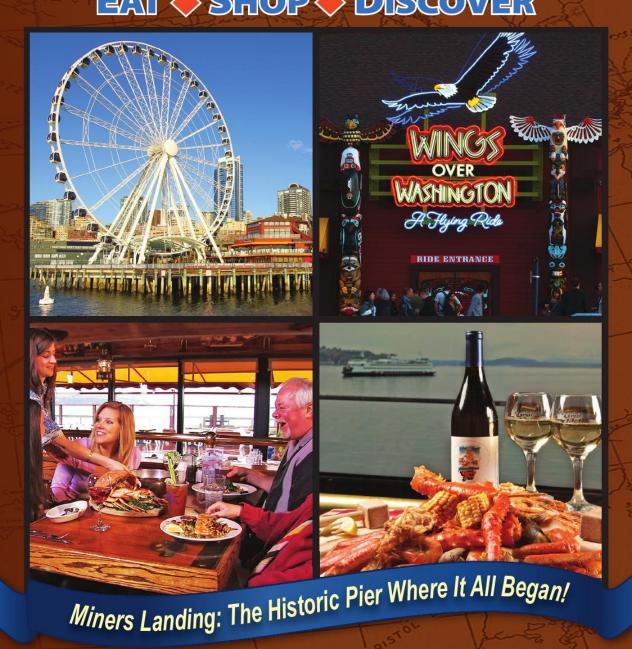
results with a sheet at Alaska's main hangar. Alaska CEO Brad Tilden was among those who had signed the sheet at the hangar to volunteer their time, Bowden says.

The program has continued to grow since 2011. Today, the Fallen Soldier Program has more than 1,000 volunteers, with more employees joining every year. Alaska also has a Boeing 737-900ER painted red, white and blue with the words "Honoring Those Who Serve" emblazoned on the fuselage.

Sometimes, during the ceremonies, Bowden peeks up at the plane and airport windows and sees passengers standing solemnly and parents explaining the scene to their children.

"People ask, 'Why are we doing this?"" Bowden says. "The answer is simple: Freedom isn't free. It comes at a high price. It's the least we can do to give these heroes one final service on their way home." X

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MUSIC FOR TRAVELERS

>>> From cities with blockbuster festivals

to destinations with thriving music scenes, the options for traveling music fans are widely varied and endlessly appealing. We asked Alaska employees about their favorite venues and fests, and about their go-to locales for finding music on a trip. The following is a sampler of their suggestions.

- "I love flying to New Orleans and taking advantage of all of the fantastic live music. My favorite place to go is Preservation Hall, in the French Quarter. This spot has hosted some of the great jazz players of our time and continues to set the bar high." -Megan B., Customer Service Agent, Las Vegas
- "In Seattle, the independent radio station KEXP has free in-studio performances by a variety of musical artists. The station offers first-come, first-served tickets starting 90 minutes before shows. Check the online events calendar to see who's playing." -Kevin D., Manager of Reliability Programs, Seattle
- "If it's your first time visiting Nashville, by all means visit Broadway. And if you want to hear great, live, original music—often by up-andcoming artists—try the Whiskey Jam events on Mondays and Thursdays at Winner's Bar & Grill, or the Revival 615 shows at Tin Roof on Tuesdays." -Thomas P., First Officer, Seattle
- "My choice: House Without A Key at the Halekulani hotel in Waikīkī for an evening under the stars. Watching the sunset while sipping a tropical drink and listening to live music [makes this] my favorite place. Enjoy the ocean breeze and watch graceful hula dancing." —Audra R., Reservations Sales Agent, Phoenix
- "Heading to Denver? Make sure to check out Red Rocks Amphitheatre, one of the most amazing music venues in the U.S. Enjoy awe-



some views and acoustics. Bring extra water, plenty of sunscreen, and comfortable shoes to climb stairs at a mile-high elevation." - Sean T., Customer Care Representative, Seattle

- "The Disney singalongs at the Castro Theatre in San Francisco are super fun! They do showings of The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Frozen and more. The lyrics are at the bottom of the screen, and people sing their hearts out. There's usually a costume contest, too." —Sylvia K., Senior Pricing Analyst, Seattle
- "Experiencing a musical on Broadway in New York should be on everyone's bucket list. Find the TKTS booth in Times Square. It offers same-day Broadway show tickets at up to 50 percent off full-price tickets." -Timothy C., Flight Attendant, Los Angeles
- "Fly on Global Partner Icelandair to the Iceland Airwaves festival, November 7-10 this year, in Reykjavík. I attended the festival and was blown away by the passion of the artists and the crowds. In the hip-hop venue one night, artist after artist brought the house down with Icelandic lyrics and heart-pounding beats." —Lane P., Partner Marketing & Loyalty Analytics Manager, Seattle

- "In **Detroit**, the Motown Museum/Hitsville U.S.A. is necessary if you want to become familiar with the music that Detroit is most famous for. Another highlight is Baker's Keyboard Lounge. The bar there resembles a piano keyboard. Glancing around and taking in the sounds and sights takes you back to a different era." —Timothy G., Flight Attendant, Seattle
- "Even if I'm not attending Austin City Limits Music Festival (Oct. 5-7 and 12-14 this year), I can't recommend Austin, Texas, enough! The combination of amazing venues, food and city atmosphere is hard to beat." - Christopher B., Manager, System Cargo, Portland

MORE MUSICAL-TRAVEL TIPS

- "Many cities have bike-rental stations, and biking to shows allows you to skip traffic. I also use **concert apps** to find out what shows are in town and get last-minute deals." —Jeanne J., Director, Customer Experience & Design, Seattle
- "Sometimes it's about roaming streets and leaving yourself open to the possibility of stumbling onto music. Stop and witness live music in whatever form it takes on your travels." -Khai J., Flight Attendant, Portland

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LOVE OVER HATE

Now airing on Alaska Beyond Entertainment: Big Sonia

By Jacob Uitti

>> Talking about the Holocaust is difficult, especially if you've lived through it. Yet, that's precisely what 92-year-old survivor Sonia Warshawski does every day. She talks with people about the details of her time in concentration camps and being freed. It's one of the many remarkable aspects of her vibrant daily life, which includes running a small tailor shop in Kansas City, Kansas, and, more recently, advocating her message of "love over hate" to the U.S. Congress.

It was seven years ago that Sonia's granddaughter, Seattle-based filmmaker Leah Warshawski, began making a movie about Sonia's life. "At that time," Leah recalls, "we wanted to make a short film about a little old lady in this tailor shop in the bottom of a failing mall." Time was ticking, Leah notes, and she wanted to document her grandmother's story before it was too late. But it was during one of the first days of filming that Leah realized Big Sonia was meant for bigger things than the short documentary Leah had envisioned.

One morning, speaking with 13- and 14-yearold middle school students, Sonia shared her story in honest detail. She described beatings she endured from guards, and she recounted the traumatic day she watched as her mother walked to the gas chamber. Nevertheless, Sonia told the students, she holds no hatred for the people responsible. Instead, she chooses a life filled with love.

"The kids broke down that day," Leah says. "Sonia made them think about their own families. Kids in different cliques were willing to be vulnerable with each other and talk about some really hard stuff."

It was her message of "love over hate" that Sonia took to prisons to share with inmates and later to the halls of Congress itself. In April,



on the 73rd anniversary of Sonia's liberation from the camp, Leah and Sonia attended a screening of Big Sonia with members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

"We had a bipartisan turnout," remembers Leah. "Sonia got to stand up in front of members of Congress and talk about her message, which is as important today as ever."

Beth Barrett, artistic director for the Seattle International Film Festival, also believes Sonia's message should be shared with audiences of all ages. As part of a new initiative between SIFF and Alaska Airlines to highlight locally made independent films, Barrett chose to feature Big Sonia on SIFF's onboard movie channel. "Big Sonia is such a moving film," Barrett says. "Many people may not have access to a film like it or to a festival like SIFF. Now they can see these movies by just getting on a plane."

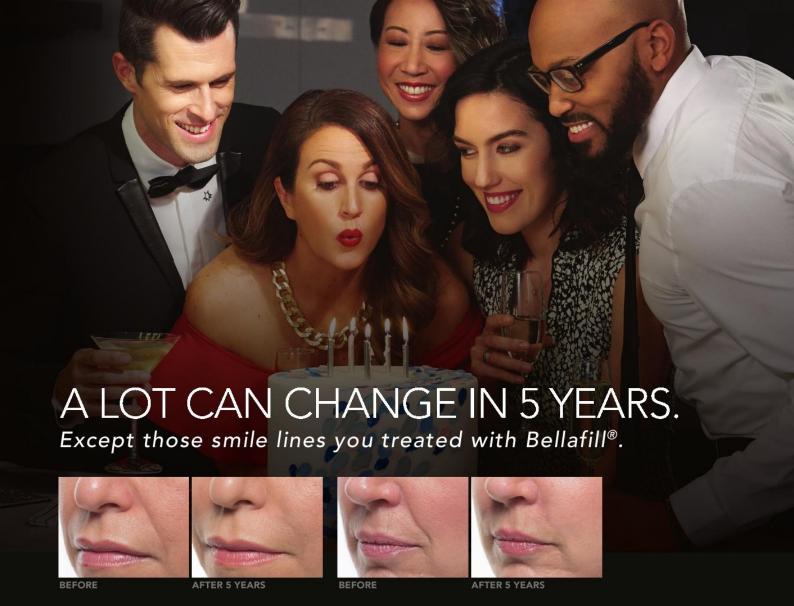
SIFF, which showcases films from around

>>> Sonia Warshawski is a tailor and activist, and the subject of a documentary about a caring soul.

the world, is one of the largest festivals of its kind in the United States. And the organization has worked with Alaska Airlines for more than 40 years to present the annual three-week event. Recently, that partnership has grown.

"We thought we should be present in more places than just Seattle," explains Barrett. "And to know that the hometown film festival has the support of the hometown airline is so valuable. It's gratifying to be able to introduce people from around the world to the talent in Seattle."

Look for Big Sonia and a selection of other SIFF-presented films and shorts on Alaska Beyond Entertainment this month. Simply connect to the onboard Wi-Fi network and go to AlaskaWiFi.com to get started. ズ



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On the ground, Hainan provides a parallel level of comfort and service. While in Beijing, Alaska Mileage Plan members traveling on a Business Class ticket can enjoy Hainan's new HNA Club at Beijing Capital International Airport.

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FRIENDSHIP FLIGHT

>> Thirty years ago, Alaska Airlines took a group of 82 guests on one of the most unique flights in company history, the "Friendship Flight" from Nome, Alaska, to Provideniya, a city in the Soviet Union's Far East region.

The historic flight was the first to cross the Bering Sea after more than 40 years of U.S.-Soviet Cold War tensions, and it reunited Native families that had been separated since 1948, when Soviet leader Joseph Stalin closed the border.

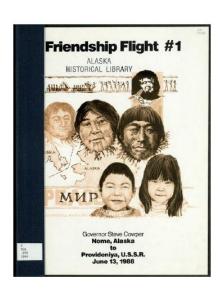
On June 13, 1988, Alaska Captain Steve Day and the late Captain Terry Smith flew the Boeing 737-200 full of reporters, dignitaries and other VIPs on the 230-mile journey in just about 45 minutes.

"The most important passengers among the 82 aboard, however, were a group of Eskimo people on their way to

reunite with relatives they hadn't seen or talked to since 1948," wrote Robert Serling in the book, Character & Characters: The Spirit of Alaska Airlines. "These Eskimos from Northwest Alaska were the real center of attention when the plane landed in Provideniya, where they were met by a cheering delegation of their Siberian brothers."

The entire visit lasted just one day; the flight returning to Nome later that evening. But the short visit generated a huge amount of national media attention.

The trip also sparked Alaska CEO Bruce Kennedy's idea of creating regularly scheduled service to Russia. In 1991, Alaska Airlines began flying between Anchorage and Khabarovsk and Magadan in the Russian Far East. Alaska served Russia for about 10 years. - Dianne McGinness



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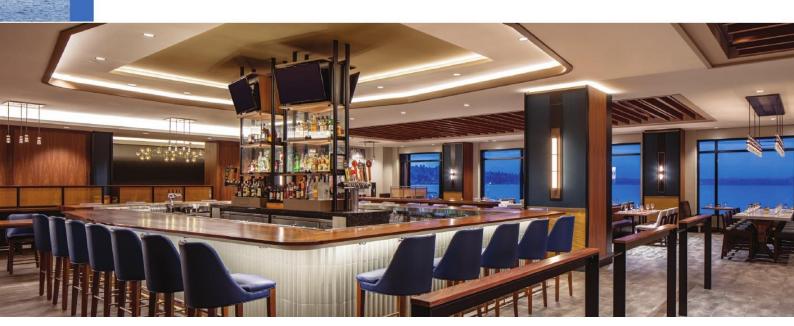
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>>> There is a refrain from Kenny Chesney's song Summertime that transports me to my grill, not in a low-and-slow barbecue kind of way, but in a more romantic, "Let's have a date-night dinner" kind of way: "It's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine, it's summertime. ... "

From my perspective, the perfect romantic dinner to make for your sweetie this time of year is a bountiful, vegetable-laden, freshfrom-the-garden and right-off-the-grill salad. And, yes, such a creation often combines quite well with a smile, kiss, wine and summertime.

The ingredient possibilities are practically endless. Yet, just as I look forward to hearing favorite songs that remind me of the season, I also eagerly anticipate seeing certain dependably excellent summertime farmers market offerings-fresh peaches, tomatoes and other seasonal wonders.

Unlike the ingredients for solid everyday dishes-such as roast chicken and meatloafthe perfect peach is available for only a few weeks every year. Before using this summertime gem, try a slice at the market for flavor and ripeness. Almost any fruit stand will be happy to give you a sample. At home, give the peaches a quick 15-second blanch in boiling water and set them on the counter to cool for

>> ON POINT

FRESH TAKES

a few seconds before peeling and slicing them into chunky wedges. We are *not* cooking them here—just making it a little easier to get their peels off. Pair the peeled wedges with a salty cheese (such as a grated pecorino) and spicy leaves of arugula. Add a squeeze of lemon, crunchy sea salt and a drizzle of extra-virgin olive oil. This is a great salad base to combine with charcoal-grilled scallops, shrimp, squid or all three.

Another favorite entree salad of mine—one which can be made for two people or 20—is a Tuscan panzanella. Tomato season and good bread are the drivers for this beauty. The base salad relies on torn chunks of nicely grilled, crusty country bread. Add shreds of radicchio, leaves of fresh fragrant basil, bits of silky buffalo mozzarella, pitted kalamata olives, wedges of vine-ripened tomatoes, toasted pine nuts and curly bits of green endive. Take some additional basil (chopped this time),

whirl it into a mustard vinaigrette, and then generously douse the entire salad with it.

Grate a delicious Parmigiano-Reggiano over the top, and you are ready to add the protein of your choice. I love serving a large group panzanella on a large welled platter, garnishing the finished salad with charred rare slices cut from a thick, juicy porterhouse beefsteak.

Slices of grilled portobello mushrooms work well for a vegetarian option.

There are times when the farmers market is so full of summer's bounty that you won't know where to begin. Use this dilemma to your advantage and buy it all! These most-bountiful times are perfect for making chop-chop salad. Slice, dice, blanch or do whatever you would normally need to do with each ingredient. Then toss it all into a large bowl with chopped romaine lettuce, shredded iceberg, cubed cheese and fresh-plucked soft herbs such as tarragon, mint and chives. All you need at this

point is a tasty vinegar, high-quality olive oil, squeeze of lemon, salt and freshly ground pepper. If you desire a protein, this would be a good time to use up leftover cold chicken or cubes of salami from the fridge. Garbanzo beans would also do the trick.

There's another song that embodies the season for me—and brings to mind the romantic symphony of a summertime salad. As James "Jimmy" Seals and Darrell "Dash" Crofts sang in their 1972 classic Summer Breeze: "See the smile a-waitin' in the kitchen, food cookin' and the plates for two. / Feel the arms that reach out to hold me, in the evening when the day is through. ... " Summer salads make me feel fine. Cheers!

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By Bridget Veltri



>> The slow, low, drone of foghorns both calms and charms me. I hear San Francisco in them. Particularly in the summer, and especially in August, which we San Franciscans have dubbed "Fogust." I love starting my day with the announcement that fog is rolling in. The foghorns on the Golden Gate Bridge go off like an alarm clock in the morning, announcing the new day to a drowsy city still wrapped in its famous gray blanket.

San Francisco is more than a city you see. It's a place you feel, with all five of your senses, and, if you're like me, your soul.

Outside on my patio, if the wind is right, I also hear San Francisco in the sea lions, hauled out on the Pier 39 dock, barking at whoever will listen. And in my studio, if all is quiet, I hear San Francisco in the low humming of the nearby cable car tracks, and the occasional clanging of the cars' bells as the cars buzz back and forth between the wharf and downtown.

I taste San Francisco in anything locally sourced or from farm to table. I savor it in





good sourdough bread, and in treats from Ghirardelli or Dandelion Chocolate. I taste it in dim sum, and Dungeness crab, and in the city's signature Italian-American specialty, cioppino.

I see San Francisco in landmarks such as Lombard Street's twists and turns, and the Painted Ladies Victorian homes. I see it in the city's bridges and buildings, and in the lives unfolding behind the bay windows.

I smell San Francisco in the salty sea air, and in the urban mugginess as I head underground to BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit).

I don't touch San Francisco so much as it touches me. I feel it in the ache in my legs after

Clockwise from top: Fog and salty sea air at the Golden Gate Bridge; delicious cioppino; and the Painted Ladies.

charging a hill, and in the foggy mist. I feel it when the bus is overcrowded, and in the surge of energy I get when walking the streets.

Most of all, San Francisco touches my heart every morning, before I'm really awake, when foghorns remind me where I am. *

Bridget Veltri is a San Francisco-based freelance writer and blogger.

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CARRY ON AND KEEP CALM

Packing a lighter bag for summer travel By Johnny Jet

)) When I first started traveling, I was one of those people who lugged around a monster suitcase and packed everything but the kitchen sink. Then I observed business travelers cruising in and out of airports with a small bag. I realized I was packing all wrong.

I now fit everything necessary into a carry-on suitcase—even when going on a multiweek trip around the world. Summer's warm weather is on your side, of course, as you can leave bulky coats at home (not to mention the kitchen sink). Here's what to bring on your next summer excursion:

- Vacation Basics. Pack for a week, in a minimalist way. For example, 3-5 shirts, a few pairs of shorts, underwear, socks and something dressy. At your destination, wash clothes at a laundromat or in the hotel tub using travel-size detergent packets. For easy-to-match apparel, stick to a palette of three colors. Say, green, navy and white. Packing cubes maximize space and organize clothes. Then, wear your bulkiest, weightiest item-a sweater, for instance—onto the plane.
- All-Weather Wear. Yes, bring a sweater, even if you're flying to Hawai'i or Tahiti; air conditioning can be surprisingly cold. To protect against sudden afternoon rainstorms, pack a lightweight rain poncho or an umbrella that fits in

- a back pocket. You'll save money and aggravation—I once had to buy an umbrella on the street, and the printed design ran.
- Summer Musts. My picks include 30 SPF or higher sunscreen, a sun hat and a lip balm with SPF. Bring two pairs of sunglasses, in case one breaks. If you get stuck in a touristy area without a pair, you'll pay too much for those knockoff Ray-Bans.
- Double-Duty Supplies. As multifunctional travel accessories, plastic bags can do everything from compressing clothing to storing wet bathing suits to holding sandy shoes. Other doubleduty items include a thin, lightweight duffel bag—use it as a vacation day bag, then as a carry-

on for toting home tchotchkes, while checking your original carryon bag. And as a reader suggested on my website, hair conditioner can double as shaving cream.

Less Kidstuff. On our last trip to Hawai'i, we didn't pack sandcastle-building toys for our son. Instead, we asked the beachguard and hotel whether toys had been (intentionally) left behind by other families. We left those same toys behind for other family travelers. Also, services such as babierge.com or babysaway.com rent cribs, playpens and other bulky kid-wrangling devices, and deliver directly to your hotel.



Johnny Jet is a Los Angeles-based travel expert who visits 20 countries each year. Read more of his travel tips at johnnyjet.com.







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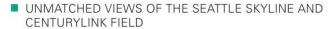




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This eighth-annual literary meeting welcomes 250 professional poets, including headliners such as Nico Tortorella, who acts in the comedy series Younger and who wrote the poetry book all of it is you.

This year's gathering features events such as the Poetry Film Festival, which pairs filmmakers and poets in a collaborative reshaping of their verse into short films. The Youth Poetry Festival

includes teen poetry workshops, an island scavenger hunt and readings. The Pastoral Classroom, which offers outdoor education for adults, includes salon-style classes taught by area literature professors. Visit newyorkcitypoetryfestival.com for more. - Michaela Ware



AVOCADO ART

Adventure through California's state fruit, the avocado, from skin to seeded center, in "The Cado," opening late summer for three months at San Diego's Liberty Station. This pop-up art experience, encompassing 6,700 square feet, features seven interactive installations in 16 shipping containers designed to make guests feel as though they are inside an avocado before they emerge into an actual grove.

The exhibit tells the story of the California fruit, beginning with the Ripe Room, which is lined with materials meant to look and feel like avocado skin. The exhibit also features audio of musician Jason Mraz, who owns Southern California's Mraz Family Farms, discussing the process that takes an avocado from tree to toast. For more information, visit thecado.co. - Michaela Ware





NORTHERN LIGHTS SHOW

)) In 1979, photographer

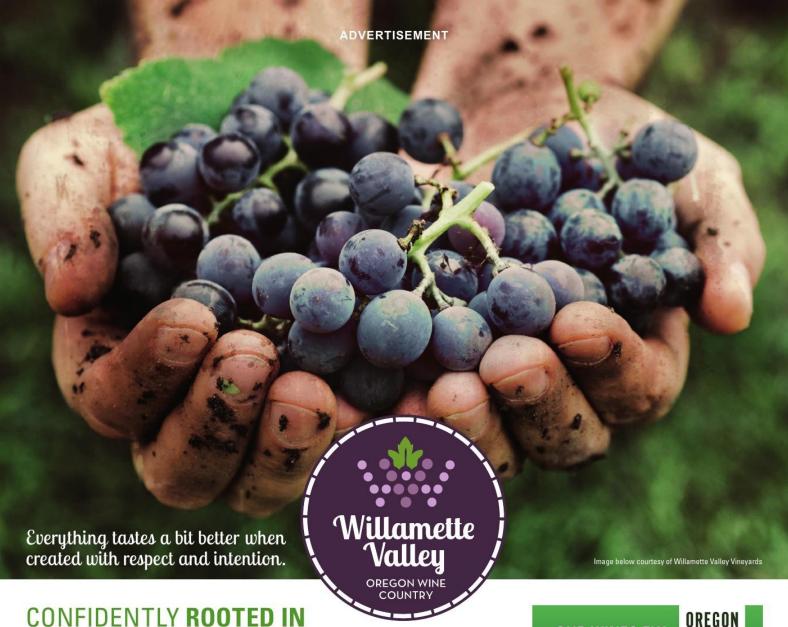
Dave Parkhurst moved to Alaska and became more familiar with the northern lights. He set out to photograph the phenomenon that occurs when solar particles smash into atoms and molecules in the Earth's atmosphere, but he was told it would be a challenge to properly capture the beauty of the lights on film.

More than 100 rolls of film later, Parkhurst's hours of patience paid off, and he caught Cordova Red Aurora on film on

February 5, 1981. Now, Parkhurst takes more than 20,000 photographs of aurora borealis each year, and his work is featured in the AurorA—Alaska's Great Northern Lights film at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts in Anchorage through Sept. 1.

Playing every hour, the movie is a digital showcase of Parkhurst's photographs of the purple, green and red colors that dance in the night sky.

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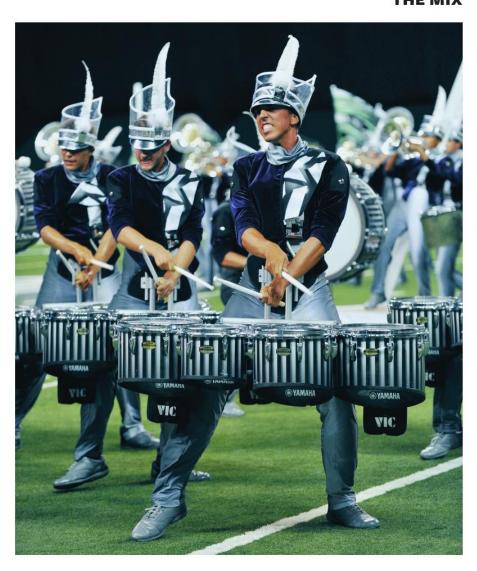
>>> Ten-hour rehearsals, 20,000 miles of travel and more than a month on the road: No, this isn't a rock star's schedule; it's a typical summer for teenage Drum Corps International (DCI) participants.

Every year, students ages 15 to 21 compete in DCI, which culminates with the World Championships in Indianapolis. This year's event will be Aug. 9-11 at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium.

Throughout the summer, nearly 50 drum corps compete in more than 100 events to make it to the World Championship Finals, Aug. 11, where the top 12 teams compete for the title.

Drum corps are marching ensembles of up to 150 brass musicians, percussionists and dance performers. Unlike marching bands, drum corps don't contain woodwind instruments. The corps are judged on three main criteria: music (brass and percussion), visual (drill, marching technique, color guard) and general effect (uniformity, show-design creativity and innovation).

DCI encourages core values such as teamwork and collaboration, visionary leadership and dedication. For more information, visit dci.org. — Dannie Ray



AN EXHIBIT THAT'S NOT SO ELEMENTARY

>> In Arthur Conan Doyle's 1890 novel The Sign of the Four, fictional detective Sherlock Holmes uses fingerprinting as a crime-solving tool before it was used by actual detectives. By 1901, Scotland Yard had adopted the technique in real-life crime solving.

"The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes," at the Houston Museum of Natural Science through September, celebrates advancements in crime solving that arose thanks in part to the fictional detective.

Museumgoers travel back to Holmes' London and employ innovations such as

handwriting analysis, fingerprinting and ballistics to solve a fictional crime as they move through the exhibit. Visitors can also play games such as If the Shoe Fits, in which they match footprints in sand to shoes on a wheel.

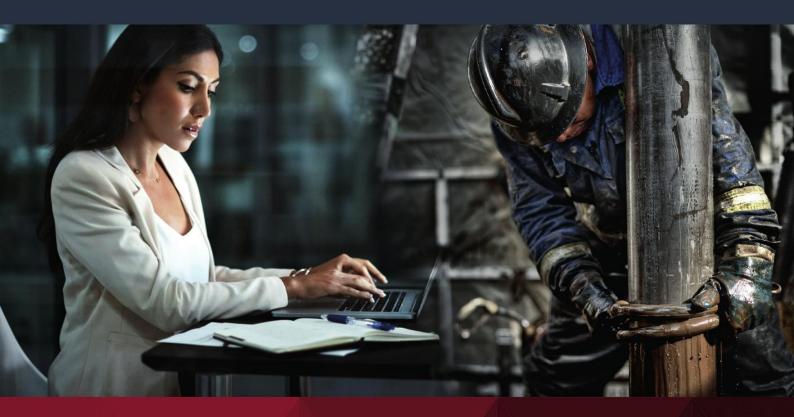
The exhibit includes original manuscripts of stories written by Conan Doyle, as well as period artifacts, such as magnifying glasses and other tools that Holmes would have used to solve crimes in his day.

For more, visit hmns.org/exhibits/specialexhibitions/the-international-exhibition-ofsherlock-holmes. - Megan Campbell



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At the 165th California State Fair, sports events alone range from motocross to thoroughbred racing to a cornhole tournament.

The event, which is at the Cal Expo Fairgrounds in Sacramento, July 13-29, also offers attractions such as rides, musical concerts, exhibits, livestock shows, fireworks shows, eating contests and a

With so much entertainment, the fair is a place to celebrate the riches that the Golden State has to offer in agriculture, technology, and the diversity of its people and traditions.

Exhibits include "California Authors," at which fans can meet California writers such as children's author Ronald Javor and mystery novelist M.L. Hamilton. Another exhibit is "Whale Tail," which focuses on the conservation of marine environments.

Bands such as Kool & the Gang and Sugar Ray will play free concerts. For more information, visit castatefair.org. -Kaylee Strachan

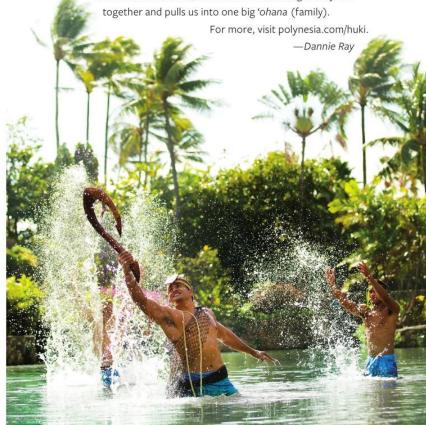


new interactive "3-D Studio" is artist Pam Fortner's steel sculpture Create & Collaborate, resembling a tree with bare limbs. Guests are given a piece of paper that they can draw

HAWAI'I WATER SHOW WITH A HOOK

>>> Moana fans rejoice: Huki, a new water show opening in August at the Polynesian Cultural Center on O'ahu, will showcase the story of Maui, a Polynesian demigod, who is also a central character in the popular 2016 Disney film. In Hawaiian, huki means "to pull," so this performance will feature dancers, singers and actors narrating the story of Maui "pulling up" the Islands from the ocean with his famous fishhook, pictured below. The show will consist of storied vignettes about Maui and other Polynesian icons such as Hamana Kalili, who lost his three middle fingers on his right hand while working at a sugar mill. The legend goes that children would mimic the way his hand looked, and, thus, the shaka, or "hang loose" sign, was born.

The ultimate message Huki will convey is that while Polynesian islands and cultures are different, the Pacific Ocean brings everyone



on and shape into whatever form they want. The papers are added to the sculpture, creating the look of leaves.

This collaborative art piece is part of the interactive experience visitors can expect at the studio, which is open through Sept. 2.

Other features include artist

demonstrations on weekends, and the Wound in Wire and Purely Paper stations, where guests can create their own sculptures out of paper and wire. All supplies are free, and guests are welcome to take their creations home.

Visit denverartmuseum.org for more information. —Megan Campbell

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CHEERS FOR OREGON BEERS

)) In 1985, Brian and Mike McMenamin successfully lobbied the Oregon State Legislature to pass a bill allowing citizens to make and sell their own beer. Since then, the McMenamins have become some of the most influential craft brewers in the state, and now the McMenamin family joins the 31st-annual Oregon Brewers Festival (OBF)

as ceremonial grand marshals, leading the opening parade and tapping the first keg.

This year's OBF, which is expected to draw more than 70,000 attendees, takes place July 26-29 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in Portland and features 80 brewers from 10 states, as well as from the Netherlands and Mexico. Beers brewed specifically for the event include GoodLife Brewing Company's Long Acronym (a dry-hopped, Oregon-wine-barrel-aged mixed-culture India Pale Lager), and Storm-Breaker Brewing's Guava Man IPA (a West Coast Hazy IPA with guava).

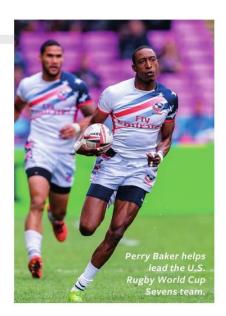
The festival also features live musical performances by acts such as the Jon Stickley Trio and Sol Seed, a parade, food vendors providing cuisine from gyros to fondue, and handcrafted sodas. For more information, visit oregonbrewfest.com. — Dannie Ray

BAY AREA HOSTS RUGBY WORLD CUP

>> After scoring the most tries in the 2016-17 World Rugby Sevens Series, Perry Baker was named the 2017 World Rugby Men's Sevens Player of the Year. Baker's rise, the introduction of rugby sevens at the Olympics in 2016 and interest at the youth level are helping to make rugby sevens one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States, according to World Rugby.

The sport's popularity is expected to grow when, for the first time ever, the U.S. hosts the Rugby World Cup Sevens, July 20-22 at San Francisco's AT&T Park. In the seventh edition of the Rugby World Cup Sevens, 16 women's and 24 men's teams will compete for championship titles. This year also marks the first time that the World Cup, which occurs roughly every four years, is featuring a knockout-style, singleelimination bracket format instead of pool play.

Rugby sevens is a variant of rugby with teams of seven players—instead of 15—and games with 7-minute halves—instead of 40-minute halves.



Nearly 30 countries—including the reigning champions from New Zealand, who won both the men's and women's titles at the most recent World Cup in 2013—are represented in these games. Both the U.S. men's and women's teams are expected to be top contenders.

For more information, visit rwcsevens.com.

-Kaylee Strachan

A NEW BOSTON MARKET

Two and a half years ago, the site of the Boston area's new Bow Market was an empty storage building. Now it's a bustling market-



place in Somerville's Union Square, north of Boston across the Charles River, and is home to nearly 20 vendors selling food, art and other goods.

The market is expected to reach its full capacity of 30 vendors by the end of the summer.

Permanent shops include 9000 Things, which sells art, accessories and home goods; Make & Mend, which sells gently used art supplies; and kmoe, which sells leather products, lights and art. The market also hosts temporary food vendors and pop-up shops.

More than half of the shops in the market are owned by women; 30 percent are owned by people of color; and nearly 15 percent are owned by people who identify as non-cisgender.

Guests can relax in the marketplace's courtyard, which is shaded by large locust trees and has seating along a granite wall.

For more information, visit bowmarketsomerville. com. - Kaylee Strachan



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COOKING AT THE WATER'S EDGE

Acclaimed chef Blaine Wetzel finds inspiration in Pacific Northwest ingredients

By Margo Vansynghel

>> Wielding a blue washcloth, a filleting knife and his undivided attention, chef Blaine Wetzel cleans a halibut lying on the counter in his kitchen. The 30-pound, 3-foot-long fish arrived at Wetzel's restaurant, The Willows Inn, mere hours earlier, straight from a nearby beach where members of the Lummi Nation delivered their catch. The restaurant is nestled toward the north end of Lummi Island, near Bellingham and about a 110-mile drive-andferry trip from Seattle.

"We have the most amazing fish in the world," Wetzel says. He walks outside and opens the wooden doors to his smokehouse, checking on the batch of mussels he'll serve with cooked sunflower roots that evening.

If he's not in the kitchen or smokehouse, you can often find him in his garden, gathering produce, or in the woods, looking for fiddlehead ferns, sorrel, elderflower and other ingredients that Lummi Island supplies naturally.

Since Wetzel started cooking at the 100-year-old inn and restaurant in 2010, and reopened it as a haute cuisine establishment in 2012, the island—accessible only by ferry, private boat or floatplane, and home to fewer than a thousand people—has become a destination for foodies from all over the world. The Willows Inn topped the Opinionated About Dining Top 100+ U.S. Restaurants list (an online weighted ranking that accounts for reviewers' experience levels) both this year and last, and Wetzel has earned multiple James Beard Foundation Awards for his work at the restaurant, including being named Best Chef Northwest in 2015.

A Washington native born in Olympia, Wetzel shows humility despite the attention. "I'm not necessarily the best cook," he says. "Lummi just has incredible ingredients."



Wetzel is a man of few words, measuring his sentences like his dishes: He removes all excess, takes his time. "The taste of the vegetables has kept me here," he says, gazing out at the water near his 30-seat restaurant.

It's a long way from the first kitchen he worked in, at a steakhouse in Iowa, at age 14. After high school, he cooked in the kitchen of The Phoenician, a luxurious Arizona resort. This proved a springboard to increasingly prestigious restaurants, such as the Michelinstarred restaurants Alex at the Wynn Las Vegas, Vendôme in Germany and Noma in Copenhagen. At Noma he climbed the ranks from intern to become a chef de partie, and he saw the establishment named Best Restaurant in the World in 2010.

Wetzel eventually decided to move back home to Washington state, which he says allowed him to take a break from Noma's intense pace and be closer to family. Through Craigslist, he learned of The Willows Inn, which had a position open: "From across the world, I

found this job as a chef in a cute but rundown mom-and-pop B&B. I thought I'd look for a real job once I got there."

Without having been to Lummi Island, he arrived there with a U-Haul truck filled with possessions. He immediately fell in love with the scenic surroundings. Just a few months later, The New York Times named The Willows Inn one of 10 "Restaurants Worth a Plane Ride."

"In 2011, it was sold out every night," Wetzel says. Shortly after Wetzel bought the inn (with the help of investment partners), renovated it, and expanded the menu to a 20-course experience, Food & Wine magazine listed him as one of the Best New Chefs of 2012. The restaurant has continued to impress ever since.

His recipe for success, Wetzel says, is to let the ingredients speak. "The chef's job is to elevate the natural flavors—so that, when you eat asparagus here, it's the best you ever had. This process is what's exciting to me."

Learn more about Wetzel and his restaurant at willows-inn.com. X

DAY 1

)) Home to fewer than 9,000 people, Sitka is a gorgeous coastal community set against a mountainous backdrop in Southeast Alaska.





From cityscapes to epic crepes,
Madeline Lu isn't afraid to bring
her own flavor to her photo
feed, and she's always looking
for her next adventure. Lu
and her family traveled from
the San Francisco Bay Area to
Sitka, Alaska, as part of Alaska
Airlines' #WeekendWanderer
series. For more #WeekendWanderer posts, be sure to
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SCENIC SITKA

>>> Flying into Sitka, Alaska, my family and I could not keep our eyes away from the windows. Beautiful mountain peaks poked out of the clouds, and then the scenic area was spread out before us. Sitka is situated between the sea and the mountains, and when the sky is clear, you can see the snowcapped top of Mount Edgecumbe, a dormant volcano that rises more than 3,200 feet above sea level.

Only accessible by sea or air, Sitka is rugged and wild, and for us, it was the perfect escape from the busy bustle and tech-packed world of San Francisco. During our three-day stay, we were delighted by the strong sense of community we found. The locals were very friendly, helpful and open, and they made an extra effort to make us feel welcome.

We visited the Sitka National Historical Park, which is lined with towering spruce and hemlock and home to Tlingit and Haida totem poles, some of which date back more than 100 years.

We also visited Fortress of the Bear, a local rescue center for orphaned grizzly bear cubs and injured bears. The facility is currently home to bears such as Killisnoo, named after the island where he was found as a cub in 2007.

We kayaked along Sitka's shores and saw kelp forests, sea stars, jellyfish, eagles and many other creatures. We heard that a group kayaking a few days prior even encountered whales during their journey—how lucky!

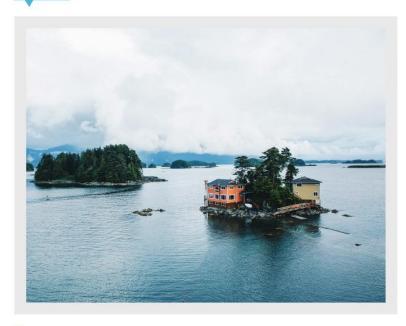
While hiking, we picked sweet and juicy wild salmonberries, which we had never before seen or tasted. The kids had so much fun collecting (and eating) these delicious treats.

For more fresh tastes, we enjoyed salmon and crab caught in nearby waters.

All in all, it was such a beautiful weekend, giving us a small sampling of wild Alaska.

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DAY 2



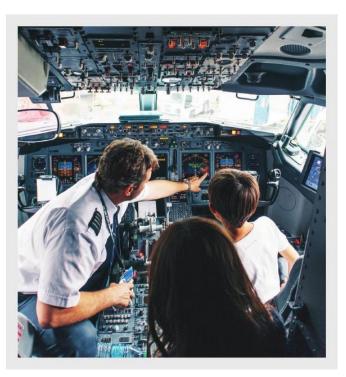
Inhabited and wild islands dot the aquamarine waters of Sitka Sound, about 95 miles southwest of Juneau.



Tlingit and Haida totem poles stand amid spruce and hemlock trees in Sitka National Historical Park.



On kayaks, the kids and I enjoyed the impeccable views and loved seeing colorful sea stars, blue sea urchins and other marine life.



My kids got to sit in the airplane captain's and first officer's seats. The kids even made a "welcome aboard" announcement.











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EXPLORING THE TIP OF BAJA

Los Cabos offers adventure and relaxation

By Sandra A. Berry

>> Located at the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula of Mexico, where the Sea of Cortés and the Pacific Ocean meet, Los Cabos is a stunning vacation destination with pristine beaches, magnificent sunrises and sunsets, and more activities than one can experience in a month's stay.

The main vacation area of Los Cabos, which means the capes, includes the bustling community of Cabo San Lucas and the smaller, low-key mission town of San José del Cabo to the east, as well as the 20-mile corridor in between, where many resorts are located.

Good times to visit Cabo are in July and the early fall, when the local communities take on a slower pace, following the busy winter tourism season (November-April).

The early summer and early fall seasons are great times to take advantage of lower hotel prices, smaller crowds and an abundance of amazing outdoor activities.

More than a dozen golf courses are located in the area, and water sports such as kayaking, sailing, parasailing, snorkeling and flyboarding



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abound. The region is also famous for its sport fishing. While the whales are generally gone during this time, visitors can still see rays, dolphins, marlin, swordfish and sea turtles, among other wildlife, in area waters.

San José del Cabo is known for its historical mission and its thriving artist community. Many of the city's galleries, including the Arte Gallery and the Casa Dahlia Gallery, feature some excellent works by local artists.

In Cabo San Lucas, take a glass-bottom water taxi to Lover's Beach to see the iconic landmark El Arco, a rock formation in the shape of an arch, located at Land's End. However, visitors should be careful of the area's strong currents. For a closer look at the countryside, join Cabo Adventures for an Outback and Camel Ride Safari, which takes participants on a tour of the local landscape and a camel ride through the desert and on area beaches.

To pamper yourself, enjoy a trip to the Sea Spa at Grand Solmar Land's End Resort, where you can relax, rejuvenate and enjoy a



Clockwise from top left: The rock formation El Arco at Land's End; a snorkeler jumps into the Sea of Cortés; a balloon seller in the main plaza of San José del Cabo: mobula rays gather in the waters near Cabo San Lucas.



massage in one of the spa's cabañas.

Cabo San Lucas also has an amazing array of outstanding restaurants and nightclubs. The one-time secluded fishing village now boasts award-winning chefs serving the freshest ingredients at restaurants such as Sunset MonaLisa, with its outstanding view of El Arco.

Other top-notch restaurants include Café des Artistes Los Cabos at JW Marriott Resort; Fat Tuna, a three-level restaurant set in the heart of downtown Cabo San Lucas; and Pitahayas Restaurant, located right on the beach at the Sheraton Resort, a dining spot with a view that has wowed guests for more than two decades.

In addition to many restaurants serving Mexican fare, such as Pancho's Restaurant and Tequila Bar and María Corona, there is also Romeo & Julieta, which has been serving distinctive Italian dishes for more than 30 years. You can also try Chin's, which offers premier Chinese, Cantonese and Sichuan dishes, and Nick-san for Japanese cuisine.

When it comes to nightclubs, Sammy Hagar's Cabo Wabo is one of many clubs that helped put Los Cabos on the nightlife map. Some of the places to visit include El Squid Roe, The Giggling Marlin, Mandala and Pink Kitty. There are also a variety of Latin dance clubs, piano bars and party cruise boats.

Of course, you can simply put on your sunscreen and find a sandy beach to enjoy. Los Cabos is the perfect place for that, too. ⊀

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ALONG THE **INNER HARBOR**

By Eva Leonard

)) Baltimore exudes a zest for life, one vividly cheered in native son John Waters' hit film Hairspray and its later musical adaptations. Thriving over the centuries as a seaport and center for shipbuilding and oyster canning, Baltimore's Inner Harbor also played a key role in the War of 1812. Today the Inner Harbor is the nexus of a compact cluster of attractions that celebrate its salty seaside history.

Start a few blocks from the waterfront, at Oriole Park at Camden Yards, home of baseball's Baltimore Orioles. Beginning near the Babe Ruth statue at the ballpark's northeast corner, 60 baseballs painted on the sidewalk lead to the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum, on Emory Street. Find artifacts such as a childhood hymnal that features Ruth's inscription: "world's worst singer, world's best pitcher."

From the museum, head northeast to the Kimpton Hotel Monaco Baltimore Inner Harbor, on North Charles Street, to admire the two sculptural figures atop the entrance. On the left is the Roman god Mercury; the other figure is thought to represent the progress of industry. Stop to appreciate the marble and stained-glass interiors of the hotel's Beaux Arts building, constructed in 1906 as the headquarters of the B&O Railroad. Refuel at the building's B&O American Brasserie.

Head south toward the harbor and walk along Light Street to the Maryland Science Center, where dinosaur exhibits, an Imax theater and a planetarium engage guests. From there, you can stroll harborside in either direction on the redbrick Inner Harbor promenade. Heading north, visit the Baltimore Visitor Center to get your bearings, peruse travel info and perhaps charge your phone.

Near the visitor center, you can board historic ships, such as the sloop-of-war USS Constellation and the submarine USS Torsk.

Many additional attractions are found along the harbor. With close to 20,000 animals (850 species), the National Aquarium is a must. The nearby restaurant Phillips Seafood serves its take on the iconic Maryland crabcake, using a traditional recipe. Across East Pratt Street is the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, which honors African American communities and luminaries. Right near the museum is the Little Italy neighborhood, where you can top off your city walk with a fresh cannoli or espresso. ズ

MORE IN BALTIMORE: From the Inner Harbor, visitors can take the Baltimore Water Taxi to destinations such as the Fell's Point neighborhood—with its 18th and 19th century architecture, hip shops and restaurants—or to Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, the War of 1812 site immortalized in The Star-Spangled Banner. - E.L.





)) Assateague Island National Seashore, a parkland about 170 miles southeast of Baltimore, is home to a protected population of wild horses (sometimes called Assateague ponies) that have inhabited the island since the 1600s. Local legend says that their equine ancestors arrived on Spanish ships that wrecked off Virginia, but in fact, they were kept here illicitly by colonists dodging livestock taxes. Some 80 to 100 horses roam the island's north end freely, if at times somewhat surreptitiously. To glimpse them can evoke a thrill of connection to the wild, along with a deep awe and a sense of tranquility. (Note: Always keep a respectful distance.)

Flanked by the Chincoteague Bay to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east, Assateague Island is 37 miles long and only 1.5 miles across at its widest point. The island is bisected by the Maryland-Virginia border, and Route 611 crosses Maryland's Verrazano Bridge to reach the national seashore's northern entrance.

In addition to pony spotters, the park draws avid kayakers, bikers and campers, among others. With bike and kayak rentals available within the park, visitors have the options of hiking, driving, boating or biking paved trails within this coastal parkland. The area is also popular for fishing, clamming and crabbing.

Seeking out the equine wonders can be an adventure. Trekking sections of Assateague Island beaches and

following the hoofprints that meander through the sand conjures images of the animals galloping along the shores. This ratchets up the excitement to see them.

While the ponies are not always at the beaches, other areas can provide opportunities to view them. A stroll along the wooden walkway off Old Ferry Landing might reveal the ponies grazing peacefully in the marshlands in the distance. The horses' coloring ranges from brownand-white to solid chestnut. They can often be found standing silent and still, save for an occasional snort, a vigorous flick of the tail or a shake of the mane.

Learn more at nps.gov/asis/index.htm. ⊀



Assateague Island is famous for its wild horses, above, as well as for recreational opportunities that include biking coastal trails such as the one shown below.

ALSO OF NOTE:

Just under 9 miles from Assateague Island National Seashore, the town of Berlin, Maryland, is a charming roadside stop. Highlights are Rayne's Reef, an old-fashioned diner and soda fountain, and the Atlantic Hotel (est. 1895), which houses a restaurant boasting more than 100 years of fine dining. —E.L.



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THE QUICK PICNIC

By Naomi Tomky

>>> One of the most pleasant ways to experience a destination's scenery, cuisine and culture is to bring local food—whether picked up at a restaurant or deli—to a park, and savor an outdoor meal.

In his home country of Australia, Louis Tikaram, now chef at Southeast Asian–themed restaurant **E.P. & L.P.** in Los Angeles, would bring vendor or street-stand food to a beach or park. Now, he does the same with the companionship of his wife and daughter, taking advantage of LA's sunshine—and tacos.

His pick? Culver City's **Tito's Tacos**, "a really iconic taco stand with hard-shell tacos," he says. "Take it to Culver City Park for a hike and views." Vistas at the LA-area park span from Hollywood to the Pacific Ocean.

Picnicking is a more relaxing way to eat, says Kimberley Lovato, author of *Unique Eats & Eateries of San Francisco*. She enjoys grabbing food during Presidio Picnic, a weekly San Francisco event with 25 food trucks, taking place at the Presidio's Main Parade Ground.

But Lovato also likes deli food for her picnics—such as big sandwiches easy to transport in a backpack. **Lucca Delicatessen** is one of her favorite places to pick up "old-school Italian" food, including sandwiches, salads, sliced meats, cheese and bread. She enjoys bringing Lucca's food to Crissy Field, a park in the Presidio offering picnic benches and sandy beaches, along with views of the iconic Golden Gate Bridge.

Portability of picnic fare is key, according to Paula Forbes, author of *The Austin Cookbook*. That's why her town's signature barbecue works well. "It's easy to just pick up," she says of barbecue, as quick to-go food. She recommends brisket, sausage and ribs from Austin's **Terry Black's Barbecue**, which she describes as "good, solid Texas barbecue." She takes ribs to Auditorium Shores, a downtown Austin park located on Lady Bird Lake.

Foods that taste good at room temperature or cold (such as fried chicken) are on Forbes' picnic list, as well as fresh foods like coleslaw.

PACK THE BASKET

Picnic picks for parks or hikes, courtesy of Joel Klemenhagen, co-owner of The Shambles, a Seattle butcher shop/pub that opened in January:

- Fresh fruit such as berries; grapes also hold up well in the summer heat.
- Pickled salads, such as bean or cucumber salad.
- Firm, aged cheeses such as P'tit Basque, Manchego or aged goat Gouda.
- Artisanal salamis from Portland's Chop or Seattle's Salt Blade.
- A baguette.

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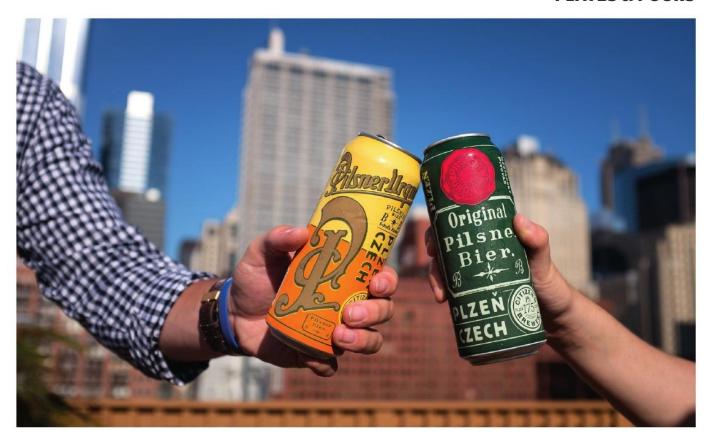
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CRAFT IN A CAN

By Brad Japhe

>>> Canned beer—traditionally light, crisp and easy-drinking—has been a longtime beverage of choice for backyard picnics and barbecues. These canned beers may contain relatively lower alcohol by volume (ABV), in comparison to other beers. Although big-name breweries have long ruled canned options, craft brewers are changing the game. Translation: You're going to need a bigger cooler. Here's how to fill it.

Pilsners remind you that a beer can still taste like, well, beer, while also slaking your thirst for well-crafted lager during warm weather. Prague put this practice on the map with Pilsner Urquell (4.4% ABV) in 1842. Now available in a four-pack of 16-ounce cans, the liquid pairs with bratwurst, artisan cheeses or salty fare such as chips and dip.

Other options include Almanac Beer Company's Craft Pilsner (4.8% ABV) and Trumer

Brauerei's Trumer Pils (4.8% ABV).

Kölsch is a German-inspired alternative, with a similar malt profile, but more effervescent and lighter-bodied, according to Steve Altimari, brewmaster at High Water Brewing in Stockton, California. "They're extremely easy to sip on, when the temperatures start creeping upward," he says of Kölsch beers.

He cans Cucumber Kolsch (5.4% ABV), a specialty ale brewed with actual cucumber and mint. At first whiff, you might think you're popping open a tin of spa water, but on the tongue there's a hint of hops, faintly floral and delicately bitter.

Those seeking something a touch more tropical might turn to a beer from Hawai'i. Relief from the heat comes in the form of Longboard Island Lager (4.6% ABV) by Kona Brewing Company, the Aloha State's popular brewery. The slightly citrusy and entirely

quaffable beer is now available in aluminum alongside the brand's equally invigorating Big Wave Golden Ale (4.4% ABV).

Bitter-forward pale ales aren't typically considered light summer beers, but Bend, Oregon-based Deschutes Brewery is providing even the most dedicated of hopheads with a crafty workaround. Pacific Wonderland (5.5% ABV) is a bright brew, dry-hopped with Mandarina Bavaria, containing orange, mango and pineapple notes.

The only missing ingredients? A good group of friends, and a lot of ice. Your summer just got a whole lot cooler. *

NOTE: Alcoholic beverages can be dehydrating, no matter the ABV. Drink responsibly, and observe any laws regarding open containers at beaches and parks.



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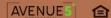
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Alluring summer fashions for dining alfresco

By Kate Calamusa

>>> Sun-dappled days, icy lemonade and the feel of freshly mown grass between your toes: The month of July practically begs for long, laid-back lunches enjoyed en plein air. Show up for your next barbecue or picnic in styles perfect for chilling.



Create a little buzz with these Cicada Earrings on an upcoming summer outing-whether day or night. Handmade in the Brooklyn studio of jeweler Erica Weiner, the lightweight brass earrings dangle from gold wires, and add a cheery, bright touch to any ensemble (\$35; ericaweiner.com).



These darling Kids Glitter Fruit Authentic tennies from Southern California-based Vans are berry good. The brand's classic low-top style is combined with a textile upper, and sturdy rubber outsoles are designed so little ones can run and romp all summer long (\$40; vans.com).



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Stock all your essentials—from lip gloss to a light snack—in the Summer Picnic Bag sold by Misha & Puff, which takes design cues from the classic picnic basket. This handwoven rattan handbag comes with a long cross-body strap and an interior lining of soft cotton (\$98; shop.misha-and-puff.com).



This button-down Ice Cream Sandwich Shirt for men embraces summer with short sleeves, stretch-cotton fabrication and an awesome ice cream-sandwich print; order the shirt from Public Art Apparel's website (\$79.50; publicartapparel.com).



Have it made in the shades with these unisex Ontario Skate sunglasses from family-run brand Proof Eyewear of Boise, Idaho. With wood frames handcrafted from Canadian maple skateboard decks, the sunglasses feature polarized lenses and a water-resistant seal (\$115; iwantproof.com).

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By Megan Campbell

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MORE BEACH GEAR Bearz Outdoor Blanket:

This lightweight blanket comes with an easy-tocarry bag and is useful for sitting on wet sand or protecting belongings from dripping swimsuits (\$19.99; bearzoutdoor.com).

Skog Å Kust ToteSåk: This stylish, waterproof tote is great for carrying towels, swimsuits and refreshments to and from the beach (\$69.95; skogakust.com).

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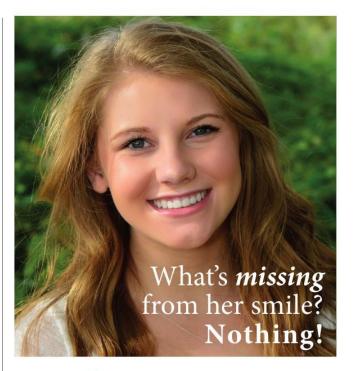












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THE SWISS ARMY KNIFE OF BIKES

By Ken Van Vechten

>>> Cyclists seeking the efficient ride of a road bike with the hardworking stability of a mountain bike should take a look at one of the hottest bike trends in the cycling industry—the gravel bike.

This form of two-wheeled transportation does the work of many types of bikes. Many companies call them "all-road bikes," and that's a great way to think of them. A "gravel bike" sounds edgy, but the name just means that if the surface upon which you are rolling isn't baby-skin smooth, your eyes aren't going to rattle out of their sockets.

Gravel bikes are very popular right now, says Michael Austin, owner of Allegro Cyclery in Walla Walla, Washington, a growing cycling center. "They are great all-purpose bikes. People like the idea of having a comfortable performance bike that they can ride on trails, bike paths, gravel roads and pavement."

Think of a gravel bike as an endurance road bike that allows riders the ability to fit anything from standard road tires to wider, treaded off-road tires on the same bike frame, using different wheelsets, of course. The brakes will be disc and the handlebars will drop (curve) because, well, it's still a maneuverable road bike.

With rare exceptions, there is no suspension system as there is with mountain bikes, though some models have vibration-absorbing components. The stability on rough surfaces is the result of the beefier tires and the design of the frame—in a nutshell, the angles of the various tubes of endurance-style bikes aren't as acute as those of racing bikes, and you ride in a slightly more upright position.

Gravel bike models, such as All-City Cycles Cosmic Stallion, Jamis Renegade and Specialized Diverge, may not be built for black diamond downhill routes at Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, but you can spend Saturday rolling out a fast-road 50-miler with the local bike club and Sunday churning along a rough road, or trail, in the nearest national forest.

The bike may be a paradigm shift.

"They're the Swiss army knife of bikes because they can do so many things," says Thad "T.J." Jordan, owner of the Hub Cyclery in Bend. "For us, it is the fastest-growing segment. They are here to stay." ズ



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Vehicle badges return with revamping

By Bengt Halvorson

)) Call them the comeback kids. This year and next, several well-respected nameplates of the past are being made again. But don't expect these new vehicles to simply rehash their old versions. Instead, the reproductions of these popular models serve as good pivot points for brands as they move toward the future. Here's a quick look at three such examples.

Ford Ranger

From the 1980s well into the 2000s, Ford's compact Ranger pickups were perennial top sellers. Then, as buyers looked to larger trucks, Ford opted to end the Ranger's run in 2011. For 2019, the Ranger's back, and it is aimed toward outdoor enthusiasts. It's still a step smaller than the F-150, but it's a much larger truck than the Ranger used to be. All versions get a 2.3-liter EcoBoost (turbocharged) four-cylinder engine and 10-speed automatic transmission. FX4 off-road versions have a Terrain Management System to help drivers traverse whatever is part of that weekend adventure.



Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross

In their heyday in the 1990s, Mitsubishi's Eclipse Coupe and Convertible were sporty two-doors. Those namesakes share little in common with the new Eclipse Cross, a tall, rugged compact crossover vehicle. Like cousins, however, Eclipses past and present share a resemblance in the form of flashy styling, which, in itself, is a strong signal that the brand is embracing more exciting exteriors.



🕿 Toyota Supra

In part by collaborating with BMW on engine technology, Toyota has developed a Supra that's completely unique from the model Toyota discontinued in the United States 20 years ago. Toyota hasn't yet revealed the production Supra, but it has provided a preview with the Toyota GR Supra Racing Concept, shown above. Expect a six-cylinder car, rear-wheel drive and versions that are equipped for the racetrack. ⊀

MUSIC, FAMILY AND LOVE GUIDE A STELLAR ROCK CAREER

DAVE MATTHEWS NEEDED A RIDE.

It was July 2013 on a country road in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and Matthews had a flat tire—on his bicycle. The Dave Matthews Band was scheduled to play a concert at Hersheypark Stadium in just a few hours. Though Matthews usually carries his cellphone when he rides, he didn't have it. His plan had been to go only a short distance to meet a buddy at a local hotel.

"But I missed him somehow," Matthews says.

He recalled the experience over coffee on a recent May morning in Seattle, where he lives with his wife, twin 16-year-old daughters and 11-year-old son, whom Matthews had just dropped off at school. Later that month, the Grammy Award-winning Dave Matthews Band embarked on another summer tour, and in June it released "Come Tomorrow," its ninth studio album. But sipping his drip

coffee, Matthews, 51, looked the part of soccer dad—navy-blue hoodie, suede Hush Puppies, about two weeks' worth of stubble flecked with patches of white.

He explained that after failing to find his friend in Pennsylvania, he decided to take advantage of being on his bicycle. "They have these trails back around there, so I went riding," he says. "And that's when I got a flat, right at the bottom of the hill."

In the context of Matthews' life, this bump in the road was fairly insignificant. He ponders such things on a sort of cosmic scale, where human history is barely a speck in the course of the universe. Matthews has a proclivity for such musings, unspooling tangents of wisdom that clearly are the seeds of his lyrics.

"I always think about the farthest star that we can see with the naked eye, and how the light we see left that star about the same time that the first







BANDING TOGETHER

From playing benefit concerts to helping direct funds of the Dave Matthews Band's Bama Works Fund; from donating his personal time to making financial contributions for community programs, school fundraisers or global awareness issues, Dave Matthews regularly gives back. Here are five organizations for which Matthews has special passion:

Arts Corps: Works to address the race and income-based opportunity gaps in access to arts education by igniting the creative power of young people through culturally engaging learning experiences (artscorps.org).

Farm Aid: Helps to build a system of agriculture that values family farmers, good food, soil and water, and strong communities. An annual concert, at which Matthews typically plays, celebrates farmers, eaters and music coming together for change (farmaid.org).

Innocence Project: Exonerates the wrongly convicted through DNA testing, and reforms the criminal justice system to prevent future injustices (innocenceproject.org).

The Jane Goodall Institute: Promotes understanding and protection of great apes and their habitat, and builds on the legacy of founder Dr. Jane Goodall to inspire individual action to help animals, other people and to protect the world (janegoodall.org).

The Wilderness Society: Conserves and protects wildlands (wilderness.org). —A.W.



people crossed the Bering Strait," he says. "When I think of that, I think no matter how loud a noise I make-or anyone makes—it doesn't amount to anything unless we somehow manage to stay here that long."

Inconsequential or not, about 30,000 people were expecting to hear the Dave Matthews Band make some noise that night in Hershey. The frontman needed to get back to the stadium. "I realized that at least 90 percent of the people driving past were going to my show. So I thought, if I just take my helmet off and stand out in the street, the first car will stop."

Matthews was right. Though it was the second car that had a bike rack. "I just put my bike on the back, and that couple took me to the gig." In return, Matthews gave the couple front-row seats and thanked them publicly during the show.

The story of the rock star hitching a ride to his own concert took off. But for Matthews, it was no big deal, just an example of people helping people.

"If you help people, they will appreciate it," Matthews says. "Generally, I think that's pretty safe ground. We tend to be good."

Matthews abides by that collaborative spirit. Whether it's inviting musicians to play with him, working with charities to champion causes, or entertaining thousands of strangers, Matthews believes in the good that arises from people coming together. And whether dealing with a flat tire on his bike, tending to his children's happiness or contemplating the health of the planet, Matthews puts his trust in others, turning to music, family and love as his guiding stars.

THE ROAD TO STARDOM

Dave Matthews grew up on three continents. He was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1967; moved to

New York state two years later when his father, a physicist, got a job at IBM; moved to Cambridge, England, in the early 1970s; moved back to New York state; returned to South Africa in 1980 after his father died of cancer in 1977; and in 1986 finally settled with his family in Charlottesville, Virginia, where his parents had lived before his birth.

It was in Charlottesville that Matthews-a skinny 19-year-old playing open mic nights and working at Miller's Downtown restaurant on the city's brick-lined mall-got serious about music. He worked up the courage to ask drummer Carter Beauford and saxophonist LeRoi Moore, both already established musicians, to collaborate on a demo. Matthews wrote the lyrics, but he wanted help with the music. By and large, this is still the songwriting model the group uses, with band members collaborating to compose the music and Matthews working solo on the lyrics.

The trio began rehearsing in Beauford's mother's basement, and quickly realized they needed more instruments to round out their sound. They enlisted 16-year-old bassist Stefan Lessard and classically trained fiddle player Boyd Tinsley (who left the band this year). In 1991, the group officially became the Dave Matthews Band, a name created spur-of-the-moment when a booking agent asked what they were called.

Since then, guitarist Tim Reynolds, trumpeter Rashawn Ross, and saxophonist Jeff Coffin, who stepped in when LeRoi Moore died in 2008, have been added as permanent members-and over the years, the band has collaborated with many other musicians, including Buddy Strong, who is playing keyboard during the 2018 tour, and singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile, who harmonizes with



While the Dave Matthews Band typically tops new-release charts, it's the live shows, such as in Austin, above, that drive fan enthusiasm.

Matthews on "Come Tomorrow."

The band's unique blending of rock, pop, jazz, rhythm, funk and world music-as much a result of Matthews' international travels as the band members' varied musical backgrounds-quickly earned acclaim in the Charlottesville club scene. Soon, the Dave Matthews Band was playing clubs throughout Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, traveling to gigs in a red van. Eventually, they began playing amphitheaters and stadiums across the country, pulling up to venues in a caravan of tour buses.

"It happened in a gradual but fairly aggressive gradient, but we didn't go from playing clubs to playing stadiums in a day," Matthews says.

An important component in the band's ascent was the fact that fans were allowed to tape live shows,

making audience members active participants in the publicity effort. Like fingerprints, no two "Dave" shows are the same, and recordings helped spread word of the band's energy and artistry, creating a community and following often compared to that surrounding The Grateful Dead.

Nearly 30 years later, the band is still known for its showmanship. Concerts are heavy on improvisation and last almost three hours. Set lists rotate on a nightly basis. Matthews dances at center stage. Beauford blows gum bubbles behind his drum kit. Lessard races fingers up and down the frets of his bass. Meanwhile, the crowd sings along, chants for songs and cheers at anything Matthews utters between numbers.

The Dave Matthews Band is currently on tour, with upcoming stops at venues including the Les Schwab

Amphitheater in Bend, Oregon, on August 28; the Gorge Amphitheater in George, Washington, August 31-September 2; and the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles on September 10.

Live shows have always been a kind of testing ground for the band's material, with songs being tweaked and rewritten after being played in front of audiences. Case in point, the musical group played versions of songs such as Idea of You and Can't Stop for more than a decade before releasing studio cuts on "Come Tomorrow."

Of their performances, Matthews says: "Even if it's the same song, we don't tend to play it the same. There's an element of chaos that's always been there-it's just how we play together. There's always an openness, and we're all connected, so hopefully that connects to the audience."

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The numbers certainly indicate a connection. In nearly 30 years, the band has sold more than 20 million tickets, and it is consistently one of the highest-grossing touring acts each year. It's also the first group in history to have seven consecutive studio albums debut at No. 1 on the Billboard 200, including "Come Tomorrow."

Nikki Van Noy, author of the 2011 book So Much to Say: Dave Matthews Band 20 Years on the Road, has seen the band perform more than 100 times. Prior to her first concert, in 1996, she was skeptical. Then, two minutes into it, Van Noy says, she understood why so many people loved the band.

"It was like the music created its

own separate universe," she says. "Everything else simultaneously drops away, and the music is just so immersive, and you're there. There is something so powerful and special about the alchemy of the band. There is this connection between them. and you can almost feel it lifting you up when you are watching."

AT HOME IN SEATTLE

If Matthews has to fill out a form that asks for his occupation, he writes "musician."

"Because you'd have to be [a jerk] to write rock star," he says. Though, when he's with his family in Seattle, he could just as easily write "stay-athome dad."

Matthews and his family live in a quiet neighborhood in the northern part of the city. He has lived in the same place since 2001, when he moved with his now-wife Ashley Harper, who came to Seattle to study naturopathy. Around town, Matthews can be seen parking his Volvo, shopping for groceries and drinking coffee at neighborhood cafes.

"I'm very much at home in

Seattle," he says. "People don't stop and say hello to me, so that gives me a certain amount of freedom. It's a quality that has made living here a comfortable, simple existence."

His mornings are spent cooking eggs for his kids and driving them to school. His afternoons and evenings are spent helping with homework and eating dinner with his family. That is, if his twin girls aren't too busy.

"They like me a lot when they have time for me. But they're finding the world, so their minds are opening up; they're facing their fears. They've got so much to do, and all I can do is try to make it as comfortable as possible," Matthews says.

Matthews understands struggle. In addition to losing his father when he was about the age his son is now, Matthews lost his older sister in 1994, and his friend and bandmate Moore, whose 2008 death was due to complications from an ATV accident. As a result, Matthews' lyrics frequently deal with themes of living in the moment and celebrating the day.

But lately, especially when he considers his role as a father, Matthews says he's been thinking a lot more about the future.

"It's a worrying future, because there is the knowledge we have,

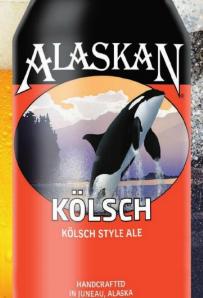


COME TOMORROW

To make the "Come Tomorrow" album, the Dave Matthews Band returned to the familiar. It created its ninth studio album in cities where it has recorded previously-Seattle, Los Angeles and Charlottesville, Virginia—and with producers it had recorded with in the past. "Come Tomorrow" represents more than a decade of work—featuring songs such as Can't Stop and Idea of You, which debuted live 12 years ago, as well as new material, such as When I'm Weary and She. Other tracks include Samurai Cop (Oh Joy Begin) and Come Tomorrow—on which Matthews harmonizes with Brandi Carlile—and it features recorded performances of late saxophonist LeRoi Moore.

"It's sort of like an old folk record," Dave Matthews says. "There's lust, there's love and there's loss of love—all those things in a contemporary record." —A.W.

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which tells us how we should look after the planet and look after each other, and that gives us hope. Then there is also the greed ... and that side doesn't look at the future," he says. "But then I look at my kids, and I think there is hope in them, you know? They are bright, hardworking, industrious, thoughtful."

Matthews says there's a lyric on the new album that goes, "All the boys and girls will sing, 'Come tomorrow, we get everything. / So as long as we survive today, come tomorrow, we're going to find a way.""

"It's cynical and hopeful at the same time," Matthews says, "because you have to first believe that we can survive today."

ONE SWEET WORLD

That concern for the world is a big part of why Matthews devotes much of his philanthropic energy to the environment. Among other volunteer positions, Matthews has served on The Wilderness Society's board

WHAT SONG, WHAT ALBUM SONG Bartender "Under the Table and Dreaming" (1994) Crush "Crash" (1996) Why I Am "Before These Crowded Streets" (1998) Sweet "Everyday" (2001) Ants Marching "Busted Stuff" (2002) When the World Ends "Stand Up" (2005) Two Step "Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King" (2009) Dreamgirl "Away from the World"

"MATTHEWS IS AN INCREDIBLY HUMBLE PERSON, AND HE'S SO GRACIOUS AND APPROACHABLE," WILLIAMS SAYS. "HE'S ALSO ARTICULATE ON CONSERVATION. IT'S NOT JUST A CAUSE FOR HIM; IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS DEEP WITHIN HIM."

since 2009. To support the organization, which is focused on protecting wilderness areas, Matthews has raised money and posted on social media. He's helped set up "eco villages" at his concerts, where people can learn about environmental issues. But it's Matthews' work behind the scenes that impresses Jamie Williams, The Wilderness Society's president.

"He's an incredibly humble person, and he's so gracious and approachable," Williams says. "He's also incredibly articulate on conservation. It's not just a cause for him; this is something that is deep within him."

In addition to supporting environmental work, Matthews and the Dave Matthews Band's Bama Works Fund have raised more than \$40 million since the fund was established in 1999 to help causes that range from Alzheimer's research to homelessness to hunger relief to youth orchestras. But when asked about his philanthropy, Matthews, perhaps unsurprisingly, deflects the credit.

"There are lots of great organizations full of people who are helping," he says. "I feel like any charity [work] I do is all on the backs of the people who spend their lives doing it."

THESE DAYS CONTINUE

Matthews has spent most of his adult life playing in a rock band. If he were to stop playing music, he says he has plenty of other paths he could

pursue, like devoting more time to acting-he has a background in community theater and has appeared in movies such as I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry. He could focus on growing his Dreaming Tree Wines label based in California. Or, he says, he could just relax and sit crosslegged in front of a lake somewhere.

But for now, Matthews is on the road playing music for fans who are as enthusiastic as ever.

"I still like storytelling. ... I still like playing for people who want to hear me play. But I don't want to be doing it if it's not purely for the love of doing it."

At that 2013 concert in Pennsylvania, and many since, the band closed with Two Step, an anthem about everlasting love. "Do you believe that we might last 1,000 years or more?" Matthews sang.

The band's fans are always part of the show—a 40-something couple in the front row who have seen Matthews 100 times; a wide-eyed college kid discovering his first Dave show.

"Celebrate we will, for life is short but sweet for certain," the chorus goes, the Dave Matthews Band faithful reliably belting out backup.

"We're climbing two by two," Matthews sings with the crowd. "To be sure these days continue." ズ

Associate Editor Andrew Waite has seen Dave Matthews in concert more than 30 times.



Natural gas benefits builders and tenants.

Local developers are installing natural gas in their multifamily projects, as this clean, economical fuel adds value to their buildings. The cost for them to do so is also making financial sense now that one regional energy provider, Avista, is providing builders and developers with cash incentives.

Avista generates approximately half of its electricity from hydropower. And while the company embraces renewables such as wind and solar, these are considered intermittent energy resources (i.e., the wind does not always blow, especially in extreme cold temperatures when demand for electricity is at its peak). About 35% of the utility's diverse resource mix comes from natural gas, which provides reliable and affordable energy for many of its customers.

"As demand for energy grows, we're always looking for ways to increase energy efficiency," explains Avista Account Executive Sue Baldwin. "To help meet this demand, we burn natural gas in combustion turbines to generate electricity. However, when gas is converted to electricity and sent over power lines to our customers, nearly half of that energy produced is lost. That's why delivering it directly to a home for heating is much more efficient than using electricity."

And that's also why Avista is offering incentives to assist developers in bringing this plentiful and versatile fuel to multifamily projects. Avista's program provides up to \$3,500 per unit for installation of either space heating, hot water, or a combination of both (capped at 100% of the incremental cost to install natural gas). Available in

Avista's Washington and Idaho service territory through 2018, the incentive is for construction projects with five or more units per building.

One of the developers to take advantage of Avista's program is Greg Gervais, co-founder of Copper Basin

Developers can get up to \$3,500 per unit to install natural gas. Construction. The Hayden Lake, Idaho-based company specializes in commercial and residential land development and is today one of the Inland Northwest's largest multifamily builders.

According to Gervais, installing gas heat requires additional framing (such as soffits for ductwork), along with multiple stages of sheetrocking and added fire prevention between floors.

Gervais installed natural gas in his latest project, the sophisticated 728 apartments in downtown Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Gervais explained that he is after high-caliber tenants who want some of the amenities they would enjoy with a house. A natural gas furnace lets him provide space heating and central air without unsightly wall heaters and window cooling units. Natural gas also supplies faster and more even heat throughout the apartment.



"We recognize there is a greater cost and additional effort to install natural gas, but the quality of the building is so much better," says Gervais. "And with Avista's help to offset some of those costs, it's definitely worth it."

Another development company that has partnered with Avista is Diamond Rock Construction in Spokane Valley. Diamond Rock has been building quality Spokane-area homes for over 20 years. The company also develops unique multifamily dwellings, one of its latest being Bella Tess, an upper-end apartment complex in the Valley, near the scenic Spokane River and Centennial Trail.

According to Baldwin, Diamond Rock is the area's first developer to successfully determine how to make three-story buildings pencil out using Avista's incentive.

"We had to feel good about bridging the financial gap ourselves," says Diamond Rock President Dennis Crapo. "Avista's incentive program certainly helped with that."

Diamond Rock chose natural gas heating for Bella Tess because it fits the company's environmentally-conscious vision for the property (even the center of the club house has a 15-foot tree growing under a skylight). According to Crapo, the Bella Tess property is Green Globe certified—a nationally recognized, green-rating assessment program that promotes adopting sustainability goals with construction projects.

Crapo listed several things that contribute to Green Globe status, including quality of the windows, thickness of the walls, amount of insulation and other improvements. A high-efficiency natural gas furnace also contributes, as does its integral central air.

"In addition to the energy-efficiency benefits, natural gas is also a plus for our tenants," said Crapo. "Once people experience the comfort that natural gas provides—especially during our cold winter months—they'll begin to expect it in other apartment buildings."

Natural gas space heating is just one of the ways developers are taking advantage of Avista's incentive. Baker Construction & Development, Inc. of Spokane found natural gas hot water to be a perfect solution for its latest 61-unit/214-bedroom apartment building, 940 North.



DENNIS CRAPO, DIAMOND ROCK PRESIDENT

The company has been an industry leader in the western U.S. for seven decades. Their new 940 North building in Spokane serves as premier student housing primarily for Gonzaga University.

According to V.P. of Construction Lucas Holmquist, the luxurious 3- and 4-bedroom floor plans are designed much like a traditional college dorm, where student tenants share the apartment's main living spaces.

"For that reason alone, it made sense to install a central natural gas water heater system instead of individual electric water heaters," says Holmquist.

Most students take showers early in the morning before classes, he explained. The endless supply of hot water keeps roommates happy because the last one out of bed doesn't end up with a cold shower.

"The building's owner also benefits," he says. "This natural gas solution means fewer maintenance costs and a longer life cycle for the system. It's better for the environment, too."



LUCAS HOLMQUIST, V.P. OF CONSTRUCTION, BAKER CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Developers interested in the incentive program should contact Avista early in the process. "We want to help as much as we can," says Baldwin, "and avoid engineers and architects having to redesign their plans to accommodate a different system."

To date, participating developers have installed nearly 2,000 gas-heated multifamily units.

"That converts to more than 7,000,000 kilowatt-hours of energy savings," said Baldwin.

To learn more about Avista's Multifamily Natural Gas Incentive Program, contact Sue Baldwin at 208-769-1340, or sue.baldwin@avistacorp.com



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ALASKA ARTISTS INFUSE THEIR WORKS WITH UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES

BY MARC LESTER



ARTIST COLLEEN FIRMIN THOMAS SAYS

her Athabascan heritage informs her evocative, multimedia creations. How it does that, though, is more difficult for her to pinpoint. Expressing her roots and individual perspective—in ways that include using porcupine quills and other uncommon materials in her art—is something she lets happen organically.

"It's so natural, I don't think about it," Firmin Thomas says. "It's me. It's in there every day, no matter what I do."

Across Alaska, artists are challenging preconceived notions about Alaska Native art. Some follow a path that adapts and builds on recognizable forms of previous generations. For others, statements about connecting to tradition are delivered in more conceptual and personal ways.

Julie Decker, director of the Anchorage Museum, views the works of Native artists as points within an array of individuality as vast as Alaska. How viewers consider these works should honor that, she says: "There's a movement away from the binary way of looking at indigenous work, as 'traditional' or 'contemporary.'"

For Rico Lanáat Worl, based in Juneau, the influence of his Tlingit and Athabascan lineage is strong, and it's apparent in the graphic art he creates. "My culture has carried me and uplifted me," he said, in a recent presentation he gave in Alaska. Yet, in the same presentation, he mentioned other factors that guide his work, including pop culture, his education and family.

Fine artist and graphic designer Holly Mititquq Nordlum has artistic tradition literally inked into her being, in the form of traditional tattoos. She creates a variety of forms of art, tattoos others, and works with youths on art initiatives.

Mask carver Drew Michael says he has long hoped his work would be considered in a broad context. "One of the things I said at the start of my career was that I want to be known as a great artist who happens to be Alaska Native," he says.

These artists have all found unique ways to share their culture. Drawing on diverse backgrounds and communicating their distinct creative visions, they compel viewers of their works to consider the broad possibilities of Alaska Native art.

Carving his own path

Last summer, Drew Michael worked along a Southwest Alaska shoreline near the village of Quinhagak with a trowel and bucket in hand. A volunteer on an archaeological dig, he says he felt the energy of the people who had lived in that area for hundreds of years.

After days of work, he touched the brow line of a mask as he unearthed it from the soil. It was a dreamlike moment for an artist who had carved masks since he was a teen, a powerful cultural contact literally at his fingertips.

"That mask presented itself to me," Michael says. "I felt like I stepped out of my life for a second."

Though he was in the midst of a multiyear break from creating masks-to explore other artistic interests-the dig motivated him to return to this art form.

Michael was born in Bethel and traces his heritage to Yup'ik and Iñupiaq people. But because he was adopted and raised by non-Native parents in the Anchorage suburb of Eagle River, he felt separated from those cultures during his youth.

His adoptive parents helped bridge that divide. When he was 13, they enrolled him in a class with master carvers. That experience stoked a passion for studying and creating masks that continues today at his studio in Anchorage's Mountain View neighborhood.

Beginning primarily with kiln-dried basswood, Michael carves masks and other works that reflect traditional Yup'ik



The work Dream Mask (2017), left, made with basswood, acrylic, feathers and other materials, is an example of creative uses of materials by artist Drew Michael, below.



designs as well as his own perspective. He draws inspiration from historical events, spiritual influences and his own experiences, and he brings ideas to life with acrylic and oil paints, stains, metals and other materials. The smoothly hewn texture he leaves on wood with his handcarving tools is a signature of his works.

Michael deepens his cultural understanding by studying ethnographic books and talking with Alaska Native elders. His journey has also involved finding the confidence to know when to disregard criticism—even from artists he respects.

"We all have different ways of expressing, and I didn't want to copy or to mimic anybody else's work," Michael says. "I needed to find my own voice."

His distinctive masks are frequently shown in Alaska galleries and museums. In 2016, he was invited to contribute to an exhibit at France's Boulogne-sur-Mer Museum. It was the first exhibition of entirely Alaska Native contemporary art in Europe, according to the respected Alaskan artist Perry Eaton, a friend of Michael's, who helped organize the effort.

On a recent spring day, sketches hung over Michael's workbench, a plan for a mask of mirrors and circles that he would

HOLLY MITITQUQ NORDLUM CREATES ART AND CONNECTS PEOPLE TO SOURCES OF CULTURAL PRIDE.

soon begin. Another large mask was already in progress nearby. It will find a home in the Bering Strait School District, which plans to display it at Native youth events in the region.

On the surface of the table under the mask, Michael has written a mantra that guides his art and life: "I'm protecting and activating our culture."



For Michael, following this mantra means each piece he creates is a reflection of his heritage, exploring that heritage's influence on his identity and expressing that heritage each day.

"It all starts with the mask," he says.

Inked in pride

Holly Mititquq Nordlum spent much of her childhood at her family's remote cabin in the Northwest Arctic Borough of Alaska. Her parents were competitive dog mushers who trained on the tundra. From the cabin, the Iñupiaq village of Kotzebue was a sparkle on the horizon 35 miles away.

The solitude was tough.

"I knew when I was very young it wasn't for me," Nordlum says.

Having now lived in Anchorage, the state's largest city, for 25 years, Nordlum creates her own multimedia and design artwork-and has also made an art of making connections. She connects Alaska Native schoolchildren to sources of cultural pride, Anchorage to indigenous populations and Inuit people across the circumpolar north to their ancestors.

This summer, one of her metalwork designs is scheduled to be installed along a wall next to a Midtown Anchorage bus stop. It tells the story of a creek that once Holly Mititquq Nordlum stands in front of her mural Caribou and Raven, Located on the exterior of Anchorage's largest public library, this work depicts a Dena'ina tale about the two animals.

flowed nearby. On the exterior of the city's largest public library, another metal mural illustrates a Dena'ina tale about a caribou and a raven.

Set in the busy city of about 300,000, both murals are reminders of Southcentral Alaska's original inhabitants. Though Nordlum isn't a member of the Dena'ina Athabascan population (her parents are Iñupiaq and Norwegian), she believes honoring the area's indigenous people is one way Anchorage can be unique.

"What makes it special is that it's the biggest Native village in Alaska," she says. "It should be celebrated everywhere."

While Nordlum's public art reaches a broad audience, her work in Anchorage schools delivers art face-to-face. Her participation in Project Ki'L ("kul'uh") fosters a culturally inclusive atmosphere and encourages academic success for Alaska Native and American Indian youths.

"I go into different schools, and teach an art class and talk about being Native,

> and what that means today, and how to be proud of it," she says.

> Nordlum calls it the most exhausting and fulfilling work she does. Some kids recall her message long after classes. "And

even if we didn't connect on a cultural level, they remember my face," she says.

In 2015, Nordlum began collaborating with Maya Sialuk Jacobsen, an Inuit artist from Greenland, to research and lead discussions about traditional tattoos. Historically, women used sinew thread and dye created from soot to create lines and dots on their faces, often on their chins. Nordlum says that, in part, the tattoos marked milestones and accomplishments in women's lives.

Three years ago, Jacobsen traveled to Anchorage to create a skin-stitch tattoo of



this sort on Nordlum's arm. Jacobsen then trained Nordlum and two other Alaskan women to tattoo others by hand in this traditional way. She also tattooed Nordlum's chin.

Media coverage of the artists' project, Tupik Mi, opened a floodgate of interest. In the time Nordlum has been tattooing Inuit women, she has seen how the process has a cathartic and healing power for the subjects. That's why she does it.

"It can be very emotional connecting to your ancestors," she says. "I knew this work could bring something positive."

Nordlum is facilitating connections among artists from Greenland, Canada and Alaska by organizing an art festival at The painting At the Center, above, makes use of porcupine quills and other media. Such materials are hallmarks of works by Colleen Firmin Thomas, below. A detail from The First Cut Tooth Is the Deepest, left, shows materials in relief.









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the Inuit Circumpolar Council General Assembly, being held this month in Utqiagvik, Alaska (formerly Barrow).

Artists from three disciplines—ulu knife making, trim design (of clothing) and tattooing-will attend, to share and learn from one another. The logistics are complex, but for Nordlum the challenge of organizing this event is one more installment in her art of personal connection.

"When you get artists together, they thrive," she says.

Quill power

Colleen Firmin Thomas sees each of her paintings as alive-possibly in part because many of her materials are biological.

Firmin Thomas uses porcupine quills, sinew, fur and sometimes human hair to create three-dimensional elements in her abstract works of acrylic paint on paper and canvas. The results range from subtle textures to sharp lines of relief.

Her first piece in this style recalled the top of her mother's sewing table in the family cabin near the village of Fort Yukon. While her father trapped for furs, her mom beaded slippers, gloves and barrettes with traditional Athabascan designs. Firmin Thomas used to watch her mother work.

The materials Firmin Thomas uses today reference those formative times in



Works designed by Rico Lanáat Worl, left, include skateboard decks and basketballs, above, that make use of the distinctive formline design style.

her life. "These all tell a story," she says of the elements she incorporates into her art.

Now living in Fairbanks, Firmin Thomas works in her home studio, where she juggles creating art with caring for her two young children. They sometimes watch from the next room just as she watched her mother. She often alternates among three or four pieces in progress.

"It gives me time to step back and not get too consumed by one piece," she says.

Her piece The First Cut Tooth Is the Deepest incorporates paper to add texture to the canvas. Raised rings encircle printed words from John Steinbeck's novella The Red Pony. Porcupine quills jut toward the viewer, inviting close inspection.



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Firmin Thomas earned a 2018 project grant from the Rasmuson Foundation, based in Anchorage. It will support her goal of creating 20 new pieces for a 2019 exhibition in Homer. She'll continue developing her work in a similar style, making use of quills that people give her and animal bones provided by her father.

In spite of the skill she employs, Firmin Thomas maintains a modest and exploratory approach to her art. "I feel like all of it is an experiment," she says.

Formline and function

When Rico Lanáat Worl returned to Alaska from college at the University of Pennsylvania, he was motivated to contribute in some way to his Tlingit culture and family, which had given him strength and confidence for many years.

Worl, who also has Athabascan heritage, earned his college degree in anthropology and often pondered how important it was to promote his Native identity. Deciding how to do that was a challenge for him.

In Juneau, while considering law school, he took up skateboarding. He painted a skateboard deck in a formline design, a style traditional to Tlingit culture with a distinctive use of bold, curvilinear shapes often found on carving and regalia in Southeast Alaska. Worl's work caught the attention of friends and family. Several wanted decks of their own.

"The whole business started from me just painting my clan crest on my longboard," he says.

Today the Juneau-based Trickster Company that he co-founded with his sister, Crystal, blends Tlingit formline with fashion, jewelry, sporting goods and more. With their works now sold around Alaska and with plans to expand to other states, Worl

is surprised and thrilled by the momentum.

Getting to this point required navigating two significant turning points. The first was allowing his original skateboard decks to be manufactured in order to reduce costs. Before that, he priced each board like it was a hand-painted work of art-because it was.

"They weren't really accessible," Worl says of the individualized works. He had a goal of having more youths find connection to cultural pride in everyday items. By allowing them to be manufactured, he increased the production efficiency and drove down the price enough to make the skateboards more widely

The second moment arrived when Worl hand-designed a deck of playing cards, with a crowdfunding campaign. The \$7 packs took off, and he was soon having thousands of them produced.

"That may have been the point where I realized the niche for the art-the design work that I do-was bigger than just my friends and family," he says. "It was clear there was a demand."

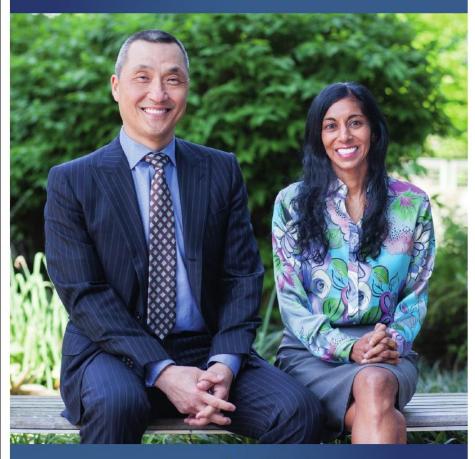
As Worl considers how to expand his product line, he takes joy in the fact that some of Juneau's thousands of annual visitors will return to their homes around the globe with authentically made pieces of Tlingit culture from his store in town.

When he hears about how his works—filled with pride in cultural roots and personal creativity-are being spread to the world, it "makes up for the hard parts of running a business," he says. "I love those stories." 🛪

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NEW

Distilleries, boutique shops and the LAFC pro-soccer team

By Matt Jaffe

Lost Spirits Distillery in downtown Los Angeles' Arts District defies easy categorization. Imagine that Tesla co-founder Elon Musk and film director Wes Anderson decided to go into business with Captain Jack Sparrow from Pirates of the Caribbean and Jack Daniel, himself, to produce premium whiskeys and rums.

This is my first exploration of the Arts District's growing distillery community, and I don't know what to expect as I enter a doorway brightly painted with a mural of the Queen of Hearts. Her eyes are moving back and forth in the animated mural, scanning the street in front of the otherwise nondescript early-1900s building.

Inside Lost Spirits, a pair of cooing, robotic topiary dinosaurs (they like their chins rubbed) stand guard on pilasters within the dark, almost spooky confines. Bryan Davis, the co-owner and visionary behind Lost Spirits, greets me and starts the tour that every visitor receives. He leads me into a dimly lit room bedecked with tropical plants and dangling ship's rigging, then pours a small sample of the distillery's Navy Style Rum.

I take a sip. The rum is intense and oaky, with hints of licorice and citrus, and a nice kick. It warms the soul as Davis, who founded and operates the

The intriguing doorway to Lost Spirits Distillery. distillery with his girlfriend and busithat it would be a good idea to create

ness partner, Joanne Haruta, explains the Lost Spirits philosophy. It's not just a distillery; it's an adventure. Davis sought to craft an immersive experience that melds taste and sensation.

"We made sure to create a rum [the Navy Style Rum] that matched the flavor profile of what we imagined the stuff they were drinking in Pirates of the Caribbean might taste like—if you could reach into the movie and grab a bottle," he says. "The rich flavor profile includes notes of boat tar and cannon smoke. Then we decided

a room where you could drink the rum in the terroir that it naturally comes from."

Lost Spirits, founded in 2010, moved to Los Angeles from Northern California in 2016 and began its public tours in 2017. It's one of the many new attractions in LA, where projects such as the Row DTLA development are drawing appreciative shoppers and diners, and where Major League Soccer's new Los Angeles Football Club is playing its inaugural season to the cheers of enthusiastic fans.

DISTILLERY ADVENTURE

After boarding a barge—yes, a barge—ornamented with four winged sphinxes at Lost Spirits, Davis and I drift into blackness, riding along a river (actually a 3-foot-deep water tank used to cool the still; Davis declines to reveal how long it is, because "part of the fun is that you can't tell how far you've actually traveled"). I hear sound effects: Crickets chirp; birds warble; and thunder rumbles in the distance.

We disembark at the inner sanctum of the distillery, home to the copper stills and tanks where the whiskey and rum are made. The vats are empty right now, but Davis says that during fermentation they bubble and fizz and churn, like cauldrons in a mad scientist's lair. Davis has a bit of the mad scientist about him, as well, and delights in describing the epic microbial war between bacteria and yeast for control of the planet, as well as the role of alcohol in the rise of civilization.

Even the copper stills are exotic at Lost Spirits Distillery. Co-founder Bryan Davis, right, says he wanted Lost Spirits to be not just a distillery, but also an adventure.

But there's serious method to the madness. Davis leads me through a pair of wooden double doors and into a brightly lit room, where boxy white machines, an electrical cabinet and stainless steel barrels are connected by tubes and hoses. This is the THEA One Reactor. THEA stands for Targeted Hyper-Esterification Aging-a term Davis tongue-in-cheek contrived so that he could use the name Thea, because the Titan goddess Thea (often spelled Theia), is the mother of the deities of the sun, moon and dawn. In plain English, he explains, the system replicates and accelerates the traditional barrel-aging process. It can produce a chemical signature comparable to that of spirits that have aged for 20 years or more.

"The entire process lasts six days; then we rest on the seventh," he says. "That's my favorite line of the tour, by the way."

If the process Davis describes is a kind of time machine, so is the tour itself. Caught up in the illusion, I've lost track of both space and time as we enter a small room where the walls are painted with a slightly maniacal-looking cat, a seahorse and several fish with human faces. Here we board a floating carousel—with high-backed benches and a two-seat seahorse—and circle slowly in total darkness to

emerge and disembark in the tasting room for the distillery's whiskeys. It's a library inspired by the classic science fiction film *The Island of Dr. Moreau*. The decorations include a first edition of the H.G. Wells novel, a very realistic dragon's skull that Davis fabricated, and a strange carving of a headhunter holding a head that he apparently just hunted. "When I saw it, I knew I had to have it," says Davis mischievously.

Even with a headhunter in the room, it's all very civilized as we sit down at a wood dining-room table, where Davis pours a sample of Crying of the Puma, a peated malt whiskey named after a chapter in *The Island of Dr. Moreau*. The whiskey is sweet on the nose, and tastes of caramel and peat before a lingering finish of smoke.

Another Lost Spirits whiskey, Sayers of the Law, scored an impressive 94 points in *Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2018*, with Crying of the Puma just a bit behind. Not ones to rest on their laurels, however, Davis and Haruta are always looking to improve on their spirits, as well as enhance the distillery tour. In August, they expect to add a botanical garden with fruiting trees from the Amazon. "So we can make brandy out of fruit that you've never heard of," Davis says.





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After the tour, while I wait for my rideshare, I think about how the Arts District has become a hub of the city's growing spirits scene, thanks to its comparatively affordable industrial spaces and to state regulations expanding privileges for craft distillers that took effect in 2016. Including Lost Spirits, there are now at least four distilleries open for tastings within just over a mile of each other in the district.

At Greenbar Distillery, which states that when it was founded in 2004 it became the first distillery in Los Angeles since Prohibition, you not only can take tours and taste spirits such as the bright, bold organic City Bright Gin—whose flavors reflect the Los Angeles melting pot, with Asian, Mexican and Middle Eastern ingredients—but also take classes in making the perfect cocktail. The other two distilleries are The Spirit Guild, best-known for its classic, balanced clementine-based Astral Pacific Gin, and Our/Los Angeles, which produces smooth, slightly fruity vodka from organic wheat.

ROW DTLA

A few days after visiting Lost Spirits, I'm back downtown to check out Row DTLA, a major adaptive-reuse project under development at the former LA Terminal Market, a century-old complex that was once the center of the city's wholesale-produce business. Row DTLA—named for long rows of buildings dating to the early 1900s, and for downtown LA—encompasses six giant warehouse buildings across 32 acres, with nearly 2 million square feet of interior space for retail, dining and offices.

That's a lot of square footage to fill, and Row DTLA, whose first stage opened in 2017, will continue to evolve for years to come as more and more tenants arrive.

But as I emerge from the 10-story parking garage, where vertical gardens cascade down the side from a rooftop garden, Row DTLA is already plenty busy.

I follow the crowd to Smorgasburg LA,



Grilled lobster, below, from
Lobsterdamus is among the food
options at the Smorgasburg Sunday
market, left, at Row DTLA. Below:
The development attracts everyone
from hipsters to families.





a Sunday market held in the 7th Street Produce Market. The open expanse between buildings is packed with food stands, yet what I'm most reminded of is a market in Europe. The early-1900s buildings have a certain Old World grandeur about them, and the market's setting feels like a piazza.

However, the scene is pure LA, with a mix of downtown LA hipster couples and families from elsewhere in the city, all drawn here for fun and a remarkable range of food offerings. A youth band from the Maqueos Music Academy plays traditional Oaxacan music as visitors search for open tables on which to set plates of mesquite-grilled lobster or flavorful *arepas* (Venezuelan and Colombian grilled maize, sort of pancakelike, and filled with ingredients such as avocado and plantains).

Before having lunch, I decide to stroll Row DTLA's adjacent streets, where design and clothing boutiques have opened in



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the ground-floor spaces. The spirit of the ocean and surfing infuses Banks Journal, a men's clothing designer that chose Row DTLA for the company's first brick-andmortar store, which opened in February.

Surfboards are lined up against one wall of the spare white space, which is washed by sunlight that pours through the floor-to-ceiling windows. An intricate art installation made of 1,000 linear feet of light-colored ash and poplar, somewhat reminiscent of a breaking wave, hangs from the ceiling. A sales associate explains that the piece was inspired by traditional Japanese woodworking techniques, and that the Banks Journal brand itself reflects its founders' Japanese and Australian backgrounds.

I select a black hoodie—at 30 percent off-then walk over to tokyobike. Like Banks Journal, it has a gallerylike feel, the better to show off the rich colors of the single- and multispeed city bicycles. Which I immediately covet. It's easy to imagine hopping on one of these bikes for a Tour de DTLA.

LOS ANGELES FC

More than an hour before the start of the Los Angeles Football Club's inaugural home-game match at the Banc of California Stadium, the house already is rocking. On one side of the stadium, the LAFC supporters group 3252—named for the precise number of seats in this rooting section—is chanting, singing, banging drums and waving flags in a nonstop show of devotion to the city's newest sports team.

The main concourse is thronged with fans browsing popular food options such as Seoul Sausage and Bludso's Bar & Que, while beverages include a collection of Southern California's leading craft beers.

The \$350 million stadium, located in 160-acre Exposition Park, is both intimate and grand, with the closest rows just 12 feet from the pitch. Translucent canopies provide relief from the sun and give the stadium a futuristic look. The stadium also embraces its downtown setting, with the city's skyline visible through a gap between the canopies. In addition, I

can see the peristyle of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The coliseum and the new soccer stadium will be among the sites hosting events for the 2028 Olympics in LA.

And it wouldn't be LA without a touch of celebrity. The LAFC ownership group includes actor Will Ferrell, soccer icon Mia Hamm, baseball star and LA-area native Nomar Garciaparra (Hamm's husband), and Basketball Hall of Famer and Los Angeles Lakers President of Basketball Operations Magic Johnson.

During pre-game ceremonies, Ferrell takes the field with a shaheen falcon named Olly perched on his arm. She's part of a squadron of these raptors serving as team symbols, which will share duties performing a unique pre-game ritual throughout the season. Olly takes flight and circles the stadium several times, swooping and diving majestically as the crowd chants her name.

The game itself is a grind-it-out affair that has less drama ... until LAFC defender Laurent Ciman's free kick in





Fans cheer, above and left, during Los Angeles Football Club's inaugural season, as the team plays a home game in its handsome new stadium.



ALSO NEW IN LA

RECENTLY OPENED

Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (theicala.org): An unconventional museum, ICA LA is a *kunsthalle*, a German word for an art institution without permanent collections that stages changing exhibitions. Formerly the Santa Monica Museum of Art, it reopened last fall as the Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, in a renovated Arts District garment warehouse. The new downtown location gives the museum a chance to connect with a more diverse audience. ICA LA focuses on contemporary art, and its inventive shows include "This Brush for Hire: Norm Laich & Many Other Artists," on view through Sept 2. The exhibit features paintings, signage and graphic installations by the LA-based Laich, who has collaborated with such leading artists as Ed Ruscha.

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ON THEIR WAY

Academy Museum of Motion Pictures (academymuseum.org): The long-anticipated museum is scheduled for a 2019 opening in a Renzo Piano–designed building. Dedicated to the art and science of movies, the museum will include a 1,000-seat theater.

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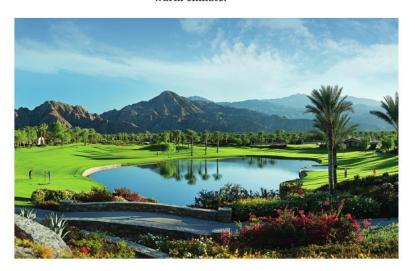
David and Kris decided a week in Mexico

Palm Desert area," says Mike, a real estate investor who purchased a 3,500-square-foot





house in the upscale Toscana Country Club in 2007. "The other big advantage is that we can be in Newport Beach or any of the beach towns in two hours. We really like the idea that you can go for weekend trips, see the ocean and hang out, and get this nice, warm climate."



From top: The Beach House brings a tropical feel to the Promontory Club in Utah.

Toscana Country Club in California is home to two Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses. In purchasing second homes, these two couples are part of a significant segment of the home-buying population. Approximately 721,000 vacation-home purchases were made in 2016, accounting for about 12 percent of all existing and new-home transactions, according to the National Association of Realtors 2017 Investment & Vacation Home Buyer's Survey. About a quarter of those second homes were purchased in resort areas,

which typically offer great amenities and helpful services within developments located in vacation destinations.

Whether you aspire to live the lake life, or you think the road to happiness is a golf-cart path, here are some reasons resort-property owners feel right at home in their second homes.

Amenities Abound at Resort Properties

Toscana Country Club has just about every nicety you could imagine, with two Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses, the Bill Harmon Performance Center for golf instruction, a spa, two restaurants, group exercise classes, tennis and pickleball courts, and an outdoor pool on 640 acres.

"I lovingly call it Camp Toscana," says Mike.
"We have one car but two golf carts, because my
wife is going to a Pilates or yoga class; I'm going
golfing; and we were having more scheduling
conflicts with the golf cart than the car."

At Danzante Bay, the new Rees Jones-designed TPC Danzante Bay golf course, winding through beach, cliff and canyon holes, gets top billing among the development's impressive list of amenities. The 18-hole course, which was completed in December 2017, is earning rave reviews, especially for its signature 17th hole, which is perched above the Sea of Cortés.

Also chief among Danzante Bay's features is access to the well-appointed Villa del Palmar Beach



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in Park City, Utah, were designed with the region's four-season lifestyle in mind. In winter, homeowners can take a 15-minute shuttle ride to the club's private ski-in, ski-out Alpine Lodge at Deer Valley, one of the top-rated ski resorts in the country. Here, the club

Facilities at the Promontory Club

concierge and ski valet have owners' skis, boots and poles at the ready.

Promontory outfitter Sean Smith, a former Olympian, skis with members and can also be found at the club's Outfitters Cabin, where he organizes tours and helps owners select the right gear for outdoor adventures.

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"I like the resort community because it has recreational facilities; the golf course is exceptional; and there are great restaurants," says David. "Everything you need is right there in front of you."

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courses in the state here at Promontory," says
Steve, a public affairs consultant who bought a
2,900-square-foot Promontory Club villa with his
wife, Terry, in 2016. "The Nicklaus Painted Valley
Golf Course, which we live on, is pretty spectacular, as are the clubhouses." The course is renowned
for its links-style layout through high-altitude
valleys.

At Rancho San Lucas, an 834-acre resort community being developed about 20 miles northwest of downtown Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, homeowners can relax at the beachside pools, bars and breezy cabanas, and savor gourmet cuisine at the luxury hotel Grand Solmar at Rancho San Lucas Resort Golf & Spa.

"We have the ability to take advantage of all of the hotel amenities, but we don't feel like we're smackdab in the middle of it all," says Lisa, who owns a planned 5,500-square-foot Rancho San Lucas estate with her husband, Pat.

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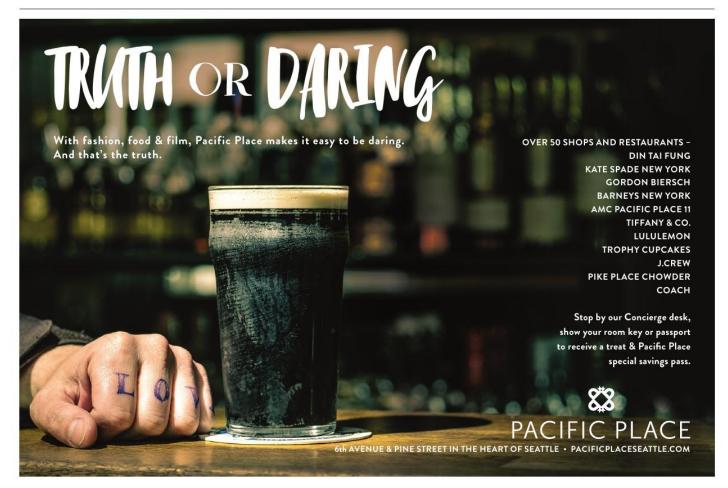
miles of biking are expected to open by the first quarter of 2019, while a Greg Normandesigned golf course is set to be inaugurated in summer/fall 2019.

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an in north-central Washington, it's all about enjoying the picturesque setting. The community has a lakefront cove where residents can dip their toes in the water, sit lakeside or venture out on a kayak. There's also the Lookout Marina, with 70 slips available for use by owners and guests. A community pool, hiking and biking trails, parks, sports courts and access to a neighboring winery are other amenities.



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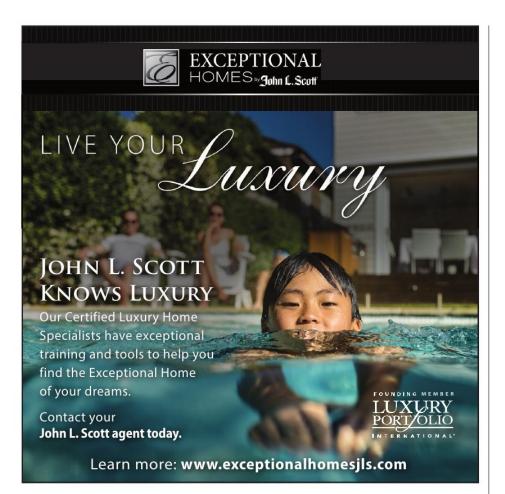
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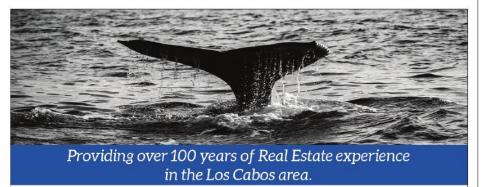
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At Rancho San Lucas, for example, estate owners have access to a full property-management menu that can be customized to suit their needs—everything from home repair to plant watering.

"They provide landscaping, housekeeping and grocery services. You just call ahead and tell them what you want," says Lisa. "We own another property, a lake house. If we're not there, it's not getting taken care of. When we show up, it doesn't feel like we're on vacation. We have to clean it up, get it ready to go, and then we can start having fun. Having turnkey service offers incredible peace of mind and value retention for your property."

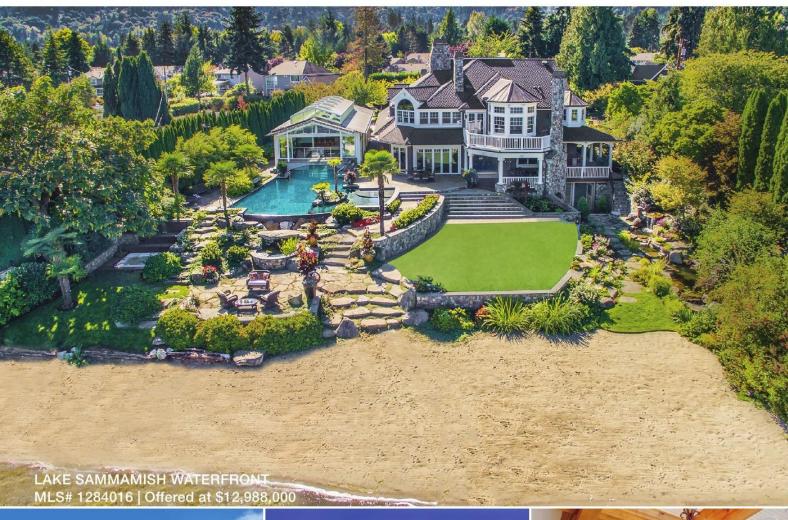
Second Homes That Pay for Themselves

Property-rental programs can make owning a second home more affordable while eliminating the hassle of renting the home yourself.

There are more than 50 homes in The Lookout's Cottage Rental program, with an on-site hospitality team that for a fee handles bookings, housekeeping and property upkeep when owners aren't using their homes. For Pete and Janice, who live north of Seattle, the ability to rent their 2,900-square-foot home made buying at The Lookout feasible.

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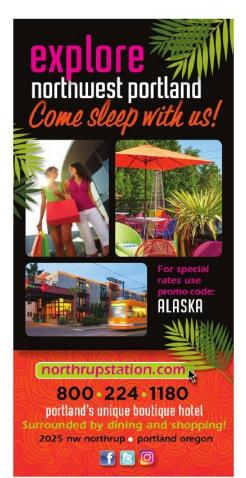
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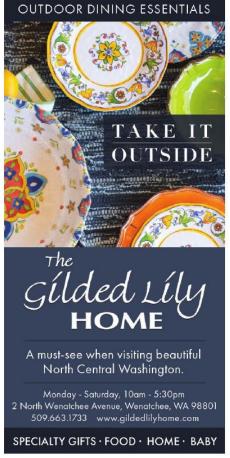
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of build-out cost," says Pete. "It let us afford a house that perfectly aligned with what we wanted."

Bookings of their home have increased over the last three years, with about 50 nights booked the first year and 100 or so nights the second year, Pete says. This summer, the house is completely booked.

"The renters are paying almost all of the house's operational costs."

Shared Ownership

Timeshares can make a vacation getaway more affordable while decreasing the burden of property management and upkeep. With timeshares, you're buying the right to use the property, and owners are allotted a certain amount of time.

Timeshares can also give you a chance to ease into an area. Lisa and her husband, Pat, first visited Cabo San Lucas in 2012, staying with friends at their timeshare at Playa Grande Resort.

Smitten by the experience, Lisa and Pat bought a timeshare, and then they expanded their commitment a year later.

"Every year after that, we expanded our commitment even further," she says. "We ended up with a total of three full weeks there and found ourselves going four or five times a year. So we really started talking about looking at more of a permanent property down there."

Be it beachside, lakeside or slopeside, a vacation home is more than just a getaway; it's a place to recharge and relax, gather with family or enjoy retirement. Ultimately, a second home offers the promise of a life lived on vacation, and what could be better than that?

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Jacquelyn and Leroy McChesney first visited Hawai'i in 1983 for a special occasion.

The California couple had decided to elope to the Garden Island and get married at the fern grotto at Smith's Kauai.

"We spent two nights in what is now the Marriott in Kalapakī Bay and then went backpacking up the Nāpali Coast," Jacquelyn McChesney says. "It was the absolute best way to start our lives together."

The rugged, natural beauty of the island, with its emerald cliffs and roaring waterfalls, kept the McChesneys coming back to Kaua'i. After decades of staying in hotels and several vacation rentals, the couple wanted a place of their own.

In 2016, they purchased a two-bedroom condominium at PiliMai at Poʻipū, a luxury resort community located near Poʻipū Beach on the island's famed south shore. They decorated the condo with local art and furnishings and visit there about five times a year. The rest of the time they rent it out. "It feels like coming home," McChesney says of visiting their condo in Kauaʻi. "For both of us, we get off the plane and just exhale."

The McChesneys aren't alone in wanting to own a part of paradise. In fact, according to the State of Hawai'i Data Book, U.S. mainlanders purchased 23 percent of Hawai'i's condominiums and single-family homes in 2016 (the latest year for which data has been published).

Homeownership has a special appeal for many visitors from the continental United States and around the world. More than 9 million people visited the Hawaiian Islands in 2017 to enjoy attractions that include world-class beaches, water adventures, beautiful sunsets, vibrant cultures, laidback lifestyles and farm-fresh foods.

And with more residential developments in the future, including an estimated 20 new condominium projects that are expected to dot the Honolulu skyline alone in the coming years, the level of sales to non-Hawai'i residents is only expected to continue. Offering beautiful locations and the best amenities, projects on all the major islands make it convenient to own a condo or a single-family home. And the purchase of a second home may be a good investment for asset diversification.



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Sunset moments, above, are one reason the Islands attract so many vacation-home buyers. PiliMai at Poʻipū, below, is one of Kauaʻi's newest condo developments.

A Deep Connection

Egen Moe says it is common for buyers of second homes in Hawai'i to mention the region's allure.

A resident of Oʻahu, Moe has been working in the local real estate industry since 1995 and is the senior vice president of Brookfield Residential Hawaiʻi, a real estate company with listings on all of Hawaiʻi's major islands.

He says most people who purchase a second home in the Islands do so because something

special happened there, giving them a connection to a specific place. "There was a magical moment with a sunset," Moe says. "Or maybe they proposed to their wife at a certain place 20 years ago or their kids love that island the most."

He adds that Oʻahu is the island with the most real estate transactions by out-of-state buyers, followed by Maui, Hawaiʻi Island and Kauaʻi. However, he says that much of this order in interest has to do with housing supply, which is highest on Oʻahu and Maui.

According to Moe, there are three main categories of people purchasing homes in Hawai'i: Those who live in the Islands full-time, part-timers such as the McChesneys, and those buying property as an investment. "The emotional and/or financial motivation for each one of those groups is a little different," he notes.

The condo lifestyle was perfect for the Mc-Chesneys, who decided that they didn't want to worry about the upkeep of a single-family home.

After looking at probably 40 different properties, they toured units at PiliMai at Poʻipū, adjacent to the Kiahuna Golf Club on the island's south shore, and knew immediately they had found their place.

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Construction began on the site in 2014. Today, the property includes luxury townhomes and condominiums, a pool, a spa, recreational facilities and plenty of green spaces. The McChesneys' condo is all on one level, with an attached garage and air conditioning. "That's important for older people," Jacquelyn McChesney says, laughing.

The couple loves the laid-back, no-worries approach to life. Jacquelyn says she and her husband, Leroy, also have immersed themselves in the local history and culture. The couple believe it is very important to respect the local culture, including the language and Hawaiian customs.

They also enjoy spending time on Kaua'i's Wailuā and Hanalei rivers. "I stand-up paddle-board, and my husband kayaks," Jacquelyn says. "We also do a lot of hiking."

Two years after purchasing their Kaua'i condo, the California couple is getting ready to move to Kaua'i permanently. She says they are planning to move to Hawai'i after Leroy retires next year. They will live full-time at their place in PiliMai, and rent out their home in central California. "We decided we wanted to eventually have Hawai'i be our full-time home," says Jacquelyn McChesney. "It was the realization of our love for Kaua'i."

A Home Away from Home

For Lindsay Davenport, it was Hawaiʻi Island that cast a spell on her and her future husband. The former World No. 1 female tennis player married her fiancé, Jon Leach—a former All-American tennis player at USC—on the island 15 years ago.

"We took our first vacation [together] to the Big Island in 2000," Davenport says. "We live in California, and we picked Hawai'i to be able to relax. It was one of those places we both loved immediately. In the next few years, we went to Kaua'i, Maui and O'ahu, but there was something special about the Big Island. We ended up getting married there a couple years later, in April 2003."

The couple, who have four children, ages 11, 9, 6 and 4, were visiting Hawai'i Island multiple times per year. However, Davenport says it had become challenging to go on vacations with the kids and all the packing. It would be easier if they had a place where they could store their sports equipment, clothes and other items, instead of carrying it all with them.

As a former professional tennis player who traveled the world, Davenport says she spent much of her youth on the road, and she wanted a different experience for her children.





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Luxury communities, such as Hawai'i Island's Kohanaiki, above and right, offer a variety of activities and special amenities for members.

"I wanted a home base. Even though you go to the same place time and time again, there's new things to do, and I feel like each time the kids are exposed to something different. They love it."

The family spent about four years searching for the perfect place. They looked at resort properties, ranches and neighborhoods on the west side of Hawai'i Island, but nothing felt quite right.

Finally, a friend recommended they check out Kohanaiki. They originally wanted to build their own home, but with the distance and their busy schedules, it made more sense to buy an available furnished four-bedroom home. Davenport says that when they heard about the house, they decided it was fate.

"When we saw it, we were like, 'Yes, this is it; we've been waiting for this for years,'" she says.

So, in 2014, Davenport and Leach purchased their single-family home at Kohanaiki, a 450-acre private-club community that opened in 2011. Located on the Kona coast, the community has homeowners who include professional athletes, Hollywood celebrities and business executives.

"It feels like a true second home," says Davenport, adding that they fly to Hawai'i Island eight to 10 times each year. "It is a vacation, yes, but we're excited to see our friends—people who have become like family to us."

Davenport's own family likes being active during their visits. "We get pretty adventurous," she says. "My older two kids have done pretty much everything on the island. Their favorite thing is biking around with my husband and finding

waterfalls. They have the best time."

Davenport's home in Kohanaiki means the family's vacations are hassle-free. The community is known for its first-rate amenities, including a \$65 million clubhouse, which features a wine cellar, a brewery, a bowling alley, a theater, a spa and more. There's also an 18-hole Rees Jones-designed golf course and members-only beach access. Davenport says she feels Kohanaiki is a family-friendly, kid-oriented place. "It's somewhere they can ride their bikes and explore on their own," she says.

Davenport and Leach like the area so much, they've talked about moving to Hawai'i Island. "Our jobs keep us in Southern California, so we can't live in Hawai'i full-time yet, but that's the ultimate goal," she says.

In the meantime, they plan to spend more time on the island. "We've been trying to take off a big chunk and go there for three months," Davenport says. "We just love the lifestyle there."

The Joys of Maui

Family is one of the main reasons Jayne and Peter Schipperijn have found a second home in Maui.

The Southeast Texas couple started visiting the island when their children were in grade school, and they liked it so much, they kept coming back.

"It became our favorite vacation place," says Jayne Schipperijn. "Our children have such great memories there."

In 2013, the Schipperijns purchased a twobedroom condominium at Honua Kai Resort & Spa, along renowned Kāʻanapali Beach—an area that



Honua Kai Resort & Spa, on Mau'i's Kā'anapali Beach, features a 3-acre aquatic playground with waterfalls and waterslides. is one of the most popular vacation spots on the island.

Fast-forward five years, and the Schipperijns now own two condos at Honua Kai and a third, soon-to-be-built townhome at Luana Garden Villas, a new luxury development next door.

Not only does the couple visit Maui three to four times a year, often with their two children, who are now adults, but also the condos have turned into a side business for the couple. "To me, it's the ideal situation. We own these properties, and we rent them out so we can cover most of our day-to-day costs," Jayne Schipperijn says of the Honua Kai condos. "When we want to go on vacation, they are there."

Maui's unique environment never ceases to amaze the Schipperijns. The two have backgrounds in geology: Jayne is a retired petroleum geologist and Peter still works for an energy company.

"When I look out at the mountains, I see an ancient shield volcano," she says, adding that they enjoy driving out to the lava fields in south Maui. "We find the whole aspect of the Hawaiian Islands so compelling."

She says that Honua Kai is a family-centric community that attracted her and Peter. The resort features a 3-acre aquatic playground with pools, waterfalls and a waterslide; communal barbecue areas; and units that range from studios to three-bedroom suites. "We felt Kā'anapali Beach is all about families," she says. "Buying property there is



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While many of the occupants of Honua Kai are part-time owners or vacationers, the couple say unit owners stay connected via an online forum. The resort also offers weekly owners' meetings. "It's a neighborly community," Jayne Schipperijn says. "Everyone says, 'Hi, how's the beach today?"

The Honua Kai resort was first built in 2009, with a second building opening in 2010. The Schipperijns decided to buy two furnished Honua Kai condos. For their future condo in Luana Garden Villas, they decided to choose a larger unit.

"With Luana, we'll have a garage, so we're thinking about getting a car and bicycles so we'll be able to have a more permanent home environment," Jayne Schipperijn says.

The couple always look forward to visiting their home away from home. "My blood pressure goes down when I'm there," she says. "Everything slows down, I find it so relaxing and calming."

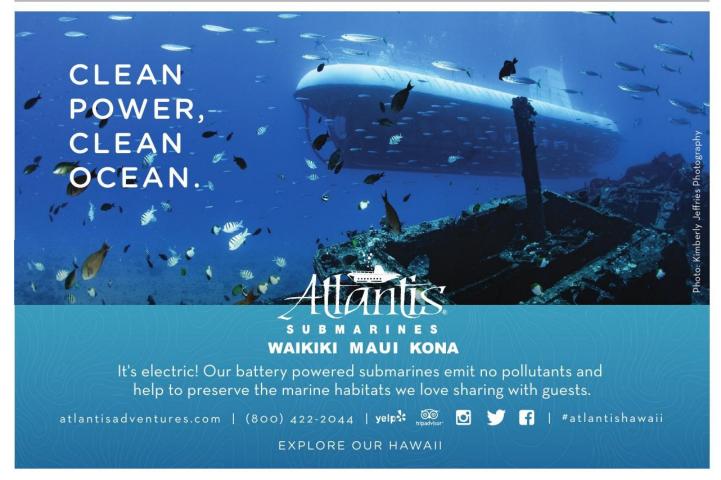


Meeting a Variety of Needs

When it comes to condominium development, the top island remains Oʻahu, the most populous of the main islands. One of the largest new developments is Ward Village, which has opened two condo towers, with three more on the way. The village's new Anaha tower has really turned heads.

Walk or drive to the intersection of Kamake'e and Auahi streets in the Honolulu neighborhood of Kaka'ako and you'll see people looking skyward.

A rendering of Luana Garden Villas, the latest development at Honua Kai Resort & Spa, which is scheduled to open in 2019.







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Buying a home in the Islands can be a rewarding experience. However, as with all real estate transactions, it's important to know the market and how you plan to use the property. Egen Moe, the senior vice president of Brookfield Residential Hawai'i, offers the following advice for those considering buying into Hawai'i real estate.

Consider the type of property you want to buy: Deciding between a condo, townhome or single-family home is crucial. Also decide how much space you will need. "Second-home owners don't need a lot of personal items. In particular, since the last recession, downsizing was really important to a lot of families. People are asking themselves whether they really need a 5,000-square-foot home if a 2,200-square-foot model will do."

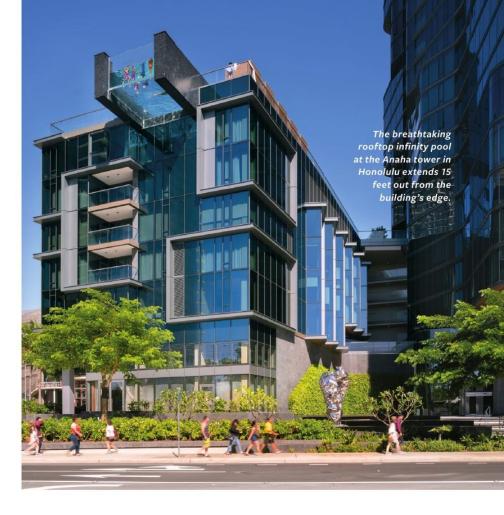
Determine if the property is for investment purposes or if you'll live there part-time: Depending on finances, choose whether to purchase a new property or a pre-owned home. You will also need to decide if you'll rent out your home when you're not in the Islands. "Many people rent out their homes until they are ready to live there full-time or, perhaps, sell in the future." —T.H.

They're gazing at the swimming pool of Anaha, a 38-story luxury condominium tower completed in 2017. The glass-bottom infinity pool is located 75 feet above the ground and extends 15 feet out from the building. It is the first pool of its kind in Hawai'i. "The pool literally stops traffic, both pedestrian and vehicle traffic," says Davie Felipe, general manager of the Anaha tower. "People are looking up constantly when they come to this intersection."

For second-home buyers, condos can be very appealing, even if they don't have suspended infinity pools hanging over the street. A condo can mean greater affordability, easier upkeep and more on-site amenities.

Felipe, who has worked in the Hawai'i hospitality industry for 21 years and has managed four different properties, says buyers want prime locations and top amenities. "The location is everything, of course, and buyers tell us that," Felipe says. "But I'll tell you a big appeal is also the service and the staff."

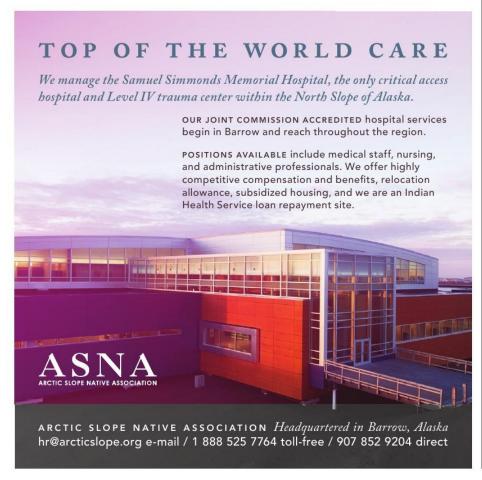
The 317-unit Anaha tower, which opened last fall, boasts 50 employees. Felipe says that before opening, the staff underwent an intensive five-week hospitality training program on ways to assist the owners. The building has a host of state-of-the-art amenities, which include











private dining rooms, a sand volleyball court, a wellness center, a dog park, a putting green and more.

Each morning, the kitchen staff serves complimentary coffee from 7 A.M. to 10 A.M. in the building's community room, where about 70 regulars start their day.

Race Randle, a senior vice president of the Howard Hughes Corporation, which is developing Ward Village, moved his family to Anaha from Oʻahu's North Shore last fall after the building opened. He says he was attracted to the prime location. The move has improved his work-life balance and given him more time with his family.

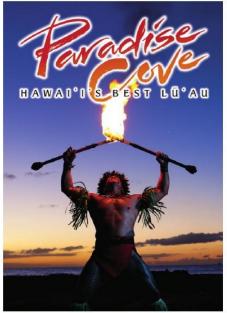
"At Anaha, I rarely drive because it has everything we need," says Randle, whose office is in Ward Village. "There's a Whole Foods Market, shops, restaurants, a movie theater and playgrounds. Even some of O'ahu's best surf breaks are all within walking distance."

Randle also appreciates the service and amenities. "The service level and the welcoming staff make Anaha feel like home," he says.

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DISCOVERING THE CITY OF FOUNTAINS

Kansas City culture shines with art, jazz and barbecue

By Allyson Wilson

Whenever friends and family visit
Kansas City, I always ask one very important question: "Want to grab some barbecue?" As far as I'm concerned, no trip to KC is complete without trying the tender, juicy and hickory-smoked goodness that is local barbecue.

In KC, barbecue isn't just something you eat; it's a way of life that's deeply ingrained in the city's history and culture. After all, the cattle and hog business helped put Kansas City on the map. The city's stockyard was one of the largest in the nation, hitting its zenith in the 1920s.

I tell visitors, usually over a plate of delicious, sauce-coated, crispy tips of smoked brisket—known as burnt ends—about how Kansas City has Henry Perry to thank for our focus on the smoky meats. Perry, called the "Father of Kansas City barbecue," is the first recorded barbecue restaurateur in the city. He inspired many others to try their hand at the cooking style and helped define KC's famous



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barbecue profile, which generally includes patting down the meats with a sweet and spicy dry rub. Then the meats are smoked low and slow (often for many hours) while being basted with a tangy tomato-andmolasses-based sauce.

Today, Perry is celebrated in Kansas City's Barbecue Hall of Fame (which celebrates barbecue's pioneers), and his influence can be tasted all over the area, including at Arthur Bryant's Barbeque, whose original owners are said to have worked under Perry himself. Celebrities, including Harrison Ford, Steven Spielberg, and former presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and Harry S. Truman, have enjoyed Bryant's succulent and flavorful ribs, covered in the signature tangy burnt-orange-colored sauce.

With more than 100 barbecue restaurants in this city, figuring out where to partake in it's specialty can be challenging. For those new to 'cue, I typically suggest KC Barbecue Tours. The busguided excursion offers passengers the chance to visit well-known barbecue locations and a few hidden gems, such as LC's Bar-B-Q.

National-list-topping barbecue is served at Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Que and at Q39, as well as at newer restaurants such as Slap's BBQ. There are even vegetarian and vegan versions of barbecue, so everyone can savor this treat.

One of the best ways to experience barbecue is at the American Royal World Series of Barbecue, September 13-16 this year at the Kansas Speedway. A staple since 1980, the competition includes more

DID YOU KNOW?

Kansas City goes by many handles, but it's best known as the "City of Fountains." To date, KC is home to more than 200 breathtaking public and private fountains, including the iconic and most-photographed J.C. Nichols Memorial Fountain, shown at left.



than 400 barbecue teams from seven countries, and it attracts more than 50,000 people, who come from far and wide to try the barbecue and enjoy a variety of activities, including live music and a car show.

All That Jazz

Jazz might have been born in New Orleans, but locals are fond of saying that it grew up in Kansas City, with influences from blues and ragtime. The city was home to musical legends such as Charlie Parker and Big Joe Turner, and the city's nightclubs helped launch the careers of Count Basie and Andy Kirk.

Jazz still thrives in the city, with more

>>> The J.C. Nichols Memorial Fountain, opposite page, is one of the city's most popular waterworks. Kansas City is known for its distinctive barbecue, which is served at such famous locations as Arthur Bryant's Barbeque, above. Green Lady Lounge, below, is one of more than 40 live jazz places you will find in Kansas City.





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You can visit the original center of the local jazz scene at the 18th & Vine Historic District. The area is home to the American Jazz Museum, which keeps the spirit of the music alive through exhibits and collections. The museum also hosts top acts at the Blue Room Jazz Club four nights a week, with free performances on Mondays and Thursdays. Check out jam sessions on Mondays and Indigo Hour performances on Fridays, both at 5 p.m. Concerts this month include The Band Oasis on July 6 and the jazz ensemble Pablo Sanhueza and the KC Latin Jazz All-Stars on July 26, in the Blue Room.

Located in the same building as the jazz museum is the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, which uses artifacts dating from the late 1800s, film exhibits and multimedia displays to chronicle the league's history, its brightest stars and its impact on baseball.

Family Fun

About 2 miles southeast of the jazz museum is Union Station. Built in 1914, the 850,000-square-foot limestone structure is hailed as an architectural gem known for its Beaux-Arts design, its 95-foot-tall

grand hall ceiling adorned with ornate acorn rosettes, its marble floors and its massive chandeliers.

Today, Union Station is still an Amtrak train station. However, it also houses exhibits on Kansas City history and various award-winning attractions that invite visitors to embark on a journey of discovery. The facility offers hands-on experiments at Science City, stargazing at the Arvin Gottlieb Planetarium and watching summer blockbusters on the 53-foot-tall, 80-foot-wide screen at the Regnier Extreme Screen Theatre.

>>> Visitors enjoy a close-up look at the penguins, left, inside the Helzberg Penguin Plaza at the Kansas City Zoo. Union Station, above, is a working train station and home to historical and science exhibits, a planetarium and the Regnier Extreme Screen Theatre.

Other Activities Around KC

The City Market in the River Market Neighborhood has shops, restaurants and groceries that are open all week long and year-round. On the weekends, a farmers market, right, is held within the City Market, where you'll find produce, flowers, food and artisanal crafts at more than 150 vendor stalls.

The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures showcases more than 72,000 toys and the world's largest collections of fine-scale miniatures.



■ The National WWI Museum and Memorial examines the Great War through pictures, art, film, artifacts and the stories of troops who were part of the war effort. Be sure to take a selfie atop the Liberty Memorial Tower, an iconic KC landmark that honors those who served in WWI. -A.W.

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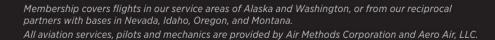
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It also features exhibits from groups such as the Smithsonian Institution, including "Dinosaurs Revealed: A Journey Across America," which will be on display at Union Station July 3-January 4. Visitors will come face-to-face with 26 life-size animatronic dinosaurs, walk through replicas of North American dinosaur dig sites and see how volcanoes work.

Just to the southeast of Union Station is Crown Center, a popular spot for youngsters. Inside Legoland Discovery Center, children can use their imaginations to create structures, art and race cars. They can also rescue a princess and become Merlin's new apprentice.

Crown Center has more family fun at the Sea Life Aquarium, where you can learn about the breathtaking world beneath the oceans, as well as touch a horseshoe crab and a sea star.

The center's Coterie Theatre offers a variety of productions. This summer the celebrated theater presents Goosebumps: The Musical (through August 5), based on the kids' books. And every Friday night through August 3, Crown Center Square will feature free music and a film.

About 3 miles south of Crown Center is The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, a free-admission gallery that boasts works such as Claude Monet's Water Lilies, Thomas Hart Benton's Persephone and



>> The installation Shuttlecocks is one of the most famous works at Kansas City's Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

Dorothea Lange's Migrant Mother in the permanent collection. The art museum also features the Donald J. Hall Sculpture Park, which encompasses the surrounding grounds and houses pieces such as The Thinker by Auguste Rodin, Rumi by Mark di Suvero, and the iconic Shuttlecocks by Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, which depicts a larger-than-life game of badminton.

On the east side of town, you'll find the city's largest green space, Swope Park. Nestled within its 1,805 acres is the Kansas City Zoo, where you can marvel at animals such as caracals, orangutans and Matschie's tree kangaroos, to name a few.

The park's stunning Starlight Theatre is touted as one of the nation's best

Dining

Columbus Park Ramen Shop (columbusparkramenshop.com): Housed in a converted garage, the ramen shop is known for its



flavor-packed bowls of slurp-worthy ramen and its awesome musical playlists. Just follow the golden "ramen" arrow to the restaurant.

■ Stock Hill (stockhillkc.com): The stars of this reimagined steakhouse are the wood-fire-grilled steaks, which can be enhanced with your choice of rubs, sauces and aging methods. The fine decor sets the mood for a wonderful meal. Just make sure to leave room for the Meyer lemon tart. -A.W.



Lodging

■ The Fontaine (thefontainehotel.com): Located in the fashionable heart of Country Club Plaza, this sophisticated hotel, left, offers a slice of affordable luxury. Amenities such as a rooftop pool and lounge, a gourmet restaurant, and views of the shopping district may mean you'll never want to leave.

■ Hotel Phillips (hotelphillips.com): Want a lodging experience brimming with Gatsby-era opulence? Opt for this local favorite. The boutique hotel marries modern finishes with original Art Deco details and features three dining options: Tavernonna, P.S. Speakeasy and the Kilo Charlie coffee bar. -A.W.









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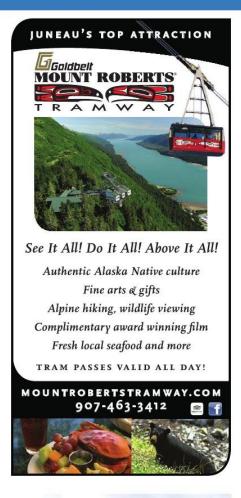
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Fans enjoy a Kansas City Royals game at Kauffman Stadium.

outdoor venues. It will offer shows throughout the summer, including performers Styx and Joan Jett on July 10; comedians Cedric the Entertainer, Eddie Griffin, D.L. Hughley and George Lopez on July 13; and the musical *Hairspray*, July 27–August 2.

About 10 miles northeast of downtown is the Worlds of Fun amusement park, with more than 100 rides, including the Patriot, an inverted roller coaster that rolls and loops at 65 mph. Admission to the amusement park includes access to the connected Oceans of Fun water park, with rides and activities.

Another rite of summer here is attending a Kansas City Royals MLB game at Kauffman Stadium. There's something about the stadium's stunning design, friendly Royals fans, craft beers and special ballpark food, such as maple-bacon macaroni and cheese, or the KC Boss dog, which is topped with macaroni and cheese, bacon bits, barbecue sauce and parsley. These elements combine to make the games a special experience and a great way to cap off a trip to Kansas City.

Allyson Wilson writes from Kansas City.

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BRILLIANT BEIJING

From a Ming-era wall to a next-gen stadium By David Armstrong

>> I have visited Beijing eight or nine times, drawn by the Chinese city's layered, fascinating fusion of the ancient and the modern. I'm hard-pressed to play favorites with the northern capital city's historical sites (which number more than 7,000 in all), but I'll say this: Few experiences can top the Great Wall of China.

On a recent trip, I returned to the popular, partially restored Badaling stretch of the Great Wall—built during the Ming Dynasty (1368 to 1644)—which affords great views and is located about 50 miles outside Beijing. The Great Wall began as individual fortifications in Northern China and Southern Mongolia, which were then joined over the following centuries. The bulwark is now an estimated 13,170 miles long, including stone walls, natural defensive barriers and trenches.

Badaling exemplifies the city's appeal; Beijing was a center of Chinese arts, power and culture during the Ming and Qing dynasties (1644–1912), and left behind spectacular places of interest for visitors, who can also enjoy contemporary Beijing's vibrant cultural attractions.

On the wall's winding, paved walkway, I passed a group of smiling young Chinese soldiers posing for selfies. Steep, handrail-equipped sections of walkway and uneven pavement in places required a "climb" here and there. But I noticed many families visiting the Great Wall that day; assuming that children are up for a mildly challenging walk, it's a family-friendly place.

The path is studded with stone towers and notched with lookouts and historic battle stations. I took in the wall's serpentine twists along ridgetops, and the rugged, hilly landscape below. I lingered in admiration of the sheer ambition of the builders of a past age, as the happy chatter of visitors surrounded me.

I took a car and driver that day, but the city's public transportation system is excellent for reaching a destination. Metropolitan Beijing is enormous, with 21.5 million residents, and sights dispersed around the metropolitan area. One of the



better methods for getting around is by Beijing Subway, as the metro serves the city with 21 lines. The trains are punctual, clean and safe, with announcements in Mandarin and English. Cycling is another good method of transportation, especially in good weather. (Beijing has cold, dry winters and hot, humid summers.) Much of the urban area is flat, with well-marked bicycle lanes.

In the city center, an iconic site is Tiananmen Square, built in 1651 and enlarged to four times its original size in 1958. One of the world's largest city squares, Tiananmen is surrounded by sights new and old, including museums, a performance center and an ancient palace complex.

To Tiananmen Square's west are the massive marble columns and pink granite base of the Great Hall of the People, where the National People's Congress convenes in an 10,000-seat auditorium.

>>> Clockwise from top: Badaling section of the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City and the National Centre for the Performing Arts.



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Just a bit farther west is the modern National Centre for the Performing Arts, a home to everything from traditional Chinese opera to an international theater festival. The center's eye-popping ellipsoidal dome is made of glass and titanium, and is surrounded by an artificial lake.

East of the square, the National Museum of China features six floors, 48 exhibition halls and more than 1 million permanent objects, ranging from paleolithic pieces to contemporary exhibitions focused on Chinese modern fine art.

Tiananmen's northern edge leads to perhaps modern China's most famous visage—the revolutionary leader Mao Zedong's large official portrait. The portrait marks an entrance to the Forbidden City, so named as it was once a "forbidden" destination for most subjects of imperial China—in fact, only the emperor could wander freely throughout the palace complex.

Today, this UNESCO World Heritage site is open to visitors, and contains more than 100 colorful buildings, halls, courtyards, a temple, an imperial garden and one of China's largest wooden structures, The Hall of Supreme Harmony. Precious jewels, porcelain, jade and silks, embroidery and scrolls are among the thousands of museum artifacts exhibited, and include some of the 3,000 pieces of imperial tableware.

Outside the Forbidden City's walls are the an-

cient, mazelike *hutong* neighborhoods. A hutong is an alleyway or narrow lane amid traditional Chinese courtyard residences; the meaning has expanded to include the neighborhood itself. The preserved low-rise buildings give an evocative taste of Old Beijing. On my strolls I typically pass dozens of closely bunched, single-story shops selling all manner of worldly goods: water chestnuts, melons, eggplants, radishes and cabbages, shoes, sweaters, dried medicinal herbs, and one of my local favorites: slightly sweet, chewy hot pork buns.

On a Beijing trip three years ago, a local guide took me on a scheduled home visit with a hospitable hutong family: mother, father and grown daughter. The family couldn't have been more gracious. They enjoy welcoming people from all over to their home, the father said to my guide, who interpreted. In the homey living room, the mother poured a pot of steaming tea into tiny cups and laid out dishes of almonds, plump tangerine sections and small, sweet cookies.

It was perhaps the simplest meal I've had in Beijing, and one of the most satisfying. Official relations between China and America may sometimes be fraught, but when you connect in a person-to-person way, it's a very different world.

After more chatting and eating, I departed through the courtyard, with its well-tended ginkgo tree, and returned to the street. I listened to the





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soft whirr of passing bicycles and the scratching of a broom made of bound, bare twigs in the hands of a woman sweeping the sidewalk. On a nearby street, a tourist family, complete with excited children, rode by in a passing rickshaw.

North of the Forbidden City, the Bell Tower and Drum Tower are two-story brick-and-stone buildings, and from the 13th century to the early 20th century, the towers' drums and bells were used to mark time. Even now, a large traditional drum and enormous old bell are sounded at regular intervals. When the 23-foot-tall, 63-ton copper bell is struck, its deep tones resonate and linger.

The Temple of Heaven is a complex of



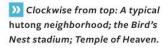
LODGING

- Shangri-La's China World Hotel: This five-star hotel offers a lobby filled with Ming-era artwork and rooms lit with Bohemian crystal chandeliers.
- The Opposite House: A 99-room, art-filled boutique hotel with a large central courtyard, and emerald-hued modernist exterior in trendy Sanlitun.
- Vue Hotel Houhai Beijing: A slategray state-owned hotel building has been transformed into a contemporary hotel with landscaped gardens, with some rooms offering views of Houhai Lake and the greenery of Houhai Park.

DINING

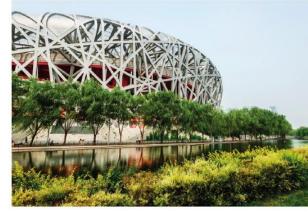
- Dali Courtyard Restaurant: Situated off a charming *hutong* courtyard, Dali features seasonal alfresco dining and a menu with the chile-spiced food of Yunnan province in southwest China.
- Jing Yaa Tang: Located inside The Opposite House, this restaurant has a well-regarded Beijing roast duck and a number of regional Chinese dishes.
- TRB Forbidden City: Modern,
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handsome centuries-old Chinese temples, once reserved for Ming and Qing dynasty emperors, and now a public park. Even larger than the Forbidden City, the 675-acre Temple of Heaven makes liberal use of gleaming white marble and cypress tree-softened, extensive grounds.

In Beijing's northwest, a pleasant 40-minute ride on a long, flat-bottomed boat down the Changhe River takes visitors past the former summer home of China's royal family. The riverboat calls at the Beijing Zoo, then ends its journey at the magnificent 18th-century Beijing



Summer Palace, which this year celebrates its 20th year as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The complex contains 100 pagodas, pavilions, promenades and traditional halls, set amid a lush backdrop of woods, hills and landscaped gardens.

At the Summer Palace, weeping willows reach down to the surface of Kunming Lake. Long ago, the imperial family escaped the heat of summer here; the cooling breezes found on a warm afternoon are still instantly refreshing. Walking along the open-sided Long Corridor affords lovely views of pavilions, arched stone bridges and other soothing sights.

Vaulting from past to present to future and back again is a common experience in Beijing, and part of the fun. Beijing will be

LONG WEEKEND IN BEIJING

DAY ONE

- Visit **Tiananmen Square's** expansive public plaza in the heart of Beijing. The colonnaded mausoleum of Mao Zedong displays Mao's embalmed remains. Free admission. No cameras. Expect long lines.
- Plan a path through the **Forbidden City,** former home of China's emperors and filled with 980 buildings.
- Try a nightcap and finger food at **Centro at Kerry Hotel.** Enjoy cocktails, DJs and dancing into the wee hours.

DAY TWO

■ The Great Wall at Badaling is Beijing's nearest point of access to the monumental wall, which winds over ridges.

- On the way back to Beijing, visit the Ming Tombs, featuring the splendors of the Ming Dynasty.
- Dine at **Celestial Court,** St. Regis Hotel. Elegant decor, with fine-dining Cantonese cuisine with seasonal seafood and vegetarian dishes.

DAY THREE

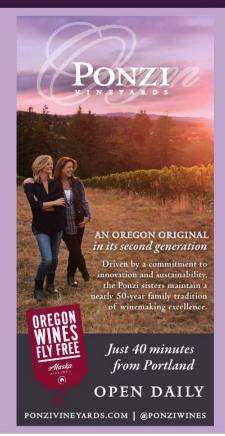
- Walk **Sanlitun Road**, graced with trees and embassies, in the Sanlitun area.
- Window shop for the latest designer clothing in **Taikoo Li Sanlitun**, which also offers art galleries, a theater and more than 60 dining spots.
- Evening on Sanlitun Road's east side ("Bar Street"): Pick a bar or cafe that looks appealing. Some have DJs and live music, while most have food. —D.A.

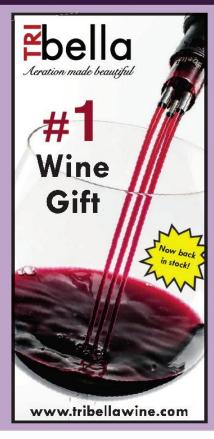


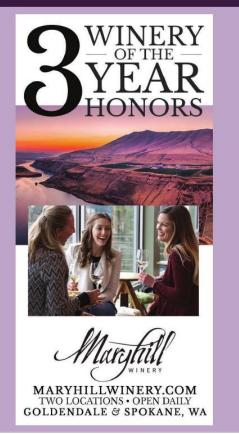
the first city to host the Olympic Games in both seasons; the city plans to follow up its highly successful 2008 Summer Olympic Games by welcoming the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. That may sound a long way off, but the approach of the Winter Olympics is prompting updates to much of the 2,800-acre Olympic Park, more than half of which is covered by forest.

For architectural eye candy, the two prime structures in Olympic Park are the metallic, interlaced Chinese National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest,

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which will host the opening and closing ceremonies, and the blue-hued National Aquatics Centre, which resembles a cube of water (right down to the bubbles) and is the future home of curling competitions.

Visitors can't enter the buildings while they're being renovated, but it's perfectly fine to walk around the ample Olympic Park and eyeball these elegant structures. As I did, ready your phone or camera, and take advantage of some superb photography opportunities.

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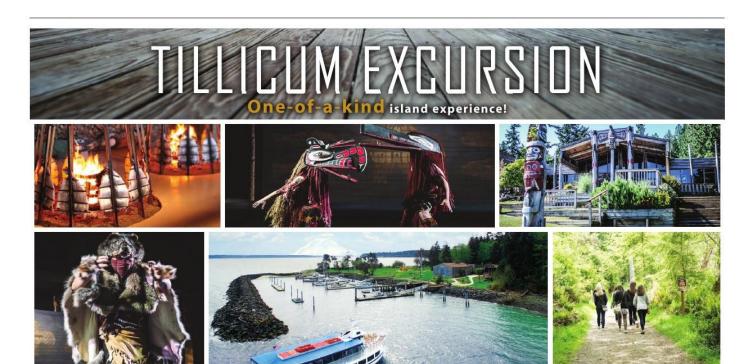
Seattle native Gary Locke lived and worked in Beijing as the U.S. ambassador to China from 2011 to 2014, after serving two terms as governor of Washington state from 1997 to 2005. Here's his Beijing to-do list:

- Walk inside the opera house—the National Centre for the Performing Arts. It's an incredible building, so great with the translucent ceilings and the water all around it. It's right by Tiananmen Square and assorted historical sites, such as the Forbidden City, which people should see.
- For great Peking duck, I like the **Duck de Chine** restaurant. It's located in a
 former factory in a development called
 1949: The Hidden City, in the hip Sanlitun
 neighborhood, which is full of restau-

rants and nightlife. The "1949" refers to the Chinese Revolution of that year. Duck de Chine's Peking duck is tender, moist and crispy-skinned. We lived in Sanlitun, near Ritan Park, where the embassies are located. Sanlitun also has interesting traditional *hutong* alleyways. You can travel through the hutongs by foot, or you can ride a bike, or be taken around in a rickshaw on a tour.

■ The **798 Art Zone** is interesting. It's a whole bunch of old factories that have been converted into art galleries, restaurants and cafes. It has great outdoor street sculptures, and artist studios and galleries with very avant-garde work. I like the big outdoor sculptures of three red dinosaurs in cages. It's fun to go to the 798 Art Zone, and see the energy, inventiveness and dynamism of modern China.

-D.A.



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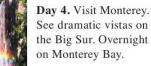
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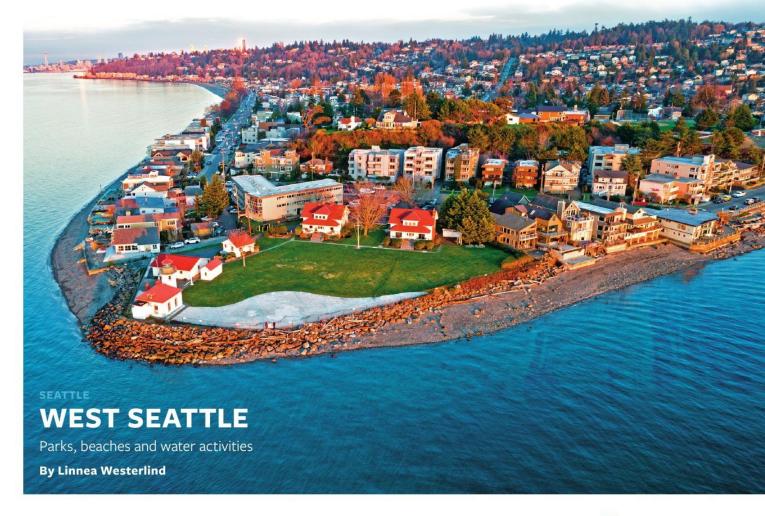
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we live here! My husband and I, and our friends, have adopted this as our motto—something we say to each other as a reflection of gratitude on evenings when we're gathered at Lincoln Park for a casual barbecue. Our kids enjoy the park's 4.6 miles of walking paths, and then climb a hillside, just enough out of sight to provide them with the thrill of freedom as we adults grill hot dogs and watch the sunset.

On warm summer evenings, it isn't unusual for someone to strip down to a bathing suit, and suddenly half the group is running into 50-degree Puget Sound water for a dip. Or we might go over to the park's heated saltwater Colman

Pool. Its public-swim hours usually include a family swim on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Growing up with parents who loved the outdoors, I've always been drawn to parks. Lincoln Park, in particular, captured my heart as a child when my family would drive 45 minutes from our home in another part of the Puget Sound area to picnic in the 100-plus-acre urban park. When I moved to West Seattle more than a decade ago with my soon-to-be husband, the park became my weekly getaway. Now, with three kids of our own, places such as Lincoln Park have come to embody what I love about my

>> The Alki Point Lighthouse is an iconic West Seattle site.

A FEW WEST SEATTLE FAVORITES:

- Click! Design That Fits (clickdesignthatfits.com): This well-curated shop has great gift ideas and locally made products.
- Easy Street Records and Cafe (easystreetonline.com): Last year the Travel Channel named Easy Street (shown at right) one of "8 Must-Visit American Record Stores," noting the "massive" stock of new



and used records, along with live in-store shows. National and local bands periodically perform at the store, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Food, drinks and listening stations are available at the adjacent cafe.

• Husky Deli (huskydeli.com): A family-run deli since 1932, it serves delicious housemade ice cream, as well as tasty sandwiches that make it a popular lunchtime spot.

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neighborhood: room for kids to explore, captivating views, public shoreline, green open spaces and a gathering place for a community of people who value these things as much as I do.

West Seattle played a key role in Seattle's pioneer history. In 1851, the Denny and Boren families disembarked on Alki Beach, an area long known to the Duwamish tribe in this spectacular part of the world. As a 21st century resident, I love laying out a blanket on a sandy section of Alki Beach Park and enjoying a relaxed summer evening with a sunset view of Bainbridge Island and the Olympic Mountains. Around me, there's a festive atmosphere, with kids splashing in the water, competitive beach volleyball games in full swing, and people walking, biking and inline skating on the paved waterfront path.

To visit West Seattle, I suggest taking the King County Water Taxi from downtown Seattle. After you step off the boat at Seacrest Park, you may want to make Marination ma kai's outdoor patio, steps from the dock, your first stop, for a beer and delicious Hawaiian-Korean food. Also nearby is Moondrop Coffee & Tea, serving organic, shade-grown and fair-trade coffee, as well as bubble tea, juices, smoothies, and food such as bagel sandwiches.

After you fuel up, you can rent a bike next door at Alki Kayak Tours & Adventure Center and cycle about 2 miles to the sandy part of Alki Beach Park to take in the summer scene, or join a guided kayak tour of Elliott Bay (advance reservations required), where you may spot bald eagles or harbor seals. Standup-paddleboard rentals are available, too, as are SUP and kayaking lessons. Also, beyond the main beach area is Alki Point, where U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers typically offer seasonal tours on Sunday afternoons of the still-active Alki Point Lighthouse, which began operating in 1913. And fishing enthusiasts can book a guided trip with Emerald Water Anglers, based in West Seattle, to fish West Seattle and other Puget Sound-area waterways.

In addition, it's about 5 miles from Seacrest Park south to Lincoln Park, and King County runs shuttle/bus service from the Seacrest Park parking lot that can take you near Lincoln Park.

Places such as Alki Beach and Lincoln Park are mini escapes from city life, with people of all ages and backgrounds flocking to these attractions for summer play. Whether you're lucky enough to live here or lucky enough to spend a day here, perhaps I'll see you on the West Seattle waterfront this summer.

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Linnea Westerlind is the author of Discovering Seattle Parks: A Local's Guide (Mountaineers Books 2017).

The Art on Our Walls

>>> As one of Seattle's oldest neighborhoods, West Seattle enjoys nods to its history. A fun way to explore the neighborhood—and its past—is a self-guided tour of the historical Murals of West Seattle. These giant pieces of art add color and interest to the sides of many buildings throughout the Alaska Junction commercial district.

The Murals of West Seattle were conceived by Earl Cruzen, a longtime West Seattle resident who died in 2017 at the age of 96. He admired the historical murals in other coastal Northwest towns and wanted to bring the concept to blank building walls in his neighborhood. The project launched in 1988, continued through 1993, and featured 11 original murals by different artists; 10 of the originals remain, including the below:

West Seattle Ferries depicts the steam-powered ferries that more than 100 years ago transported people to down-town Seattle in a ride that took 8 minutes and cost 5 cents. (The mural is located off S.W. Alaska St. in the parking lot near California Ave. S.W.)

The Junction (below) shows how this part of West Seattle got its name—as one of several depots for a streetcar system



that ran in West Seattle through the 1930s. (Located off California Ave. S.W. in the bank parking lot near S.W. Edmunds St.)

The First Duwamish Bridge beautifully depicts a wooden 1902 structure that once connected Seattle to West Seattle. (Located off 44th Ave. S.W. in the parking lot near S.W. Edmunds St.)

Hi-Yu Parade celebrates a beloved annual parade (officially called the West Seattle Grand Parade) dating to 1935. The parade, taking place July 21 this year, travels down California Ave. S.W. "Hi-Yu" can connote a big party or celebration in Chinook jargon, according to various sources. The parade includes everything from pirates and clowns to floats and marching bands. (Located at 4412 California Ave. S.W.)

The Old Mud Hole is a fun illustration of the swimming option that existed before Lincoln Park's saltwater Colman Pool was built in 1941. (Located off 44th Ave. S.W. in the parking lot near S.W. Oregon St.) -L.W.

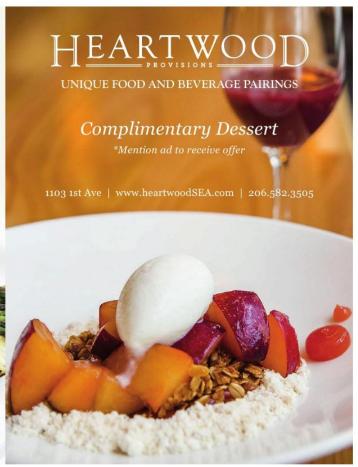


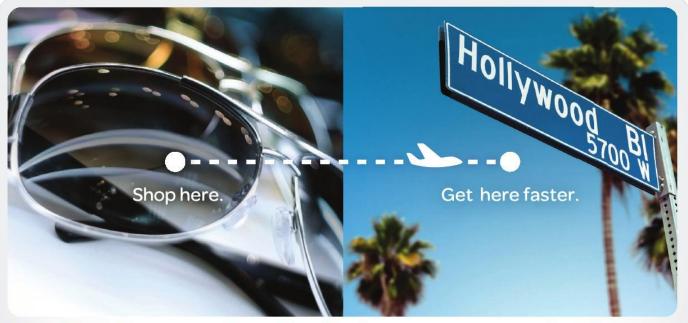
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- SPF30: Sub Pop's 30th Anniversary (subpop.com): The acclaimed Seattle independent record label will celebrate in West Seattle Aug. 11 at Alki Beach, including free live entertainment.
- West Seattle Farmers Market (seattlefarmersmarkets.org/ markets/west-seattle): On Sundays (10 A.M. to 2 P.M., year-round),



the area around California Ave. S.W. and S.W. Alaska is closed to traffic so that the farmers market can showcase delicious goods, such as fresh produce, cheeses and ciders, from 60-plus vendors.

- West Seattle Grand Parade (thewestseattleparade.com): This kid-friendly 1.4-mile community parade has been a West Seattle tradition since 1935. Taking place this year on July 21 at 11 A.M., it travels south on California Ave. S.W., beginning at S.W. Lander St.
- West Seattle Summer Fest (wsjunction.org/summerfest): Enjoy one of the neighborhood's biggest celebrations, July 13–15 this year, with food options, live music and family activities. L.W.

MARCHING AND MORE

watch more than 100 parade attractions from floats to pirates, from drill teams to dancers, from clowns to equestrian teams—during the Alaska Airlines Seafair Torchlight Parade, starting at 7:30 P.M. on July 28. The 2.5-mile parade route goes from Seattle Center down Fourth Avenue to South Wash-

ington Street. Popular marching groups include the
Alaska Airlines Flight Attendant Drill Team, shown during a prior year above.

The Seafair summer festival features around 75 total events throughout the Puget Sound region, including the Milk Carton Derby race, July 14, and the 31st Annual Seafair Powwow, July 20–22. Seafair culminates August 3–5 with Seafair Weekend, including U.S. Navy Blue Angels air shows over Lake Washington, hydroplane races, wakeboarding demonstrations, and a Kids Zone with inflatables and games. Alaska Airlines is a presenting sponsor of Seafair. For more information on Seafair events, visit seafair.com.



Ethnic Fest

>>> Celebrate cultures from around the world

at Ethnic Fest (ethnicfest. org), July 28–29 at Wright Park in Tacoma, about 35 miles south of Seattle. The festival will include performers such as

Seattle Reggae singer Alex Duncan, Portlandbased indie-rock band Mbrascatu, and Juliana & Pava, a vocal ensemble, founded by Russian singer Juliana Svetlitchnaia, that performs Russian folk songs. Attendees can also enjoy activities presented by the Asia Pacific Cultural



Center, such as the dance performance shown at left, as well as food and arts-and-crafts vendors. Activities for kids include creating their own maracas, playing Chinese rattle drums, coloring pictures of world flags, participat-

ing in family singalongs, and playing in a Kids Zone that has games such as Giant Jenga. Festivalgoers can also enjoy Wright Park attractions such as the Sprayground, a pond, horseshoe pits and W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory.



go to: Carnation

A half-size steam train (left), a carousel, a flying-pumpkin ride, a farmyard and rides on real ponies are among the 25 attractions designed to delight children this summer at Remlinger Farms' Country Fair Fun Park in Carnation (remlingerfarms.com). Carnation is a scenic rural community about 30 miles east of downtown Seattle. In addition, U-pick raspberries are expected to be available at the farm in July (or buy berries from the Farm Market).



OUT ON THE WATER By Michele Andrus Dill

already-launched members of our kayaking group spurs the rest of us to speedily enter the water at a cove on the west side of San Juan Island, about 110 miles north of Seattle. We've come from around the Puget Sound area, and even from other parts of the country, for three hours of coastal paddling on a Sea Quest Kayak

With the safety orientation completed, some of our 10-member group are still on shore, chatting as we get to know each other. But now we all dash to the Salish Sea. My husband, Michael, and I paddle vigorously, and

Expeditions tour (sea-quest-kayak.com).

are just in time to see the slap of a pectoral fin as several orcas glide leisurely by to the west. The whales are in sight for several minutes, and we comment in hushed voices until they're well past, then everyone lets loose. "Wow! Awesome! Unbelievable! It's amazing to see orcas from a kayak at water level!"

Our guide grins and bows as if to say, "Glad to be of service," before leading us south to sights that include porpoises, sea lions, bald eagles and kelp forests, all backdropped by views of Canada's Vancouver Island and Washington's rugged Olympic Mountains.

The Puget Sound region, set amid ocean, lake and river waters, is famous for its aquatic adventures. Following are just a few more of the many options for summer fun (be sure

to respect all marine-life viewing and distance guidelines and rules).

Fishing: From salmon and steelhead to cutthroat trout, angling experiences can be arranged with guide services such as allwashingtonfishing.com, allstarfishing.com, emeraldwateranglers.com, gethookednw.com, outerislandx.com and seattlesalmoncharters. com. For information on where and when to fish, see wdfw.wa.gov (be sure to follow all licensing and fishing regulations).

Paddling: Enjoy a scenic setting from a kayak, SUP, canoe or rowboat provided by sources such as canoe-kayak.com (rentals and lessons), mossbay.co (rentals), northwestpaddlesurfers.com (rentals and lessons), nwoc.com (rentals and lessons), olympicout-



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doorcenter.com (rentals and lessons), supyogaseattle.com (lessons), surfballard.com (rentals and lessons), thunderbirdsup.com (rentals and lessons) and washington.edu/ima/ waterfront (rentals).

Nature-Themed Cruises: With options ranging from kayaks to motorboats, excursions to see wildlife are available from companies such as ballardkayak.com, clippervacations. com, island-adventures.com, kayakalki.com, kayaknisqually.com, outdoorodysseys.com, pugetsoundexpress.com and sanjuansafaris. com.

Sailing: Set sail on Puget Sound with companies such as Let's Go Sailing (sailingseattle. com) or Windworks Sailing & Powerboating Club (windworkssailing.com).

Sightseeing Cruises: Tour operators include Argosy Cruises (argosycruises.com), which offers six different cruises: Harbor Cruise, Locks Cruise, Lake Washington Cruise,

Wine Tastings on Lake Union Cruise, Historical Cruise on Lake Union, and the Tillicum Excursion, which includes a beach to stroll, a Native storytelling show and a buffet meal with alder-fire-roasted fish. Waterways Cruises



and Events (waterwayscruises.com) also offers various cruises.

Washington State Ferries: From downtown Seattle, it's just a 35-minute trip west to

Bainbridge Island, and just an hour west to Bremerton. Kitsap Transit also provides service to Bremerton, via an approximately 30-minute fast ferry. Both Bainbridge and Bremerton, considered part of the Kitsap Peninsula, offer museums, restaurants and shops within walking distance of the ferry terminal. Bainbridge also has wine-tasting rooms, while Bremerton has a fun fountain park and tours of the USS *Turner Joy* naval ship (wsdot.wa.gov/ferries and kitsaptransit.com).

Watersports: Zoom across Lake Washington or another local body of water in a motorboat, on a wakeboard, or aboard a Jet Ski.

Rental resources include invertsports.com/
seattle and waterfrontadventures.com.

Wooden Boat Experiences: At The Center for Wooden Boats (cwb.org), board a historical vessel for a Sunday Public Sail on various dates; rent a classic wooden rowboat or sailboat; or take a class.

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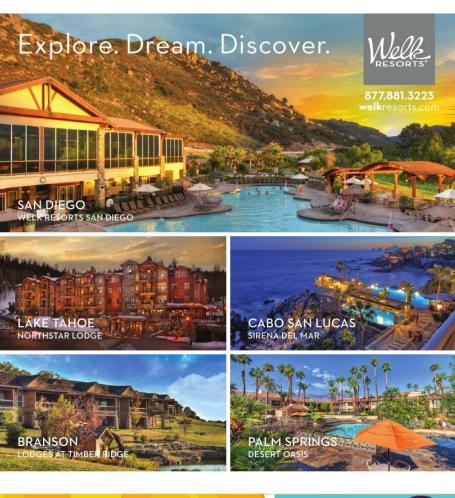
- Goats compete in events such as foot races, obstacle courses, musical chairs and best costume (shown above) during the **Goatalympics**, July 14 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, about 35 miles northeast of Seattle. Goatalympics are organized by New Moon Farm Goat Rescue & Sanctuary (goatalympics.org).
- Performances representing cultures from across the globe are featured at **Dragon Fest,** July 14–15 in Seattle's Chinatown–International District.



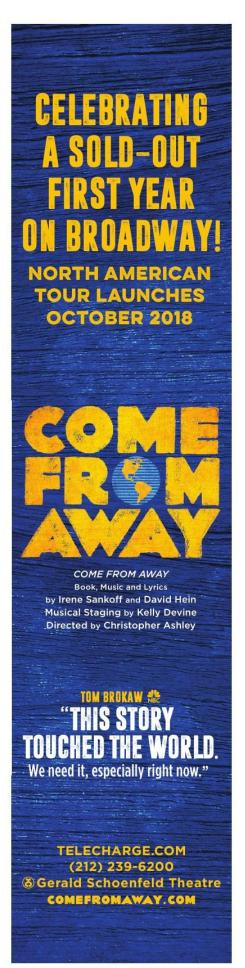
The festival also includes the Dragon Dance (shown) and Lion Dance, traditional Korean drumming, martial-arts demonstrations, and vendors along a food walk (cidbia.org/events/dragonfest).

- More than two dozen prestigious performers are taking the stage at the **Olympic Music Festival,** July 14–15 and Aug. 11–Sept. 9, at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, on the Olympic Peninsula, about 50 miles northwest of Seattle (olympicmusicfestival.org).
- View artwork from galleries representing 34 cities in 10 countries, including France, Sweden, England and Japan, during the Seattle Art Fair, Aug. 2–5 at CenturyLink Field Event Center in Seattle. The fair will include presentations and performances (seattleartfair.com).

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WHERE THE CITY MEETS THE SEA

Exploring nature along the shores of San Francisco

By Ben Davidson

>> I was hiking on a cliffside trail in San Francisco's rugged Lands End area, on the city's northwest coast. Looking out to the ocean, I could hardly believe my eyes. Just offshore,

could hardly believe my eyes. Just offshore, west of the Golden Gate Bridge, two humpback whales simultaneously breached the surface before splashing down with a mighty spray.

It was a fleeting—but unforgettable—sight. A few minutes later, the whales breached again, and then again. This raw nature show seemed almost surreal, especially considering I was in a bustling city with nearly a million inhabitants—inside city limits—and filled with homes, buildings and skyscrapers.

On this hike and others, I have discovered some of the great secrets of San Francisco: easy escape routes to nature, by which you can exit the city scene and almost instantly be strolling a beautiful beach, hiking a quiet coastal trail, and possibly observing marine mammals and birds that frequent nearby fish-rich waters.

As the co-founder of a San Francisco naturewalking company, I've been able to combine my passion for the outdoors with my love for the city, and I've explored routes where nature is just down a path or around a city corner.

The trails and footpaths of Lands End,

located within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, are very popular on the weekend. I love walking these trails during the week when crowds are lighter. Around every turn I'm treated to world-class views of the Marin Headlands and the Golden Gate Bridge. These trails access a rugged, surf-lashed coastline, renowned for its natural and remote feel, as well as for its abundant wildlife.

Start with a visit to the small but informative Lands End Lookout Visitor Center. Here, interactive displays and books reveal the rich natural and human history of the Lands End area, including its roots as a Yelamu Ohlone Native American fishing village and its legacy as one of San Francisco's most popular entertainment





areas—historically, for the (no longer operating) Sutro Baths and Playland amusement park at Ocean Beach.

Before hiking the trails of Lands End, observe Point Lobos and the grand archway of Seal Rocks just offshore. Check out the Sutro Baths ruins, then climb to Sutro Heights Park to gaze upon broad Ocean Beach and vistas that stretch on clear days about 13 miles south to Pacifica and about 27 miles west to the Farallon Islands.

Head out on Lands End's El
Camino Del Mar Trail past stands of Monterey
cypresses and through narrow stretches of
thick vegetation to the Legion of Honor art
museum and scenic Eagle Point before looping
back on the Coastal Trail. Look down at the
jagged coastal rocks for sea lions, and scan the
sea for pods of dolphins. Keep an eye out for
whale-watching boats near the Golden Gate,
and you might see the spout of a migrating gray
whale (usually in winter or spring) or a humpback whale (in summer).



Dickwise from top left: Stands of Monterey cypresses on the El Camino Del Mar Trail in Lands End; The Warming Hut store and cafe at Crissy Field; the trail to the beach at Fort Funston.



If you're a bird-watcher, bring along binoculars, as more than 250 species of birds have been spotted along this path, including Brandt's cormorant and Anna's hummingbird. Carefully make the steep descent to Mile Rock Beach for a taste of Northern California's unspoiled coast-line and an exploration of Lands End's famous rock labyrinth, perched above the northern end of the beach. See nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/landsend.htm for more information.

I also enjoy a bridge-and-beach jaunt at

the north edge of town, taking in Fort Point and Marshall's Beach. (Note: Check nps.gov/goga in advance for trail detours and alerts.) When possible, I begin my walk at the Warming Hut store and cafe at Crissy Field in the Presidio. I follow the shoreline esplanade to Fort Point, a Civil War–era military site with a dramatic location just under the Golden Gate Bridge. When the fort is open, be sure to explore the extensive exhibits about its history, which include Spanish and Civil War–era cannons. Before leaving the fort, climb to its top level to take in stunning bay and bridge views.

Across the street from the Warming Hut, you'll find a stairway that provides access to the

Presidio Promenade and the Golden Gate Bridge Welcome Center, where you'll get classic views of one of the world's great landmarks.

Follow the Bay Trail underneath the bridge and then uphill to take in panoramic views from a high bluff overlooking Golden Gate Strait.

Then descend the steps of the 0.7-mile-long Batteries to Bluffs Trail to pristine Marshall's Beach, a great spot for a break and photo ops of the rocky coast and the Golden Gate Bridge.

MORE HIKES, IN MARIN COUNTY

- Walkers and bird-watchers will love the short, easygoing trail around Rodeo Lagoon in the Fort Cronkhite area at the heart of the Marin Headlands. Leave time to enjoy the ocean at Rodeo Beach.
- Visit Muir Woods National Monument to stroll among the old-growth redwood groves. Note that visitors here are now required to have reservations for bus shuttles and parking. Check ahead at gomuirwoods.com.
- From the Tennessee Valley Trailhead follow the 1.7-mile hike-and-mountain-bike valley route to Tennessee Cove. Other trails climb the sides of the valley for ocean and bay views. —B.D.

Loop back on the Batteries to Bluffs Trail to the California Coastal Trail (which briefly follows the shoulder of Lincoln Boulevard) to return to the bridge. From here, consider a walk on the iconic 1.7-mile span across to the Marin Headlands. Learn more at presidio.gov.

At Fort Funston, in the southwestern Pacificside corner of the city, a steep, sandy trail takes you from the clifftop to a beach that is popular with the dog-walking set. This area can provide you with a great sense of solitude. Look out to sea for a chance to see pods of bay porpoises, as well as gray and humpback whales during their migration seasons.

Stroll the beach in late afternoon, communing with nature, and then return to the clifftop to soak up the sunset views of the Pacific. With the city at your back, you can't help but be in awe of the mighty wind-and-wave-creased Pacific Ocean spreading out before you like an infinite carpet. Visit nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/fortfunston.htm.

Ben Davidson is the co-founder of Coastal Walkers, a guide company specializing in San Francisco and Marin County nature walks.





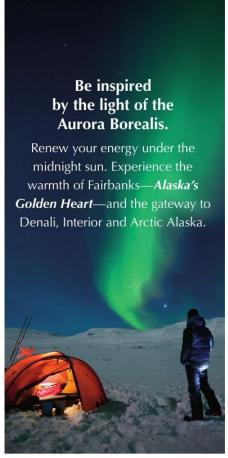
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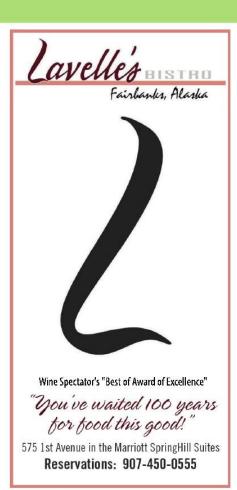
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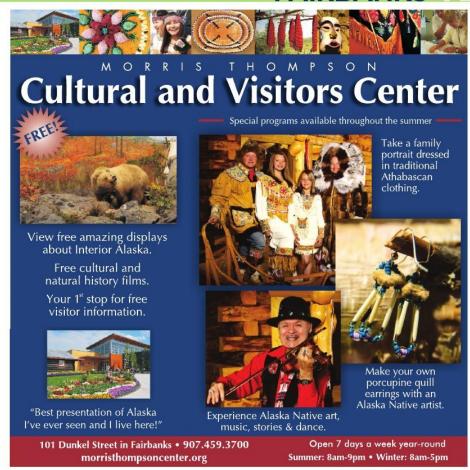
















SEASIDE SOJOURN

Exploring Oregon's Northern Coast

By Alex Pulaski

>>> Some of the country's most magnificent coastal areas are only about 80 miles or more west of Portland.

A stretch of wide beaches and rocky headlands has made the northern Oregon coast a playground for Portland residents and knowledgeable visitors for more than a century.

The following three towns are among my family's favorite Portland getaways during the summer. From outdoor adventures in Pacific City to family fun on Cannon Beach to historical places in Astoria, this coastal area is full of exciting attractions that beckon to be explored.

Pacific City

The seaside town of Pacific City, located about 90 miles southwest of Portland, has about 1,000 people and is an easy getaway from everyday life.

The laid-back community is a place where deer bound across the road and up a hillside, and geese honk as they pass overhead, noisily signaling their presence. A lone cyclist passes me one morning with his surfboard tucked under one arm. Like most of the traffic here, he's headed to one place: the beach.

Pacific City's beach is where you'll find one of the Oregon Coast's two monoliths named Haystack Rock. While Cannon Beach's formation gets more publicity, Pacific City's 340-foot

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landmark is actually taller (by about 100 feet), but it is a little farther off the coast, so it can appear smaller. Both rocks are sanctuaries for birds and other wildlife.

My wife, Mica, and I, with our 12-year-old daughter and her friend, check in to the spectacular new Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa and then visit with Matt Goodwin, one of the lodge's adventure coaches. That is Goodwin's actual job title, and we quickly discover that we need such a guide to help us decide among all the possibilities. Should we surf the waves in front of scenic Haystack Rock? Kayak the nearby Nestucca River? Dig for clams? Fish from a dory? Hop on a bike? These are just some of the many possibilities in this town where outdoor adventures abound.

With two youngsters along, we elect to start with a tide pool exploration. We find barnacles crowding a rock archway; magenta and orange sea stars clinging to boulders; and bright-purple sea urchins huddling along with green sea anemones. "One of my favorite things is coming out here and seeing a hidden world," Goodwin says as we comb the tide pools.

Over a weekend we also cycle to a nearby park and hike sand dunes. We cruise through local waterways in a pedal kayak and stand-up paddleboard along the Nestucca River, where we see an osprey and bald eagle tangle over airspace while northern flickers and red-winged blackbirds trill from the banks.

Headlands' developers Mary Jones and Jeff Schons have been working on projects in Pacific City for the past three decades. They



originally planned the lodge as the romantic destination it is. However, they also noticed all the area cars were laden with kayaks and surfboards. "We realized this needed to be a place for active people," Jones says.

Our family detours from our explorations with a satisfying visit to the Grateful Bread Bakery in town, which is known for its many tasty baked items, including my personal favorite: a blueberry—white chocolate scone.

Other food and drink locations include the Pelican Brewing Company, with an amazing beachfront brewpub at the north end of town, and the Headlands' on-site Meridian restaurant, which offers inspired dishes such as black rockfish and grilled cauliflower, and incredible ocean views.

For Mica and me, the Headlands spa's massages mark the blissful end of our visit. Adventure never felt so relaxing.

Cannon Beach

About 70 miles north of Pacific City is Cannon Beach, which owes part of its fame to the aforementioned sea stack that dominates the town's main beach.

Every summer, this rock is home to a few dozen tufted puffins—pelagic seabirds that nurture a single egg until it hatches in July. The stubby-winged birds attract big crowds, especially for the Great Cannon Beach Puffin Watch, planned for July 1–4 this year, which affords a great chance to see the birds flying about.

The town itself is delightful. It is home to taffy shops, bookstores, an olive oil tasting room, brewpubs, wine-tasting rooms and art galleries. The whimsy and bright colors at DragonFire Gallery, in particular, caught my family's interest. The colorful gallery focuses on paintings, ceramics, glass and metal art made by Northwest artists.



>>> From top: Iconic Haystack Rock at Cannon Beach is a commanding sight along the Oregon coast. A local favorite is the quaint Cannon Beach Hardware and Public House, which combines a hardware store with a bar, serving beer, wine and light meals.

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We take a short hike through Ecola State Park, enjoying the incredible coastal views of Crescent Beach. Later, we borrow a couple of beach cruiser bikes from the Stephanie Inn, our romantic base for the weekend, which allows kids, age 12 and older. We cycle past Haystack Rock and the many beachgoers playing in the sand, flying kites and wading in the surf.



Back at the Stephanie Inn, we enjoy a dinner of asparagus soup, Dungeness crab-stuffed sole and strawberry-rhubarb tarts.

In the early evening, Mica and I take glasses of Pinot Gris outside onto the hotel balcony, prop our feet up and relax before a thrilling sunset. The moment is captured by our single expression of satisfaction, said in unison—"Ahhhh."

Astoria

About 25 miles north of Cannon Beach, we come to the mouth of the mighty Columbia River and the historic city of Astoria.

It was about 6 miles southwest of here that the Lewis and Clark

Expedition wintered in 1805-06 in Fort Clatsop.

Astoria itself was first known for fur trading, beginning when John Jacob Astor (the source of the name Astoria) set up the Pacific Fur Trading Company in the area in 1811. The fur trade was replaced by fishing, and by the late 1800s, Astoria was considered the "Salmon Canning Capital of the World."

Today, the town's history is embraced with gusto, including by costumed park rangers, who each summer re-enact the Lewis and Clark Expedition's experiences at the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, which includes a

Following Oregon's Coastal Food Trail

>>> From line-caught salmon and halibut at Ecola Seafoods Restaurant & Market in Cannon Beach to a dipped waffle cone brimming with carameltoffee crunch ice cream at the Tillamook Creamery, Oregon's coastal communities offer a variety of world-class foods.

You can enjoy the bounty of the Oregon Coast along the new North Coast Food Trail, which debuted in April. The self-guided food trail includes stops at breweries, farms, wineries and much more. For information on locations, visit northcoastfoodtrail.com.

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Tillamook Creamery's delicious ice cream cones.

The food trail website also offers information on special events that will be happening throughout the summer at some of the more than 60 participating locations and restaurants along the coast.

Visitors can tour local farms, including Tillamook's Brickyard Farms; attend a cooking school, such as the Culinary Center in Lincoln City, and the EVOO Cannon Beach Cooking School; and peruse farmers markets in Lincoln City (Sundays), Neskowin (Saturdays), Pacific City (Sundays), Tillamook (Saturdays), Manzanita (Friday evenings) and Cannon Beach (Tuesdays). You can catch your own dinner through charter fishing and crabbing services at Kelly's Brighton Marina and fishing charters with Garibaldi Charters, Pacific City Dory Charters and Siggi-G Ocean Charters.

This summer also marks the opening of the remodeled Tillamook Creamery Visitors Center in Tillamook. The facility opened in June and offers improved viewing of factory operations, expanded retail space and a larger ice cream counter. —A.P.

replica of Fort Clatsop.

We also visit the Astoria Column, a 125-foot tower located on a hill above the town. The column tells the local history in murals that spiral up its exterior. With our balsa-wood gliders—purchased from the column's gift shop—my family climbs to the observation deck, which offers spectacular views of the countryside and the Columbia River. We follow local custom and launch our gliders into the wind.

On the city's waterfront, we visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum, which recounts lives lost and fortunes found in local waters. One exhibit is "Crossing the Bar: Perilous Passage," which tells the history of navigating the

mouth of the Columbia River, one of the world's most dangerous bar crossings. You can also enjoy a craft beer at the waterfront's Buoy Beer Company, where, through a glass floor cutout, we watch sea lions under the pier.

From our room at the water-front's boutique Cannery Pier
Hotel & Spa—built on the site of an 1897 salmon cannery—we watch various ships pass by our window and under the nearby
Astoria-Megler Bridge. This calming show is an appropriate way to end our latest coastal adventure, which has created many new summer memories.

Alex Pulaski writes about Oregon from his home in Portland.



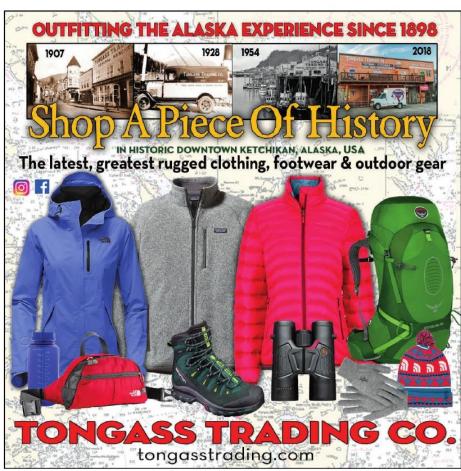
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THE ROADS LESS TRAVELED

Running is a way of life in Alaska

By M. Scott Moon

)) The sun has been up since

4:40 A.M. and is only now starting to burn off fog and billowy clouds blanketing the surrounding mountain peaks. It's just before 7 A.M. on a July morning in Alaska's Copper River Delta near Cordova, and the air is crisp, almost cold—perfect weather for a long run.

A school bus had dropped me and two dozen other King Salmon Marathon participants 26 miles from town, and now it's up to us to run back on sparsely traveled gravel and paved sections of the Copper River Highway. Thankfully, I'm ready for adventure, which is at the core of many of Alaska's best running races.

Alaskans run through the bitter-cold dark and under the midnight summer sun. We run under the northern lights and over steep mountains. In one race—during the Fur Rondy in March—we even run the streets of Anchorage with domesticated reindeer. Sometimes it seems like we will run through just about anything for a flashy T-shirt, kitschy medal or epic story.

"We have such a variety up here," says Gary Pohl, president of Running Club North in Fairbanks.
"The main thing is that [runners] get out and do it year-round.
People learn that you can run in cold weather with the right gear and with the right mindset, and there's no problem until it gets really extreme." The club has about 350 members and supports

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a vibrant running culture in Fairbanks. "It's a social thing as well as a physical fitness thing," Pohl says.

Personally, I like the shirts and the medals, but I love the adventure and the new experiences.

During the Hatcher Pass Marathon, about 60 miles northeast of Anchorage, I witnessed the grandeur of the Talkeetna Mountains.

During the Equinox Marathon, one of my favorites, I had a passport

to the golden autumn colors in Fairbanks. During my hometown Kenai River Marathon, part of the adventure is meeting runners who have come from afar to experience the beauty I see every day.

The King Salmon Marathon, which is the longest of five distance options that make up the Alaska Salmon Runs event, is one of the most scenic races I've run. The Chugach Mountains and Chugach National Forest are to

>>> In the King Salmon Marathon, runners race through Alaska's Copper River Delta area near Cordova.

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the north, while to the south is the broad expanse of the Copper River Delta. I cross bridges over the braided branches of the Copper River and run past fields of magenta-colored fireweed blossoms. The mountain views seem to change with nearly every step, unveiling unexpected glaciers tucked between green slopes. Along the way, I pluck salmonberries and blueberries from bushes.

The AK Salmon Runs, like many races, are affiliated with a community festival. Copper River Salmon Jam, which is July 13-14 this year and is sponsored by Alaska Airlines, is a celebration with music, art and, of course,



salmon—succulent Copper River salmon seared on cast-iron grills.

The race finishes under an arch of balloons and a cloudless sky. The sun isn't even halfway through its own marathon 18-hour July day, and there is still plenty of time to explore the festival. I'm happy to have a new shirt, another medal and, most of all, epic memories of a beautiful Alaska place. *

M. Scott Moon lives in Kenai, Alaska, and has run in more than two dozen different races in the state.



Off to the Races in Alaska

- Mount Marathon Race (shown above): A grueling run up a mountain—this year's event is sold out, but you can start training now for 2019; Seward; July 4 (mmr.seward.com).
- Gold Discovery Run: Race through historic mining territory, starting at the Kinross Fort Knox Gold Mine; Fairbanks; July 22 (runningclubnorth.org/gold-discovery).
- Wildlife Rescue Run & Walk: Take in the views of Resurrection Bay and keep an eye out for marine life; Seward; July 28 (alaskasealife.org).
- Aukeman Triathlon: Swim in Auke Lake, bike to Mendenhall Glacier and complete a trail run; Juneau; Aug. 4 (aukeman.weebly.
- Cirque Series: A 5.9-mile loop up a mountain and then back down to sea level; Alyeska Resort; Aug. 5 (cirqueseries.com/alyeska).
- Anchorage RunFest: Participate in a 49K, marathon, half marathon, 5K, mile or a kids' 2K; Aug. 18-19 (anchoragerunfest.org).
- Run Wild: Put on a superhero or animal-themed costume for a summer

- run—5K or 1K—through Girdwood Nordic ski trails; Aug. 19 (littlebearsplayhouse.com/ support/fundraisers).
- Labor Day 5K: Spend the holiday running a 5K, among other Labor Day events; Fairbanks; Sept. 3 (www.runningclubnorth.org).
- 5K Costume Run: Get in the Halloween spirit and put a costume on early for this race in Nikiski; Oct. 20 (northpenrec.com).
- Full Moon Run: A 4-mile fun run in the night guided by the light of the moon; Fairbanks; Oct. 24 (www.runningclubnorth.org).
- Turkey Trot: A Thanksgiving-themed, family-friendly run of about 5K; Ketchikan; Nov. 10 (kgbak.us/703/races-runs).
- Heart of Darkness Snow Shoe Race: Trade running shoes for snowshoes on this hilly 3K or 6K adventure; Fairbanks; Dec. 8 (www.runningclubnorth.org).
- Northern Lights Resolution Run: Race into the New Year with lights and music during this nearly 5K run; Anchorage; Dec. 31 (skinnyraven.com/event/northern-lightsresolution-run). - Kaylee Strachan

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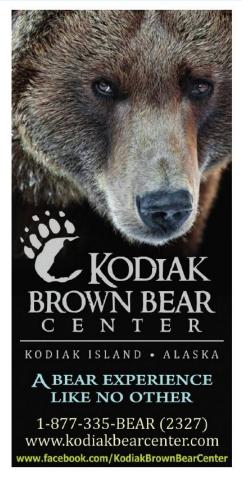












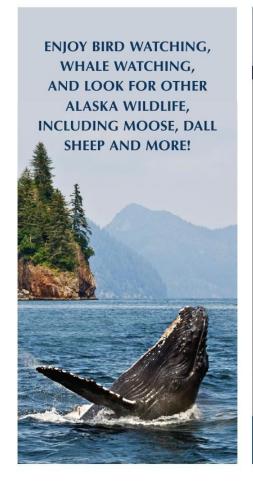


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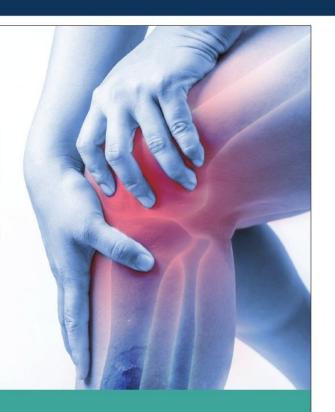


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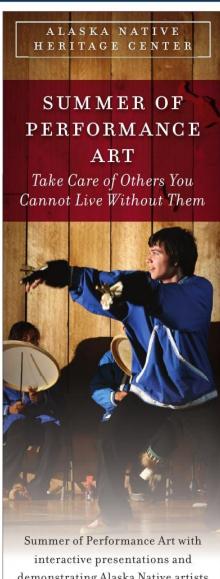
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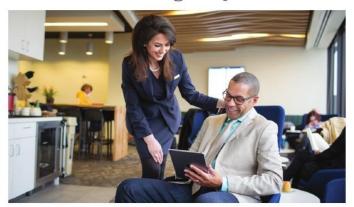
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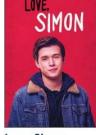


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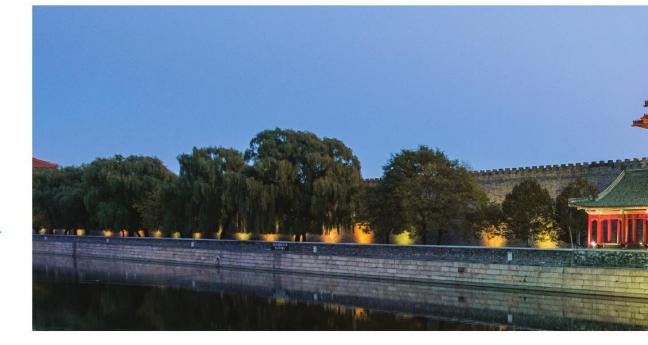
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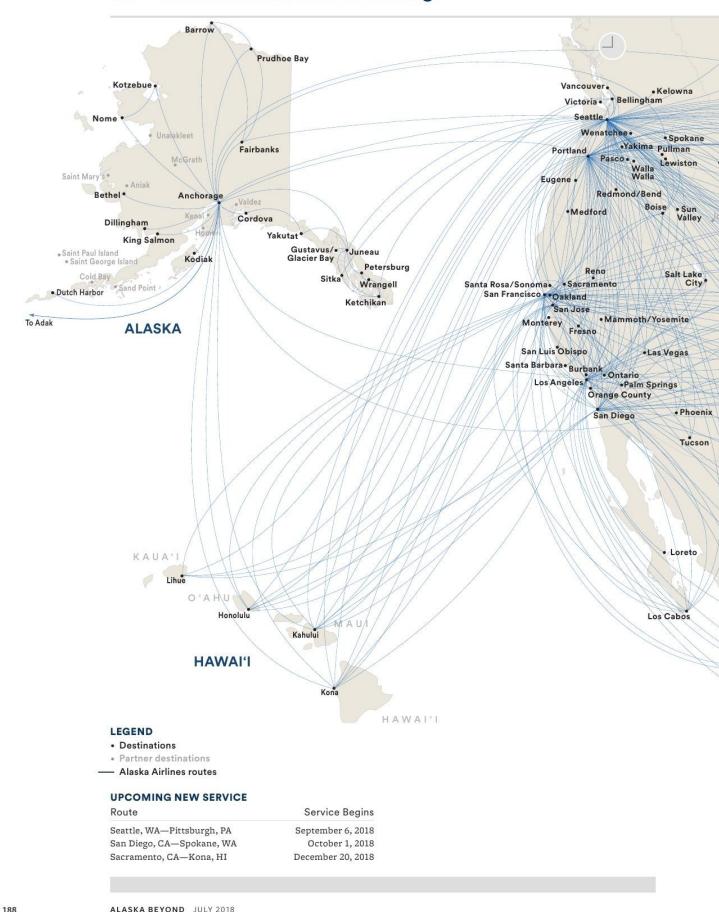


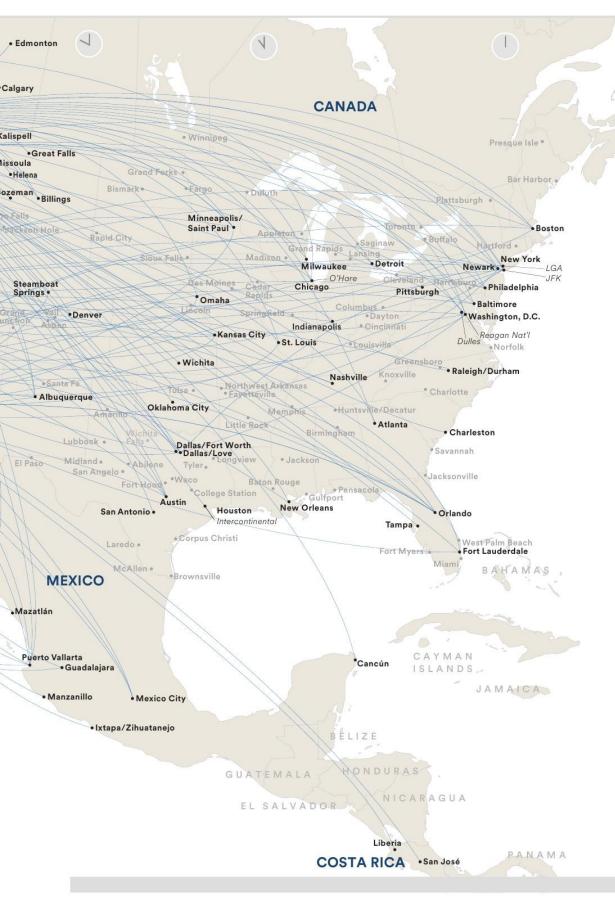


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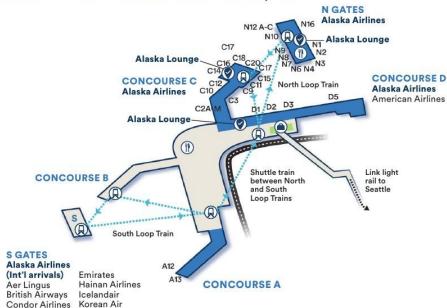
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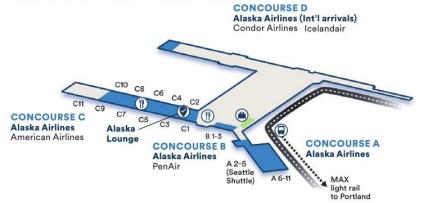
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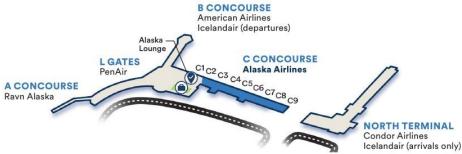
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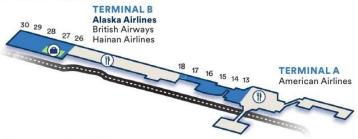
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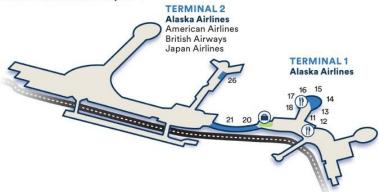
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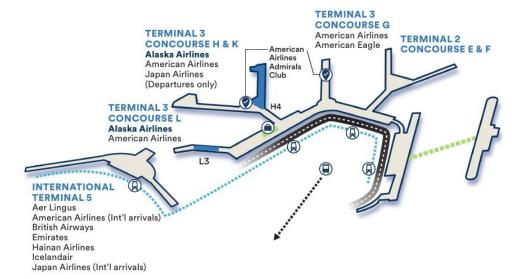
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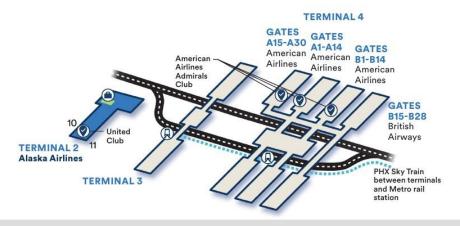
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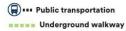
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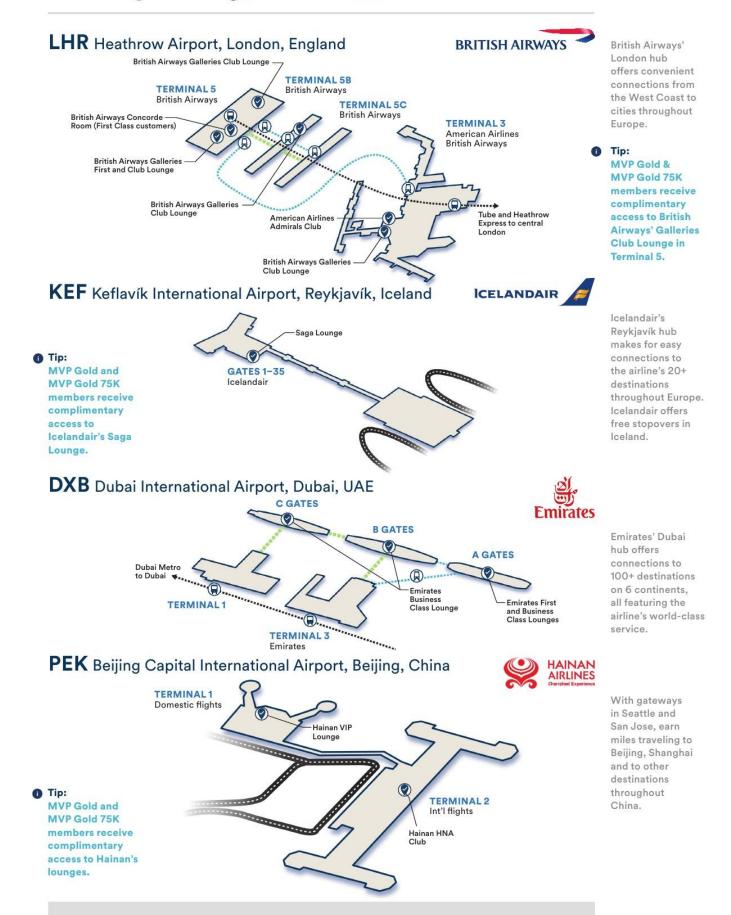
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LADDERGRAM

First, write the word that fits the first definition into space 1. Then drop one letter and rearrange the remaining letters to form the answer to definition 2. Drop one more letter, rearrange and get the answer to definition 3. Put the first dropped letter into the box to the left of space 1 and the other dropped letter into the box next to space 3. When you have correctly solved the puzzle, the dropped letters on the left and right, when read down, will spell out related words.

1.	2.	3.	"
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DEFINITIONS

2. Pilot, basically

3. Make angry

4. Egg dish

5. Traveler's inn

6. Lose plumage

7. Main artery

8. Poi source

9. Decompose

10. Wall-to-wall rug

11. Come to a point gradually

12. Harvest (a crop)

13. __ Island, Connecticut neighbor

14. Assemblage of buffalo

15. Vibrant hue

16. Gave a cost to

17. Group of lions

18. Sign of faulty plumbing

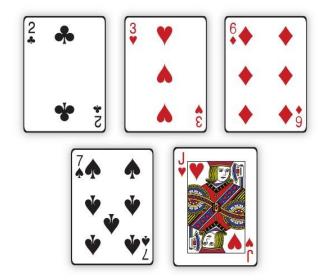
19. Popular casino card game

20. Thick cord

21. "The Raven" writer

CARD SENSE

Five playing cards were shuffled and put in a pile, one on top of another. Using the clues, can you identify each card's position in the pile?



- 1. The six is somewhere below both hearts.
- 2. The club is somewhere above the seven.
- 3. The three is somewhere below the spade.
- 4. The black cards are not adjacent.

ANAGRAM MAZE

The diagram contains 36 words, 19 of which are anagrams of other everyday words. Start at the top arrow and anagram POTS. While solving, move up, down, right or left to the only adjacent word that can be anagrammed. Continue until you arrive at the bottom arrow. There is only one path through the maze.

1	2	3	4	5	6
JIVE	WHIM	FOIL	POTS	BALE	BURY
7	8	9	10	11	12
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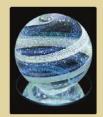
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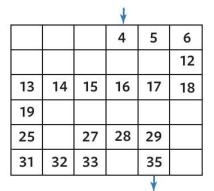
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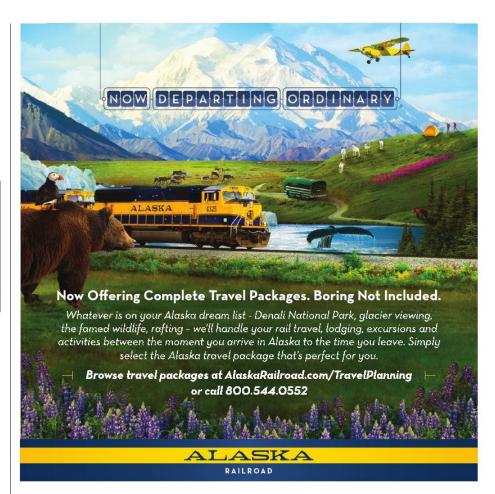
CARD SENSE

The bottom card is not the three or jack of hearts (clue 1), two of clubs (clue 2), or seven of spades (clue 3); it is the six of diamonds. The seven of spades is somewhere below the two of clubs (clue 2) and somewhere above the three of hearts (clue 3). By clue 4, a red card is between the two of clubs and the seven of spades, so the two of clubs is on top, the jack of hearts is second from the top, the seven of spades is third, and the three of hearts is fourth. In summary, from top to bottom: two of clubs, jack of hearts, seven of spades, three of hearts, six of diamonds.

ANAGRAM MAZE

The path through the maze, with only one anagram given for each, is 4. stop; 5. able; 6. ruby; 12. leak; 18. went; 17. tend; 16. lied; 15. lane; 14. dome; 13. coal; 19. amid; 25. peek; 31. hare; 32. trio; 33. mare; 27. raps; 28. rise; 29. grip; 35. snap.







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