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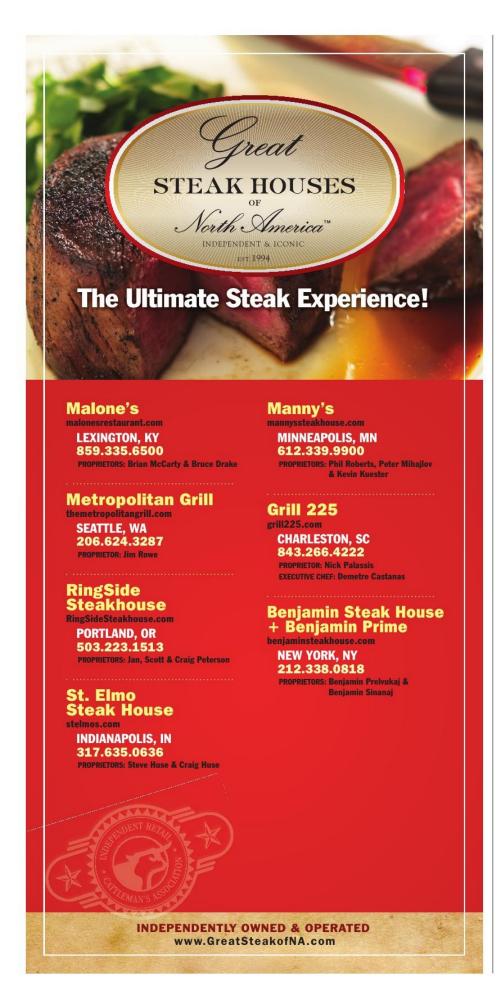
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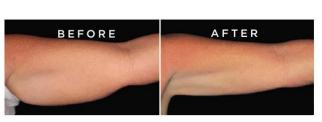
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Brad Tilden. Chief Executive Officer

Alaska Airlines' popular TV ads have starred Captain Mike Swanigan with Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson.

#### **EQUALLY FAMOUS**

#### )) Many of you are familiar with Lester Holt.

He is the award-winning anchor of NBC Nightly News and Dateline NBC. He is the first African American to solo anchor a major network news program, and he is respected by viewers far and wide for being fair and pragmatic.

What you may not know is that Lester's brother is equally famous here at Alaska Airlines. He's our own Captain Mike Swanigan, otherwise known as Swani.

Swani is 8 years older than Lester. They grew up together in the Bay Area and in Sacramento and Anchorage, among other places. In their own words, they had a fantastic upbringing, with parents who cared deeply for them and challenged them to be their best. Early in his professional flying career, Swani found himself with a break in employment, so he took on fill-in work at radio station KRAK (honest!), the country music station in Sacramento. When Swani left the station to get back to flying, they asked if he could recommend anyone to fill the radio job. And that is how younger brother Lester got his start in broadcasting.

Swani went on to make his living as a pilot. He flew for the U.S. Air Force Reserve and then flew the Lockheed C-130 Hercules for the Alaska Air National Guard, while also launching a 36-year career at Alaska Airlines that included extremely successful stints as our Chief Pilot and our VP of Flight Operations.

However, it's not the flying-which we all lovethat makes Swani who he is. Rather, it's how he has always spent his time and his many talents helping and lifting up others.

In the old days, when we used paper to send memos around the office, Swani always signed his letters with the same five words: "Be excellent to each other." This is how he signs off his emails today. He first heard the words in a movie, and decided he liked them. But they're not just words. This is how Swani lives his life, and he invites you and me to do the same with this regular reminder.

It is possible that there is not a personality more loved at Alaska Airlines. Swani is the consummate jester and practical joker, but the joke is never made at anyone's expense. He's been asked to perform

#### >> WELCOME

wedding services onboard our aircraft; he's done countless events in the community; and along with Russell Wilson, he has starred in a number of our TV ads. (More on this in a moment.)

Swani had to retire from piloting at age 65, but he's kept busy. He started a series of podcasts called Talking Flight, which are fantastic conversations with men and women in the aviation profession. He gets his guests to forget they're being recorded, to open up, and to tell their stories. I've listened to almost all of the podcasts, and encourage you to do the same. You'll laugh a lot, and you'll be pulled in

by the life stories that Swani is able to draw from his guests. I've even had the chance to be one of his victims, er, guests! You can find Talking Flight on our Alaska Beyond Entertainment, on your flight today.

Swani had a unique introduction to Russell Wilson when Alaska hosted an event to inspire local high school youths. He emceed the event, and Russell was the guest of honor. Swani came dressed in his pilot uniform but wanted to tone things down, so he took off his coat and hat and left them backstage. Russell quickly donned them and walked out on stage. Swani acted shocked, but the chemistry

between the two was immediate and obvious. Swani now talks about how good Russell makes the pilot uniform look! They went on to do some fantastic TV ads together. You can find them on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/ alaskaairlines.

We recently asked Swani to host a new podcast series called Beyond Interviews, also available on our entertainment system today.

All of us at Alaska appreciate your flying with us today. I hope you enjoy learning more about one of our true legends-Mike "Swani" Swanigan-and I hope you enjoy what he's done on the Alaska Beyond channel. \*

#### >> BIENVENIDO



Brad Tilden, Jefe Ejecutivo

#### **IGUAL DE FAMOSO**

>> Es probable que muchos de ustedes conozcan a Lester Holt. Se trata del galardonado presentador de NBC Nightly News y Dateline NBC. Es el primer afroamericano en presentar un programa importante de noticias de la red solo, y es amado por el público principalmente por ser justo y pragmático.

Lo que es probable que no sepan es que el hermano de Lester es igual de famoso aquí en Alaska Airlines. Él es nuestro Capitán Mike Swanigan, conocido también como Swani.

Swani es 8 años mayor que Lester. Se criaron juntos en el área de la Bahía de California, Sacramento, y en Anchorage, entre otros lugares. Según ellos mismos cuentan, tuvieron una hermosa infancia con padres que los cuidaban mucho y los estimulaban para dar lo mejor de ellos. Al inicio de su carrera profesional en la aviación, Swani atravesó un período de cese laboral, y tomo una posición como suplente en la estación de radio KRAK (honestamente), la estación de música country en Sacramento. Cuando se fue de la radio y volvió a volar, le preguntaron si conocía a alguien recomendable para cubrir la vacante en la radio. ¡Y así fue como su hermano menor, Lester, comenzó a dedicarse a los medios de comunicación!

Swani continuó ganándose la vida como piloto.

Voló para la Fuerza Aérea de los EE. UU. y luego voló el Lockheed C-130 "Hércules" para la Guardia Aérea Nacional del estado de Alaska, mientras, a su vez, inició una carrera de 36 años en Alaska Airlines, que incluyó temporadas extremadamente exitosas como nuestro Jefe de Pilotos y Vicepresidente de Operaciones de Vuelo.

Pero lo que hace que Swani sea reconocido no son los vuelos, que todos amamos, sino más bien cómo utiliza y continúa utilizando su tiempo y talentos para ayudar y motivar a los demás.

En los viejos tiempos, cuando utilizábamos papel y nos enviábamos notas en la oficina, Swani siempre firmaba sus cartas con las mismas cinco palabras. "Sean excelentes con los demás." Así es como firma los correos electrónicos actualmente. Escuchó estas palabras en una película y le gustaron. Pero no son solo palabras. Así es como Mike vive su vida, y los invita a ustedes y a mí a hacerlo con este recordatorio habitual.

Es posible que no exista una personalidad más amada que la suya en Alaska. Es muy bromista y siempre está haciendo chistes, pero la broma nunca es a costa de nadie. Se le ha pedido que celebre bodas a bordo de nuestras aeronaves, se encargó de incontables eventos en la comunidad y junto con Russell Wilson, protagonizó una serie de comerciales de televisión para nosotros (más información en un momento).

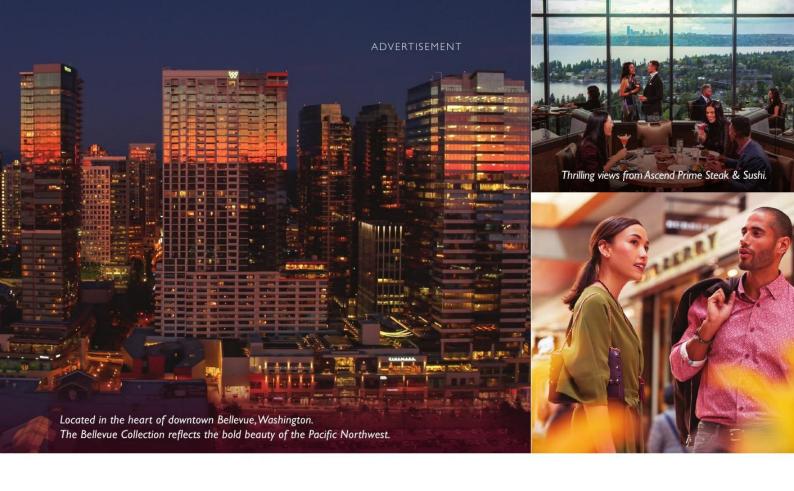
Mike se tuvo que retirar de su carrera de piloto a los 65 años, pero se mantiene ocupado. Comenzó una serie de podcasts llamados Talking Flight (Hablando de Volar) que son conversaciones fantásticas con hombres y mujeres del mundo de la aviación. Él logra que sus invitados se olviden de que están siendo grabados, se abran y cuenten sus historias. Escuché casi todas sus historias y les recomiendo que hagan lo mismo. Se van a reír mucho y disfrutarán mucho las historias reales que Swani logra sacar de sus invitados. (iIncluso tuve la oportunidad de ser una de sus víctimas ... perdón, de sus invitados!) Podrán encontrar estas historias en Alaska Beyond Entertainment, en su vuelo hoy mismo.

Mike hizo una presentación especial de Russell Wilson cuando Alaska organizó un evento para inspirar a los jóvenes de educación secundaria. Swani fue vestido con su uniforme de piloto, pero para dar un tono más informal, se quitó el abrigo y la gorra y los dejó detrás del escenario. Russell se los puso rápidamente, y salió a escena. La actuación de Swani impresionó, pero la química entre ambos se notó de inmediato y fue muy evidente. iAhora él dice que Russell hace que el uniforme de piloto se vea muy bien! Luego junto hicieron algunos comerciales fantásticos para televisión. Podrán verlos en nuestro canal de YouTube, youtube.com/alaskaairlines.

Hace poco le pedimos a Swani que presentara una nueva serie de podcast llamada Beyond Interviews, que también está disponible en nuestro sistema de entretenimiento en la actualidad.

Todos en Alaska Airlines agradecemos que esté volando con nosotros hoy. Espero que disfruten al conocer un poco más sobre nuestras verdaderas leyendas, como Mike "Swani" Swanigan, y espero que disfruten lo que él está haciendo en el canal Alaska Beyond. 🛪

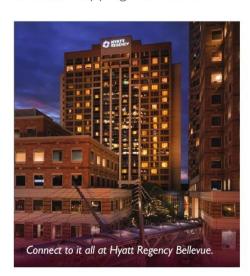




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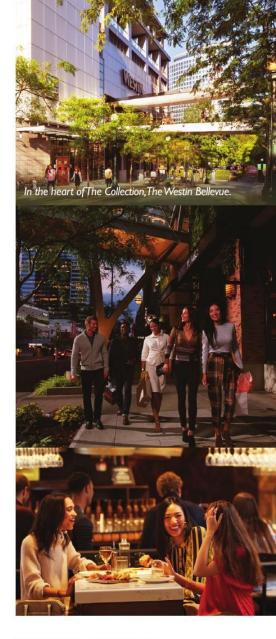
#### NO COMPLAINTS

from picky eaters about the insane amount of kid-friendly restaurants at The Bellevue Collection. VIVO 53 is known for handmade pizza loved by both kids and adults. Maggiano's Little Italy boasts authentic Italian specialties and indulgent treats, and Freshii is designed for healthy families on-the-go with soups, salads, wraps, and smoothies.





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Alaska's TripAdvisor rankings were based on more than 12,300 reviews submitted by travelers during the preceding 12 months. Alaska received high marks in all categories, including for legroom, customer service, cleanliness, food and beverage, seat comfort, value for money, check-in and boarding, inflight entertainment, and onboard experience.



Guests who submitted reviews said they loved to fly Alaska for its excellent service, friendly and knowledgeable staff, clean planes, on-time service, low fares, fresh onboard food and amazing inflight entertainment, among other highlights. Many also mentioned that

Alaska Mileage Plan perks are tough to beat.

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#### SUPPORTING WOMEN IN AVIATION

#### >> At the 2019 Women Fly Conference,

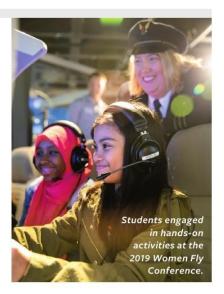
held in March at The Museum of Flight in Seattle, volunteers from Alaska and Horizon joined other businesses and organizations to provide young women with inspiring talks and hands-on activities related to aviation and aerospace.

Hundreds of student participants from local middle schools and high schools tried out flight simulators, attended workshops and engaged in a virtual reality Mars experience—activities aimed at fostering interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), as well as in careers with aerospace companies.

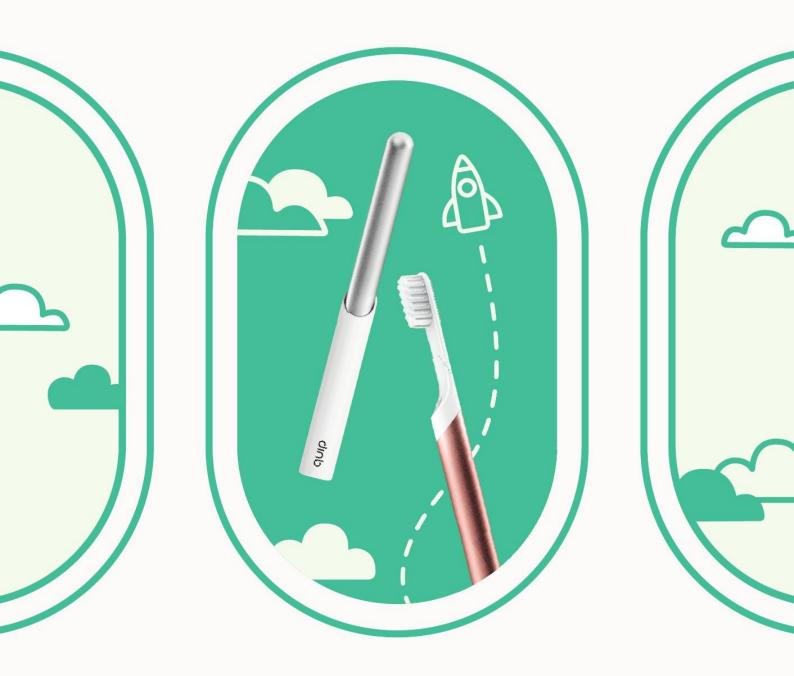
Alaska's involvement in the annual event is part of ongoing efforts by the airlines to encourage women in aviation. According to FAA statistics, only about 7 percent of all U.S. pilot certificates were held by women at the end of 2018. Programs such as Women Fly, which Alaska employees participate in each year, work at changing this statistic for the future.

In February, Alaska also signed a pledge with Sisters of the Skies, a nonprofit committed to pilot diversity. The airline pledged to increase the number of female African American pilots at Alaska and Horizon over the next six years, and to support paths for all young women to become part of the Alaska/Horizon team.

Alaska Airlines First Officer Jeanne Deaver, who has volunteered at Women Fly for several years, led a team this year presenting the workshop "The Science and Technology of Flight." In it, students learned about aircraft navigation systems and had the chance to try a simulator.



When asked why she volunteers at the event, Deaver said, "It's important that we encourage more girls to go into STEM fields. We need them." ⊀



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Luu's positive spirit and strong work ethic have served the 27-year Alaska employee well in work and in life, as Luu has long had to overcome obstacles. Coming to the United States with his family in the early 1980s, as a Salvation Army-supported refugee from Vietnam, Luu started high school in Seattle without knowing any English.

"I didn't even know what 'sit down' meant," Luu says. "And there was no bilingual program."

Despite his challenges, Luu worked hard to finish high school, while also waiting tables at a restaurant. He then studied print technology at a local community college. That led to a job in Alaska Airlines' graphics resources department, in 1991. He moved to the Seattle ticket counter in 2004, and has been there since.

"Once I moved to customer service, I realized it was a perfect fit—I love to talk to people," says Luu, who is trilingual and sometimes translates for Chinese and Vietnamese guests. "From the time guests step into the airport to the time they get home, I want them to be safe and happy, like I would want my family to be."

Luu has two sons of his own, both grown. One works in music production in Los Angeles, and the other is studying architecture at the University of Washington. And although Luu often works six days a week, he makes sure to set aside time for loved ones—as well as for another passion: "I always take Sundays off for family ... and for the Seahawks," he says.

Luu is thankful his job gives his family more opportunities than he had growing up. About his own work, he is humble: "I'm just doing my job every single day," he says. -Ben Raker



#### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

What do you like most about your job? There are lots of guests I can talk to, and I can do my best to make them happy.

What advice do you have for new hires? I tell them, "Be patient." Being a CSA can be hard. Just try to help however you can. Imagine people are your family, and you'll understand what they need sooner.

What are your favorite places to travel? I don't have a favorite! Every year my wife

and I try to take a week of family vacation with our sons. We try to go to a different place each time. This year, we are going to Rome—my first time visiting Europe. My younger son will be studying there this fall.

#### What do you pack on trips?

I'm easy. On a short trip, I only bring a backpack. At my destination, I pick up T-shirts—the five for \$10 kind. Then I have something to wear and something to help me remember the trip when I go home.

#### **KUDOS FROM KENNIE'S CO-WORKERS**

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"Kennie has such a good attitude-I think it kind of just rubs off on everyone. Just being around him makes you want to do well and have a good attitude, as well." -Derrick B., Lead Customer Service Agent, Seattle

"He is never in a bad mood, and he will always find a resolution." —Hilda S., Station Duty Manager, Seattle

"He's a do-it-all guy—willing to do all the jobs we have and happy to do them." -Paul H., Customer Service Agent, Seattle

"Kennie is amazing, awesome, spectacular, brilliant. ... I can text him at three in the morning and tell him I need him here, and he's here by 3:45." —Leslie S., Contract Service Lead, Seattle



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BEN LOST 44 POUNDS



WHEN BEN WENT THROUGH
20/20 LIFESTYLES, HE
NOT ONLY LOST EXCESS
WEIGHT AND IMPROVED HIS
NUTRITIONAL HABITS, BUT HE
ALSO RE-DISCOVERED A LOVE
FOR RUNNING, REDUCED HIS
OVERALL STRESS AND FOUND
SOME FAVORITE NEW FOODS.

#### THE MOTIVATION

I had gradually been putting on weight, largely due to unhealthy dietary habits. It was a daily struggle that I had a hard time finding a way to address. After the results of my annual medical exam made it harder to ignore, my wife suggested that I look into the 20/20 LifeStyles program.

#### THE CHALLENGE

For more than 15 years, I've enjoyed exercising and participating in races, so it wasn't about getting more exercise. To be honest, I was daunted by the prospect of what seemed like drastic changes to my diet and the resulting loss of foods and drinks that I realized I'd come to rely on for managing stress or tiredness.

#### **GAME CHANGERS**

As I learned more about nutrition and the effects of different foods on the mind and body, I felt better equipped. It was also helpful to understand the many ways in which sleep is important, including why it's important in managing weight.

#### **FAVORITE NEW FOOD**

Frozen raspberries! I love them with some fat-free yogurt or just on their own.

#### THE BEST PART

From my teenage years through my adult life, I've struggled with my body image. And now, I'm both slimmer and fitter than I've ever been. It has been amazing to see my body transform. It has also been fun buying new clothes and very satisfying to have shaved several inches off my waistline for the fancy new jeans I rewarded myself with.

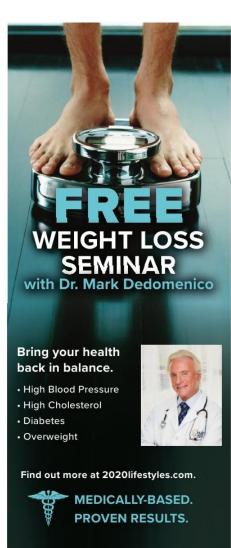
#### GOING FORWARD

I'm at my target weight now, and I'm conscious that keeping the weight off is likely to be a bigger challenge for me than losing it. However, with the new healthy eating habits and nutritional knowledge I've gained, I feel confident that I'm equipped for the long haul.

#### AN UNEXPECTED BONUS

I've fallen back in love with running. It makes such a difference when I'm no longer lugging 40 pounds along with me, and I've really enjoyed reincorporating it into my exercise routine.





Captain/Line Check Airman Dan Richardson is a Horizon Pathfinder

>> When a guest was too scared of flying to board her flight from Wenatchee, Washington, even though she needed to get to a vital appointment, Captain Dan Richardson joined her outside the aircraft to explain how the plane worked. "We had enough time before departure that I could do it," he says. "We talked about lift, and about how the flaps go up and down, and normal noises you hear. She decided to board the flight, and she did fine."

The Boise-based Q400 captain, who has been with Horizon for almost 30 years, is known for assisting guests and co-workers alike. He'll unload bags, tidy seats, and show kids the flight deck. The flight attendants and guests are always in mind as he strives to make each flight as smooth as possible. And he's even pushed wheelchairs to ensure that guests could make connecting flights. "Sometimes wheelchair guests think I'm a skycap and try to tip me," he says. "I tell them, 'No need to pay me. I'm the pilot.'"

If a flight is delayed, he provides information in a timely manner—doing it from a cabin handset when possible so that he can be face-toface with the guests. With aircrews-from flight attendants to new pilots he is training and evaluating in his role as a line check airman—he emphasizes that he welcomes and values communication among the crew and with guests. He says the standard he insists on for pilots is whether he, and they, would feel good putting their own families on the plane. "Horizon crews are very motivated in providing a seamless, on-time, safe operation that people can count on," he says.

He became interested in aviation because his dad was a commercial pilot and also taught mechanics at an airframe-and-powerplant school. Richardson's background included flying freight before he joined Horizon. "I love what I do," he says, "from flying the aircraft to training, to helping people, to pointing out gorgeous Northwest sights to our guests." -M. Dill



#### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

#### What is important to you at work?

Taking care of our airline guests and taking care of our airline colleagues. From the cabin cleaners to the ramp crews to the mechanics to the customer service agents to the flight attendants to fellow pilots, telling them how much you appreciate them. Everybody is crucial to the operation. We all depend on one another. No one is better than anyone else. We all have the same goal of doing an outstanding job of transporting and caring for people.

What is important to you outside work? My family. I joined Horizon partly because I didn't want to drag my wife and kids all

over the country, chasing jobs. Our three boys have deeper friendships and roots because of that.

#### What do you like to do when you're not on the job?

I like anything with an engine—cars, lawn mowers, boats. We love being out on the water and taking boat trips on the Columbia River.

#### What philosophy do you live by?

Know what you're doing. Be a team player. Lift the morale of the whole crew. Try to be kind to other people. Be honest. Be dependable. Be respectful and appreciative.

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"Dan embodies our values of owning safety and being remarkable. He is dedicated to getting people to their destinations safely and efficiently. He makes sure his crew and guests are well taken care of and informed. His humble and kind heart is apparent to everyone. He's always ready to assist the ramp personnel with bags,

help guests down the stairs, and make sure unaccompanied minors feel comfortable and safe. He is a role model who sets an example for our new hires and helps them understand what creating an airline people love means for our flight operations." —John H., Horizon Vice President of Flight Operations, Seattle

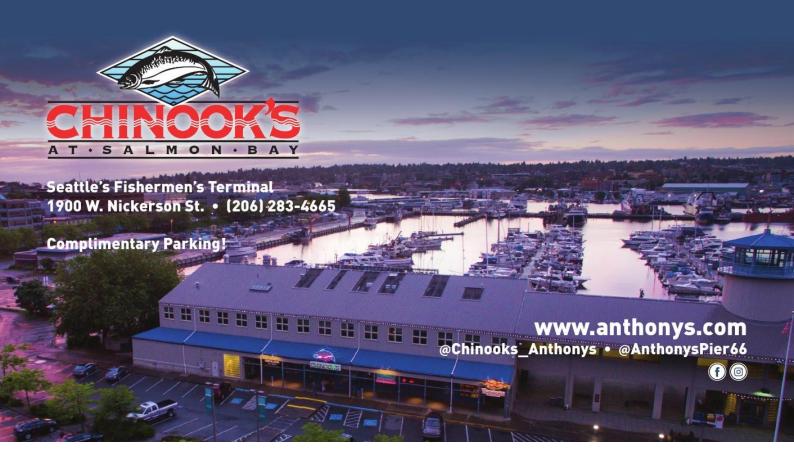


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#### ON THE MENU

#### SIMPLE PLEASURES

#### By Chef Joshua Rappaport

)) I often find that the simplest food preparations are the most satisfying. A single perfectly ripe peach picked at the height of summer can outshine the most elaborately constructed dessert, and a few slices of prosciutto with fresh mozzarella, served on freshly baked focaccia, can easily outdo a sandwich of more complex and exotic ingredients.

For breakfast, there are times when I crave nothing more than the delicious contrast of creamy Greek yogurt paired with nutty, sweet homemade granola. Not only is a yogurt-and-granola combination a great source of protein, but it also serves as a perfect vehicle for a practically infinite variety of toppings.

Adding fresh fruit is a given, and I have also become a fan of folding in a generous dollop of acai puree for additional goodness. Acai (ah-sigh-EE) berries

originated in Central and South America, and in recent years they have gained widespread popularity as an ingredient in smoothies, breakfast bowls and myriad other recipes, owing primarily to their potent antioxidant properties, as well as to their rich, tart flavor.

This spring, in our First Class cabin on select flights, you can enjoy our Acai Bowl (shown at right), which combines acai puree, fresh berries and kiwifruit, with Greek yogurt and Alaska Airlines' own signature homemade granola.

For several years, Alaska's granola-with its distinctive flavors of toasted pumpkin seeds and dried cranberries—has been our most-requested recipe. I've included this recipe (at right). For a refreshing breakfast, pair this granola with yogurt. If you'd like, add the twist of acai puree (now available at many stores) - and

fresh fruit. The combinations are limited only by your imagination.

Joshua Rappaport, based in Seattle, is Executive Chef, Menu Design, for LSG Sky Chefs. He partners with Alaska on bold inflight menu options such as the Acai Bowl now available in First Class on select flights.

#### ALASKA AIRLINES SIGNATURE GRANOLA

- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ⅓ cup brown sugar
- 4 cups dry rolled oats
- 4 tablespoons pumpkin seeds
- 4 tablespoons dried cranherries

Preheat oven to 350 F. Melt

butter in saucepan over low heat, stirring in cinnamon and sugar until sugar fully dissolves. Place oats and seeds in large bowl. Stir in butter mixture, then spread bowl contents in thin layer on a parchment-lined sheet pan. Bake at 350 F until oats are lightly browned (about 10 minutes), stirring partway through. Once oats and seeds are toasted, return all to the bowl. Mix in cranberries. Cool granola at room temperature. Store in airtight container. Serves 6-8.

#### **MEET "THE BRANDON"**

Simplicity can be desirable, in a sandwich as well as in other dishes. Last year, when Alaska reinvented its menus. Chief Financial Officer Brandon Pedersen saw a chance to advocate for a cause close to his heart: "I've been saying for years that we needed a good turkey

sandwich," Pedersen says. "I thought our guests would appreciate something hearty yet simple."

A connoisseur of the craft, Pedersen feels that the ideal sandwich starts with "good turkey, good bread, not too much sauce, and fresh veggies."

Pedersen taste-tested options along with Chef Rappaport and the rest of Alaska's menu team. The winning entry is accessible yet adventuresome: Scallion aioli is served as a side to the ciabatta roll filled with smoked turkey breast, provolone, artichoke spread, Roma toma-

toes and—as the result of an accident—cucumber.

"That was a mistake when we did the tasting," says Pedersen, "but I suggested we keep it." He's happy with the result—and that's a good

thing. His name is on it. - Dianne McGinness

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#### PRAISING HEROIC MOMS

>> Alaska Airlines marked International Women's Day and a partnership with Marvel Studios tied to the Captain Marvel film earlier this year by spotlighting some of our marvelous employees—female pilots and aviation professionals sharing many of the strengths seen in the hero of the film. (See "Celebrating our own Captain Marvels" at blog.alaskaair.com.)

At the time, we also asked employees to name the female superheroes in their lives and the majority paid tribute in some way to their mothers or other moms they admire.

For this month of Mother's Day, here are some of the responses, honoring moms everywhere worthy of superhero status.

- "My mother has been my rock. She always has the wisdom to help me down the correct path. She has also helped guide her granddaughter toward higher life goals. She's always there for support. And, of course, she brought me into this beautiful world." —Casey C., Warranty and Repair Analyst, Portland
- "My mother is my Captain Marvel. While I was growing up, she was my biggest cheerleader and most cherished confidant. Any time my world was falling apart, my mom would step up and save the day, even if it meant making sacrifices." - Amanda P., Station Trainer/ Customer Service, Los Angeles
- "Without much money, my mom always found ways to make each of her children feel special. Her resilience is amazing, and, looking back, I honestly don't know how she did it. Her quiet strength will always impress me. She is a true superhero, as are all mothers." — Johanna G., Duty Manager, Inflight Crew Scheduling, Seattle
- "My mom always helped people wherever, whenever and however she could, even when she had a lot on her own plate. She never did it



for recognition. She did it because she knew it was the right thing to do." -Rachel C., Customer Service Agent, San Francisco

- "My superhero never wore a cape or shot lasers from her eyes. She was a single mom to two biological babies, along with tons of kids she took in. This is my seventh year without her. She may have passed away physically, but I'm grateful for all the things she passed down to me spiritually—such as her tenacity to live life, love people and laugh loudly." -Justine R., Cargo Call Center Lead, Seattle
- "My mom raised me and my sister for years without any help. She made sure that we had a roof over our heads, food in our mouths and clothes on our backs. I might have not had the latest things, but I will say that I was happy. My mom knew how to take care of her kids, no matter what." - Dominique W., Customer Service Agent, Seattle

"My mom, an Alaska Lounge Concierge, is my hero. She has set such a great example, and she gives the best advice. I know I may not have always felt this way, but now when I hear, 'You sound/look/act just like your mom,' I know it's the greatest compliment!" -Lyndsey D., Legal Coordinator II, Seattle

#### "Both of my moms have been my heroes.

My biological mom is a Special Victims Unit detective—in her everyday duties, she saves lives and puts away bad guys. My stepmom is one of the strongest women I've ever met, handling her life obstacles like a champ. They've helped me through my own rough patches and shaped me into the strong woman I am today." -Kasara G., Flight Attendant, Seattle

"My mom selflessly raised me on her own and continues to be my biggest supporter. I can't imagine life without her." - Krista F., Call Center QA Program Manager, Seattle ⊀

# When a child has cancer, not just any treatment will do.



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#### **AVIATION DAY** INSPIRES

Alaska Airlines introduces students to the airline industry

#### By Jacob Uitti

#### >> As a youngster growing up in Puyallup,

Washington, Joseph Ramirez liked to build with his hands. He remembers using Lego bricks to create new objects and worlds.

Ramirez's interest in construction continued through high school and crystallized when he joined the Alaska Airlines-sponsored youth organization TeenFlight, which attends Alaska's annual Aviation Day, held at the airline's Seattle-Tacoma International Airport hangar. The daylong program introduces students to different aspects of the aviation industry.

Now 24, Ramirez is an aircraft technician at Alaska, and he credits both TeenFlight and the airline for steering him toward his dreams of a career in aviation.

Ramirez is one of the many people who have been impacted by Alaska programs such as Aviation Day. The 11th-annual Seattle event is taking place May 4, drawing about 1,200 Puget Sound students from dozens of area schools and organizations to visit Alaska's Seattle airport hangar. Alaska also will hold an Aviation Day at its Portland International Airport hangar, on May 18, attracting some 600 students.

About 300 volunteers, including Alaska employees and their families, run the program, which gives students—ages 13 to 18 in Seattle, and 11 to 18 in Portland—a hands-on introduction to aviation by touring Alaska jets and other aircraft, examining planes with mechanics, exploring the cockpits of various commercial, military and private planes, and attending a series of career presentations.

Wade Brewer, Corporate Philanthropy Officer for the Girl Scouts of Western Washington, says each year about 200 Girl Scouts attend Aviation Day, which plays a crucial role in introducing girls to the fields of science, tech-







nology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

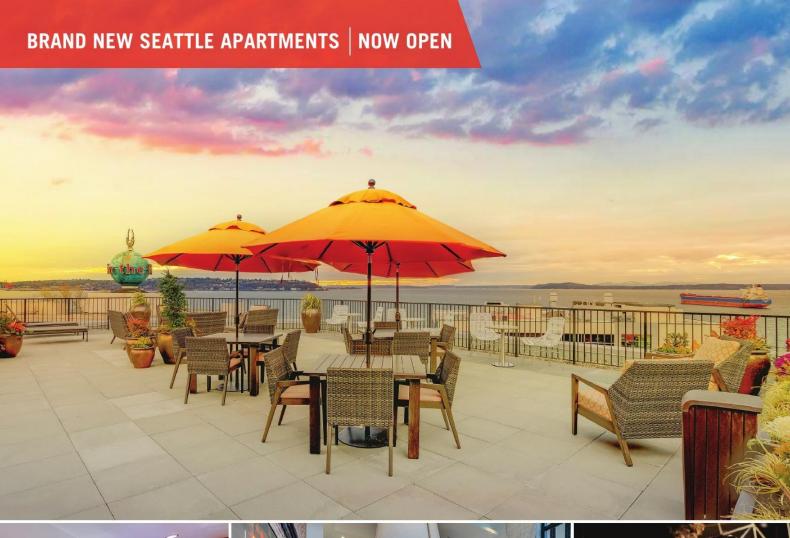
The Portland Aviation Day attracts students from the Greater Portland area, including Southwest Washington. A major supporter of Aviation Day is Cascadia Technical Academy, of Vancouver, Washington. The academy offers training in various technical fields, including the aviation industry. Rob Reinebach, the academy's Aviation Technology Instructor, says between 50 and 100 academy students have attended the Portland Aviation Day each of the past five years. Attending students can speak with aviation recruiters from universities, airlines and the military.

These connections are important because a high percentage of the academy students attending the event plan to enter the aviation industry, with about 90 percent of those students interested in becoming pilots. "Alaska Clockwise from top: Students in Seattle meet Alaska Airlines CEO Brad Tilden, talk with pilots and spend time examining various aircraft during the 2018 Aviation Day.

Airlines' Aviation Day is the highlight event of the year for my students," Reinebach says.

Shaunta Hyde, Managing Director of Community Relations at Alaska Airlines, says Aviation Day and other events help encourage young people to pursue their goals in the aviation field. However, it takes leadership from many different groups to make that happen.

"We are grateful to partner with nonprofits, government groups and community-based organizations that help us with the important work of inspiring the next generation of airline innovators," Hyde says. 🛪









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>> When inside the Vatican's Sistine Chapel in Italy, visitors may wish they had Michelangelo's original scaffolding to better appreciate the masterpieces painted on the high ceiling. In "Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel: The Exhibition," at The Cathedral Cultural Center on the Christ Cathedral

campus in Orange County, California, visitors can see replicas of Michelangelo's ceiling frescoes and The Last Judgement up close.

The exhibit, through Jan. 11, displays high-resolution photographs of the original artwork on the floor level, letting viewers step right up to the panels. The exhibit's creators collaborated with the Vatican to ensure accuracy. For example, because Michelangelo painted many frescoes on

curved, vaulted surfaces, some minor framing and coloring adjustments were made to display the art as accurately as possible.

Michelangelo created his ceiling frescoes between 1508 and 1512. The Last Judgement, depicting the final and eternal judgement by God, covers the Sistine Chapel altar wall and was completed in 1541. Visit chapelsistine.com for more information. —Nancy Burkhalter



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#### PERSONAL ART

>> Minnesota artist Amy Rice has seen Art-A-Whirl grow from a gathering in a single building into a festival that takes over nearly all of Northeast Minneapolis. The 24th-annual event, May 17-19, features the work of more than 800 artists in 60 locations and provides a chance for festival attendees to connect with many of the artists in person.

Rice (whose work is shown above), has been participating in Art-A-Whirl for 12 years, including this year, and says this personal interaction is valuable. "It's easy to forget art is a tangible thing-that there's a human behind the scenes who worked hard to create it," says Rice.

At studios and galleries, guests can watch artists create, chat with artists about their processes and techniques, and purchase work. The event is produced by the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association. Visit nemaa.org/art-a-whirl for more information. -Suzi Kang

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#### MONUMENTAL **MUSEUM**

>>> Because of space limitations, nearly 80 percent of the annual 4.3 million visitors to the Statue of Liberty have been unable to explore the museum within the 305.5-foottall statue's pedestal. Now, the Statue of Liberty Museum, opening May 16 on Liberty Island in New York City, offers an accessible way for visitors to learn more about the statue in the shadow of Lady Liberty herself.

An Immersive Theater experience tells the story of the icon, which France gifted to the United States in the 1880s. It takes visitors on a virtual fly-through inside the statue.

In the Engagement Gallery, visitors can explore a re-creation of the warehouse where sculptor Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi constructed the statue. Multimedia displays show the development of the Lady in the Harbor, from small plaster model to copper sheets pounded around molds.

In the Inspiration Gallery, visitors can see the original torch, which was replaced in the 1980s, as well as a to-scale model of the statue's face. Glass walls look out onto views of the real statue, and an interactive digital display lets visitors share what liberty means to them. For more, visit libertyellisfoundation.org/statueoflibertymuseum. - Sherry Fisher





#### CHILDREN'S FEST TAKES THE STAGE

■ Starting in 1978 as a theater festival for young audiences, the Vancouver International Children's Festival now features more than 90 shows, ranging from traditional theater productions to music, dance, circus and puppetry.

The event is held May 27-June 2 on Granville Island in Vancouver, B.C., with more than 25,000 visitors expected.

The festival's Variety Show is a

90-minute-long performance hosted by beloved Canadian musician Fred Penner. Other shows include Jacky Essombe's Jacky's Village, featuring music, dance and storytelling from Africa, and The Polar Bears Go Up (at left), which is a wordless performance following two polar bears searching for a lost balloon. Visit childrensfestival.ca for more information. —Giulia Szanyi



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#### MOVING **PEOPLE**

>> To make The Chronicles of San Francisco, French artist JR, one of Time's 100 most influential people of 2018, spent two months filming, photographing and interviewing more than 1,200 people. The result is a black-and-white digital mural more than 100 feet long and 16 feet tall with continuously scrolling images of San Franciscans, on display at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art for a year, starting May 23.

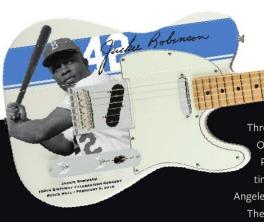
The Chronicles of San Francisco began in January 2018 when the artist and his team transformed a 53-foot trailer truck into a photo studio and parked it in 22 predetermined locations across the length and breadth of San Francisco, welcoming anyone who wished to participate. Interviewees include homeless per-



sons, doctors, activists and professional athletes such as Golden State Warriors basketball player Draymond Green. A 160-page book accompanies the exhibit and features individual portraits included in the mural and selected stories from participants, alongside behind-the-scenes photos.

Born in 1983 in France, JR became a photographer after finding a camera in the Paris Métro in 2001. He began taking pictures of his friends and affixing those photos to walls in the city. His work soon drew international attention. For more information, visit sfmoma.org. - Giulia Szanyi

>>> Artist JR's The Chronicles of San Francisco is a digital mural featuring more than 1,200 people.



# SOUNDS OF THE GAME

>>> From organ music of the early 1900s to the songs that modern-day batters choose to have played as they step up to the plate, baseball and music have long been stitched together.

Through the end of baseball season in October, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game: Popular Music and the National Pastime," at the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, celebrates this connection.

The exhibit features more than 250 artifacts, including legendary sportscaster Harry Caray's microphone, which Caray often used to sing Take Me Out to the Ball Game. Other items include handwritten lyrics to baseball classics such as James Taylor's Angels of Fenway and MLB-themed Fender guitars (such as the one above, with an image of Jackie Robinson).

Photographs from the National Baseball

Hall of Fame collection feature historical images of ballplayers and musicians together, including one image showing Ella Fitzgerald with Willie Mays.

Multimedia presentations and a 60-song jukebox let visitors immerse themselves in baseball-themed music such as Kenny Rogers' The Greatest and John Fogerty's Centerfield.

The museum's founding executive director, Bob Santelli, believes "baseball fans will be surprised by the unique relationship between baseball and music." For instance, retired players Barry Zito and Bernie Williams have launched musical careers. For more, visit grammymuseum.org. —Sherry Fisher



#### ON YOUR MARK. **GET SET ...**

#### >> Every year, in the early morning,

an unusual crowd gathers in the streets of San Francisco. People come by the tens of thousands, wearing horse masks, leotards, wedding dresses, cowboy hats, bacon costumes and outfits that defy explanation. Some come alone; others come tied together by bungee cords in groups of 13 (or more). Some are elite athletes. Some bring their kids.

This is the welcoming and quirky spirit that is Bay to Breakers, May 19 this year. It's a 12-kilometer run/walk that travels west from San Francisco Bay through the city

and Golden Gate Park to the breaking waves of Ocean Beach. Each year, the event, which is sponsored by Alaska Airlines, draws more than 40,000 participants and 100,000 spectators. The race is challenging, beautiful and regularly attracts world-class competitors. There is now even a bonus 3K extension. But in the spirit of San Francisco, this race is also a celebration for everyone.

A fun element is centipede racing. In 1978, 13 members of a UC Davis track club tied themselves together for the run like a human centipede. As a unit, they finished 130th out of 16,000 race entrants. Centipede racing has been part of Bay to Breakers ever since. For more information, visit baytobreakers.com. — Gabriel Moseley





#### A FESTIVAL THAT'S OKEYDOKEY

#### >> Much of the United States' fresh artichoke

supply comes from California, with two-thirds grown in the town of Castroville. Celebrating this proud tradition, the 60th-annual Castroville Artichoke Food & Wine Festival, June 1-2 at the Monterey County Fair & Event Center in California, aims to inform and excite festival attendees about the beloved vegetable.

Attendees can sample artichoke-based dishes such as burritos, soups, fried artichokes and even ice cream. Yes, ice cream. Revival Ice Cream in Monterey makes an artichoke flavor exclusively for the festival.

Other features are an "agro art" competition in which festivalgoers create sculptures out of fruit and vegetables, and an artichoke-eating contest—last year's winner ate 1.5 pounds of steamed artichoke in three minutes. For more, visit artichokefestival.org. — Giulia Szanyi



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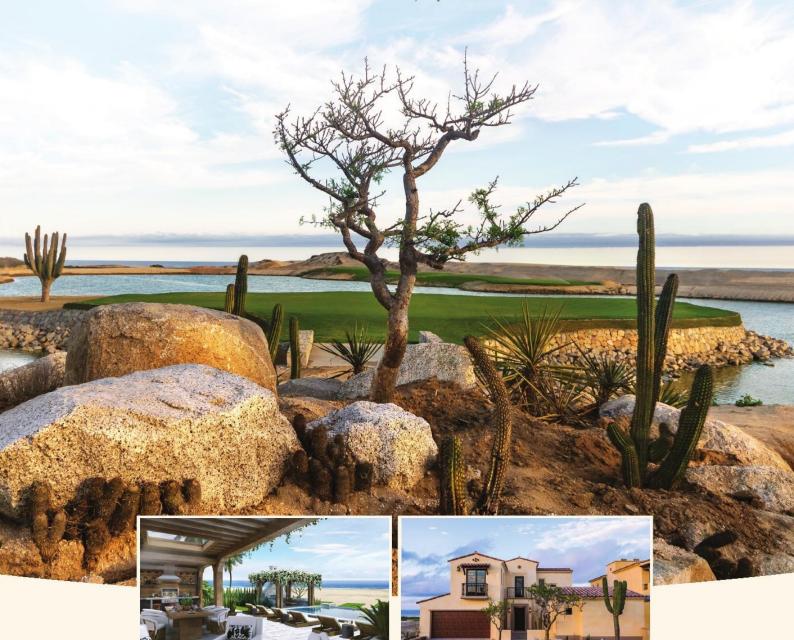
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#### **A 30/30 VISION**

#### By Jacob Uitti

>>> Seattle music producer Ryan Lewis, one half of the Grammy-winning rap duo Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, remembers telling his elementary school class that his mother was HIV-positive. Julie Lewis, now a 35-year survivor, contracted the virus in 1984 from a blood transfusion during the complicated birth of her first daughter, Teresa.

Julie wasn't diagnosed until 1990, after she had given birth to Ryan and a second daughter, Laura (both fortunate to be free of the virus). The disease has been a part of the Lewis family's narrative ever since. Yet lately, Julie, Ryan and other family members have been helping to write new chapters by increasing access to health care for people around the planet.

By 2014, Julie had dramatically exceeded her initial prognosis of a few years to live and wanted a way to mark her 30 years of survival. So she and her Billboard charttopping son, Ryan, co-founded the 30/30 Project as an initiative of the Seattle nonprofit Construction for Change. The project has the mission of bringing 30 affordable, high-quality health care facilities to people in drastically underserved areas, such as communities in Kenya, Rwanda and Puerto Rico impacted by HIV and AIDS.

In partnership with organizations worldwide, the 30/30 Project has helped build 16 new clinics, and it has 14 more funded and on the way. The 30/30 Project identifies local community-based organizations in high-need areas and works with on-the-ground partners that manage the construction and, ultimately, the operation and staffing of the facilities. The sites include, among other resources, health care clinics that provide service for HIV-positive patients and maternity wards that support pregnant mothers.

"Having a baby should not be a DIY project," says Julie, a former science teacher who has a degree in public health. "The look of relief on the faces of women we've been able to help has been so gratifying. To know that they won't have to go through hardships during pregnancy and that their daughters won't either-it's tremendously rewarding."

Since its inception, the 30/30 Project has enabled more than 250,000 patient visits overall, including more than 80,000 HIV tests and more than 15,000 prenatal visits, supporting more healthy births than anyone predicted.

The initiative has also raised more than \$2 million in revenues for projects, including the hundreds of thousands of dollars collected at a March event at The Showbox music



venue in Seattle. The evening featured performances by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, as well as by the famed Emerald City rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot, who praised the Lewis family.

"To me," Mix said between songs, "the mark of success is not money or glitz but when you leverage it to make somebody else's life better."

By that measure, the Lewis family has been vastly successful. And the work has been a full family effort. In 2015, Teresa Lewis joined the project as its director. Ryan's wife, Jackie, took on a volunteer role, clocking about 20 hours per week in the office when she's not traveling full-time for the organization. Ryan's sister Laura is also involved. Their work includes fundraising, working with new sites and partners, and organizing events.

"I remember back in 2014 when all of this was just an idea," Ryan explains. "It has been incredible to see how the project has grown. To have my wife come back from her time in Togo, or my sisters come back from Kenya, and to hear about all the work we're doing-I'm just really proud to be involved. HIV has been a part of who we are for my whole life. To see it become the fuel behind action is unbelievably cool."

While there have been challenges for Julie and company to navigate, the overarching maxim for their project has remained simple and constant.

"I don't think health care should be reserved for the privileged," Julie says. "I believe we're here with each other to take care of each other. That includes everyone."

For additional information about the 30/30 Project and the work of the Lewis family, and to learn how you can help, visit 3030project.org. ⊀

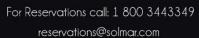
 Grammy-winning music producer Ryan Lewis (right) and his mother, Julie Lewis (left), co-founded the 30/30 Project to improve access to health care in communities in need around the world.



















At first, Larry Chiarelli, director at a tech start up, thought he was doing all he needed. Sign up on multiple dating websites. Meet lots of women. Eventually, the right one would come along - except she never did. So he decided to bring in the professionals and hired It's Just Lunch. It's Just Lunch's matchmakers got to know him and his preferences. They selected his dates, arranged schedules, and even made the restaurant reservations. Dating became stress-free and fun. Larry was a practical guy and didn't believe in love-at-first-sight... until IJL introduced him to Ping.

#### Dating life before joining It's Just Lunch?

Lawrence: Chaotic! I was meeting a lot of women but not the right women for me. Online dating was time consuming and stressful. I needed someone to relieve me of the dating busy work so I could get some breathing room. I needed to slow things down to speed them up. It's Just Lunch fit that criteria perfectly.

#### Why join It's Just Lunch?

Ping: I fly frequently for both work and fun. When I saw It's Just Lunch in the airline magazine, it was as if the matchmaker was talking to me! One day after a particularly long flight and wanting to snuggle with someone and watch a movie, I decided it couldn't hurt to give it a try.

#### Most enjoyable part of the It's Just Lunch process?

L: Having someone doing all the work to select and schedule a date. It was like I had my own personal dating concierge to take care of all the details. All I had to do was be on time for my date and be myself. It really was a stress-free experience.

#### What was it like working with the It's Just Lunch matchmakers?

L: Easy and convenient. The company I was working for was going through a merger so I was away from home quite a bit. I'd finish my day and there would be a message from my matchmaker telling me about my

next match. I'd call back, get the details and run through my availability. The next thing I knew I was in front of an interesting woman having a great conversation.

#### Do you have any advice for singles who want to meet that special someone?

L: I tell my clients an analogy all the time: Would you rather drive across the country in a Toyota Corolla or a BMW 5 series? They always say the 5 series. You get what you pay for. Investing in yourself and your future with someone special means investing in the right matchmaking service. For me that was It's Just Lunch.

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How important is a person's political party affiliation when deciding to go on a date with him/her?

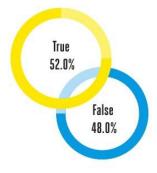
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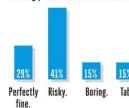
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I could casually date someone who didn't have the same political beliefs as me, but in the long term it probably won't work out:



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#### CHICAGO, ELEVATED

By Jay Gentile

>> Connecting four hip neighborhoods with a 2.7-mile pathway built on a former elevated rail line, The 606 is an urban greenway that provides tastes of Chicago's culture and accesses graceful city parks.

Named for the shared digits of adjacent ZIP codes, The 606 features at its core the biking/running/walking Bloomingdale Trail. This route links the communities of Bucktown, Humboldt Park, Logan Square and Wicker Park. Dedicated explorers can hike the entire trail between Walsh Park in the east and the Ridgeway Trailhead in the west, though I find that tackling a shorter segment—with detours—is also worthwhile.

Before a walk on the trail, I like to fuel up on tacos at the taqueria/honky-tonk Big Star, an iconic local hangout. In the evening, cross the street to The Violet Hour, an upscale speakeasy known for craft cocktails. To enter, find a door handle in the mural outside.

Head north a few blocks on North Damen Avenue to find the Damen Access Point west of Churchill Field Park. It's one of 12 access points from street level to the trail's perch of, on average, 17 feet above street level. Up top, a 10-foot-wide concrete path has an additional two feet of rubber track along each side,

lined with trees and plants that are in full bloom in warmer months. Follow the trail west to Milwaukee Avenue and stop at the trendy cafe

Ipsento 606, just off the trail, overlooking a small park where bands sometimes play. If you're still hungry, detour farther northwest on Milwaukee Avenue to Irazu, a romantic Costa Rican restaurant with an enclosed four-season patio. Beer lovers may want to backtrack northeast to the travel-themed Map Room to sample from 200-plus globally inspired brews.

Return to the trail and head about a mile west of Ipsento 606, enjoying your raised perspective for views between buildings of the city beyond. A ramp near North Humboldt Boulevard lets you detour to Humboldt Park, a massive green space with peaceful lagoons, ballfields and a boathouse cafe open in the summer. North of the park is Parson's Chicken & Fish. I like to kick back here with a cold drink and a plate of fried chicken. You can also head to Rosa's Lounge, a few blocks west, to enjoy some classic Chicago blues.

Then get back on the trail to make new discoveries. You'll find something different every time. ズ

#### AN ICONIC **CHICAGO STROLL**

■ While you're in town, also visit the popular downtown Chicago Riverwalk, a scenic 1.25-mile pathway along the Chicago River that features close-up perspectives on the city's world-famous architecture, and offers refreshments from seasonal food-and-drink vendors. -J.G.

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#### )) THE FEED **OUT & ABOUT CHICAGO**





#### **ILLINOIS OASIS**

#### By Jay Gentile

>> The city of Geneva, Illinois, is technically a suburb of Chicago, but it feels like its own world. Located about 40 miles west of downtown Chicago and easily accessible via car or Metra commuter rail, the riverside city of 22,000 residents makes for an ideal day trip from Chicago for travelers looking to balance their experience of Windy City bustle with small-town charm.

Geneva's downtown district is packed with more than 100 specialty shops, bars and restaurants (many of them housed in historical structures). This means that the city is perfect for strolling on foot. Admire the Victorian architecture of homes while also perusing restaurants and bars on Third Street. Stop along the way to enjoy a drink or a bite to eat at local favorites such as Fiora's (elegant fare in a converted historical home, with a large outdoor patio), The Patten House Restaurant and Bar (Cajun food in a historical red-brick structure, again with outdoor seating) and the restaurant Wildwood (known for its steak and live music, and featuring a courtyard overlooking a water garden).

Nature enthusiasts will find opportunities for exploration in Geneva's wealth of parks and



)) Geneva, Illinois, has, clockwise from top left, trails for riverside biking; accommodations at Herrington Inn & Spa; and places to shop and dine amid the historical buildings downtown.

bike trails, including idyllic Island Park, located on the shores of the Fox River within easy walking distance of downtown (and connected to the town via bridge and trail). Bikers can ride through leafy sections of the 61-mile Illinois Prairie Path or the 40-mile Fox River Bike Trail that passes through Geneva. Golfers can enjoy a round at the Public Course of Pheasant Run, with its maple-lined fairways located at Pheasant Run Resort, in the neighboring community of St. Charles.

Following roads or sections of riverside pathway, you can venture the 2.5 miles north to St. Charles, which offers additional historical scenery on a bit more urban scale.

You might also head to Geneva's Northwestern Medicine Field to catch a game with the minor league Kane County Cougars in a fun, family-friendly ballpark. Also, don't forget to

spend some of your time in Geneva at one of the Chicago area's top breweries, Penrose Brewing Company.

An ideal base of operations during your stay in Geneva is the Herrington Inn & Spa, a romantic retreat along the Fox River, offering plush four-poster beds and river-facing balconies perfect for looking out over the water as you listen to the sounds of the river and the birds chirping above. ⊀

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#### **EVERY SHADE** OF FROZEN

By Naomi Tomky

>> The motto of Little Baby's Ice Cream is "Ice cream is a feeling," an allusion to the dessert's status as a culinary synonym for freewheeling summer fun. And scoop shops such as Philadelphia-based Little Baby's are adding to ice cream's already widespread appeal with a rainbow of Instagrammable colors created by inventive natural flavors.

Little Baby's, which specializes in the eggless-style ice cream of its hometown, has made upward of 250 flavors in recent years, from Everything Bagel to Earl Grey Sriracha. "So many flavors traditionally end up some variation of beige," says owner Pete Angevine, because of the cream-colored dairy base. That's where the natural coloring of his

bright-orange Thai Iced Tea, pink Birch Beer Vanilla Bean and deep-purple Blackberry Sage come in. "We always thought of our stores as an immersive, multisensory thing-a look, sound, taste and feeling," he says.

Kari Brunson, co-owner of Seattle's Frankie & Jo's says, "Color is one of our pillars of what we look for when developing ice creams." The company also emphasizes superfoods, fruits and vegetables. "We're a culture immersed in visualization," she says, so Frankie & Jo's focuses on natural ingredients to create colors such as the bright fuchsia of Beet Strawberry Rose, the yellow gleam of Gingered Golden Milk, and the charcoal of Salty Caramel Ash.

Fruits and vegetables also drive the color scheme at Anchorage's Wild Scoops, where owner Elissa Brown says that color is one of the most important things in how we process taste. Once, while touring another shop before she opened hers, she was struck by the plainness—beige, tan, blah—of scoops. So even with Alaska's short growing season, Brown works to make sure her shop's flavors reflect the color and the time of year: wild blueberry, black currant, pumpkin and roasted beet.

Colorful scoops seem to have particular appeal, she says: "Whenever we have a bright flavor, people are extra likely to choose it-and leave with a big smile on their faces." ズ

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#### **LA VIE EN ROSÉ**

#### By Danielle Centoni

>> What happens when you combine two of the biggest trends in the wine world? You get sparkling rosé, of course. "Pink is hot, and bubbles are hot," says Bree Stock, a Master of Wine and independent wine-industry management consultant based in McMinnville, Oregon. "Put them together, and it's the hottest thing you can find." According to Nielsen marketing statistics, rosé sales in the United States increased 53 percent between 2016 and 2017, while sales of midpriced sparkling wine was up by 30 percent. And the website Beverage Daily notes that sales of sparkling rosé alone grew by 19 percent between 2016 and 2017.

According to Sabrina Lueck, instructor at the Institute for Enology and Viticulture at Walla Walla Community College in Washington, this bubbly-pink trend has legs. "It's important for us to identify trends so we can teach up-and-coming as well as classic styles," she says. "That's why we recently got into sparkling rosé. It's very on-trend. It's got that fun color and the fun bubbles, making a refreshing thing even more refreshing."

Carrie Wynkoop, who has worked with more than 200 Oregon wineries as the owner of Cellar 503 wine club, says people are drawn to sparkling rosé for the fun, but they come back to it for its food-friendliness. "These wines go really well with foods that typically go with both whites and reds," she says. "The bubbles cut through rich, fatty foods and add an extra layer of complexity and interest."

It turns out, wine regions along the West Coast are primed for this sparkling rosé revolution. In areas with lots of red wine production, rosés are "a natural fit," says Lueck. "They add value and variety to the lineup."

In Oregon, recent innovations in bottling are knocking down the remaining barriers, making sparkling wine one of the fastest-growing categories in the region.

McMinnville-based The Radiant Sparkling Wine Company offers start-to-finish traditional



method sparkling wine services, starting with bottling and continuing through disgorging and packaging-a process that can take years to complete and requires special equipment. "Radiant has really revolutionized the sparkling scene here in Oregon," says Wynkoop.

For a faster, nontraditional approach, Casteel Custom Bottling can force-carbonate wines on the spot, helping to bring a new array of budget-friendly bubbles to the market.

And in between you'll find producers experimenting with other styles, including bottle-fermented natural sparkling wines called pétillant naturels or pét-nats.

Whichever method is used to create sparkling rosé, "It's fruity and refreshing and easy to drink," says Stock. "It's all delicious." ⊀

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#### **DRY ON TIME**

Clothing for summer vacations

By Lora Shinn

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■ Wool in summer? Unbound Merino makes it work, with this V-neck T-shirt of 100 percent ultrafine merino, which is designed to wick away sweat and keep you cool, even on hot days (\$65; unboundmerino.com).







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#### By Gabriel Moseley

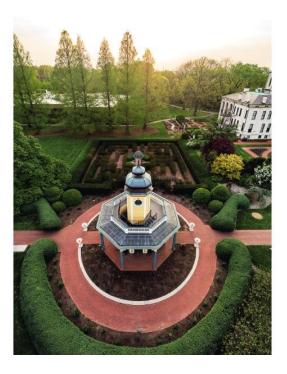
>>> Botanical gardens hold a unique place among our green spaces. The specialized gardens grow plants for the purpose of scientific research, conservation, display and education, according to Botanic Gardens Conservation International. In addition to the role the gardens play in promoting and conserving plant diversity for the planet, they are also fun, informative and beautiful to explore. The following five rank among the top botanical gardens in the United States.

#### New York Botanical Garden, New York, NY

This garden, located in the Bronx, covers 250 acres and is home to more than 1 million plants, thriving in a variety of temperate, tropical and desert areas. The garden is a world leader in plant research and conservation, and a National Historic Landmark. You can also take a variety of classes about the various types of plants. Don't miss the award-winning Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, home to more than 650 types of roses.

#### Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, MO

Founded in 1859 by Henry Shaw, the garden is a National Historic Landmark and reportedly the nation's oldest botanical garden in continuous operation. It is located a few miles west of city center and includes 79 acres that contain the Climatron (a geodesic dome used as a conservatory), a tropical rainforest, Henry Shaw's original 1849 estate home,





and a museum containing art, artifacts and other items collected by the garden during the past 160 years. In addition, there is a 14-acre Japanese strolling garden—one of the largest in North America.

#### Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA

Located about 40 miles southwest of Philadelphia, the Brandywine Valley attraction offers more than 1,000 acres of gardens, woodlands and meadows that are divided into a diverse mix of indoor and outdoor collections. Longwood's grand 4-acre conservatory showcases plants from around the world that are displayed in changing combinations. The gardens also offer daily fountain displays through September, and popular Fireworks & Fountains programs are held on various dates, from late May to late September.

>>> Clockwise from top: The New York Botanical Garden has more than 1 million plants. Phoenix's Desert Botanical Garden showcases a variety of cactuses. The Piper Observatory is part of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

#### Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, AZ

The 140-acre desert garden has five walking trails, numerous displays and a herbarium. You can learn about a

variety of cactuses, agaves, aloes and other flora found in deserts around the globe. Visitors can see hundreds of butterflies native to the Southwest at the garden's Spring Butterfly Exhibit, through May 12, and enjoy Ballet Arizona's performance of Eroica—An Evening at Desert Botanical Garden, May 14-June 1.



#### Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, CO

The downtown Denver attraction displays the flora that thrives in the area's high-alpine environment. The gardens also have collections from around the world, with a South Africa Plaza, a Steppe Garden, a tropical-plant conservatory, and a Science Pyramid with interactive technological displays that explore nature through a scientific lens. The Mordecai Children's Garden has six distinct ecosystems and hands-on displays that offer insights into plant life. \*

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weekend is one of the most important dates in motor sports, with the running of the Formula One Monaco Grand Prix, the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 on the same day. This convergence of schedule and timing has created a delightfully long day for racing fans.

The day begins with the Monaco Grand Prix at 3 p.m. in Monaco and 9 A.M. on the U.S. East Coast. The race is about 162 miles long and requires 78 laps. The route is dramatic and beautiful, winding through the streets of Monaco, along the waterfront and past Port Hercules. The course is considered one of the most dangerous on the Formula One European circuit. For information, visit formula1.com.

Next, at about 12:30 p.m., is the Indianapolis 500, billed as "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." The 2.5-mile stadium track is in the nearby town of Speedway.

The race, featuring open-wheel and

open-cockpit race cars, is steeped in tradition and full of lovable eccentricities. Before the race, military aircraft fly over the crowd. Cold milk is delivered to the track by armored vehicle, and given to the winning driver by a designated Indiana dairy farmer. The milk tradition began in 1936 when three-time winner Louis Meyer drank a glass of buttermilk after the race.

Other traditions include the winner kissing the strip of bricks at the finish line and the "quilt lady," Jeanetta Holder, 87, from Avon, Indiana, giving a race-themed quilt to the winner, as she has done every year since 1976. After the race, The Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers serenade the crowd with their bagpipes.

If you want to be one of the more than 300,000 fans watching the race in person, keep in mind that there's really no such thing as a bad seat, because giant high-definition LED screens, which enhance the viewing experience, are positioned throughout the Brickyard, the nickname for the speedway.

Even if you aren't an auto-racing fan, a trip to Indianapolis during race weekend is still a fun trip, with a variety of attractions and activities. To learn more, visit indianapolismotorspeedway.com.

On Sunday at 3 p.m., the Charlotte Motor Speedway, in Concord, North Carolina, welcomes about 90,000 fans to the Coca-Cola 600. At 400 laps, totaling 600 miles, this is the longest of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup series races, which usually run 400 or 500 miles.

The traditional Sunday prerace "Pit Party" this year will include the band Cheap Trick, and past 600 winners Jeff Burton and Kyle Petty are scheduled to make appearances. There also will be a salute to the U.S. Armed Forces.

If you are hungry, the speedway's most popular offerings include barbecue pork sandwiches and fried chicken sandwiches. For more information, visit charlottemotorspeedway.com. \*

Drivers start their engines at the beginning of the 2018 Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



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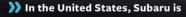
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#### THE OUTSIDER

Subaru's first model with a charge port, the Crosstrek Hybrid is equipped for the great outdoors

By Bengt Halvorson



thought of as being tough, active and outdoorsy. So much so that in an independent 2018 Maritz study, Subaru ranked second only to Jeep in the percentage of SUV owners who say they use their vehicles off-road. And in cold-weather states, Subaru enjoys strong sales because its capable all-wheel-drive systems and the good ground clearance in its vehicles are seen as advantages in the snow. Subaru's rugged reputation perhaps points to why the Japanese manufacturer has been a little reticent to create a plug-in hybrid model.

With the 2019 Crosstrek Hybrid, Subaru offers a high-performing vehicle that can be plugged in but doesn't have to be plugged in.

For now, the Crosstrek Hybrid is available primarily only in states that observe California's mandate for zero-emission vehicles, which include Oregon and many states in the Northeast. The Crosstrek Hybrid starts around \$35,000 and qualifies for a 2019 federal tax credit of up to \$4,500 and, in some states, other incentives, bringing the final sticker to a few thousand more than a comparable non-hybrid. The following features stood out during my test drive:

#### Off-roading on electric power

Subaru's symmetrical all-wheel drive in a hybrid vehicle means you can off-road entirely on electric power. Select X-Mode to electrically coordinate power delivery, the all-wheel-drive system and braking for optimum low-speed stability when off-pavement. I traversed nearly 10 miles of a loose, dusty trail up a mountain ridge without running the gas engine.

#### All-electric ability

Officially, the Crosstrek Hybrid can be an all-electric car for 17 miles, by EPA estimates, provided you drive it gently (and under 65 mph). In mild weather, without the need for heat or AC, I managed more than 20 miles.

#### Portable power

You can charge the Crosstrek Hybrid in just 2.5 hours with a standard Level 2 (240V) wall charger. You can also charge on the go with the Battery Charge Mode—the system directs the gas engine to fuel the battery, gaining about 20 percent of battery capacity in 30 minutes.

#### Efficiency that adds up

Take a hybrid system similar to those used in the Toyota Prius family and other models, add Subaru's symmetrical all-wheel drive-with an efficiency-tuned version of the familiar 2.0-liter Boxer four-cylinder engine—and you've got a car that's quicker than a 148-horsepower engine might suggest. Plus, it gets 35 mpg combined without any charge.

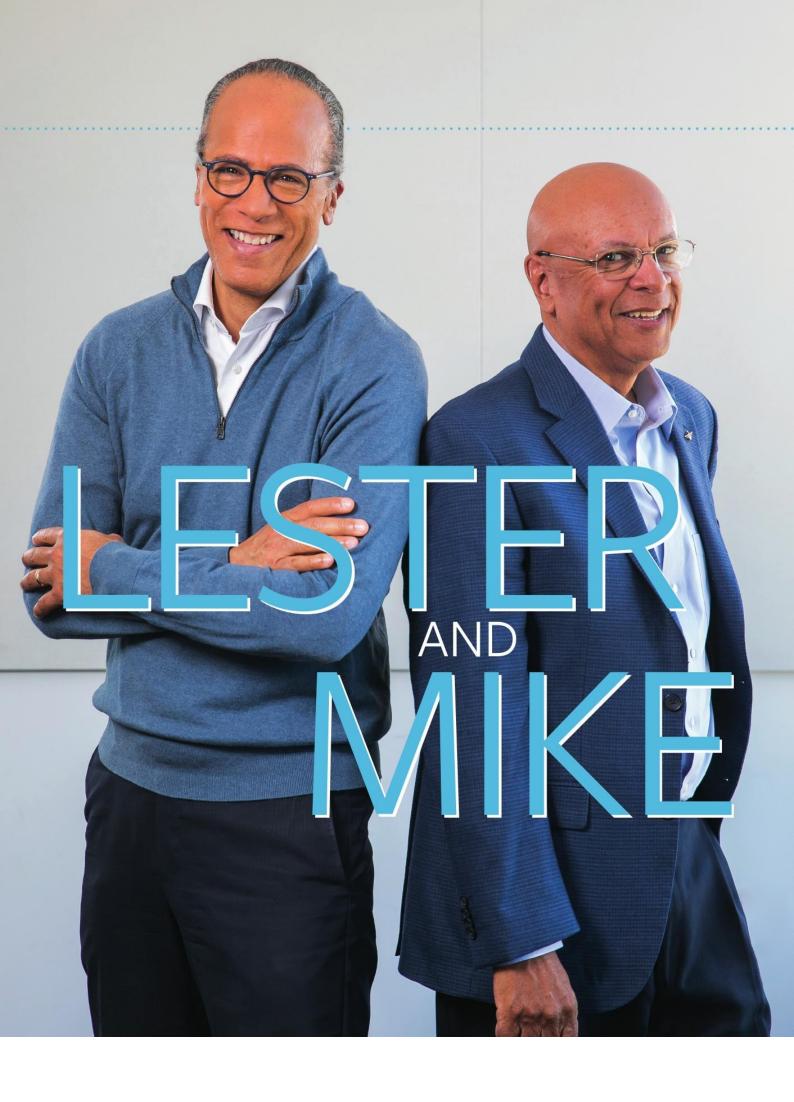
#### Room for gear

With a suitcase-size battery pack that creates a step in the cargo floor, the Crosstrek Hybrid sacrifices some practicality. Still, the rear seats can easily fold, and the Crosstrek Hybrid remains a pack mule, with a standard roof rack capable of holding 150 pounds of cargo.

#### Sights, sounds and more

Included is Subaru's latest EyeSight suite with adaptive cruise control, heated seats, and an 8-inch infotainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto capability. Upgrades, such as a heated steering wheel, are optional.





## ON SET WITH THE ANCHOR AND THE AVIATOR

Lester Holt is in-studio at NBCUniversal in Los Angeles when Mike Swanigan arrives. It's 9:30 A.M., and the two men share a hug amid a small group of people and a large tangle of electronics. Swanigan has come to interview his younger brother Holt for the video podcast Beyond Interviews, which Swanigan produces for Alaska Airlines' onboard entertainment. The two set up in front of the studio wall, illuminated by the digital backdrop for NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt.

"I don't do makeup," deadpans Swanigan as the crew preps the set, though he consents to losing a little shine off his forehead. The two share a laugh, the kind of chuckle that's been passed back and forth between brothers for years.

This building is Holt's West Coast work home, where he broadcasts NBC Nightly News at least twice a month to help maintain the show's West Coast connection. He lives in New York-home of the main NBC Nightly News studio-but he and his family enjoy a home near Malibu, as well. Swanigan has come from Phoenix, where he retired a few years ago after a 36-year career as a pilot with Alaska Airlines.

The brothers grew up in Anchorage and Northern California, and they fondly recall roaming the hills of Marin County on bikes, when Holt was 4 or 5 years old. Swanigan is the son of a different biological father, and is eight years the elder, but

he and Holt developed a close relationship early. Swanigan was a leader even then, a role model with an exuberant and caring style that lifted those around him, including young Holt. In fact, it was Swanigan who introduced Holt to radio, and landed him his first job in broadcasting-while Holt was still in high school.

They are brothers in broadcasting on this day, sharing a stage, but the parallels between the two are lifelong and easily visible in their interests, in their careers and in their manner as they sit down together to catch up. Their conversation is a warm and thoughtful one, founded in family, friends and a devotion to those who will follow them in aviation and journalism careers.

The following profile includes excerpts from their discussion, on and off camera.

THE BROTHERS are living in Anchorage in 1970, and Swanigan is a teen with wheels-a white '64 Chevy Impala that the men still rave about today when it comes up in conversation. Lester Holt Sr. (whom both boys call Dad) is working at Elmendorf Air Force Base, fixing planes, and the boys are already aviation geeks. Swanigan learns that Pan American World Airways will be flying a brand-new Boeing 747 through Anchorage, the first 747 to pass through the international airport, and he loads his two younger brothers into the Chevy. They park near the chain-link fence that surrounds the airport. The boys watch in awe as the jumbo jet rumbles past, onto the runway. It's a life-changing moment that will influence both boys' dreams and careers.

Swanigan: Actually, it was Dad who first got me interested in aviation. I was a kindergartner, and we were stationed in Denver, at Lowry Air Force Base. Dad took me on a ride in a B-25 Bomber as it was taxied around the airport. Then in elementary school, one of my classmates

Lester Holt, left, anchors NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt. Recently, he and his brother Mike Swanigan, a retired Alaska Airlines captain, sat down to reminisce about their childhoods and reflect on their careers.





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brought a model of an American Airlines Boeing 707 to class. And I looked at that airplane, and I said, "That's what I want to do." I was done. I didn't know how I was going to do it, but I knew I'd be a pilot. It wasn't a direct route to get there. Banking and broadcasting came up along the way while I tried to figure this thing out.

Holt: Well, you've always been a role model to me. People ask, "Who do you credit for your career?" And certainly there are mentors along the way, but clearly it's been you. I mean, you were the guy who inspired me about the possibilities of broadcasting when you were a

> teenage disc jockey in Alaska and took me to the studio. That was the first moment I thought, "This is kind of cool."

Swanigan: I'll never forget the look in your eyes when you saw all that equipment and I said, "Hey, go ahead and mess with it." And you were like, "OK!" I had no idea I was creating a monster.

Holt: You had a tape recorder, I remember, and you used to practice your broadcasting, and I picked that up, as well, in my

early high school years. I would sit in my bedroom with a record player and a cassette recorder, and I would talk up records like a deejay: "Hey, it's Lester Holt with the top rock hits!" And I'd play a song, and then I'd say, "Let's do the news headlines now," and I'd get the newspaper and read a few news stories.

I then kind of wormed my way into a few radio stations. ... You know, basically following what you had done.



Swanigan: Well, it was a good way to stay out of trouble, hanging around radio stations instead of out doing mischief.

Holt: You know, the thing I never asked you was why you didn't pursue broadcasting.

Swanigan: Bottom line, I wanted to be a pilot. Broadcasting was fun, but I don't think I had the deeply innate talent that you had for it. But seeing jets fly over always got my attention. Flying jets was all I've really ever wanted to do.

#### THE FAMILY DINNER TABLE

is significant to Swanigan and Holt as they are growing up. The family meal each evening includes a discussion of the day's events. Early on, their parents, Lester Sr. and June, encourage the children to read the front of the newspaper before sitting down, so they can discuss the news.

Holt says their parents continued to emphasize current events as he grew up, cultivating a fascination with what was happening in the wider world. Both brothers credit their parents for raising them to be fundamentally good, respectful people-lessons they learned at the dinner table and beyond.

Swanigan: As a result of those discussions, I have a very good memory of what was going on when I was growing up. The civil rights movement, the beginnings of

Brothers Lester Holt, right, and Mike Swanigan have an opportunity to interview each other on an NBCUniversal news set.

Mike Swanigan, pictured at left in this family photo from the 1960s, was an early role model to his younger brother Lester Holt, right.



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the Vietnam War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the battles with Fidel Castro-I thought I had a front seat to all kinds of things like that because Mom and Dad required us to stay up to speed.

Holt: The family dinner table meant a lot in our household. It was that moment when you talked about not only your life, but also what was going on in the world.

The other thing that holds true is that our parents were incredibly supportive, even with what I look at now as some kind

of harebrained passions or ideas. You know, Mike, you wanted to be on the radio. So, you got your tape recorder. They could have rolled their eyes at you. But they were supportive, and they were supportive of me, as well.

I never, ever, had a sense that I couldn't do anything. It was part of our upbringing to take pride in who you were, and where you came from and what you did, and not to let anybody tell you that you were second best. It was OK to dream big.

Swanigan: The one area that I did get

a little bit of pushback was early in my elementary school years when I said I wanted to be an airline pilot. I noticed there was a little bit of discomfort with it. I chalked a lot of it up to the fact that Mom doesn't like to fly. But later I found out that, at the time, African Americans were not

allowed to be airline pilots. Mom and Dad were concerned that the opportunity might not come my way. But America changed, and I was able to do it.

#### **GOING LIVE WITH LESTER**

Career: Three years as NBC Nightly News anchor; eight years as NBC Nightly News, Weekend Edition anchor, 12 years as Weekend TODAY co-anchor. Principal anchor of Dateline NBC since September 2011. Prior to that, Holt anchored and reported at MSNBC and multiple local CBS affiliates.

On the air: 37 years as a radio and television news reporter. Training: Studied government at California State University, Sacramento; learned

journalism at numerous TV and radio jobs. Other job: Bass guitarist for The Rough Cuts, a rock band of news professionals.

Interesting fact: A 1977 rejection letter from NBC is among documents related to

Holt in the California Hall of Fame. Holt received the letter at age 18. Notable: Moderated first Trump-Clinton presidential debate, 2016; conducted consequential 2017 interview with President Trump. Significant stories: 2000 Bush vs. Gore presidential election with ballot recounts; 9/11 attacks (reporting from New York); Olympic Games coverage since 2002.

Recognition: Part of multiple Emmy-winning news teams; 2018 Poynter Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism; 2018 National Press Foundation Sol Taishoff Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism; 2016 National Association of Black Journalists Journalist of the Year; 1990 Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award.

Sibling rivalry: On Alaska Airlines flights, major-network anchor Holt is simply referred to as "Swani's Brother."

In film: TV credits include 30 Rock, House of Cards and Law & Order; film credits include The Fugitive (1993) and Primal Fear (1996). Education outreach: Ambassador for The Poynter Institute's MediaWise digital-literacy project, which aims to reach 1 million teenagers by 2020 with free curriculum for sorting fact from fiction, assessing sources and practicing critical thinking.

Quote him on it: "It's important that we ask tough questions and hold our leaders accountable. ... [Also,] I think it's not only what we do but how we do it and how we present ourselves that reminds folks of the importance of good journalism."



Lester Holt, pictured here in 2018 at Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis, makes a point of frequently reporting from the field.

#### IN THE EARLY 1970S, SWANIGAN ENTERS COLLEGE

at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and his family moves to Sacramento. After college, he works in banking and in radio, but he's intent on flying and decides to join the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a way to get pilot training. While he's waiting for his flight-school assignment, he rejoins his family and lands a part-time job as a deejay at Sacramento's country-western station, KRAK. When his assignment comes through, Swanigan tells his station manager that he knows just the guy to replace him-his 16-year-old brother.

Swanigan: I said, "If you don't at least bring him in and talk to him, you'll regret it." And he said, "Yeah, right." And I left.

It wasn't like it is now with cellphones; we didn't talk every day. But you called



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Swanigan stands next to an Alaska plane honoring Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson. Swanigan and Wilson co-starred in a series of popular Alaska Airlines TV commercials.

about four weeks later and said, "Hey, I got the job!"

Holt: Yeah, you had to have an FCC license, so I studied up and took the test. I knew how to run the transmitter. I think you had shown me, you know, how to run the audio board, and there I was, at midnight, rolling into the radio station, and playing country and western music, which I knew nothing about, and reading the news at the top of the hour.

Swanigan: That's right. At least once an hour, you read the news.

Holt: So I did that for a while. When I graduated high school, I started going to college locally in Sacramento, and there was an opportunity to work full time if I was willing to do news three days a week. I would still be a deejay during the day on the weekends. And then three days a week I would run around in this Jeep Cherokee all painted up with call letters, and I would just chase news. It had police scanners and fire scanners in it, and I would do news. And I realized, that was more fun than being a deejay.

I parlayed that into a full-time news position and found out there was an opening at the San Francisco CBS all-news station-KCBS Radio.

#### SWITCHING TO TELEVISION

NEWS, Holt moves through Chicago, New York and Los Angeles, reporting in the field and from the anchor seat. Since joining the NBC team in 2000, he has led

special reports, breaking news, political coverage and nine Olympic Games.

On a recent day in New York, Holt is sitting in the newsroom, writing and editing his script for the Nightly News that goes on air at 6:30 p.m., and working on a story for an upcoming Dateline NBC, the weekly newsmagazine Holt has anchored since 2011. It is 4 p.m., and another newscast, NBC 4 New York, is underway in the same building-a program co-anchored by Stefan Holt, the next generation.

Much as Lester tagged along with his

#### WHEELS UP WITH SWANI

Professional career: 36 years as a pilot for Alaska Airlines. Among his many roles: instructor/check pilot, chief pilot (1993-1995), vice president of flight operations (1995-2000). He was an active pilot throughout.

In the air: 26,000 hours' flight time. Service: U.S. Air Force Reserve; Alaska Air National Guard.

Other jobs: Started out in banking and radio; in retirement, he has captained the tour boat Desert Belle, near Phoenix.

Interesting fact: As an Alaska Airlines pilot, Swanigan flew the exact same Boeing 727 aircraft that he was a passenger on for his first jet plane ride as a kid.

Notable: Co-captained Alaska's first flight into the Russian Far East (then Cold Warera Soviet Union), landing in the city of Magadan in 1991.



Balancing a warm sense of humor and an uncompromising work ethic, Mike Swanigan has been an important part of Alaska Airlines' corporate culture.

Recognition: On his final Alaska Airlines flight, he was marshaled to the gate by Seahawks quarterback and Alaska Airlines Chief Football Officer Russell Wilson, amid a water-cannon salute.

Chilling experience: An Alaska Airlines TV commercial with Wilson features the pilot and the quarterback in side-by-side ice baths.

Sibling rivalry: As a journalist on assignment, Swanigan's brother Lester Holt has flown more different kinds of military aircraft than Swanigan has as a lifetime pilot.

As an airline captain: Swanigan has officiated a number of weddings, including that of a longtime fellow captain and that of two employees, performed onboard the delivery flight of a new aircraft. On air: Produces Talking Flight, an aviation-industry podcast that includes more than 35 episodes. Produces Beyond Interviews featuring a range of sports, business and trending personalities. Both projects are featured on Alaska Beyond Entertainment.

Words to live by: His signature signoff is "Be excellent to each other," a Keanu Reeves quote from the 1989 film Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure.

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brother at radio stations growing up, Stefan used to get up with his father at 4:30 on Saturday mornings and go into the New York studio to prep for the Weekend TODAY broadcast, getting to know the crews and learning how broadcasts come together. Holt says that his son, at 32 years old, is very good on camera and has excellent news instincts.

And that's important to Holt as he looks at the state of journalism and its future. Helping the next generation is an increasingly important focus for him.

Holt: I do a lot of speaking engagements geared toward younger people. Especially right now, I think it's important. Journalism has been attacked on a lot of levels in the last few years. And in many ways, there is also a new appreciation for what we do and the importance of journalism as a pillar of our democracy for holding our leaders accountable, and shining light in dark places. I like to talk about educating news consumers about the importance of critical thinking.

I always try to remind young people there is always going to be room for good journalists. We're in an era right now where everybody is a quasi citizenjournalist because we all have these phones with cameras and social media connections, and so we can all just report anything, anytime. But there's a responsibility with being a journalist, and that's making sure you get your facts right, that you've asked the tough questions and that you understand sources of information. As long as it's coming from our place of investigation, and of asking tough questions, then we, as journalists, have got to march forward.

Swanigan: Yeah, inspiring a next generation of aviators is important to the survival of the airline industry, as well. At Alaska, we made a decision a few years ago that we wanted our employee base to look like our customer base. For a long time in aviation, access was limited for



minorities and people from different economic areas, and we started reaching out. I helped Alaska do that.

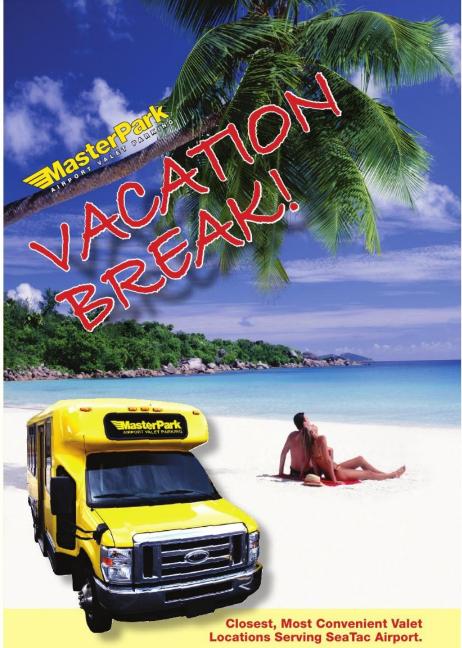
For anyone interested in aviation, I have my 10 reasons why flight training is helpful. One, you learn how to study as though your life depended on it. Two, you learn the value of checklists. Three, you learn the importance of being on time. The list goes on. So I think that if a child shows any interest in flying, we should really try to help them get the resources to do it.

For example, everybody at Alaska is so supportive of our Aviation Day held each May. Even our CEO, Brad Tilden, is out there with his airplane, mentoring kids. (See page 27 for more on Alaska's Aviation Day for students.)

Holt: I was thinking about you when I was flying to New York. The cockpit door opens, and out walks an African American pilot, and I was thinking to myself how much more common that is now. I know one of your passions is to increase the diversity in the cockpit.

Swanigan: Yeah, make it available to everyone.

Holt: I got a little tinge of pride. Swanigan: Well, thanks, Bro. I was involved with the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals for years. I was the annual convention chair in 2004, and I Holt fosters a reputation for the respectful treatment of sources as he interviews people around the world. Here he speaks with a young Cuban for an **NBC Nightly News** segment that aired in 2016.



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worked with them for a long time doing outreach to pilots of all types.

Holt: You know, we've been given a lot. And we never forget that there are people who have lent their ear to us—people who have [challenged us], in some cases, but who have cared enough to care, and you've got to pay that forward.

If you're passionate about a calling or an industry, then it's a no-brainer, it's a natural extension that you continue to make sure that there's a pipeline of people who will sit where you are.

#### FOR ALL THE PARALLELS

in how these brothers choose to lead their lives, their paths sometimes converge, as well. They find ways to get together when they can, to catch up and have a laugh. They once connected in LA, where Swanigan was parking a 737 at a gate while Holt was just arriving on another plane. The two got together at a nearby In-N-Out Burger.

Another time, they met up at a video gaming shop. "Mom would be really proud of us now," Swanigan recalls Holt saying. "Two of her professional sons hanging out in a video arcade all afternoon."

Today, they're catching up on set. Swanigan sits in on the *Nightly News* production meeting with his younger brother. And, despite facing a busy news day, Holt walks Swanigan all the way into the parking lot, below the NBC studio.

It's tougher to get together these days, they agree, but the brothers know they'll always find time for each other. 

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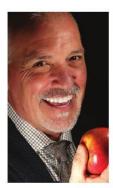


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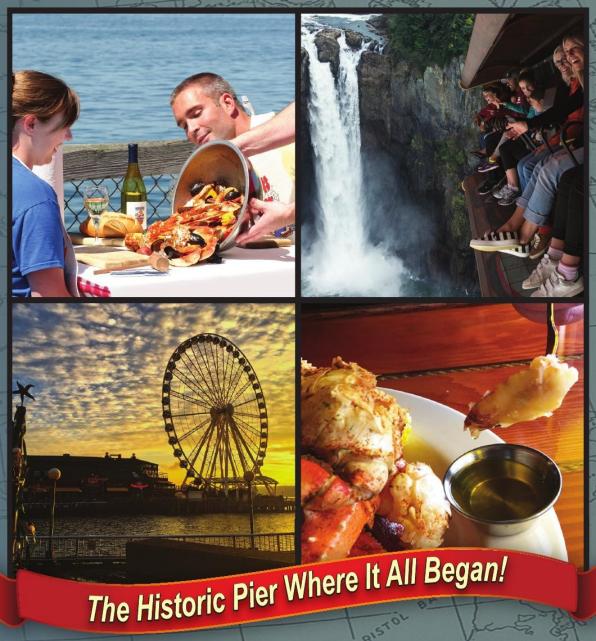






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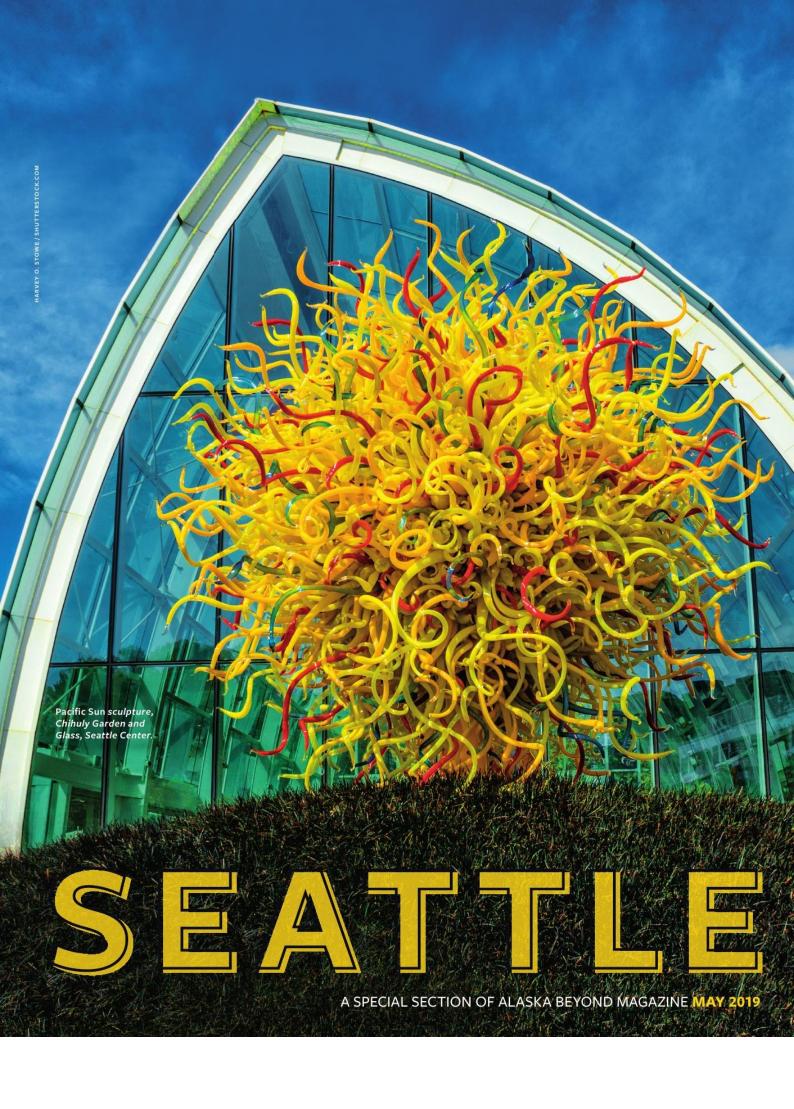
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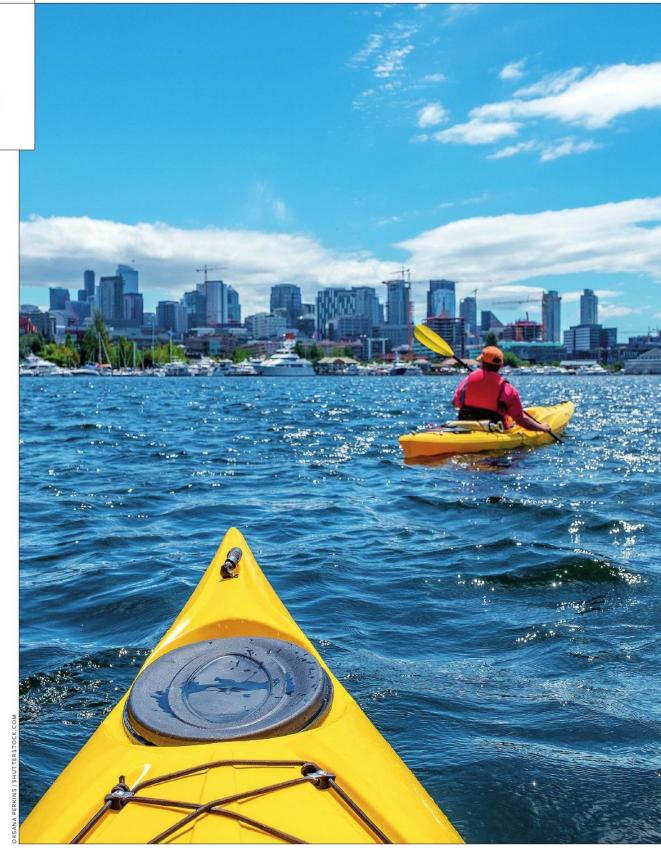
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BY CRAIG HILL

Before I slip into a sleek red sea kayak, I ask John Meyer for a few suggestions about the best places to paddle on Seattle's Lake Union.

Pulling out a map, the longtime co-owner of Northwest Outdoor Center-which also rents SUPs, and offers kayak and SUP lessons and guided tours-traces with his finger the perimeter of the lake and its adjoining canals. He identifies sites such as the Fremont Bridge, to the northwest; Gas Works Park, to the north; the Washington Park Arboretum and Husky Stadium, to the east; and the best place to view Seattle's skyline, to the south. Essentially, his advice boils down to: Just go, because you can't go wrong.

Then Meyer's finger moves to a spot slightly north of his waterfront Westlake Avenue shop. "You know, people still ask about this all the time," he says, tapping the red word "Sleepless." "That's Tom Hanks' houseboat from Sleepless in Seattle."

I laugh, but I'm a sucker for a good movie-even an old rom-com-so I shove off and turn north to take a peek. I'm there in less than 5 minutes. The house is a private residence,

so I politely keep my distance, but as I glide past, I imagine Hanks' character living here and contemplating his love life.

I continue paddling, and my kayak sends ripples across the lake's mirrorlike surface as I head northwest up the Fremont Cut, part of a waterway that connects Lake Union with Puget Sound. I pass a huge tug, as well as yachts and barges. I watch a father and son admiring ducks at the edge of the South Ship Canal Trail, and I enjoy the sound of my paddle dipping into the water.

Near the end of the Fremont Cut, I turn around to visit Lake Union's south end. After about 50 minutes of paddling, I have a view of the Space Needle and of seaplanes landing on the lake. I feel like I'm paddling through a postcard. It's easy to understand why Meyer directs so many clients to this end of the lake.

The scenery prompts me to ponder how generously the Puget Sound area gives to those looking for adventure. Whether I want to explore the water, the mountains or urban options, the area is brimming with marvelous possibilities.

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Or, in downtown Seattle, stand in the Seattle Aquarium's Underwater Dome, where sealife native to Puget Sound, such as sturgeon, sharks, skates, salmon and lingcod, swim in a 400,000-gallon tank

that curves over visitors standing in the dome's tunnel.

Scuba Diving: From sea anemones near Tacoma's Les Davis Pier to octopuses at Seattle's Alki-area Seacrest Park, to large lingcod at Edmonds Underwater Park, Puget Sound is a wonderland for scuba divers. Gear rentals. and/or lessons are available from outfitters such as Seattle Dive Tours, Lighthouse Diving Center, Underwater Sports and Sound Dive Center.

South Sound Paddling: Rent kayaks at Olympia's Boston Harbor Marina and enjoy the view of the state Capitol dome from Budd Inlet. -C.H.

Rainier and the Snoqualmie Valley. At the end of the joined trails, a large mailbox covered in stickers contains letters, trinkets and, if you're lucky, maybe some chocolate and a beverage. Hikers have deposited items in the mailbox (and its predecessors) for decades. Some letters are tributes to family members. Some are stories of the hiker's journey to get fit enough to make this hike. Some notes are funny. Some are touching.

For certain hikers, making the 2.7-mile (each way) climb up the rugged Old Trail is something they aspire to the way some might dream of climbing Mount Rainier. For others, it's part of their routine-kind of a gym for mountain trekkers, who relish the chance to get in a good workout so close to the city.

Last year, Kristen added to her fitness routine the goal of hiking Mailbox once per month with Largent, and neither rain nor heat keeps them from their climb. She and Largent stick to the Old Trail,

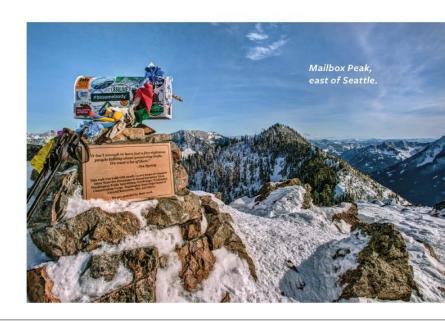
### In the Mountains



Once a month, my wife,

Kristen, turns to me and our dog and asks, "Who wants to check the mail?" Largent perks up and wags his stub of a tail.

Seattle-area hikers-and, somehow, also our energetic 6-year-old poodle-bichon—know this question has nothing to do with the postal service, and everything to do with the challenging hike to the top of Mailbox Peak. Rising along the edge of the Cascade Range, near Interstate 90, Mailbox is a 4,822-foot mountain, about 35 miles east of Seattle. There are two ways to make the climb: the steep Old Trail and the less daunting New Trail. Both are accessed from the same trailhead, by following an old dirt road about 100 yards to the New Trail or walking another third of a mile to the original trail. The trails meet shortly before the top of the peak, and go on to reward hikers with more than just a jaw-dropping view of Mount





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which my sketchy knees sometimes remind me is not for everybody. But each time I try to beg out of the hike, Kristen replies, "Just take the New Trail."

Opened in 2014 and created by the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and a bevy of volunteers, in partnership with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, the New Trail has been a game changer. This longer trail (4.7 miles each way) sweeps back and forth up the mountain, and the kinder grade, while still requiring fitness, makes checking the mail a more realistic endeavor for many hikers.

Through October 27 this year, Trailhead Direct, a pilot project coled by King County Metro and King

County Parks, offers weekend and holiday, \$2.75-each-way transit service to the trailhead from the Issaquah Transit Center. The Issaguah Transit Center can be reached by Metro bus from downtown Seattle. Trailhead Direct (trailheaddirect.org) also offers service to other trailheads.

For a family-friendly outing in the North Bend area, head to the small parking lot at the west end of Olallie State Park to hike a 2.6-mile roundtrip trail along the South Fork Snoqualmie River. Ferns, vine maples and salmonberry shrubs line the path before it goes into the forest and leads to views of several tiered waterfalls, whose last tier cascades about 135 feet down a rocky slope.



### Urban Experiences

I pull a long steel rod called a blowpipe out of a glowing furnace, look at the blob of molten glass hanging from the end and express my skepticism. "That is going to be a bowl I'll be proud to display in my living room?" I ask.

"Definitely," says the veteran glassblower. "It's going to look great."

For 13 years, the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio has helped visitors try their hand at an art form that is special to the Puget Sound area's second-largest city. Tacoma is the birthplace of legendary glass artist Dale Chihuly, whose work is displayed at both the Museum of Glass and the Tacoma Art Museum, each located less than a mile from the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio.

I spend my first half-hour at the studio choosing what I want to make from more than a dozen options (bowls, plates, paper weights, etc.) and then spread blue and white frit (ground-up colored glass) on a plate. After some instruction on the glassblowing process, I move into a

### MORE MOUNTAIN **ADVENTURES**

Mount Pilchuck: The demanding 2.7-mile (each way) Mount Pilchuck trail requires care as you climb to a historical lookout structure perched on this Cascades peak east of the Everett-Marysville area, and about 60 miles northeast of Seattle. The lookout offers great views that can include Puget Sound and Glacier Peak.

**Mount Rainier's Eastside** Trail: As the name implies, the 11.5-mile (each way) Eastside Trail, southeast of Seattle, travels the east side of Mount Rainier National Park. Walk a quiet, gently graded trail along



Deer Creek and the Ohanapecosh River, or take a shorter walk, about 1.3 miles from the Grove of the Patriarchs parking lot, to visit the grove, a stand of giant trees, including Douglas firs, western hemlocks and western red cedars, some more than 1,000 years old. Staircase Rapids: In a quiet part of Olympic National Park, about a twohour trip west of Seattle, a mellow familyfriendly trail doesn't reflect the area's name: Staircase. The name comes from a staircase

explorers built in 1890 to get over a rock bluff in the area. Today, you can enjoy an easy 2-mile-loop trail beneath huge evergreens and listen to the North Fork Skokomish River tumble over rapids. — C.H.

See sites such as wta.org for information/maps for many Washington trails.

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neighboring room where a furnace and several glass-reheating chambers create so much warmth, we open the exterior door despite chilly weather outside. I don eye protection and gloves, and spend the next 30 minutes with my instructor artist.

I follow his directions and watch my blob become a bowl. We roll the glass across the plate of frit. We spin the glass, reheat it, blow on it through the pipe and use a wood block to shape the creation. I'm in

awe by the time I stamp my initials on the bottom of the bowl and the glassblower places it in an oven (called an annealer) that ensures even heat distribution throughout the glass, then brings the fragile sculpture to room temperature.

"We call your type of session a glassblowing 'experience,' because you can't learn glassblowing in 30 minutes," says Jeannine Sigafoos, who owns the studio with her husband, Mark. "Glassblowing takes

The Chihuly Bridge of Glass pedestrian overpass showcases pieces by artist Dale Chihuly and links the Museum of Glass with downtown Tacoma.

years to master, but visitors can get a sense of what goes into the process, and then enjoy an original glass piece they made themselves."

My final product is safe to touch by the next day (the studio mails sculptures to out-of-town visitors). When I see my bowl with waves of blue and swirls of white, I can't help but feel a little proud. And, the glassblower was right: The bowl now has a place of prominence in my living room. \*

Craig Hill is a Puget Sound-based writer. For more information on Puget Sound-area recreation, see websites such as visitseattle.org, explorekirkland.com, seattlesouthside.com, traveltacoma.com, visitbellevuewashington.com and experiencewa.com.

Alaska Airlines (alaskaair.com) operates daily flights through two Seattle-area airports: Seattle (SEA) and Everett (PAE).

### MORE URBAN **EXPERIENCES**

### Seattle's Downtown **Historic Theatre District:**

The city-designated district includes five magnificent early-1900s buildings, which are home to The Moore Theatre, Town Hall Seattle, ACT (A Contemporary Theatre), The 5th Avenue Theatre and The Paramount Theatre. You can enjoy first-rate local or touring productions, or other events at the above venues, which cumulatively offer more than 1,000 perfor-

mances per year. Guided tours are available for all but ACT and Town Hall.

### **Seattle Scavenger Hunt:**

A scavenger hunt is a good way to discover different aspects of a city. Design your own search, or see sites such as letsroam. com, which creates adventures in Seattle and other cities. Sign up on the website and navigate the city alone or in a group. Find answers to questions as you look at plaques, historical landmarks and public art; enter the answers on an

app; and get a clue leading to the next destination. Compete at your own pace, and go online to compare your score to those of others.

### **Pacific Science Center:**

Located at Seattle Center, the science center traces its roots to the 1962 World's Fair, when it was the U.S. Science Pavilion. Today the science center offers numerous hands-on science activities and exhibits, along with a Tropical Butterfly House, a Laser Dome, a Planetarium, and two IMAX theaters. - C.H.



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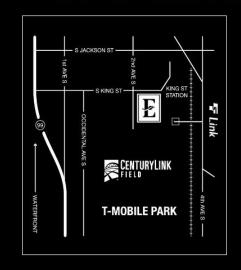
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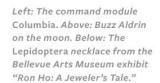
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# **More to Explore**

One of humankind's greatest achievements was the moon landing that took place July 20, 1969, and now Seattle-area residents and visitors can get an up-close look at the Apollo 11 command module *Columbia*, the only portion of the mission spacecraft to return intact to Earth.

The module, which was the living quarters for Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins during the mission, is the centerpiece of the exhibit "Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission," on display through Sept. 2 at The Museum of Flight, south of downtown Seattle.

The exhibit, organized by the National Air and Space Museum and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, also includes more than 20 artifacts from the Smithsonian, many of them flown on the Apollo 11 mission. Museum of Flight companion exhibits include "Lunar Focus," on view through July 31,

which provides interactive displays of recent moon images from NASA's robotic spacecraft, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter. In addition, kids can enjoy an indoor playground with a full-scale, hands-on, command module play structure, and the museum will present a special festival during the July 20 weekend celebrating the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing.

Alaska Airlines is the official airline of the "Destination Moon" exhibit at The Museum of Flight. Timed entry tickets must be purchased for the exhibit as an add-on to general museum admission, and are available at museumofflight.org/destination-moon.

The following are some of the many additional Puget Sound-region attractions to explore (check websites for additional useful information).

Alki Beach (seattle.gov/parks): Enjoy beach-sand volleyball courts and a path with water views along the



beach, which was the site of the 1851 landing of pioneer settlers in West Seattle.

Bellevue Arts Museum (bellevuearts.org): Exhibits include "Ron Ho: A Jeweler's Tale," May 10–Sept. 15, featuring works from the renowned Northwest jeweler's career, along with artifacts such as paintings from his personal collection.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Discovery Center (discovergates.
org): Exhibits tell the stories of work
being done to improve people's
lives, and activities show how each
person can make a difference.

**Brewery Tours** (roaddogtours. com/cities/seattle): Visit three Seattle





breweries in three hours. Also: Enjoy Seattle-area special events, such as Search Party, at Seattle Center, benefiting The Vera Project, and featuring four bands and 40-plus beers, July 6 (tickets: elysianbrewing.com).

**Dunn Gardens** (dunngardens. org): These lovely 7.5 acres of gardens, known for their Olmsted Brothers design, can be explored on guided tours, by reservation, select days and times, April–July and September–October.

Emerald Water Anglers (emeraldwateranglers.com): Locations for guided fly-fishing trips range from area rivers and lakes to Puget Sound.

Hiram M. Chittenden Locks (http://bit.ly/ballardlocks): Watch boats transfer between freshwater and saltwater, and June to September, watch salmon on the fish ladder.

Juanita Bay Park (kirklandwa. gov/depart/parks): Bird-watch for some of the nearly 200 species that live in or visit the Kirkland park. Habitat areas range from wet meadow to open water to intermittent marsh; guided tours are available.

Lakewold Gardens (lakewold-gardens.org): Open for self-guided strolls, this 10-acre garden, located by Gravelly Lake in the city of Lakewood, was already locally acclaimed by 1913.

Local Day Cruises: Among the

From top: Popular Pike Place Market. A performance during Argosy Cruises' Tillicum Excursion. The National Nordic Museum.



many options, cruise Puget Sound on the Tillicum Excursion to Blake Island with Argosy Cruises (argosycruises.com) to enjoy the scenery, a Native storytelling show and a buffet meal with alder-fire-roasted fish.

Marymoor Park (kingcounty. gov/parks): The Redmond-area park is popular for its extensive lawn space, velodrome, climbing structure, off-leash dog area, and summer concert and movie series.

Museum of History & Industry (mohai.org): Seattle-area history is enlivened by interactive exhibits and intriguing objects. "Seattle Style: Fashion/Function" is on view May 4– Oct. 14, and spotlights local designers such as Luly Yang, whose work includes designing new uniforms for Alaska Airlines.

### National Nordic Museum

(nordicmuseum.org): The museum provides exhibits, programming and events related to Nordic countries and the Nordic-American experience.

Nightlife: Choose from numerous options, such as live music at The Crocodile, Dimitriou's Jazz Alley, Neumos, The Showbox, The Triple Door and Tractor Tavern, and also at venues such as Muckleshoot Casino,

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which is enhancing its entertainment options with a 20,000-square-foot event and conference center expected to open in spring 2020.

### Northwest Trek Wildlife Park

(nwtrek.org): Northwest Trek, located in Eatonville but part of Metro Parks Tacoma, has trams, trails and premier tours that spotlight approximately 40 Northwest species, from grizzly bears to caribou to trumpeter swans.

**Pike Place Market** (pikeplace-market.org): One of the state's top attractions, the market showcases produce and flowers from Washington farms; fresh Northwest seafood; artisanal products, including artwork and crafts; and many restaurants and takeout spots.

### Port of Seattle Cruise Terminals

(portseattle.org): From the Bell Street Cruise Terminal at Pier 66 and the Smith Cove Cruise Terminal at Pier 91, take a cruise vacation to Alaska, on cruiselines such as Carnival, Celebrity, Holland America, Norwegian, Oceania, Princess and Royal Caribbean. In addition, the port is exploring

Clockwise: A Washington State Ferries boat approaches Seattle. The iconic Smith Tower. Rossetti's La Donna della Finestra, in "Victorian Radicals" at the Seattle Art Museum.

development of a new cruise facility at Terminal 46.

Seattle Art Museum (seattleartmuseum.org): Upcoming exhibitions include "Victorian Radicals: From the Pre-Raphaelites to the Arts and Crafts Movement," June 13–Sept. 8.

Seattle Center (seattlecenter. com): The numerous attractions include the Seattle Center Armory Food and Event Hall; Chihuly Garden and Glass; International Fountain; KEXP special events, including musical performances; Museum of Pop Culture; Pacific Science Center; Seattle Children's Museum; the Space Needle; and ballet, opera and theater performances. Alaska Airlines is a sponsor of Seattle Center.

Seattle Waterfront (visitseattle. org/neighborhoods/waterfront):
Attractions remain open during waterfront renovation and include



Self-Guided Art Tours, with online maps, are available for cities such as Seattle (seattle.gov), Kirkland (explorekirkland.com) and Bellevue (visitbellevuewashington. com).

Smith Tower (smithtower.com): The "Legends of Smith Tower" experience includes exhibits related to the iconic 1914 building—Seattle's first skyscraper—and a ride on a modernized original Otis elevator to the 35th-floor observation deck, where you can also enjoy cocktails in a speakeasy-style space.

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### University of Washington

(uw.edu): Attractions and activities open to the public include Waterfront Activities Center kayak, canoe and rowboat rentals; Meany Center for the Performing Arts; and the Burke Museum (expected to open this fall).

### **Washington State Ferries**

(wsdot.wa.gov/ferries): Scenic routes include sailings to Bainbridge Island (museums, restaurants, winetasting rooms, Mora Iced Creamery) and Bremerton (USS Turner Joy naval-ship tours, fountain parks, and restaurants such as Anthony's at Sinclair Inlet). Bremerton is also served by a 30-minute **Kitsap Transit Fast Ferry** on weekdays, plus on Saturdays from May 4–Sept. 28 (kitsaptransit.com).

Washington State History Museum (washingtonhistory.org): "Horizon," featuring 28 landscapes, with paintings from 1870 to 1966, is on view through June 30 at this Tacoma museum, whose permanent and special exhibits provide insight into the state's past and present.

Wing Luke Museum of the Asian

Pacific American Experience (wingluke.
org): View intriguing items such as a

Chinese opera costume; interesting
spaces such as a hotel from the early
1900s; and special exhibitions such as
"Worlds Beyond Here: The Expanding
Universe of APA Science Fiction,"
through Sept. 15. Also: Guided food and
cultural walking tours.

Woodinville Wine Country (woodinvillewinecountry.com): Visit your choice of more than 120 wineries and tasting rooms, representing every Washington appellation. Also: More than a dozen breweries, distilleries and cideries.

Woodland Park Zoo (zoo.org): The 1,200-plus animals, representing more than 300 species from around the world, include four North American river otter pups born in March. ZooTunes concerts take place June 16–Aug. 28. 

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# New in the Area

BY MICHELE ANDRUS DILL

revolving glass floor, I look straight down—500 feet—for a bird's-eye view of the round concrete fountain with nine frothy jets at the base of the needle. Just west of the

Standing on the Space Needle's

fountain with nine frothy jets at the base of the needle. Just west of the fountain, the solar-yellow *Pacific Sun* sculpture at Chihuly Garden and Glass, another Seattle Center attraction, seems to blaze in the midday light, although from where I'm standing, the 16-foot-diameter piece looks like it would fit in the palm of my hand.

"Gazing through this floor really makes me realize how high up we are," I say to my husband, Michael, who's sitting beside me, clicking pictures to commemorate our exploration of the 605-foot-tall Space Needle's \$100 million "space-lift" remodel. Planning is also in process for a future restaurant and lounge on the revolving floor.

I'm a little timid when it comes to heights, so I had gingerly stepped onto the glass floor, which is called The Loupe. It makes a full rotation in 30 minutes and was described as the world's first revolving glass floor when it opened to visitors this past August. I stood still for a few seconds to acclimate—reminding myself that the floor beneath me comprised 10 layers of ultra-sturdy glass—and soon I felt comfortable enough to crouch, crawl and even lie down, with my nose pressed to the glass, as The Loupe made its circle.

A family with three young kids steps onto the floor to our left and is soon similarly nose-to-glass, pointing down and giggling. Several 20-somethings arrange themselves on their backs in a spokes pattern nearby. As if part of a synchronized swim team, they lift their right arms simultaneously to take selfies.

When Michael and I have completed a full revolution, we leave the floor to climb 20 feet higher on the Oculus Stairs to the open-air Observation Deck. Wire barriers have been replaced with 11-foot-tall glass panels on the outdoor deck, for a fabulous sky-level view in every direction as we stroll hand in hand to circle the deck. We call out favorite sightings to each other: The Olympic Mountains. Ferry boats on Elliott Bay. The cruiseship terminal we're going to depart from on a vacation later this year. Striking architecture in downtown Seattle. The red Port of Seattle cranes. The sports stadiums. Mount Rainier.

When we spot an unoccupied Skyriser glass bench along the outer perimeter of the deck, we sit with our backs to the Puget Sound panorama to get the ultimate photo of our elevated adventure. I grin at my spouse. "This is awesome. Now how 'bout going around The Loupe again?"

The breathtaking experience at the iconic Space Needle (spaceneedle.com) is one of the many new attractions visitors can enjoy in the Puget Sound area. Here are some additional options:

Bothell Main Street Enhancement Project (explorebothell.com): Wider sidewalks, new street trees in raised planter boxes, more outdoordining space and new street lighting, all completed last year, are part of ongoing revitalization of the downtown area in this charming city north of Seattle. Enjoy downtown boutique shops, galleries, restaurants, breweries and bars.

Burke Museum of Natural
History and Culture (burkemuseum.org): Expected to open in October, the "New Burke" will be located
in a 113,000-square-foot facility on
the University of Washington campus. The new building will provide
more space to showcase items in the
museum's 16 million-object collection. Visitors will also enjoy new
hands-on learning spaces and
native-plant landscaping, and will
be able to peer into research labs and
collections storage.

## The Center for Wooden Boats' Wagner Education Center

(cwb.org): The Wagner Education Center, which had its formal grand opening in March at CWB's complex in the South Lake Union neighborhood, is used for exhibits, classes and special events, along with boatbuilding and restoration projects. CWB also provides rental boats, as well as free public sails on Sundays on Lake Union.

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Way Bridge (metroparkstacoma. org): A new 600-foot-long pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Pearl Street—providing spectacular views of Puget Sound and Mount Rainier as the bridge connects the Ruston Way shoreline trail system with Point Defiance Park in Tacoma, south of Seattle—is expected to be completed in midsummer. In addition, 100 steps and a series of six fun hillside slides from the bridge will provide access to the waterfront and to the new 11-acre Dune Peninsula at Point Defiance Park, named for the Dune science-fiction book series by famed Tacoma-born writer Frank Herbert.

### Meydenbauer Bay Park

(parks.bellevuewa.gov): The waterfront park, on the east side of Lake Washington, opened in March, and includes a swimming beach, a launch site for hand-carried boats, a woodland, a play area, picnic areas, a pedestrian pier, and viewing terraces overlooking the lake.

### Paine Field Passenger Terminal

(flypainefield.com): Commercial air service out of Paine Field Airport, in Everett, north of Seattle, started in March, including 18 Alaska Airlines nonstop departures to eight destinations. At the terminal, passengers enjoy a tranquil living-room-style environment, with fireplaces, local food and beverage offerings, high-speed Wi-Fi, and floor-to-ceiling windows.

Left: The Wagner Education Center is a handsome addition to The Center for Wooden Boats complex. Below: The Paine Field Passenger Terminal is warm and inviting.

### Seattle Asian Art Museum

(inspire.site.seattleartmuseum. org): The museum is expected to reopen late this year, with improvements that include a new 2,000-square-foot gallery for displaying more of the museum's collection, including Japanese, Chinese and Korean works. The renovation also includes a new public space, a restored garden court and a new education space.

SODO Track (sodotrack.com): Described by King County's 4Culture agency as "the world's longest street-art corridor," the project, completed last summer, features works by more than 60 artists along a 2-mile street-art corridor on Fifth Avenue South between Royal Brougham Way and Spokane Street downtown.

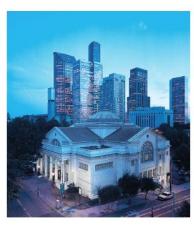




Town Hall Seattle (townhall-seattle.org): The cultural and performance center is expected to reopen at the end of May, following a renovation that includes a new stage and enhanced acoustics in the Great Hall, two new performance spaces—the Forum (formerly the Downstairs) and the Reading Room—and an expanded Digital Stage. Events are meanwhile taking place at various other com-

munity venues, such as the Puget Sound Symphony Orchestra's Spring Concert, May 18, downtown at Plymouth Church Seattle. **⊀** 

Above: Lo privado en lo público, a mural by Argentine artist Franco Fasoli, is one of the works on display in the SODO Track street-art corridor. Right: Town Hall Seattle expects to reopen its renovated early-1900s building this month.



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# Local Angles

EYE-CATCHING IMAGES FROM AROUND THE GREATER SEATTLE AREA





- 1. The scene from 73 stories up, at the Sky View Observatory in downtown Seattle. 2. The vibrant "Pacific Coral Reef" exhibit at the Seattle Aquarium, on the waterfront. 3. A shiny Ferrambo at LeMay—America's
- Car Museum, in Tacoma. 4. Whimsical glass art at Chihuly
- Garden and Glass at Seattle Center.



5. The Seattle Great Wheel, rising 175 feet on the waterfront. 6. A sculptural figure in Glenna Goodacre's Water Bearers installation in Kirkland. 7. The roaring 268-foot Snoqualmie Falls, east of Seattle.











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# **Hot Tickets**

BY PAUL FRICHTL

### Seattle is bringing the heat this

spring and summer as some of the best professional squads in the country are packing local stadiums full of enthusiastic fans. Baseball, soccer, basketball, rugby, football: Spectator sports offer a great way to experience the city.

### **Seattle Mariners**

Quite unexpectedly, the hottest ticket in town this spring has been the Seattle Mariners. For a team that fans expected to be mired in the fits and starts of rebuilding, the Mariners rocked the city with a record-setting, best-ever season start.

The atmosphere at T-Mobile Park was electric as the Mariners came out swinging—and swinging big. They took 10 of their first 12 games to top the American League, leading Major League Baseball in home runs and RBIs. More than half their runs

came from home runs.

After finishing last season with a 89-73 record, Mariners General Manager Jerry Dipoto and team management made the tough decision to do a thorough revamp—a yearslong move toward youth—and by spring, many familiar names were gone. So this year's booming start, from a roster largely devoid of star power, has been a pleasant surprise for fans.

Reality has shown itself, but certainly the early days posed promise for an exciting season as the Mariners makeover begins in earnest.

Enjoy the newfound energy at the Mariners' 47,000-seat, retractable-roof field renamed T-Mobile Park, located just south of downtown. If you're new to the park, come early on a day that features a night game for a tour of the stadium, including the clubhouse, press box and other areas

normally off-limits to the public. Stop by the Baseball Museum of the Pacific Northwest on the north side of the main concourse.

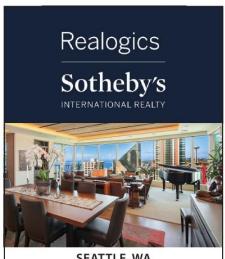
And bring your glove. Balls have been flying out of the park.

This month: The Mariners are busy in May, with the Cubs, A's, Twins, Rangers and Angels all scheduled to visit Seattle. Alaska Airlines is a sponsor of the Mariners.

### Sounders FC

If things are smoking at T-Mobile Park, the action is equally hot across the street at CenturyLink Field, where the Seattle Sounders got off to one of their hottest starts ever, unbeaten at 5-1-0.

Left: Pitcher Yusei Kikuchi is a new face on the Mariners mound. Right: Sounders FC midfielder Cristian Roldan controls the ball against Real Salt Lake.



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The Sounders are benefiting from the return of striker/winger Jordan Morris after a year off with a knee injury. Nicolás Lodeiro and Victor Rodríguez are back making plays in the midfield, feeding the fleet-footed runs of striker Raúl Ruidíaz.

The Sounders have been stingy in the back, as well, with veteran defender Chad Marshall holding down the defense and Stefan Frei recording three shutouts in the first five games.

This month: Get tickets for May 11, a 7 р.м. match against the Houston Dynamo, another early-season powerhouse. Or, see the matchup with Orlando City SC just four days later in a 7:30 game.

### Seattle Storm

A storm, indeed. After winning the WNBA title in September, the Storm are back on court this month with a lineup as blustery as last season's.

Last season, the Storm won their third WNBA title, in a three-game sweep of the best-of-five series against the Washington Mystics.

Veteran Sue Bird, one of the all-time scoring leaders in women's basketball, is back for more. With Jewell Loyd, Natasha Howard and Alysha Clark all returning, as well, and more regulars on the bench, the Storm are hoping to rally around the loss of WNBA MVP Breanna Stewart, who suffered an achilles injury in April and is expected to be out for the season.

What will be new this season is their



home court: With KeyArena at Seattle Center undergoing a major renovation, the Storm will play their first five home games at Angel of the Winds Arena in Everett and then switch to the University of Washington's Alaska Airlines Arena.

This month: The Storm face the Phoenix Mercury in their season opener, May 25 at Angel of the Winds Arena.



Above: Megan Rapinoe is a veteran leader for the Reign FC. Below: The Seattle Storm celebrate their 2018 WNBA championship.

### Reign FC

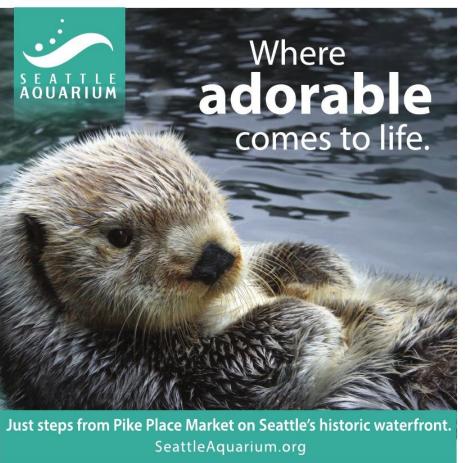
A new soccer pitch in Tacoma—Cheney Stadium—is loaded with talent this season, as the Reign kicked off their season last month. The squad, a mainstay of the nine-team National Women's Soccer League, recently sent eight players off to international training camps as teams around the world warm up for the FIFA Women's World Cup, getting underway in France this June.

Watch midfielder Megan Rapinoe, who helped the U.S. Women's National Team achieve victories in the 2015 World Cup and a gold medal in the 2012 Olympics. Reign midfielder Allie Long, acquired last year from the Portland Thorns FC, is another WNT hopeful, and Jodie Taylor was the Reign FC's top scorer last season, and likely will play in France for England.

The Reign started their 24-game regular season in mid-April and will play







through mid-October, with home games at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma.

### **Seattle Seawolves**

Another defending champ in town? The Seattle Seawolves in 2018 claimed the first-ever Major League Rugby championship. As the 2019 season draws down, the Seawolves are again contending for the title among eight other league teams.

Catch the Seawolves at Starfire Stadium in Tukwila on May 26 and June 2.

### **Up-and-Comers**

The Seattle area also has a couple of minor-league baseball teams for fans interested in seeing up-and-coming players, and enjoying a more casual ballfield experience.

To the south, the Tacoma Rainiers are a Triple-A affiliate of the Mariners and play in the Pacific Coast League. The team plays in Cheney Stadium, with home games running through August 25.

On the north end, the Everett AquaSox are a Class-A minor-league affiliate of the Mariners. Opening night at Funko Field is June 21.

Also playing in the soccer-modified Cheney Stadium is Sounder FC's second-division United Soccer League squad, recently re-branded as Tacoma Defiance. Their games, running through October 19, are a great way to see the future of soccer in the making.

### **Looking Ahead**

The Seattle Seahawks, led by quarterback Russell Wilson, will launch their quest for Super Bowl LIV with preseason games at CenturyLink Field against the Denver Broncos on August 8, and the Oakland Raiders on August 29.

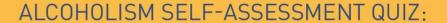
Hockey anyone? Sit tight: The NHL is coming to Seattle, but probably not until 2021. Nonetheless, the team reached its goal for season-ticket deposits in just 12 minutes. Now that's a hot ticket.

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### **Shopping** around the Sound

BY LARA HALLOCK

Washington's first Peloton showroom gives visitors the opportunity to try out the company's new indoor treadmill and streaming fitness technology, as well as the spin bikes that Peloton is known for. The showroom is one of the more than 200 shops in The Bellevue Collection, located about 10 miles east of downtown Seattle. The Bellevue Collection includes a new Johnny Was clothing store; luxury brands such as Vince and Michael Kors; and a 7,000-square-foot Lululemon, the first on the West Coast to customize products with heat-press graphics.

For a bite to eat, shoppers can enjoy cuisine while taking in lake and city views from the 31st-floor Ascend Prime Steak & Sushi, or try the new

Thai Bird Pepper restaurant. And Forum Social House, opening this summer, will feature food and cocktails as well as entertainment, including an 18-hole mini-golf course.

In downtown Seattle, more than 30 establishments at Pacific Place, including Tiffany & Co., will remain open as the complex undergoes renovations, such as installation of a four-story glass entryway and interior sculptures. The new features complement Pacific Place's artistic spaces, such as The Handmade Showroom (also still open), which highlights artisans of the Pacific Northwest. Visitors also can look forward to the fall 2019 opening of HaiDiLao Hotpot.

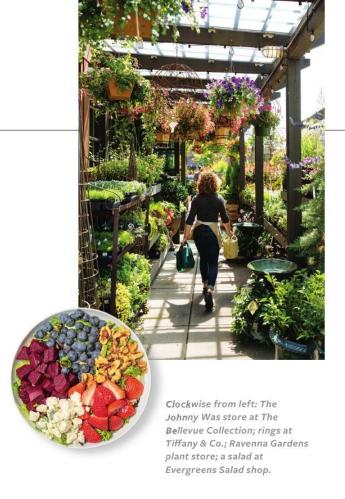


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More than 140 stores and restaurants draw visitors to **University Village,** about 5 miles north of downtown and near the University of Washington. The open-air shopping center has unique new stores, such as Amour Vert sustainable women's clothing, as well as locally owned longtime favorites such as the Ravenna Gardens plant store and The Confectionery candy shop. K Banana Korean beauty store is expected to open in mid May, along with Allbirds shoe shop in late May.

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# **Side Trips**

### Bellingham/ Whatcom County

Whether you want to hike amid glacial peaks and alpine meadows in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest or stroll along lively streets in Bellingham and Fairhaven, you'll find that Whatcom County, about 90 miles north of Seattle, has much to offer.

The area features outdoor activities such as biking, kayaking, golfing and bird-watching, and urban attractions that include craft breweries, farm-to-table restaurants, boutique shops and fascinating museums (bellingham.org).

### Everett

Located about 30 miles north of
Seattle, Everett is a destination for
aviation attractions. The city is home
to the Boeing Future of Flight facility,
where tour guests can see airplanes
being assembled in the world's largest
building by volume; The Museum of
Flight Restoration Center and Reserve
Collection, showcasing vintage aircraft being restored; and the Flying
Heritage & Combat Armor Museum,
displaying military aircraft from five
countries. All three are located at
Paine Field. Alaska Airlines now has
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Clockwise from top left, scenic hiking trails traverse the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Wooded mountainsides back Bavarian-themed Leavenworth. Lime Kiln Point State Park is a picturesque area on San Juan Island. Gig Harbor Gondola paddles guests on beautiful waters.

out of Paine Field (PAE).

Everett also offers art galleries, coffee shops, breweries and wineries/ tasting rooms, and an array of restaurants (visiteverett.com).

### **Gig Harbor**

Gig Harbor Gondola provides guests a relaxing ride in an authentic vessel built in Venice, Italy. It's just one way to explore this laid-back maritime town, located on Puget Sound near Tacoma.

Dine in waterfront restaurants; sip BSB Brown Sugar Bourbon at two Heritage Distilling Co. locations; and enjoy live music at the Summer Sounds at Skansie concert series, every Tuesday evening from June 25–Aug. 13 (gigharborguide.com).

### Leavenworth

In the 1960s, town leaders decided to transform Leavenworth into a Bavarian-themed village, because, in their opinion, Germany's mountains were the only place in the world that could rival Leavenworth's stunning setting within the Cascade Range, about 135 miles east of Seattle.

In Leavenworth, spend an afternoon eating schnitzel and bratwurst or enjoying a stein of craft beer at venues such as Icicle Brewing Company.

Outdoor options abound, from summer tube floats on the Wenatchee River to horse-drawn sleigh rides in winter (leavenworth.org).

### Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater

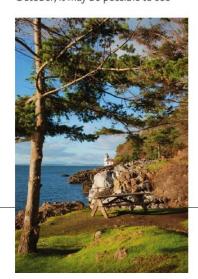
In summer, walk beside rows of fragrant purple flowers at Evergreen Valley Lavender Farm, and in fall, navigate the extensive Rutledge Corn Maze. About 60 miles south of Seattle, Thurston County boasts



farms, wineries, coffee roasters and breweries, as well as cultural and historical attractions. These include the Washington State Capitol in Olympia and the Lacey Museum, located in a 1920s building that was Lacey's first city hall (experienceolympia.com).

### San Juan Islands

Lime Kiln Point State Park, on the west side of San Juan Island, is also known as "Whale Watch Park." From April to October, it may be possible to see



orcas from an idyllic shoreline only 300 yards from the parking lot. The park turns 100 on June 30.

The San Juan Islands, including Lopez, Shaw and Orcas islands, can be accessed via Washington State Ferries. Hike, cycle, camp, kayak and zipline, and explore shops, galleries, cafes and lighthouses (visitsanjuans.com).

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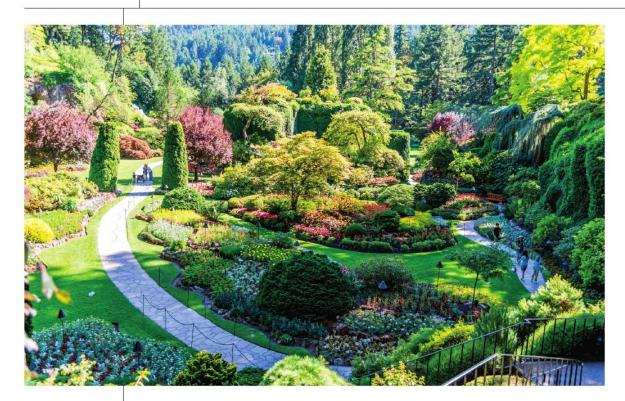
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From top to bottom, Whidbey is a worthwhile destination, with options ranging from camping and cycling to galleries and gourmet dining (whidbeycamanoislands. com). —Andrew Waite

Colorful plantings fill The Butchart Gardens' lush acres, above. The Deception Pass Bridge connects to Whidbey Island.

### Whidbey Island

From about 180 feet up, the Deception Pass Bridge overlooks a narrow waterway named by Captain George Vancouver and his crew in the late 18th century. These waters proved to Vancouver that Whidbey, once thought to be a peninsula, was actually an island. Deception Pass State Park, on the island's northern end, offers hiking and wildlife viewing in scenic old-growth forest.

On the southern end of Whidbey—also accessible via Washington State Ferries from Mukilteo—
Langley is a quaint waterfront town known as an artists' haven.



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A mainstay is the Alaska Airlines Torchlight Parade, July 27, beginning at the base of the Space Needle. The 2019 theme of the 2.5-mile parade is "past, present and future."

"From the cars, floats and even music, we are asking entrants to pay homage to Seafair history, while looking toward the future," says Patrick Harrison, Seafair's director of marketing and communications. Participants include the Alaska Airlines Flight Attendant Drill Team (above), which is expected to dress in decade-specific uniforms.

The Lucerne Seafair Milk Carton Derby (July 13) features entrants paddling floats, made of colorful milk cartons, on Green Lake.

The Seafair Weekend Festival, Aug. 2-4, is the grand finale, with the Blue Angels soaring above Lake Washington in the Boeing Air Show and hydroplanes skimming the lake's surface in the Seafair Cup.

For more information, visit seafair.com. - Andrew Waite



### TACOMA ART MUSEUM'S BENAROYA WING

With the opening of the Benaroya Wing this year, the Tacoma Art Museum solidified its place as one of the country's

top venues for seeing studio glass art. The roughly 7,000-foot expansion (left) features more than 4,550 feet of gallery space, displaying art that includes 353 works donated by Rebecca and Jack Benaroya.

The Benaroya Collection spotlights pieces created at the Pilchuck Glass School and features major works by artists such as Dale Chihuly, Jesús Bautista

Moroles, Ginny Ruffner and Julie Speidel.

The collection includes pieces such as Cappy Thompson's I Receive a

Great Blessing from the Sun and the Moon: I Will Be an Artist and Walk the Path of Beauty (pictured below).

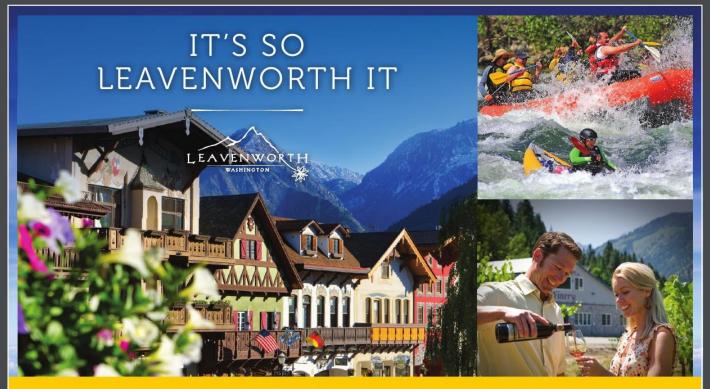
The new wing hosts temporary exhibits, as well, including "Debora Moore: Arboria," featuring beautiful glass sculptures depicting the natural world, and "All the Rivers Flow into the Sea: Introducing

> Martin Blank's Current," which was inspired by the Pacific Northwest's many waterways. Both exhibits are on extended view.

> > The approximately \$10 million expansion overlooks the mile-long Prairie Line Trail.

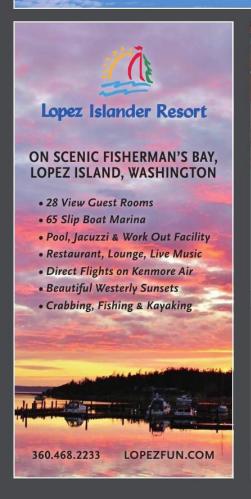
For more information, visit tacomaartmuseum.org. —Andrew Waite

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### Arts at King Street Station

Seattle's landmark 1906 train station now offers an additional kind of journey, with the opening of Arts at King Street Station. The new 7,500-square-foot arts space, created under the auspices of the City of Seattle Office of Arts & Culture, opened March 23 on the third floor of the station, and includes an art gallery, an artist studio, a performance space, a Living Room gathering area, conference/meeting rooms for public use and office space for the city's Arts & Culture staff. The elegant hall features exposed brick and ductwork, complemented by numerous glass windows and a high ceiling.

Based on the results of extensive community outreach, the space is designed to increase opportunities for communities of color to present their work. The inaugural exhibition is "yəhaw," a word that comes from a Coast Salish story and means "to proceed, to go forward, to do it."

The exhibition, through Aug. 3, brings together the talents of more



than 200 contemporary Indigenous artists from 100 different tribes, and draws new meaning from the origin tale, in which Native peoples unite around the common cause of lifting up a sky that is too low. Featured artists include photographer Selena Kearney, of the Chehalis Tribe, whose *Pow Wow I* is shown above, and Timothy White Eagle, of the Apache Nation, whose large-scale interactive

Selena Kearney's Pow Wow I appears in "yəhaw" at the Arts at King Street Station.

musical installation is meant to create a sacred space in the gallery.

For more information, visit yehawshow.com and seattle.gov/arts/programs/arts-at-king-street-station. — Kathryn True



### BELLEVUE JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

### Minneapolis-based jazz trio

The Bad Plus, which *The New York Times* has called "exhilarating," is a headliner at the Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival, May 29–June 2. The band, composed of Reid Anderson (bass), Dave King (drums) and Orrin Evans (piano), is known for its creative, collaborative flair during live performances.

The festival features more than 40 shows across the city of Bellevue, located east of Seattle. Other

musicians include the Darelle Holden Quartet—an R&B and jazz group led by Holden, with her silky-smooth voice—and Davina and The Vagabonds, a high-energy quintet with musical influences ranging from Fats Domino and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Aretha Franklin and Tom Waits.

The jazz and blues festival was established in 2008 as a way to showcase national acts and local talent in Bellevue. For more, visit bellevuedowntown.com/events/jazz-and-blues-festival.

—Andrew Waite



### Calendar

### Holocaust Center for Humanity,

downtown: The new "Finding Light in the Darkness" permanent exhibit includes a virtual-reality tour of the Anne Frank annex, as well as stories and artifacts related to Washington state Holocaust survivors (holocaustcenterseattle.org).

#### Seattle Shakespeare Company,

Seattle Center: As You Like It, through May 19 (seattleshakespeare.org). Alaska Airlines is a sponsor of Seattle Center.

### Seattle Children's Theatre,

Seattle Center: *The Diary of Anne Frank*, being performed through May 19, provides an introduction to





the Holocaust for young people, and can lead them to better understand and fight injustice today (sct.org).

**ACT** (A Contemporary Theatre), downtown: *Urinetown*, a co-production with The 5th Avenue Theatre, through June 2 (acttheatre.org).

**Seattle Opera,** Seattle Center: Bizet's thrilling *Carmen,* May 4–19 (seattleopera.org).

Village Theatre, Million Dollar Quartet, Issaquah, May 9–June 23, and Everett, June 28–July 28 (villagetheatre.org).

#### Northwest Paddling Festival,

Lake Sammamish State Park, Issaquah: One of the Northwest's largest paddling events, May 10–11; includes demos, races, tours, skills-development seminars, and presentations by experts such as Olympic Outdoor Center owner John Kuntz, who will talk about his kayaking adventure along the entire length of the Columbia River last year (northwestpaddlingfestival.com).

The Paramount Theatre, downtown: School of Rock, with more than a dozen new songs, May 14–19; followed by Wicked, June 12–July 7 (stgpresents.org).

Taproot Theatre Company, Greenwood neighborhood: *Kim's Convenience*, May 15–June 22 (taproottheatre.org).



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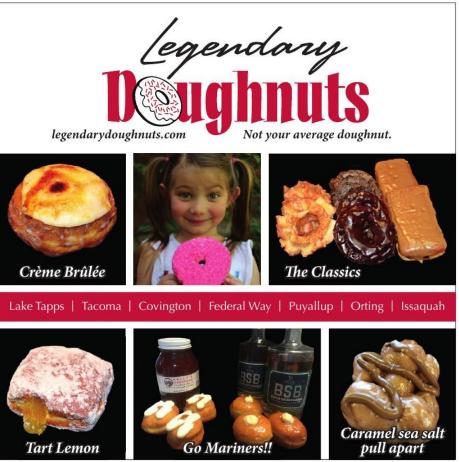


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#### Seattle International Film

**Festival,** multiple venues: The 45thannual festival, May 16–June 9, screens more than 400 features, documentaries



and short films, from approximately 80 countries (siff.net). Festival sponsors include Alaska Airlines.

**Seattle Repertory Theatre,** Seattle Center: *Tiny Beautiful Things*, May 17–June 23 (seattlerep.org).

Northwest Folklife Festival, Seattle Center: This Memorial Day Weekend tradition features more than 5,000 performers celebrating many cultures, with music, dance, storytelling, panel discussions and films, May 24–27 this year (nwfolklife.org/festival).

Pacific Northwest Ballet, Seattle Center: "Themes & Variations," including a dance based on Shakespeare's Othello, May 31–June 9 (pnb.org).

The 5th Avenue Theatre, downtown: West Side Story, presented in association with Spectrum Dance Theater, May 31–June 23. Also this year: Austen's Pride: A New Musical of Pride and Prejudice, Oct. 4–27, and a new staging of the hit Shrek The Musical, Nov. 26–Dec. 29. Alaska Airlines is a sponsor of The 5th Avenue Theatre (5thavenue.org).

**Book-It Repertory Theatre,** Seattle Center: *Behold the Dreamers,* June 6–30 (book-it.org).



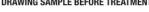
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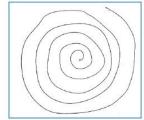
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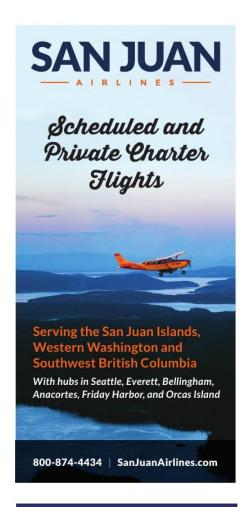
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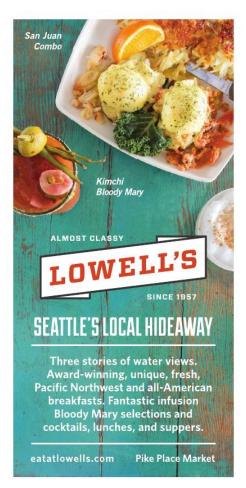
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### The new guard of Western vintners

is changing the landscape of modern wine. In Washington, Ashley Trout pairs winemaking with philanthropy, while in California, Christopher Christensen departs from tradition with the country's first sparkling Sauvignon Blanc. In Oregon, Andrew Beckham builds clay amphorae to ferment and age his wines. And in Idaho, Meredith Smith works to raise the profile of the Snake River Valley AVA.

Ashley Trout, Owner/Winemaker, Brook & Bull; Head Winemaker, Vital Wines

Location: Walla Walla, Washington Take note: Purpose-driven wine

ometimes a sense of adventure leads you to Syour destiny. An East Coast native, Ashley Trout wanted to explore the West and attend college in Walla Walla, Washington. Her first week in the small town, she secured a part-time job working the late-night harvest shift at Reininger Winery.

# WINEMAKERS ON THE RISE

### **MODERN ENOLOGY AND** PROMISING PROFESSIONALS IN THE WEST

BY KERRY NEWBERRY

"I loved it from the very first minute," she says. She continued to work for Reininger, and in 2006, three years after graduating from Whitman College, she launched Flying Trout Wines, a brand devoted to Malbec, which she made for the next decade in Walla Walla and in Mendoza, Argentina.

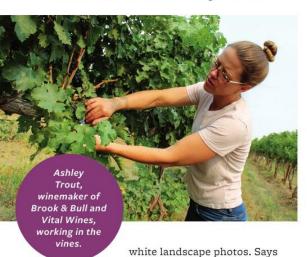
"Malbec is such a wonderful variety to work with," she says. "It has some of the darkest color of any variety, due to skins that help lock in tannins. It tends to retain acidity even during hot years, and once bottled, it is ready to drink

early and is such a great food-pairing wine."

After a successful decade with Flying Trout, which she sold in 2010, Trout developed two new high-profile wine projects, which opened in 2016: Brook & Bull and Vital Wines.

"Brook & Bull gives me a chance to geek out on a broader spectrum of varietals and blends," says Trout. She's added Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Chardonnay to her repertoire, yet stays true to the style that's defined her career—artfully balanced, food-friendly wines.

As an homage to the spirit of the West, her label artwork features stunning black-and-

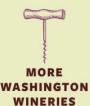


Trout: "What is wine if not an excuse to have something beautiful in your day and in your life?"

With Vital Wines, Trout is pioneering a new mission-driven project: Walla Walla's first non-profit winery. The purpose is to raise funds for SOS Health Services, a Walla Walla nonprofit health care clinic that serves many of the local vineyard and cellar workers.

"The whole valley has jumped in to participate," says Trout. Donors range from wineries and vineyards to label printers, and cork, capsule and bottle suppliers, which enables Vital to donate 100 percent of the profits of the wine sales.

"Vital is important because I see so many people in the valley—and I've been one myself—who have worked in this industry either part time or full time without health insurance," says Trout. "Now we've created a way to make a difference."



àMaurice Cellars (Walla Walla) is known for robust red blends, and some of the labels feature art made by winemaker Anna Schafer.

Amavi Cellars (Walla Walla) draws visitors with estate-vineyard reds (such as Syrah) and panoramic vineyard views.

Col Solare Winery (Benton City), a collaboration between Washington's Chateau Ste. Michelle and Tuscany's famed Marchesi Antinori, produces Cabernet Sauvignons in the Red Mountain area. —K.N.

### Reasons to visit:

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"Walla Walla is a winemaking community that finds itself at the confluence of winemakers still being available to answer questions and chat while also creating wines at the top of their game. It's the best of both worlds right now. It's a town of less than 35,000 people, with amazing restaurants, fantastic hotels and a main street that's called Main Street-what's not to love?"

-Ashley Trout



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Christopher Christensen, Co-owner/

Winemaker, Bodkin Wines

**Locations:** Sonoma County and Lake County,

California

Take note: United States' first sparkling

Sauvignon Blanc

hristopher Christensen eagerly awaits the inevitable question that arises when he uncorks a bottle of his Blanc de Sauvignon Blanc. "Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc ... why?" Since launching Bodkin Wines in 2011, he's devoted much of his attention to experimenting with aromatic white wines, especially Sauvignon Blanc. "I'm fascinated by the diversity of the grape," he says. "It can produce such a wide array of flavors and aromas, from really grassy to rich and tropical."

The texture and style can span a broad spectrum, too, from zippy with high acidity to rich and full-bodied, depending on factors such as how the grape is grown, when it's harvested and how it's handled in the winery. It's a varietal that Christensen loves to work with. In the past eight years, he's made five different versions of Sauvignon Blanc wine, from skinfermented to late-harvest dessert wine.

"With Sauvignon Blanc, I always think it's like sculpting a wine, because it's such a strong

and expressive grape," he says. "You can't exert your will over it. Instead, you are building on a framework and styling it up to create a wine that is the best representation of what you are working with."

Originally from Iowa, Christensen found his way to wine after graduating from Stanford with a degree in communication with a focus on research methodology. His first job was at E. & J. Gallo Winery's laboratory in Sonoma County. Next, he honed his skills at small family-owned wineries in Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley, including at Mauritson Wines, The Meeker Vineyard and Armida Winery, before he took a short break from wine to try a "real job."

"I worked in finance for one year, one month and 19 days," he says. "And then I went right back to wine."

Harvesting grapes at BK Wines in the Adelaide Hills of South Australia, followed by traveling and tasting wines throughout New Zealand, led him to produce what became his most celebrated wine. In a grocery store in Christchurch, he found an entire wall of sparkling Sauvignon Blancs.

"I had been looking for this wine for years but could not find it in the States," he says. "I bought six different bottles, took them back to the hostel and made some friends."

After he returned home, he knew he wanted to make a sparkling Sauvignon Blanc, and to build a label, Bodkin Wines—which now makes wines in Sonoma County, with additional vineyards in neighboring Lake County—that eschewed tradition by creating unexpected, easy-drinking wines focused on flavor and personality.

"The goal was to make a wine that shows the pretty, light tropical-fruit aromas and flavors you can get with Sauvignon Blanc," he says. "The wine I want to make is for easy drinking and brunching it up."

Now that he's made the country's first sparkling Sauvignon Blanc, Christensen is ready to offer his next fresh take. This summer he's releasing his first sparkling rosé, made with Syrah and Zinfandel. "It's light and refreshing with a nice, crisp finish," he says. And it's aptly named: Hotspur Cuvée.



### LIFORNIA WINERIES

**Kunde Family Winery** (Kenwood) offers experiences ranging from mountaintop tastings with views of the Sonoma Valley to hikes with Kunde family members.

**Papapietro Perry** Winery (Healdsburg) features singlevineyard Pinots, which tasters enjoy on the patio while taking in views of the Dry Creek Valley.

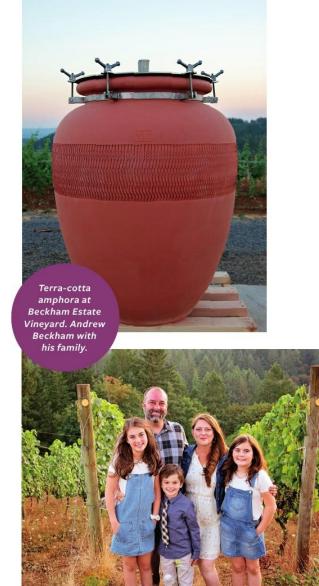
**Robert Sinskey** Vineyards (Napa) highlights a commitment to biodynamic and organic farming with food-and-winefocused tasting experiences. -K.N.

### Reasons to visit:

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"Sonoma County is home to an astounding diversity of vines and wines. Whether you are looking to find new producers of your favorite grape or want to discover new wines and meet their makers, you can do it here. Add in the breathtaking views, farm-to-table restaurants and close-knit communities, and you might end up wanting to make Sonoma County your home."

> —Christopher Christensen



Andrew Beckham, Founder/Winemaker, Beckham Estate Vineyard

Location: Willamette Valley, Oregon Take note: Amphora-aged wines

ndrew Beckham has worked as a professional ceramicist and high school art teacher for the past 20 years. Now he also builds terra-cotta amphorae to age wines made from fruit he farms with his wife, Annedria.

In 2004, his career pivoted when he and Annedria bought a piece of land in the Willamette Valley's Chehalem Mountains with the intent to build a pottery studio and raise their children on a few forested acres.

They quickly befriended their closest neighbors, a retired couple in their mid-80s who had planted grapevines on their property. "I was so intrigued that they were selling wine out of



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their garage on the weekends," says Beckham.
"And people would drive from all over to buy
it." Beckham wanted to learn more, so he
helped his neighbor, Fred, prune his vineyard
that winter. "He gave us a truckload of Pinot
Noir cuttings, and that's how we got started
in 2005," Beckham says. "My wife and I propagated all the grapevines and built our vineyard
bit by bit, year by year."

Today, the Beckhams tend to more than 20 acres of vines, mostly planted with Pinot Noir, plus blocks of Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc, and a mix of lesser-known varietals including Trousseau Noir, Aligoté and Nebbiolo.

Museumlike rows of terra-cotta amphorae, magnificent in size and shape, are some of the most enchanting sights at Beckham Estate. "I've been making large-scale pots my entire life," says Beckham. "But there was no purpose to them." Then Annedria showed him an article featuring the clay amphorae being used by Italian winemaker Elisabetta Foradori. "I'm a visual person, and the amphorae just spoke to me," says Beckham. "And I knew it was something I could build."

He started with amphorae that could hold 60 gallons, each vessel taking three months to make once he had mastered the skill. But the initial production process took years, as Beckham worked through finding the right clay body and challenges in firing. The largest amphorae he makes are now at the 200-gallon range, and he's constructed three shapes for fermentation and aging: a typical amphora form with a conical bottom; a more bulbous and round *qvevri* form, which originated in the Republic of Georgia; and an egg form that encourages kinetic movement of the wine.

As for the wines he ages in the amphorae, he says, "The most striking thing for me is the purity we get. Also, there's tremendous texture and mouthfeel that comes from the clay that is slightly mineral in its essence."

What's been most exciting about combining his lifelong passions for ceramics and wine? "The ability to travel and make connections, and meet new people and see new parts of the world," he says. "We have a whole group of friends in Italy now whom we visit every year."



#### MORE OREGON WINERIES

Ponzi Vineyards
(Sherwood), one of
the Willamette Valley's Pinot pioneers,
continues its legacy
today with the second
generation of winemakers. It's also one
of the few sister-run
wineries in the world.

Saffron Fields
Vineyard (Yamhill)
pairs elegant singlevineyard Pinots with
Japanese gardens,
designed by Hoichi
Kurisu, and a worldclass art gallery.

Maysara Winery & Momtazi Vineyard (McMinnville) offers a sense of holistic farming with its irrigation reservoirs and biodynamically farmed vineyards, and resident herd of longhorns. —K.N.

### Reasons to visit:

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"There is much to love about the Willamette Valley. The vines grow in an array of soils, and the characters who make them are equally diverse. The Willamette Valley has built its name on world-class Pinot Noir, but winding gravel roads are ready to lead the adventurous to other discoveries."

-Andrew Beckham



Meredith Smith, Winemaker, Sawtooth Winery; Winemaker, Ste. Chapelle Winery Location: Snake River Valley, Idaho

Take note: Bringing prominence to Idaho wines

t the age of 40, with a successful career in real estate development, Meredith Smith took a significant leap of faith. She was inspired when she came across the statement: "Pay attention to what you pay attention to."

"The second I read that quote," she says, "I knew it was speaking to my love for wine and agriculture." She began researching schools with viticulture and enology programs, and got on the waiting list for Washington State University. In 2006, when her studies started, she decided to focus on viticulture. "I had the mind-set that if you are going to make great wine, you have to start with great fruit," she says. "I wanted to learn how to grow great fruit."

After graduating, she read about esteemed winemaker Bill Murray, who had more than 20 years of experience in California and had recently moved to Idaho to run Sawtooth Winery, now one of the largest and oldest producers in the state. "My first thought was, 'I can learn from him,'" she says. But the only opening at

the time was a short-term harvest position.

Smith remembers talking to her dad and asking him for advice. He said, "If you don't try, you'll regret it later. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain." She took his words to heart and seized the opportunity. Within months, Smith was promoted to assistant winemaker. By 2012, she had been promoted to head winemaker at Sawtooth, and in 2016, she took on an additional role as lead winemaker for Ste. Chapelle Winery.

"When you find something you love, you will excel," says Smith. With Smith at the helm,

Reasons to visit: "What I love about Idaho is there's so much to do in the outdoors. From wine country, you can travel one hour and be in wilderness areas that are beautiful and seem endless. We've got skiing, mountain biking, camping, hiking, rafting-and it's all in our backyard." - Meredith Smith



### WINERIES

Williamson Orchard & Vineyards (Caldwell) offers wines such as Petite Sirah in a charming tasting room set on 200 acres of vineyards, orchards and rows of other crops.

Telaya Wine Co. (Garden City), on the banks of the Boise River, produces Petit Verdot and other red wines. -K.N.

Sawtooth Winery and Ste. Chapelle have received acclaim nationwide, including numerous high scores from Wine Enthusiast, Wine Spectator and The Tasting Panel.

While the work is demanding, with plenty of physical labor and seasonal hurdles, what Smith enjoys most is "how challenging it is to make great wine," she says. "That's what drives me."

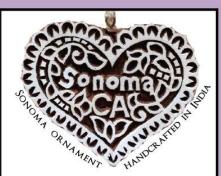
She's also excited to have roots in the Snake River Valley, one of the Northwest's promising up-and-coming wine regions. "I can see the potential in the fruit here," Smith says. One thing she knows for sure: She's exactly where she wants to be, and she has no regrets. \*

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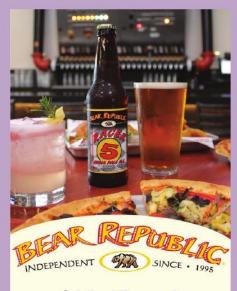
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### NEAR & FAR.

### SAN ANTONIO **SOJOURN**

Alamo City reflects the past while looking to the future

By Chris Warren

The Alamo, left, is an important cultural and historical landmark in Texas. The San Antonio River Walk, below, is a popular destination for visitors as well as locals.

On a cool and wet January morning in 2012, I stood on the flagstone square in

front of The Alamo, excited to tour one of Texas' most famous locations.

The story of San Antonio's small Spanish mission, founded in 1718, is part of our national folklore. In 1836, Mexican troops defeated the 200 Texas volunteers defending the site. It would become one of the country's most famous battles and play a crucial role in Texas history.

It was my first full day in San Antonio after moving to the city. The crowd of people waiting in line with me were from many different countries, but appeared just as interested as I to see the spot where famous frontiersman Davy Crockett, leaders Jim Bowie and William Travis, and many others fought for Texas independence. Before entering the compound,

I asked some of those waiting what drew them to the iconic location. They emphasized the common themes that The Alamo was a symbol of fighting for one's beliefs against insurmountable odds, and that it represented the independence that Texans and Americans cherish. I was amazed how the importance of this small cluster of buildings had spread far beyond our nation's borders.

Once inside, I was struck by the simplicity of the interior of the site, which includes a church, a re-enactment of an 1836 encampment and a museum in the Long Barrack, San Antonio's oldest existing building, which dates back to 1724. The museum tells the story of The Alamo with artifacts and weapons from the era of the Texas Revolution, including a ceremonial sword that belonged to Mexican





General Antonio López de Santa Anna, the victor at The Alamo. Under the trees of the compound's garden, I admired the Wall of History, an outdoor exhibit depicting important moments at the site during the past 300 years.

Leaving the compound that morning, I thought about how some of the narratives that have become connected with the mission—seeking independence and fighting for a cause against long odds—are universal ideals that resonate with people around the world.

Experiencing The Alamo also made me eager to explore more of my new home.

### A river runs through it

San Antonio is a city full of attractions, including the famous River Walk, world-class museums, friendly residents and a vibrant and growing restaurant scene and nightlife scene.

Across the street from The Alamo is the River Walk, a 15-mile-long linear park on the banks of the San Antonio River, winding past many of the city's popular sites. Visitors will find themselves drawn to the walk's unique mix of activities. Part of the success of the River Walk is that it is located either below street level or away from busy thoroughfares. The separation allows you to stroll along the urban waterway and feel removed from the hectic city scene.

A good way to start a tour of the River Walk is by watching the free 24-minute video and music show called Saga, which is shown at night on Tuesdays and on weekends in the Main Plaza, the historical center of San Antonio. Conceived by

French artist Xavier de Richemont, Saga uses the facade of the San Fernando Cathedral, founded in 1731, as a screen to tell the history of San Antonio. Colorful images and music bring to life the art, history and influences that have helped make the city become a multicultural melting pot.

The River Walk is near many attractions such as La Villita Historic Arts Village, one of the city's first neighborhoods, which is now an arts community where you can buy jewelry, pottery and other items. Also nearby is Hemisfair park, built for the 1968 World's Fair, which was held in San Antonio to mark the city's 250th anniversary. The park is home to the Tower of the Americas, a 750-foot-tall structure, where you can take in the views from the observation deck, dine at the rotating Chart House Restaurant and enjoy the Skies Over Texas 4D theater ride, which is a film that provides an immersive view of Texas from the air. Sports fans will want to visit AT&T Center, home of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs, located about 3 miles east of downtown.

### The arts abound

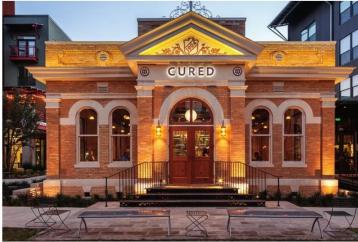
The River Walk also passes by many of the city's top art institutions, including

The San Fernando
Cathedral, above, is
the artistic backdrop
for the video Saga,
which depicts the
history of the city
through pictures and
music. The Briscoe
Western Art Museum
features a reproduction of a stagecoach,
shown at right.



### >> NEAR & FAR SAN ANTONIO





the Briscoe Western Art Museum, with its collection of works that depict the western United States in the 19th and early 20th centuries through various mediums, including paintings, a gleaming reproduction of a stagecoach, and artifacts such as the saddle of Mexican revolutionary general Francisco Pancho Villa.

The San Antonio Museum of Art also enjoys a spectacular riverside location, and houses art from ancient Greek and Roman sculptures to Asian works and Latin American art.

Another River Walk site is the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts. The home of San Antonio's opera, ballet and symphony companies, the Tobin is also the place to see performances by stars such as Paul McCartney, the Indigo Girls and Carol Burnett (a San Antonio native).

To learn more about the local history, tour the city's five historical missions. Four of the missions are part of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, which was named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2015. The Alamo is the fifth mission, and is managed by the state of Texas.

Built between 1720 and 1790, the missions have unique histories and special

>>> The Pearl development has music at Jazz TX, left, and is home to some of the city's top dining locations, including Cured restaurant, above.

attractions. For instance, Mission San José is the largest and includes workshops and buildings where Native Americans lived. Mission San Juan has 50 acres of crops, such as corn, onions, peaches and pears, grown and harvested by the San Antonio Food Bank. It includes 5 acres devoted to demonstrating farming techniques used by the mission's original residents.

### AT A GLANCE

### Where to go first in town if vou're a ...

- Foodie: Visit the Culinary Institute of America's (CIA's) restaurant Savor at the Pearl development, where the meals are prepared by CIA students.
- History buff: Stop by the Menger Hotel, which opened in 1859 and has hosted a number of U.S. presidents. The hotel also is where Teddy Roosevelt organized some of the Rough Riders, who would find fame in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.
- Family: The DoSeum is a museum where kids use play to learn about science, technology, engineering and math. Visitors can create cities, learn about maps and pretend to be a spy.
- Lover of literature: You can browse at The Twig Book Shop or catch an author's lecture at Gemini Ink, a literary arts center.

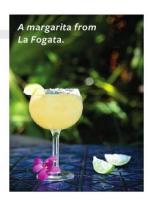
**Distinctive dish:** Ray's Drive Inn serves one of the city's best puffy tacos—crispy on the outside, soft on the inside.

### What's in a name?

The city was named for Saint Anthony of Padua, San Antonio de Padua in Spanish.

Classic drink: For a great margarita, sample the offerings at La Fogata Family Mexican Restaurant or at La Gloria, which has mutliple locations, including at the Pearl development.

**Souvenirs to take home:** The Dos Carolinas clothing store makes stylish *guayabera* shirts, which are perfect for the heat.



**Did you know?** The Witte Museum has one of the world's largest collections of circus artifacts and memorabilia, including objects from Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. —C.W.



### >> NEAR & FAR SAN ANTONIO

### A city of many flavors

For a taste of the city's vibrant culinary scene, stop by Pearl, just north of the city center. From 1883 to 2001, the 22-acre site was home to a large brewery complex. Today, the development has found new life as a mixed-use destination where people live, work, shop and dine.

The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) has one of its three national campuses at Pearl. The college runs the restaurant Savor, which features dishes prepared by the students. Celebrity chef Johnny Hernandez, who graduated from CIA in New York, owns Pearl's La Gloria restaurant, which serves authentic Mexican cuisine, including tacos al pastor (marinated pork tacos) and tlayudas (Mexican pizza). Another Pearl favorite is Cured, owned by chef Steve McHugh, which features housemade cured meats. The changing menu of dishes recently included pork belly cured for six months, lamb merguez (a spicy mutton) and smoked duck ham.

After dinner, drop by Pearl's Southerleigh Food & Brewery for a beer or head to the basement of the Bottling Department, where you'll find Jazz TX, a cozy spot to listen to jazz while sipping cocktails with names such as Arsenic and Old Lace, and Bananas in Bermuda.

The Pearl development is a prime example of the city's constant reinvention. San Antonio is a place whose story is continually being written, rewritten and reimagined—with delightful results.

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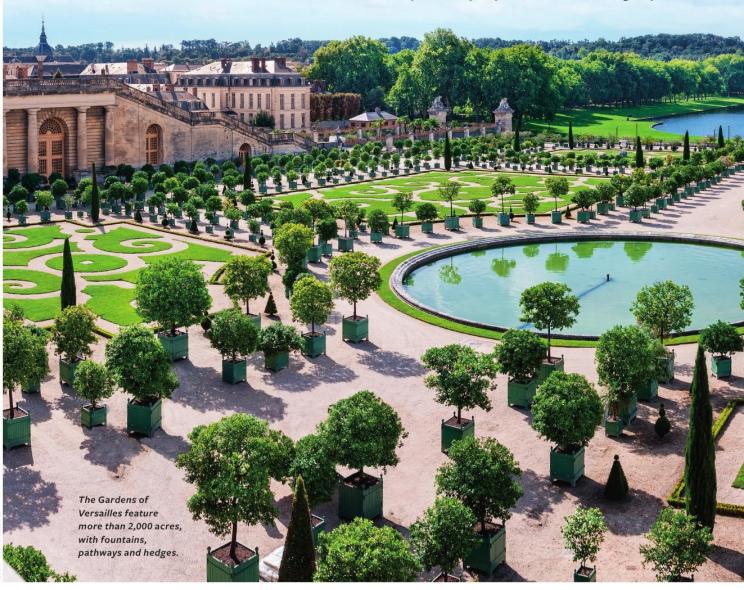
By Eric Lucas

)) Shafts of hazy sunlight dapple the grass where sheep graze next to a copse of beech trees. Songbirds chitter; daffodils poke their heads out of the ground; and happy couples stroll hand in hand along a wooded path past the meadow.

One of those couples is us, Nicole and me, and the meadow is the king's—Louis XIV's, that is—though it now belongs to the people of France. We are in the Paris suburb that holds one of the world's most famous palaces, the Palace of Versailles, enjoying the fine weather with a walk through the gardens. These are "gardens" in the sense that Yellowstone is a "park."

As the Sun King, Louis XIV expanded his father's old hunting lodge, declaring the area his "gardens," and enhancing it with paths, meadows, flower beds, forests, hedgerows, decorative patios and plazas and walkways. In fact, at more than 2,000 acres, the Gardens of Versailles are almost 20 times larger than the world's smallest country (Vatican City) and four times larger than the next smallest, Monaco.

I use these numerical contrasts as a way of demonstrating that, from our hotel at the edge of the gardens, we can go for really, really long walks on extremely quiet paths, which we do during a sojourn



### >> NEAR & FAR

in the City of Light. We're staying at the Waldorf Astoria Trianon Palace Versailles, a luxury hotel opened in 1910 whose facade resembles that of Louis XIV's nearby Grand Trianon.

Given that luminaries ranging from Sarah Bernhardt to Marlene Dietrich to Queen Elizabeth II have stayed here, elaborate facilities are de rigueur. Thus, at a special fixed-menu dinner at the hotel's Michelin-starred Gordon Ramsay au Trianon restaurant, Nicole and I are seated in an overstuffed cream-colored leather banquette at a table with a silver candelabra and porcelain dinnerware

settings. Foie gras with mango; sea bass in a shellfish-Champagne sauce; veal fillet with truffle butter ... We'll need every degree of cushiness in the banquette's seat to buttress our soon-to-be satiated selves. Periodically the waiter comes by.

"All is well, madame et monsieur?"
Yes, all is very well.

This is our third trip to Paris, and the area remains a premier travel destination for us and for the world because, however much the city's virtues may seem clichéd, they are also gloriously true and undeniably special. The food is indeed fantastic. The museums are marvelous—and mas-

sive, in the case of the Louvre Museum. The Eiffel Tower is not only amazing, it's one of the most iconic structures on Earth. The promenades and plazas and boulevards are both grand and welcoming. The sheer emotional exhilaration of a visit to Paris is matchless. And, for every world-famous layer of attraction, there is an easily discovered lesser-known delight.

Seeing the *Mona Lisa*, for example, is pretty simply done by buying tickets online in advance—which guarantees entry to the Louvre within 30 minutes—and heading directly to the relevant gallery to have a look.





Wandering just 30 feet away from the famous portrait, we find Tintoretto's 1564 sketch *The Coronation of the Virgin*, a depiction of Mary ascending to Paradise. The gorgeous masterpiece, recently reloacted to a nearby room, due to construction, is a dynamic composition of texture, palette, perspective and human emotion.

To raise this example up one dimension, we need only cross the Seine River from the Louvre to find the Musée d'Orsay, a user-friendly, less crowded and equally memorable facility, devoted mostly to Impressionists. Here, Renoir's Dance at Le Moulin de la Galette (1876) portrays a cheerful, vivid, engaging Paris scene that perfectly captures the city's peerless ambiance, then and now.

I wonder whether Renoir ever wandered the riverfront promenade, noticing the way that sunlight filters on cobblestones beneath sycamore trees, or if he paused on the Left Bank to glance back in awe at the Eiffel Tower, a high candle of light above the city. These moments form "snapshots" forever stored in Nicole's and my memories. We treasure real snapshots, too: We stop one evening for a self-portrait—Eiffel Tower behind us—that is one of our all-time favorites.

Our explorations reveal many equally delightful discoveries. Once, as we walked along the Seine's Left Bank promenade on an early autumn evening during another trip, we came across a free concert at The American Church in Paris. A classical guitarist was performing Joaquín Rodri-

go's famous Concierto de Aranjuez, as well as pieces by Bach, Vivaldi and Albéniz.

On this trip, we walk along the river, passing book stands and kiosks with proprietors in berets selling 50-year-old issues of *Paris Match* with Brigitte Bardot on the covers. A dozen artists suggest our suitability for chalk portraits.

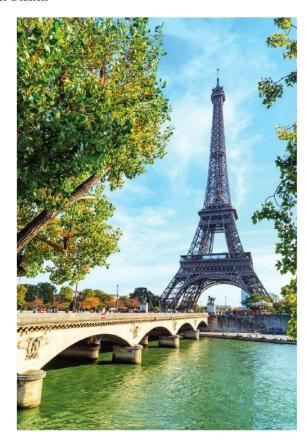
A few hundred yards past the Louvre, we chance upon a small cafe in the Tuileries Gardens, a ribbon of park on the Right Bank, where we order a lunch

of croque-monsieurs. Taking the food with us to the park's Bassin Octogonal, a large reflecting pool, we sit on a couple of lawn chairs and enjoy a leisurely early afternoon snack. Parisians are all around, sunbathing or reading. Dogs frolic; kids wade; and it's fascinating to contrast this experience with the \$250-a-person formal dinner we had at the restaurant in Versailles.

Even the shopping is sublimely exotic but easily accessed. I learn about this on a midday excursion from our favorite in-city hotel, The Westin Paris—Vendôme, in the First Arrondissement near the Louvre. While the city's best-known shopping street is the bustling Champs-Élysées, The



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Westin is just a block from the Place Vendôme, whose center is marked by the column Napoleon erected in 1806 to celebrate his victory at Austerlitz.

Despite all that weighty history, commerce is often at hand in Paris, and the plaza's perimeter is lined with tony stores. While I'm studying the column's 425 bas-relief plates depicting Napoleonic battles, Nicole emerges from the nearby

Louis Vuitton store with some footwear. Not just any shoes, these: They are designer boots worth about as much as my first car was. They look like army boots, but they are made with tawny suede and strips of glimmering ebony patent leather, embellished with subtle wraparound designs incorporating flower blossoms, stars and the iconic LV logo. They include sturdy rubber treads that would serve well on a tank, and if all that sounds very complicated for boots, well, it is.

"Perfect for the farm," Nicole declares, referring to our Puget Sound homestead, where she will surely be the only person wearing Louis Vuitton boots. Ever.

But I discover that by Paris standards, this is not so exotic. At the Alexandre de Paris shop, Nicole peruses the collection of extremely fine hair clips and brushes. A salesclerk approaches to ask if I need help.

"I didn't even know you could have a store selling only hair accessories," I replied. "So I've acquired fascinating new information."

I step outside to people-watch, and see numerous stylish women attired in, yes, designer army boots and crystal-clad tortoise shell hair clips, not to mention black-leather leggings and brass-bauble handbags.

That evening, we walk to the Eiffel Tower for dinner in the second-level Le

### AT A GLANCE



#### Popular attractions:

The Louvre Museum is one of the world's largest art museums, with famous works such as the Venus de Milo.

- Musée d'Orsay (above) offers a quiet, intimate look at one of France's most famous artistic innovations, Impressionism.
- In Versailles, the Palace of Versailles contains 2,300 rooms, including the nearly 250-footlong Hall of Mirrors.

### Lesser-known attractions:

Yves Saint Laurent Museum, near the Arc de Triomphe, displays designs by the famous couturier.

- Marmottan Monet Museum houses one of the world's largest collections of Monet canvases, with more than 100 works.
- In Versailles, the Petit Trianon was Marie-Antoinette's country "cottage."



### Where to go if you're a ...

- ... Romantic: Walk along the Pont des Arts at dusk. Don't attach a lock to the bridge; just enjoy the setting, which was the scene for the famous kiss between Carrie and Mr. Big in Sex and the City.
- ... History buff: The Place Vendôme's Napoleonic column has been raised, destroyed and raised again.
- ... Lover of pop culture: The Quai de Montebello's riverside walkway across from Notre Dame has been featured in at least two famous films-An American in Paris, with Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron, and Charade, starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant.
- ... Family: Given to the city of Paris by Napoleon III, Bois de Boulogne is a 2,088-acre park with a zoo, rowing ponds, horse and pony rides, and innumerable picnic spots.
- ... Foodie: Visit almost any neighborhood bistro (such as the one at left) for steak-frites, a dish so universally beloved that philosopher Roland Barthes wrote a famous essay about its mythical status.

Distinctive dish: The croquemadame, a variant of the croquemonsieur, is essentially a grilled hamand-cheese sandwich with a fried egg on top. Talk about comfort food.

#### Best time of day:

Dusk, along the Seine. -E.L.



>>> The impressive Arc de Triomphe was commissioned by Napoleon in 1806.

Jules Verne restaurant, which might have one of the best views in the world. (The restaurant will reopen in late May after renovations have been completed, with a new chef, Frédéric Anton.)

We must look like *les* amoureux worthy of a sensational experience in Paris, because the maître d'

smiles conspiratorially and leads us to a window-side table overlooking the Seine. Across the river, the Arc de Triomphe and the Sacré Coeur are bathed in warm light. The prix fixe menu adds seven courses to that.

This time, it's foie gras with a driedplum compote; roasted sole, salsify and sorrel; and a nut-crusted chocolate "tower" whose depth of flavor is unsurpassed. Good thing we have a half-hour walk back to the hotel.

"And are you celebrating anything this evening?" our waiter had asked to start the meal.

"Well," I mention, "we just got engaged." We had, in fact, done so the day before in Versailles.

Many, many facets burnish a decision such as getting married, and key among them is the delight of shared experiences.

So, blame it on Paris? Sure, why not. ⊀

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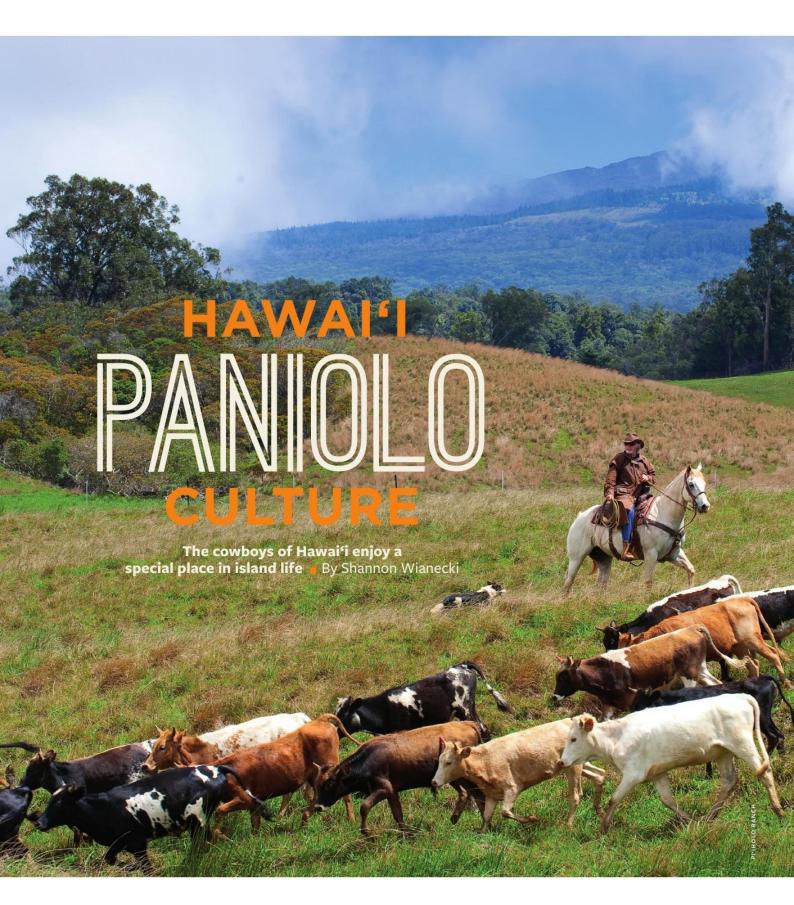
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I slip my foot into the stirrup and climb atop Bobcat, my horse for the day at Pi'iholo Ranch—an 800-acre spread on the slope of Haleakalā, Maui's 10,023-foot tall volcano.

I don't know how to rope or ride, but that doesn't concern Morgan Rose, the head wrangler at Pi'iholo. She's my guide for today's two-hour horseback tour and seems to have enough confidence for the both of us. "Welcome to my office," Rose says, sweeping her arm out to encompass Pi'iholo's tidy paddock and rolling pastureland. "I get to horse around all day."

The bucolic property belongs to Peter Baldwin, a member of Hawai'i's famed *paniolo*, the term Hawaiians use for cowboys. Baldwin is a celebrated rodeo competitor and polo player, and a member of one of Hawai'i's first ranching families. His father, Richard "Manduke" Baldwin, learned how to lasso wild cattle from none other than the roper Ikua Purdy, who helped solidify the legend of the paniolo in American Western folklore.

In the summer of 1908, Purdy was one of three Hawaiians who showed up in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to compete in the Frontier Days World Championship Rodeo. The crowd didn't know quite what to make of the Pacific Islander cowboys who strode into the arena wearing hats wreathed in flower lei and Spanish vaquero-inspired chaps. However, once the Islanders let their lassos fly, no doubts remained: The Hawaiians knew how to rope and ride. Archie Kaʻauʻa and Jack Low from Hawaiʻi Island placed third and sixth, respectively, in the competition.

Purdy, also from Hawai'i Island, masterfully roped his steer in 56 seconds flat, and claimed the Steer Roping Championship title before an astonished crowd. Purdy's performance helped introduce the paniolo to the American West.

Everything at Pi'iholo Ranch is top-notch, and the history of the paniolo appears everywhere. A photo album on display has newspaper clippings dating back to the Baldwins' rodeo days. In the tack room, each polished leather saddle rests on a shelf labeled with a particular steed's name.

The ranch has a herd of 38 horses, including three large draft horses. With curly white tails that sweep the ground, they look as if they've stepped straight out of a fantasy novel. They're perfect for weddings, Rose tells me. The horses came from Amish country in Pennsylvania, and riding one of the 2,000-pound animals is like riding a tank. Bobcat, my amiable red roan, is more like being on a yacht—a smooth ride that is maneuverable and capable of quickly picking up speed.

All of Pi'iholo's horseback tours are private, so it's just Rose and me on the trail—free to follow our whims. We head out at a

A paniolo herds cattle on Maui's Pi'iholo Ranch. The 800-acre ranch belongs to Peter Baldwin, a well-known rodeo competitor and a member of one of the state's first ranching families.



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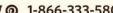
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slow and easy gait beneath a canopy of eucalyptus. We come to a shallow stream, and Bobcat adeptly splashes across. This is a working ranch, so as we move from pasture to pasture, we thread between grazing cows and close the gates behind us.

We pass by a deep gulch and hear the trickle of a hidden waterfall. A tiny polka-dotted fawn peeks its head above the brush. "Where's your mama?" Rose asks. She slides off her horse to check if the fawn is injured or sick. I half expect her to sling the lonely little deer onto the back of her horse, but it scampers off proving it is uninjured.

Rose, who is in her 20s, is also an accomplished wrangler. She grew up on a horse, working around the barn as a kid in exchange for riding lessons. She has worked at the Pi'iholo Ranch for six years and has managed the riding tours for the past three years. Her comfort in the saddle is enviable, but rather than show off, she puts me at ease. Rose tells me to lean forward when our horses climb a short hill and shows me how to direct Bobcat left or right by subtly shifting the weight of my legs.

Depending on the skill of her riders, Rose will lead them up the side of a cinder cone to see a jaw-dropping view or she will cut them loose in a flat pasture where they can canter. Bobcat is a pleasure to ride, knowing the routine well enough to pause whenever Rose stops to shut a gate.

We ride into an open meadow, where we spot a family of feral pigs trotting along in single file, their dark hides just visible between the tawny tufts of grass. Pigs aren't native to Hawai'i—but then again, neither are horses or cows.

#### The first paniolo

The first cattle arrived in 1793 as a gift for King Kamehameha I. Captain George Vancouver presented the Hawaiian king with two seasick bulls and seven cows—strange beasts that had never before been seen in the Islands.

About a decade later, the first horse was brought to the Islands as another present for the king. Kamehameha I was so impressed by the horse that he ordered more of the animals be brought to Hawai'i.

Within 40 years, the tiny herd of cattle had multiplied to several thousand. Wild cows were soon overrunning Hawai'i's native forests and trampling farmers' lo'i kalo (taro patches). Not knowing how to deal with the nuisance animals, the Hawaiians called in the experts.

In 1832, Kamehameha III sent a delegation to California to hire a group of Mexican vaqueros to help round up the

strays and teach the islanders how to handle horses and cattle. Thus began the rich and colorful tradition of the paniolo. The word is believed to derive from a Hawaiianization of the word *español*, the language of the first visiting cattlemen. The paniolo adapted the vaqueros' style of dress and saddle making, too, tweaking them to better work in the tropical environment.

According to Billy Bergin, a longtime veterinarian, author and paniolo expert, the Hawaiians improved upon the vaquero's ride by "making the cantle part of the seat concave—more comfortable—and the pommel taller, more accessible so you can readily dally [wrap] your rope around it."

As the Hawaiian cowboys herded wild cattle out of the mountains and into corrals, the local ranching industry began to grow. By 1913, the Parker Ranch in Waimea, Hawai'i, was among the state's largest, covering about 130,000 acres.

The Parker Ranch is still going strong,

The Pi'iholo Ranch offers a variety of horseback tours, right, that take riders through private pastureland in Upcountry Maui. Beginners can receive a horseback riding lesson at the Pi'iholo Ranch headquarters and arena, below.





ROM TOP: PANIOLO PRESERVATION SOCIETY; TURTLE BAY RESORT

launching the Paniolo Cattle Company in 2014, which focuses on raising grass-fed beef for Hawai'i markets. The ranch is also home to the Paniolo Heritage Center—a repository of photos and artifacts documenting the singular life of the Hawaiian cowboy.

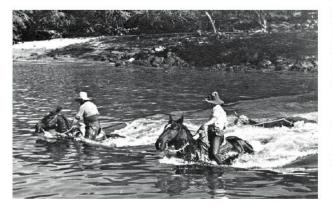
Bergin, who served as Parker Ranch's veterinarian

for 25 years and has written a four-volume book about the ranch and paniolo history, says that his interest in all things paniolo comes from growing up on a Hawaiian ranch and being surrounded by cowboys. He says the cowboy life came naturally to the Hawaiians he knew. "They are able to find a way to do a hard thing and make it look it easy," Bergin says.

### The swimming cowboys

The state's cattlemen and cattlewomen were shaped by Hawai'i's unique terrain.

It took a tough and resourceful individual to round up steer across sunbaked lava plains, and pursue them down steep, forested gulches and up the sides of volcanic mountains that spiked from sea level to thousands of feet tall.



Before wharves were built on outer islands, paniolo, such as the ones shown at left, had to herd cattle out to a rowboat that would transport them to a waiting ship heading to market.

Add to that the threat of sharks snapping at the herd, and you've really got the makings of a legend.

That's right; in days past, one of the paniolo's

most unusual chores was swimming the cattle out to a rowboat. The animals would be secured to the sides of the boat with ropes and taken out to steamships anchored offshore, where a crane lifted them onboard. Before wharves were built, this was the only way to ferry cattle to market in Oʻahu from the outer islands.

At the turn of the 20th century, there were 30 major ranches in the Islands, raising more than 100,000 head of cattle. The paniolo's unique culture influenced daily life across the archipelago, but especially on the islands of Maui and Hawai'i, which were home to the biggest operations. Ranch owners sponsored rodeos, horse races and polo matches to give their employees opportunities to prove their skill on days off from work.

Some of the veteran paniolo tell stories about the old



#### **HAWAI'I BY HORSEBACK**

- If you want to experience the paniolo lifestyle for a day, here are a few of the many ranches and locations offering horseback riding and other activities.
- On the island of Kaua'i, CJM Country Stables' trail ride is great for beginners, though more-experienced riders will

- enjoy private guided rides. The stable's scenic path meanders along the island's southeast shore, beneath the breezy ironwoods and across a stream to Māhā'ulepū Beach (cimstables.com).
- Ma'alapa Stables on Hawai'i Island offers something truly special: the Waipi'o Valley Horseback Adventure. Trips start with a van ride down the steep 4WD road into lush Waipi'o Valley, where riders and guides mount up to explore one of Hawai'i's most remote and beautiful landscapes. During a relaxed journey past taro patches, rock temples and waterfalls, the guides offer tales of the valley's storied past. Many Hawaiian kings were buried in the sea cliffs here, and the twin waterfalls of Hi'ilawe have spawned love songs (naalapastables.com).
- Pifiholo Ranch is a top location to visit on Maui. Aside from three-hour tours and one-hour riding lessons, Morgan Rose and the other wranglers offer a full-day immersion into the Hawaiian ranching lifestyle. You can help round up cattle in the field, practice basic equestrian skills and gallop across an Upcountry Maui pasture.
- Turtle Bay Stables on the north shore of O'ahu offers a good option for beginners. Riders trot along Turtle Bay Resort's 12 miles of oceanfront trails, with breathtaking views of the roiling surf. Rides at sunset are especially photogenic. Kids 6 and older also can take part in "Pony Picasso" and use washable paints to draw shapes on a live pony (turtlebayresort.com). S.W.

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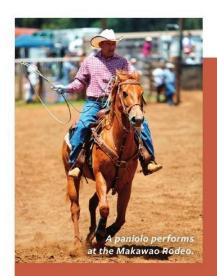






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days out on the range and the troubles they solved—or started. The great Ikua Purdy, who passed away in 1945, still comes up in conversation, including his sixth sense for understanding cattle. Richard "Manduke" Baldwin would tell a story about Purdy watching a wild bull in a pen of cattle. Purdy guessed that the bull was itching to escape over the pen's lava-rock wall. The cowboy casually pulled out his lasso and looped it over the bull's horns just as the animal started to leap.

The Baldwin family also tells the story of the night some rodeo steers got loose at the Hilo Fair. Peter Baldwin had just lassoed one as it bolted into a crowded tent. Baldwin went into the tent with his horse and was able to wrestle the steer back out of the tent and straight through the crowd without hurting or even bumping anyone.

#### The cowboy culture continues

Ranching in Hawaiʻi began to decline after World War II, as it became increasingly difficult to compete with agricultural practices on the mainland.

Still, to this day, some individual Hawaiian cattle ranch-

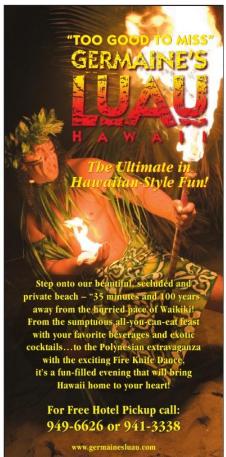


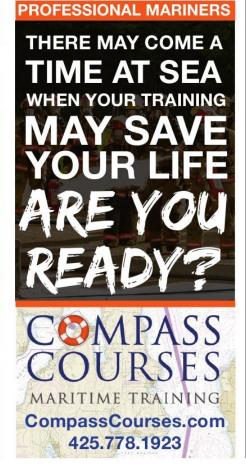
es cover hundreds of thousands of acres. Many, including Pi'iholo Ranch, have diversified their business model by adding tours, allowing people such as me to see firsthand what life on the ranch is like.

Halfway through our ride, Rose tells me that my mount, Bobcat, belongs to Pi'iholo's award-winning Pā'ū Brigade.  $P\bar{a}'\bar{u}$  riders are one of Hawai'i's loveliest horseback traditions. Hawaiian  $w\bar{a}hine$  (women) rode astride from the start, unlike their mainland counterparts who, in the early days of the country, often rode sidesaddle.









Island equestrians loved to dress up and ride to special events, and to protect their fine gowns from dust and mud, they covered themselves in long, voluminous skirts called pā'ū. Naturally, they also adorned themselves with fragrant flower lei.

Over the years, as pā'ū riders took part in parades and competitions, their outfits became more elaborate and elegant. They draped themselves in sumptuous satin, wove thick and resplendent lei for their horses and became known for their exceptional equestrian skills.

Today pā'ū riders, dressed in their beautiful outfits, are a central feature at most Hawaiian parades and embody the spirit of aloha on horseback.

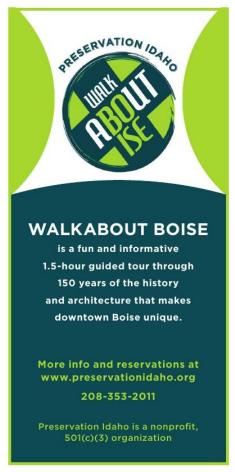
As our ride comes to an end, Rose suggests we canter up a hill to see a superlative view. After our easygoing ramble, I feel comfortable enough to give it a try. I gently kick my heels against Bobcat's sides. He surges forward, and I bounce along, imagining for a moment that I am one of those flower-wreathed Hawaiian women, or maybe even Ikua Purdy showing those Wyoming wranglers some island grit.

Bobcat reaches the ridge in 30 seconds. The panorama is breathtaking. Beyond the sweep of rolling pastureland, two coasts are visible: South Maui's golden beaches and the craggy North Shore. This pastoral scene is pure Hawai'i—and it is made even better by my perch on the back of my horse, Bobcat.

Shannon Wianecki writes from Maui.

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## AN ARTIST'S DISCOVERY

Fulfilling a childhood dream of prehistoric proportions in Alaska

#### Story and drawings by Ray Troll

#### )) It was cold for an August afternoon,

but then again, this was Alaska, and we were in the far north, above the Arctic Circle, high on the bank of the Colville River. A foggy drizzle spattered off our heavy rain gear as we carved our way with shovels and pocketknives through mudstone hiding dinosaur bones by the hundreds.

This 2012 expedition was part of the *Cruisin' the Fossil Coastline* book project that I had embarked on with my paleontologist pal Kirk Johnson, whom I've known for more than two decades. He's now the director of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, but I call him "Doctor J" for short. The ambitious undertaking, resulting in our 2018 book, had us looking at the fossil record of the West Coast of North America from Baja, Mexico, all the way up to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

Next to me on the Colville, Kirk dug an amazingly precise hole, with exact edges and a clearly defined square shape to it—he is a scientist, after all, and that's just the way they do things. My hole was far less organized. But I'm an artist, so I'm easily distracted by screeching peregrine falcons circling overhead or my own imagination, which runs wild with dreams of finding a tyrannosaur fossil. I've had this hope my entire life, ever since scrawling my first crayon drawings as a little kid. In the great



Ray Troll found a tyrannosaur tooth on the bank of Alaska's Colville River and created the included drawings to imagine what might have played out millions of years ago.

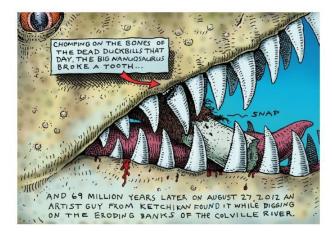
hierarchy of dinosaurs, there is nothing bigger or nastier than a *T. rex*, and I've always craved the personal thrill that would come from discovering a fossil of one.

Any paleo-nerd can tell you that *T. rex* lived about 66 million years ago in the late Cretaceous period. We were digging in rocks that were thought to be 69 million years old, so there was little chance of finding an actual *Tyrannosaurus rex*. But there was the possibility that we could find its Alaskan relative, *Nanuqsaurus hoglundi*, a member of the tyrannosaur family that was smaller but almost as terrifying as its cousin.

The problem was that we'd been on the Colville for a week, our adventure nearing its end, and none of the five members of our expedition had found a single bit of a meat-eating-dinosaur fossil. All we had discovered were hundreds of pieces of juvenile duckbilled dinosaurs, *Ugrunaaluk kuukpikensis*, an Iñupiat name meaning "Ancient grazer of the Colville River."

Then Kirk yelped, "Check this out!" He held up the tooth of a raptor called *Troodon*. The tooth was beautifully serrated, like the finest of steak knives. I was thrilled for Kirk. Really I was.

But fossil envy can be a powerfully motivating force, so after celebrating Kirk's find, I looked over at his tidy mini-quarry and



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thought that if I dug along the same level, maybe I could make my own discovery. A few minutes later, I flicked open a dark clod of dirt with my knife, and there it was: a large tooth. It belonged to a tyrannosaur and, perhaps, had snapped off as the dinosaur chewed on the bones of an unlucky baby *Ugrunaaluk*.

Tears welled up in my eyes in a weird mixture of joy, exhaustion and relief. I was 58 years old but felt like I was 5 again, touching my beloved monster for the first time in the real world.

The next day, I stayed back at camp to draw in my sketchbook. The act of drawing helps me solidify the images playing through my mind's eye. Ever since I moved to Ketchikan in 1983, Alaska, with its vast wonders, has been an endless source of inspiration for my "scientifically surreal" art. At first it was fish that energized my creative juices, but as I spent more time with people such as Kirk, I rekindled my lifelong love of all things prehistoric.

Working on our book opened my eyes to the astounding fossil riches of my adopted home state. I learned about mammoths in

the Fairbanks area, ammonites in the Mat-Su Valley, palm fronds near Sitka, extinct marine mammals in Unalaska, and even a roughly 15 million-year-old tapir in Homer. All of this made me appreciate geologic time and our precarious place on Earth.

At camp I thought about my tyrannosaur tooth, which I had found amid a jumbled field of baby duckbills. What act had played out on this spot so long ago? Perhaps a flood or tsunami had wiped out an entire flock of the young herbivores, and then the scavengers had arrived to clean up the carcasses? Or maybe a pack of raptors did the dirty work, and the tyrannosaur merely came along later and picked at the scraps? Tooth in one hand and pencil in the other, I got to work.

Artist Ray Troll lives in Ketchikan.

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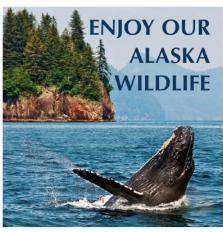














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#### **BURBANK'S** MAGNOLIA PARK

Where old-school is cool

#### By Kimberley Lovato

#### )) It's a cool day in Burbank, California,

and I'm out for a quiet stroll along Magnolia Boulevard, a thoroughfare lined with a diversity of shops, cafes and restaurants—and best known for retro boutiques, antiques, collectibles and assorted curiosities.

I duck inside Playclothes, a popular vintage emporium. Across 4,500 square feet of floor space are finds such as pointy-toe kitten-heel shoes, as well as A-line dresses, pencil skirts and petite leather gloves folded, hung and stacked on top of antique dressers, wicker fan chairs and other homedecor pieces (which are also for sale).

I run my hand over the stiff tulle of a daffodil-yellow dress. The tag tells me it's from the 1950s. Was it worn to a prom, perhaps? My mind wanders to film and TV scenes in which leading ladies twirled and cooked in these types of feminine frocks. Were some of those shows filmed among Burbank's production studios, which were active even in the '50s?

My attention turns to a rack of clothes from the 1980s, and I begin to laugh. "How can 1980 be vintage?" I jokingly ask the store clerk.

She doesn't skip a beat. "Well, that was almost 40 years ago," she says.

Fair enough. While I don't feel vintage, it's true that some mainstays of my teenage wardrobe-leg warmers and neon threads, acidwash jeans and jelly shoes—are, in fact, retro.

This morning is a memory sparker not only due to the fashion flashbacks, but also because I grew up in Burbank. I like to think that, like me, the city is aging gracefully, accessorized with just enough old-school to be cool. And Burbank is definitely earning a reputation today as one of Greater LA's hidden treasures. Despite being located "just over the hill" from more-famous



>>> The Magnolia Park district in Burbank, California, proudly displays the retro fashions of yesteryear in shops such as the vintage boutique Playclothes (above and left).

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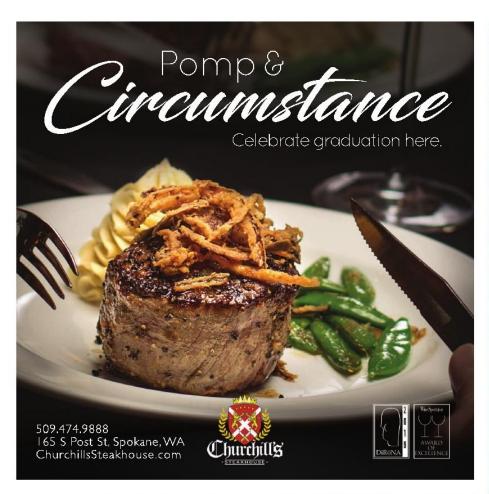
Hollywood, Burbank seems to suffer no FOMO. Instead, the city embraces its retro and offbeat character, especially here in the Magnolia Park district. Burbank could sport a swagger, as a city with one of the highest concentrations of studios and production facilities in the world. Instead, it lets its star-dusted neighbor bask in the limelight, even though Burbank is where a great deal of movie magic happens.

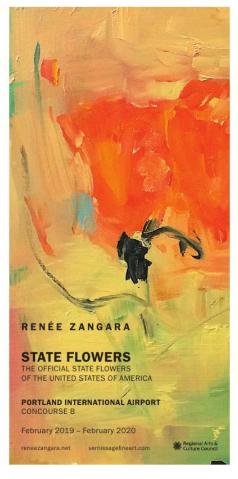
I didn't always appreciate this about my hometown. But as an adult, I feel lucky to have grown up in a place that still has an outdoor amphitheater, the Starlight Bowl, for summer concerts and fireworks, and in a place where the oldest Bob's Big Boy restaurant in America, turning 70 this year, is a go-to for grabbing a burger, just as it was when I was in high school.

Even back then, my high school friends and I would occasionally head to Magnolia Boulevard to rummage for funky clothes at secondhand stores such as Junk for Joy costume and vintage shop, or to share a meal of lasagna from Monte Carlo Italian Deli & Pinocchio Restaurant. I'm happy to say that both establishments are still open for business.

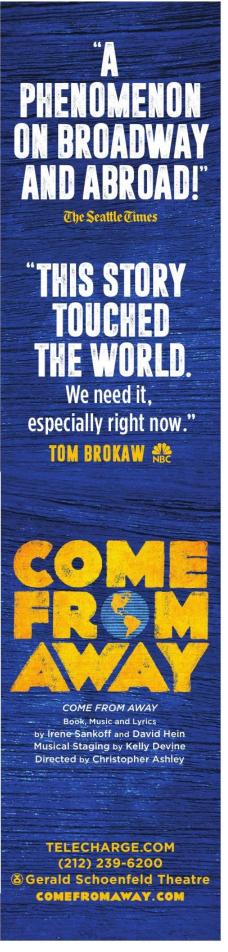
Magnolia Park's mom-and-pop vintage vibe drew entrepreneur Ashley Erikson to the area in 2010. Soon after, she launched a blog featuring the idiosyncratic shops of Magnolia Boulevard. She founded the Magnolia Park Merchants Association in 2014 to shine a spotlight on the burgeoning neighborhood, defined at the time as the area between Hollywood Way and Buena Vista Street. Magnolia Park now includes businesses from Clybourn Avenue to Victory Boulevard, a stretch just over 2 miles long.

"There's a store for everyone," Erikson says. "If you like horror films, there's Dark Delicacies.









If you like 1950s pinup fashion, we have Bésame Cosmetics. If you're into film memorabilia, we have Blast from the Past, and if you like handmade art and gifts, there's Mindfulnest. Behind each store, there's a real person and a passion."

In the span of several blocks I discover a cafe dedicated to handcrafted marshmallows (Plush Puffs) and a shop with myriad Halloweenish antiques and unusual items (Bearded Lady Vintage & Oddities). Nearby, the Martial Arts History Museum enlightens visitors about the significance of martial arts in Asia and America, and displays items ranging from samurai outfits to a headband worn in The Karate Kid.

Audrey K. DuBiel opened shop at Audrey \*K Boutique & Gifts 13 years ago, selling new but vintage-inspired clothing. She recently also opened Audrey \*K Footwear nearby because she believes in the promise of Magnolia Park.

"There is real neighborhood support that encourages creativity, independence and entrepreneurship," DuBiel says.

I grab lunch at The New Deal, which opened in 2017 with American classics such as meatloaf, crispy fried chicken, and mac and cheese.

My last stop is Martino's Bakery (est. 1926), just outside Magnolia Park. It's renowned for iced teacakes that are not quite muffins and not quite cupcakes, but are fully delicious and 100 percent Burbank. I buy two and eat one on the way to the airport—less than 3 miles away. ズ

Writer Kimberley Lovato still has a photo somewhere of her teenage self in jelly shoes.





>>> Today's Magnolia Park is appealingly eclectic. The New Deal, top, offers tasty takes on classic dishes. Plush Puffs, above, handcrafts its marshmallows. Audrey \*K Boutique & Gifts, right, has new yet retro-inspired designs.





#### MORE IN THE BURBANK AREA

- Bob's Big Boy (shown at left) hosts a classic car show in the parking lot every Friday eveningenjoy these with the restaurant's ever-popular burgers.
- Castaway restaurant, which offers an upscale steakhouse experience, recently swapped out its Polynesian decor for a more modern look. The gorgeous views from the outdoor
- terrace remain the same. Adjacent to Castaway's dining room, The Green Room features bartenders mixing classic and creative cocktails, plus a private outdoor patio, also with amazing vistas.
- Founded by the late Garry Marshall, a legendary producer and director, the eponymous 130-seat Garry Marshall Theatre hosts original plays, movies and storytelling events.
- Explore behind the scenes with Warner Bros. Studio Tour Hollywood to see props, costumes, sets, facades and soundstages used for classic films and TV shows such as Batman, Casablanca, and Friends, among many others.
- The popular car-remodeling reality show West Coast Customs has its showroom in Burbank-visit to check out the coolest autos around. -K.L.



**))** As I come around a bend on the Historic Columbia River Highway, I can't help but gasp ... twice.

I am arriving at the Vista House located atop Crown Point, about 25 miles east of Portland. The point is one of the most popular stops along this roadway, which winds high up the west end of the Columbia River Gorge, a canyon created by the mighty river that is the border between Oregon and Washington.

My first gasp is for the sheer beauty of the view of the gorge's steep, forested cliffs and the great expanse of the river, visible for miles as it makes its way to the Pacific Ocean.

My second gasp is the realization that the original, century-old highway still lines this cliff-top part of the byway. The enduring craftsmanship of Italian immigrant stonemasons, hired for their Old World skills, is visible in the gracefully arched stone barriers that compose the road's edge and the viewpoint railing and even the benches from which to enjoy the breathtaking vista.

There's quite a story behind this road, which first opened in 1916, and the architectural gem of Vista House, built almost as an afterthought



when drivers of newfangled automobiles—out to enjoy the nation's first scenic highway—said they needed a "comfort station."

The roadway began as the vision of Seattle lawyer and entrepreneur Sam Hill, also famous for building Maryhill, once his home and now a museum located to the east on the Washington side of the river. Hill and highway engineer Samuel Lancaster surveyed the Columbia River Gorge for what they called "beauty spots" along the 73-mile road from Troutdale, located 14 miles east of downtown Portland, to The Dalles, about 85 miles east of Portland.

Crown Point, a cliff rising 733 feet above the river, was one of those beauty spots. Vista House, which perches on top of the point, is

known as the Jewel on the Crown.
The octagonal gray sandstone
building, with its green ceramic-tile
roof and green opalescent glass
windows, was built in the German
Art Nouveau style. It houses a small
museum, a viewing platform, a gift
shop, an espresso bar and, of course,
restrooms—the building's original
purpose.

The gorge is famous for its windy conditions, and when gusts reach 50 mph, the doors of Vista House are

locked for fear they could be damaged. Never fear. A less comfortable comfort station awaits below at Guy W. Talbot State Park.

I learned more of the history behind the roadway at an exhibit at the Troutdale Historical Society, located a short distance from the beginning of the historic highway in the town of Troutdale. Journalist-historian Sharon Nesbit, founder of the society, told me that years went into collecting photographs and artifacts that tell the story of the highway's construction between 1913 and 1922.

The museum also chronicles the efforts of preservationists. About 50 miles of the original highway remain in use, meandering up and down the Oregon side of the gorge and con-



>>> Clockwise from top: A stunning view of Vista House atop Crown Point, with the Columbia River Gorge in the distance. Visitors walk along Benson Bridge, marveling at Multnomah Falls. The Vista House is a popular stop on the Historic Columbia River Highway.

necting with Interstate 84 at certain spots. The remaining 23 miles are being converted to a hike-and-bike trail.

Nesbit has a personal connection to the original highway. Her father, who was a truck driver, carried loads through the narrow tunnels and around the sharp switchback loops that kept the grade of the road no steeper than 5 percent as the highway dropped nearly 700 feet in elevation from Crown Point to Multnomah Falls.

"He used to say that on the curves, you could reach out the window and polish your own taillights," Nesbit jokes.

I find that those sharp curves are doozies, as I drive cautiously downhill after leaving Vista House to visit several waterfalls plunging from the gorge's basalt cliffs.

The first I reach is 224-foot Latourell Falls,

which has a short path that leads right up to the base of the waterfall. Subsequent falls include Shepperd's Dell, Bridal Veil and Wahkeena falls. A little farther along, the highway skirts the Multnomah Falls Lodge, which was built in 1925, and houses a restaurant, gift shop and interpretive center. At 635 feet, Multnomah Falls is the state's tallest waterfall



and its most popular natural attraction, drawing millions of visitors each year. Thus, a word of advice from Nesbit: "I suggest that people get up early and go out for breakfast [at the lodge]. Then they can actually see the falls without a thousand people there."

Multnomah is a two-tiered falls, and you can climb a path a quarter-mile to the photogenic and historic Benson Bridge, which is parallel to the base of the top tier. The bridge offers views of the falls and of the surrounding area. The trail continues to the top of the falls, but is occasionally closed due to rock slides.

You can continue east on the highway to see more waterfalls, including beautiful 176-foot Horsetail Falls. The road winds along the lowlands, merging at spots with Interstate 84. Sections of the road can be followed through the towns of Cascade Locks and Hood River.

For the final stretch, take I-84 Exit 69 at the town of Mosier and follow the historic highway to The Dalles. The old highway weaves along the high plateau, passing Tom McCall Nature Preserve, the Rowena Crest Viewpoint, meadows of colorful wildflowers in the late spring and too many "beauty spots" to count.

Writer Susan G. Hauser, a Portland native, enjoys sharing local natural wonders.

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## FAMILY FUN AT THE PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL

By Danielle Centoni

The Portland Rose Festival marks its 112th year this month with spectacular pyrotechnics and fun for the whole family on May 24 at the opening day fireworks display and CityFair at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

The opening events kick off the citywide festival, which features weeks of family-friendly activities from late May to early June.

Come early to enjoy CityFair's carnival games, rides and food, and a free concert. The fireworks display set to music starts at 9:50 p.m. The CityFair carnival returns with amusements and free concerts each weekend through June 9.

The Starlight Parade will be held on Saturday, June 1. Floats decked out in dazzling lights will travel through downtown Portland, beginning at 8:30 P.M. Be sure to watch for the Alaska Airlines Flight Attendant Drill Team.

One of the most popular festival events is the Grand Floral Parade, on Saturday, June 8. This grand finale event is a 4-mile parade of



flower-bedecked floats, marching bands, clowns and more that travel from Portland's Eastside, across the Burnside Bridge and through downtown. Last year, Alaska Airlines' dragon-adorned "Flight of Fantasy" entry won the coveted Sweepstakes Award as the parade's most outstanding float.

Alaska is proud to be a premier sponsor of the Rose Festival, which has been building community and civic pride, and benefiting those in need, for decades. Alaska's employees look forward to participating every year, says Contesa Diaz-Nicolaidis, a flight attendant and special projects coordinator at the airline.





>>> Clockwise from top left: Highlights of last year's Portland Rose Festival included rides, festival royalty and Alaska's balloon plane.

"It's a connecting point for us all," says
Diaz-Nicolaidis. "We get to connect with our
customers and also help them connect with
the company."

#### A CYCLING CELEBRATION

By Jim Moore

## >>> With hundreds of miles of cycling lanes, ubiquitous orange rental bikes and a

high percentage of pedaling commuters, Portland has long been a center for cyclists.

To highlight the city's love of all things cycling, Portland bike riders are hosting Pedalpalooza in June, a monthlong festival that includes hundreds of events created by cyclists to promote bike riding. Founded in 2002, and dubbed Pedalpalooza two years later, the festival attracts more than 10,000 participants each year to a variety of fun and wacky group bike rides that often include costumes and



sometimes equipment that you'd never imagine could fit on a bike. The festival's philosophy is based on the simple concept that if it's fun and you can do it on a bike, make it an event and people will show up.

"That's part of the magic of Pedalpalooza," says Ayleen Crotty, one of the festival founders. "The diversity of the events and the people who make them happen."

Last year, there were 309 separate events, including everything from Goth Rides to Pets in Bike Baskets. There was also a Grilled by Bike ride, which included participants who rode



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Events are being added daily to the 2019 calendar. A few highlights for this vear include the Kickoff Ride on June 1 and the Woodstock 50th Bike Ride, celebrating the golden anniversary of the rock concert on June 15 (the ride is actually two months earlier than the official anniversary in August). Come dressed as a hippie and enjoy the music of Woodstock during the 5-mile ride.

Other events include music-themed rides (the third-annual Brian Eno Music for Airports ride on June 9 and Bowie versus Prince ride on June 22) and art and culture rides (the Mural Ride on June 9). Food-themed rides are also popular (the second-annual North Portland Taco Ride on June 11, and the Tour de Corndog on June 30). Don't forget the Muppet Movie Singalong Ride on June 22. There's truly something for everyone on a bike.

To find a list of this year's events visit shift2bikes.org/pages/pedalpalooza. ズ

#### CYCLING THROUGH OREGON

If you're interested in cycling tours that take you to unusual locations around the state, check out Bicycle Rides Northwest, which is presenting its Oregon 2019 tour, "Time Flies," June 22-29 Join 150 riders in the fossil-rich landscape of northcentral Oregon, touring through some of the state's most interesting and dramatic terrain.

Cycle Oregon organizes various summer bike rides, including the popular Classic Ride, held September 7-14. This year the one-week tour will explore Crater Lake and the Central Oregon Cascade Range. It is expected to attract up to 2,000 riders and will include a day pedaling the Rim Road around Crater Lake. - J.M.

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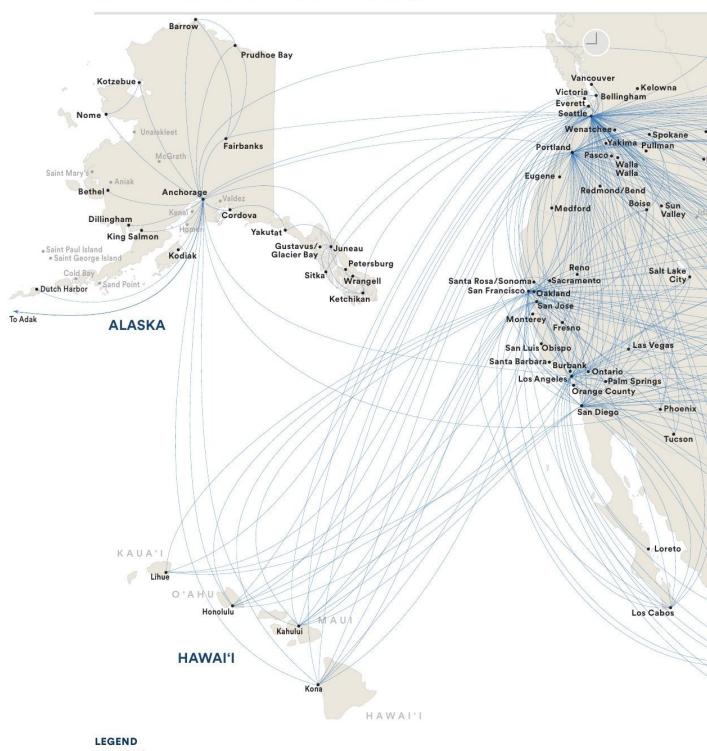




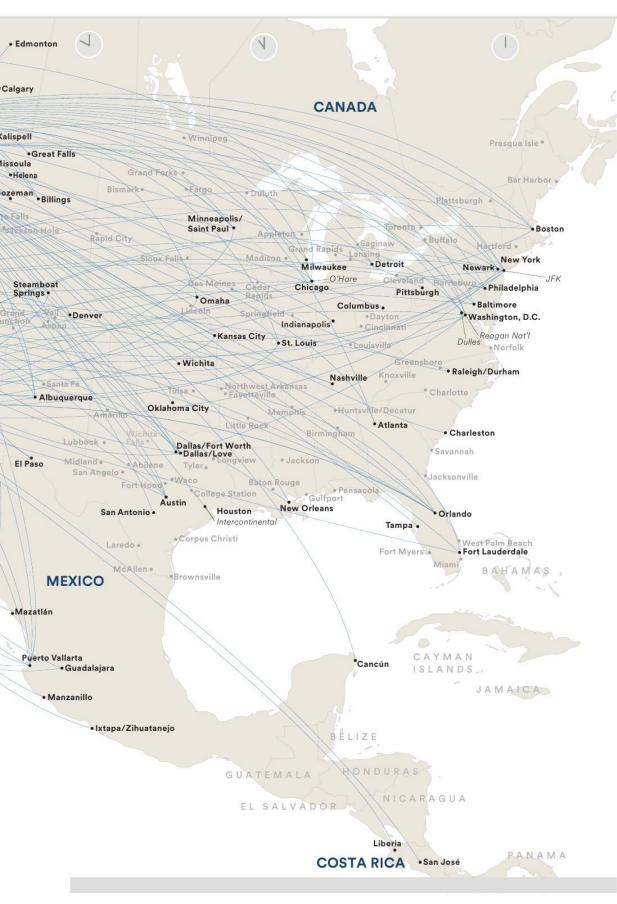
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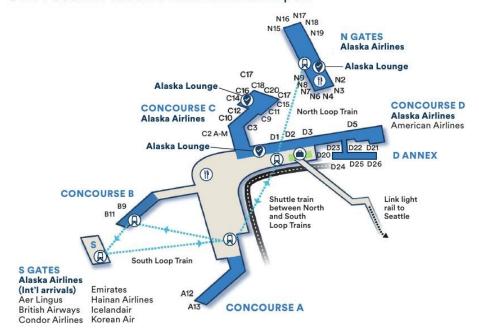
Connecting to an Alaska Global Partner? You'll need to take the shuttle train to the South Loop Train to get to the S gates.

① Tip:

The Concourse C train stop is closed. When connecting with N Gates, use the D Concourse train stop.

1 Tip:

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Tip:

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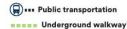
Alaska Lounge members have access to the Cathay Pacific Lounge at SFO when traveling on Alaska.







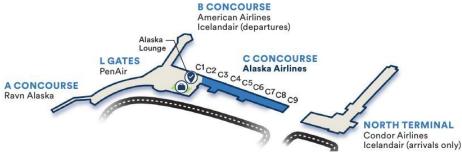




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#### **ANC** Anchorage International Airport



#### SJC San Jose Mineta Airport





**NEW** 

Alaska Airlines has moved all **SAN** operations to Terminal 2 East. Alaska now occupies Gates 20, 21, 22, 24, 26 and 28, with Gates 30 and 32 available as alternates.

## **Customs and immigration**

Please use all capital letters with blue or black ink.

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Global Entry is a U.S. Customs & Border Protection program that offers expedited customs entry with no processing lines, no paperwork, TSA Preè eligibility and access to expedited entry in other countries. Apply at www.cbp.gov.



Customs and Immigration forms are distributed by flight attendants during your flight. Prior to landing, complete all forms that pertain to you, following the tips below. Completed forms are presented immediately upon entering the International Arrivals building. Las formas de Aduana y Migración son distribuidas por los sobrecargos durante el vuelo. Antes del aterrizaje en su destino final complete las formas correspondientes usando las indicaciones que se porporcionan a continuación. Las formas completas seran presentadas en la Terminal Internacional.

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#### TO THE UNITED STATES

PASSPORT CONTROL KIOSKS

Automated Passport Control kiosks expedite the entry process. Eligible travelers scan their passport, take a photograph and answer a series of questions at the kiosk. Once complete, present the printed receipt from the kiosk to a Customs Officer.

#### Helpful tips

- Only citizens or nationals of the U.S., Canada or Visa Waiver Program countries are eligible to use the kiosk.
- · Customs declaration forms are unnecessary.
- Kiosks available in Los Angeles (LAX), Portland (PDX), San Diego (SAN), San Francisco (SFO) and Seattle (SEA).

#### **U.S. CUSTOMS DECLARATION**

All travelers to cities without Passport Control kiosks must complete this form.

#### Helpful tips

- One form per person or one per family (family defines those in the same household who are related by blood, marriage, domestic relationship, or adoption).
- Lines 5, 6—If not using a passport, leave these lines blank.
- Line 9-Enter "AS" for Alaska Airlines
- Sign at the "X."

#### Datos de ayuda

- Sólo los ciudadanos o nacionales de los países del Programa de Exención de Estados Unidos, Canadá o Visa son elegibles para utilizar el quiosco.
- Formularios de declaración de aduanas son innecesarias.
- Kioscos disponibles en Los Ángeles (LAX),
   Portland (PDX), San Diego (SAN), San Francisco (SFO) y Seattle (SEA).

#### **DECLARACION DE ADUANA**

Los viajeros a ciudades sin quioscos de control de pasaportes deben completar este formulario.

#### Datos de ayuda

- Una forma por persona o por familia con la misma dirección.
- Línea 5, 6—Si no tiene pasaporte, deje esta sección en blanco.
- Línea 9—Use "AS" para Alaska Airlines.
- Firme en la "X."

#### INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TIPS

TO MEXICO

- All travelers must complete a Mexico Customs Declaration form; one per traveler or family with same address.
- All travelers, except for citizens of Mexico, must complete the FMM; one per traveler or family.

#### TO COSTA RICA

- All travelers must complete a Customs Declaration form; one per traveler or family.
- All travelers must complete an Immigrations Form; one per person.
- Costa Rica requires a \$29 departure tax for each traveler. For tickets purchased before June 1, 2016, pay fee prior to check-in with Alaska Airlines at the service centers in terminal check-in area.
   The fee is included in the price of tickets purchased after June 1, 2016.

#### **CONSEJOS DE VIAJE INTERNACIONALES**

A MEXICO

- Todos los viajeros deben completar un formulario de declaración de aduanas México; uno por cada viajero o familia con la misma dirección.
- Todos los viajeros, excepto para los ciudadanos de México, deben completar la FMM; uno por cada viajero o familia.

#### A COSTA RICA

- Todos los viajeros deben completar un formulario de declaración de aduanas; uno por cada viajero o familia.
- Todos los viajeros deben completar un formulario de Inmigración; una por persona
- Costa Rica requiere un impuesto de salida de \$29 para cada viajero. Para los boletos comprados tarde del 1 junio, 2016, pagar la cuota antes de check-in con Alaska Airlines en los centros de servicio en el área de registro de entrada en el terminal. La tarifa está incluido en el precio de los boletos comprados el 1 de junio 2016.

## Your safety and comfort

#### SEATS

- Seat belts must be fastened whenever the "FASTEN SEAT BELT" sign is on. Keep your seat belt fastened at all other times when seated, in case of rough air.
- Seatbacks and tray tables must be in the upright, locked position during taxi, takeoff and landing.
- Seat-belt extenders are not allowed in exit rows.
   They can tangle and obstruct access to exit doors.

#### **CARRY-ONS**

- All carry-on bags must be placed under a seat or in an overhead bin for takeoff and landing.
- Prior to takeoff and landing, service items provided by our inflight team must be picked up.

#### LAVATORY

 Guests are requested to use the lavatory in their assigned cabin.

#### PETS

Pets must remain in carrier for entire flight.
 Carrier must be stowed for taxi, takeoff and landing.

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- Under federal law, no person may assault, threaten, intimidate or interfere with crew members in the performance of their duties aboard an aircraft. Penalties for crew interference include fines up to \$11,000, imprisonment or both. An incident report may be filed with the FAA regarding a guest's behavior.
- We respect the privacy and well-being of our guests and employees. We do not tolerate inappropriate verbal, digital or physical conduct of any kind, including sexual harassment, invasive photography, and assault. Please report unwelcome behavior to an employee immediately. Any crime committed onboard is considered a federal offense.

#### TRAVELING WITH INFANTS AND CHILDREN

- To be used onboard, your child-restraint system must conform to all applicable federal motor vehicle-safety conditions, and the restraint must be certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft with an FAA-approval sticker.
- Some restrictions for child-restraint systems apply based on seat locations and flight numbers.
   Visit http://bit.ly/InfantTravel for details.

#### **ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO**

- Alcohol may not be consumed aboard an aircraft unless it has been provided by a flight attendant.
   No alcohol may be served to any person who appears to be intoxicated, or who is under 21 years of age.
- Guests are expected to drink responsibly and behave in a safe and respectful manner at all times.
- Smoking, chewing tobacco and electronic cigarette use are not permitted on any Alaska Airlines flight.

#### **DEVICES**

- During taxi, takeoff and landing, larger electronic devices, such as laptops, must be stowed.
- Cellphones may be used while the boarding door is open until advised by your flight attendant that cell service must be turned off. Upon landing, your flight attendant will advise when cell service can be enabled.
- During flight, electronic voice communications of any kind (e.g., cell, FaceTime, Skype) are prohibited.
- Headphones must be worn when using electronic devices such as personal music players, Inflight Entertainment Tablets, handheld games, etc.

#### OTHER PROHIBITED ITEMS

 We prohibit the use of items that do not meet FAA Regulations or Company regulations. This includes the use of seat-belt extensions not provided by Alaska Airlines, devices that restrict the recline of seats, self-heating meals or beverages, air filters placed on overhead vents and personal air-purifying devices. The Federal
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- Voice calls of any kind, including VoIP
- Devices with cell service enabled
- AM/FM radios or TVs
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- Remote-control toys
- Electronic cigarettes

## USING YOUR DEVICES We know use of your e

We know use of your electronic devices is important, and we've adjusted our procedures to give you more time with those devices.

#### Allowed on the ground and in the air

- Laptops (must be stowed for taxi/ takeoff/landing)
- Tablets/smartphones (Airplane Mode after door closure)
- Wireless mouse/keyboard
- · e-readers
- Media/CD/DVD players
- · Noise-canceling and Bluetooth headphones
- Cellphones (prior to door closure only)

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#### )) GAMES **CROSSWORD**

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Shoe part
- 5 Send electronically
- 8 President Barack \_
- 13 Antelope
- 19 Winged
- 20 New Year's \_\_\_\_
- 21 \_bear
- 22 Whisper
- Peruvian legume 23
- 25 Sheer fabric
- 26 Flexible
- 27 Capital of Afghanistan
- 28 \_\_\_\_ with No Name
- 30 Bunkum
- 31 Wise guys?
- Uncle's wife 34
- 35 Crony
- Area of mild weather 36
- Cruising
- 42 24-hr. banker
- 45 Band's equipment
- Kevin \_\_\_\_ of Dave
- 47 Plant supports
- 48 Over, in Berlin
- 49 Evergreen
- 51 Compact\_
- 54 Mormon letters
- Massage
- 56 Plush band, briefly
- 58 Pets
- 60 Christmas, in Rome
- 61 Conjurer's word
- Conger, e.g.
- Heed 66
- 67 Gift recipient, perhaps
- Turkish leader
- 69 Sandra Bullock role
- 72 Pathetic
- Purse find
- Similar (to) 75
- Wool grower 76
- 77 Umps
- 78 Joins
- 79 Tangle
- Actress Charlotte\_\_\_\_ 81
- Sun-dried brick 83
- 84 Resin
- 85 Grind, as teeth
- Pack animal 87
- 91 Ziering and Fleming
- Provide snacks for
- 94 Rehold!
- 96 Performed
- 97 CPA's degree
- 98 Prairie wolf
- 99 Chinese mammals, casually
- 101 Bold
- Prudish type
- 105 A Summer Place actor
- 106 Priced lower
- Hi-fi 108
- \_\_\_\_ Antoinette 110
- 114 Way to face a problem
- Spanish queen
- 116 Sleeping spots

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32 33

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101 102

120 Conspicuous success

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- 124 Inscribed pillar
- 125 Popular drink
- 126 She, in Paris

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- 1 Stroll
- 3 Gentle as a \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 It's a shock 5 Fixed charge
- 6 Palindromic Gardner
- 8 Choose not to
- 10 Composed of top players
- 11 Tomcat, e.g.
- 12 You \_\_\_ My Sunshine
- 13 Weakens

- 14 Sweetened, as cider
- 121 Box-office sign
- 122 Ponce de \_\_\_\_
- 123 More pale

- 2 Director Kazan

- TV's Warrior Princess 7
- participate
- 9 English town

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- 16 Married ... with Children actress
- 18 Pretentious
- 24 Comforter

- 33 Same citation, shortly
- 36 Satchel
- 38 Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Mel sta
- 41 Henry VIII's second wife

- 52 Makes like a frog
- 53 Crying

- 32 Guy's date

- 43 Gypsy's read
- 44 Sandler film
- 48 Till
- 50 Government gp.

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- 15 Infectious particle
- 17 Crescent

- 29 Most hearty
- 30 Troublesome tots
- 35 Victuals

- **37** \_\_\_\_, amas, amat
- 39 Isolate

- 55 German philosopher Chris and Sean Wynn of The Absent-
- Minded Professor

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- 60 Witness
- 61 Find a target
- 62 Schedules 63 Florida city
- Souffle item 65
- Chop down
- 69 Million follower
- Doctor's tool 70 Ricky or Willie
- 74 Confeds.
- 77 Sis, e.g. Shirley \_\_\_\_ of
- Goldfinger

84 cake

- 80 Ruin Montgomery's state 82
- 86 Conceal 88 Tooth-fixers' org. Former Russian space
- station 90 TV breaks

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- 92 Trickster
- 93 Turtle, e.g.
- 95 Fall behind 98 Author Truman \_\_\_\_
- 99 Buccaneer 100 Abet
- 102 Diameter components 104 Of the kidneys
- \_\_\_ pet (novelty gift) 106 107 Mother chickens
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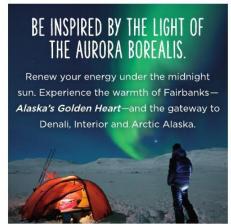
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#### LADDERGRAM

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.

2.	3.	
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	5. 8. 11.	5. 6. 8. 9. 11. 12. 14. 15.

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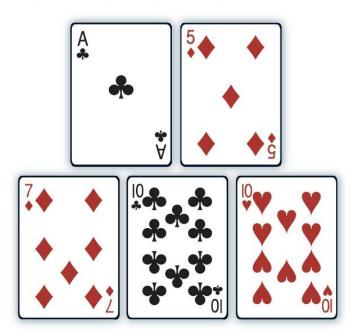
1. Steeled (oneself)	7. Least biased	13. Umpire's call
2. Facial growth	8. Humorous spoof	14. Woman's garment
3. Sweetheart	9. Porch step	15. Recipe direction
4. Full of vigor	10. Scarcity of food	16. Act as chairperson

5. Erupt 11. Bangor's state 17. Eight-legged creature 6. Ticket end

12. Demeanor 18. Assemblage of lions

#### **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 cards in one suit pair are adjacent; but the cards in the other are not.
- 2. The top three cards include two cards of matching suits and two cards of matching numbers.
- 3. The tens are both somewhere above the ace.
- 4. The seven of diamonds isn't adjacent to the ace.

#### ANAGRAM MAZE

The diagram contains 36 words, 19 of which are anagrams of other everyday words. Start at the top arrow and anagram RAPS. 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.

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7	8	9	10	11	<b>12</b>
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13	14	<b>15</b>	16	17	18
REEFS	TERM	BANG	PEAS	ARID	HOSE
19	20	21	22	23	24
SILO	BEAN	LION	CLIP	LOUT	LOOK
25	26	27	28	29	30
BATH	MICE	BOWL	DANK	DUMB	FERN
31	32	33	34	35	36
SING	FEEL	LAKE	ZINC	JUMP	TINY

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SUDOKU ON PAGE 181.

DIFFICULTY: EASY

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DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

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5	2	7	6	9	3	4	1	8
4	1	9	7	5	8	6	3	2
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1	5	6	8	2	4	9	7	3
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**BRAIN BOOSTER PUZZLES ON PAGE 178.** 

#### **LADDERGRAM**

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#### CARD SENSE

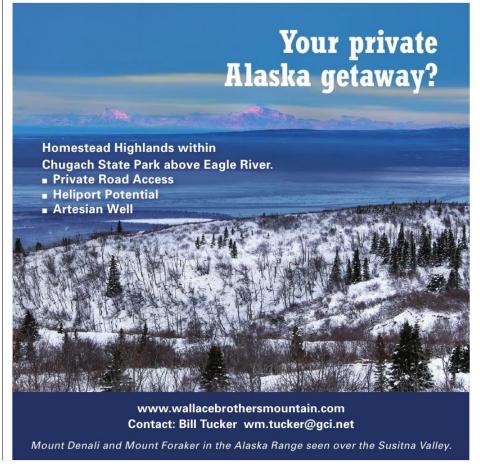
By clue 2, the top three cards are the ten of hearts, ten of clubs, and ace of clubs, in some order. Since the tens are both somewhere above the ace (clue 3), the ace is third from the top. The fourth and fifth cards, then, are the five and seven of diamonds, in some order. By clue 1, the ten of clubs is the top card and the ten of hearts is second. Since the seven of diamonds isn't adjacent to the ace (clue 4), it's the bottom card. By elimination, the five of diamonds is fourth from the top. In summary, from top to bottom: ten of clubs, ten of hearts, ace of clubs, five of diamonds, seven of diamonds.

#### **ANAGRAM MAZE**

The path through the maze, with just one anagram given for each, is: 6. spar; 12. lamp; 18. shoe; 17. raid; 16. apes; 10. awry; 9. calm; 3. jets; 2. gape; 1. went; 7. wand; 13. serf; 19. soil; 20. bane; 21. loin; 27. blow; 33. kale; 32. flee; 31. sign.

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)) "I know a place where the world is still / where time and space have no hold / I know a place where my heart and soul are one / and there are stories left untold. ..."

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