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HEART AND JETS

» *We've got some great new airplanes in the skies, thanks to a lot of hard work and planning by our people at Horizon Air, Alaska's regional-airline sister company. Here, Horizon President and CEO David Campbell tells you a bit about these fantastic new airplanes, and what they're going to do for you, our guests. Enjoy!* —Brad Tilden



Brad Tilden,
Chief Executive
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When I was handed the reins of Horizon Air three years ago, I was elated. There's something special about the culture here that makes me feel a tremendous sense of pride. My pride for this company can be summed up in two words—heart and jets.

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David Campbell,
Horizon Air President
and CEO

based partners at Embraer. Many have even given the aircraft the nickname "Cora." Our employees are honored to connect smaller markets to the world, and with the introduction of the E175, we will be able to do just that with an even farther reach. This aircraft represents the cornerstone of our transformation into a completely new company. It is a symbol of hope for growth, pride and prosperity for our team. The new capability and service our employees will be able to offer our valued guests make this aircraft beloved by all here at Horizon Air, and there is now an exhilarating excitement radiating throughout our teams.

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I've always been conscious of my health and fitness. I even ran the Las Vegas Marathon a few years ago. However, since moving to the U.S. from Australia five years ago, my life had changed quite a bit and I felt my health was starting to decline. My weight was fluctuating, my asthma had returned, I had high cholesterol and was in perimenopause. I just didn't feel healthy and knew I needed a restart.

I'd read about the My Best 10 program and was under the impression that it was a “beauty” program for women my age. With my husband's encouragement to do something for myself, I decided to look into it a bit more. Did I have the wrong perception! Yes, My Best 10 offers spa treatments and pampering, but it's so much more than a beauty program!

This was a program that could help me get my life on track before I needed some serious medical intervention.

It could help me reclaim the life I knew I deserved. I wanted to re-educate myself on how to deal with my current life, not how it was in my 20s. Most of all, I needed to feel good, both inside and out.

My dietitian and my trainer showed me ways to work around my life. During the 10 weeks of the program, I had six weeks of back-to-back visitors from Australia, a trip to London, and surgery restrictions, which meant that I couldn't perform any high-intensity cardio until the fifth week of the program. I could have waited to start the program, but I knew that I needed to learn how to live my life better throughout any of life's challenges. I had to organize myself and my choices in a way that would work. In spite of my hectic schedule, I

never missed a dietitian appointment and only rescheduled two training sessions from my week in London.

What contributed most to my success was having a team of people who really listened to me and my needs, and helped me take the program and apply it in a way that I'm still living by four months later. It started with Janet, the first person I talked to about the My Best 10 program. Janet saw me at my most vulnerable. Her compassion and understanding of where I was in my life was visionary. She was with me every step of the way, encouraging, empathic, supportive and helping organize my entire schedule. My trainer was incredible in working with my previous injuries and strengthening my weakest side. I can't say enough about how thorough and in tune with me he was. No two sessions were the same as he kept the workouts interesting and challenging, while encouraging me the whole time. Meal tracking and talking through different food challenges with my dietitian was also incredibly helpful.

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I'm sure other women, like me, have the perception that My Best 10 is just a beauty program. I'd like them to know that it is so much more – this is a kick start to life! If I had known everything My Best 10 had to offer, I'd have done it years ago.

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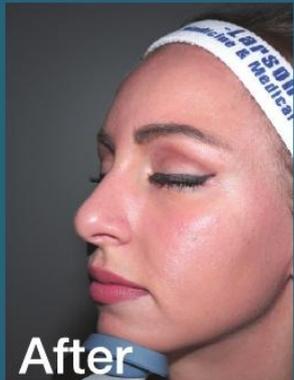
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MAKING TRAVEL EASIER

Virgin America and Alaska Airlines begin aligning customer policies and procedures

» Alaska Airlines and Virgin America

have been busy behind the scenes in recent months, looking for ways to make the travel experience as seamless as possible for guests flying across the airlines' combined route network. As part of this streamlining, some of Virgin America's travel policies related to check-ins, boarding and bags have been updated.

Domestic check-in cutoffs

For the past seven years, Alaska has been the No. 1 on-time major North American carrier. Being a leader in getting flights to their destinations on time doesn't happen by accident, and a key piece is ensuring that guests are able to check in for flights, check bags and make it through security with ample time to board their flights. For that reason, Virgin America's check-in policy will now mirror Alaska's:

- Please check in with or without bags 40 minutes prior to departure at most airports—Las Vegas and Denver have a 45-minute check-in cutoff, as will Philadelphia starting August 31.

Domestic boarding times

Everyone likes a little extra time to get settled. With that in mind, Virgin America flights will now begin boarding five minutes earlier, matching Alaska's boarding times.

- Boarding on all domestic flights begins 40 minutes prior to departure.

Baggage size

Alaska allows guests to bring slightly larger carry-ons than most other domestic carriers, and now Virgin America's carry-on baggage allowance is growing an inch to match.

- Maximum linear dimension: 51 inches (for example, 24" x 17" x 10").

Combined services

Alaska and Virgin America have begun combining ground services in some airports served by both airlines, gaining efficiencies for ground crews and making check-in less confusing for guests.

Virgin America Guest Services Teammates (GSTs) began providing service for Alaska flights last month at Boston Logan International Airport and Newark Liberty Interna-

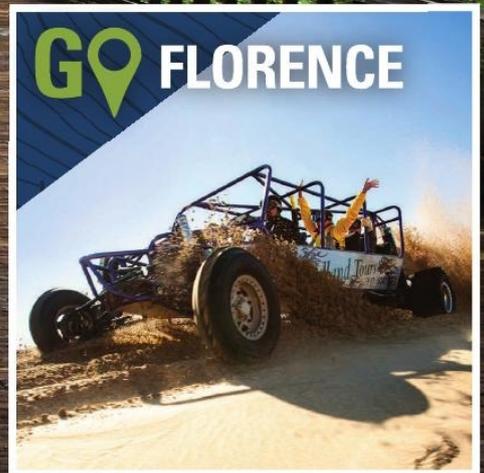
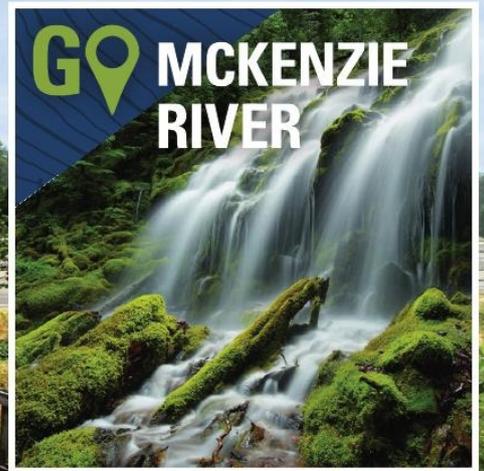
tional Airport, and will similarly assume services at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport in July. Virgin America GSTs will now handle check-in and gate duties and, in some locations, departure coordination for all Alaska and Virgin America flights in these cities. Previously, Alaska contracted those duties with third-party business partners.

GSTs are being cross-trained and will be provided co-branded lanyards and nametags so guests know they serve both airlines.

Customer-service functions for Alaska flights had been provided by employees of Alaska partner airline PenAir, and as a result of the recent combination, a majority of those employees were retained and hired as Virgin America GSTs.

"These moves are part of the broader integration plan to bring our two airlines together as we work toward a single passenger-service system," says Sunae Park, Alaska managing director of airport services. "Having Virgin America GSTs handle Alaska flights will help us share and deploy resources efficiently." And that also means more hassle-free service for customers. ■

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THE REGION



AROUND THE NORTHWEST

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

» For the first time in nearly a century, the path of totality for a **total solar eclipse** will cross the entire contiguous United States. On Aug. 21., much of the country will experience 60 percent darkening of the sky, and some near the path of totality may see a partial eclipse. But viewers within the around 70-mile-wide **path of totality** will experience the real show, says Oregon State University's Randall Milstein, astronomer-in-residence for the Oregon NASA Space Grant Consortium.

A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon completely blocks the sun during daylight hours, turning daytime to night and making the sun's corona visible for a few minutes to people

situated under the moon's shadow, or umbra. "Viewers can expect to see Mars, Venus, Mercury and Jupiter during totality," says Milstein.

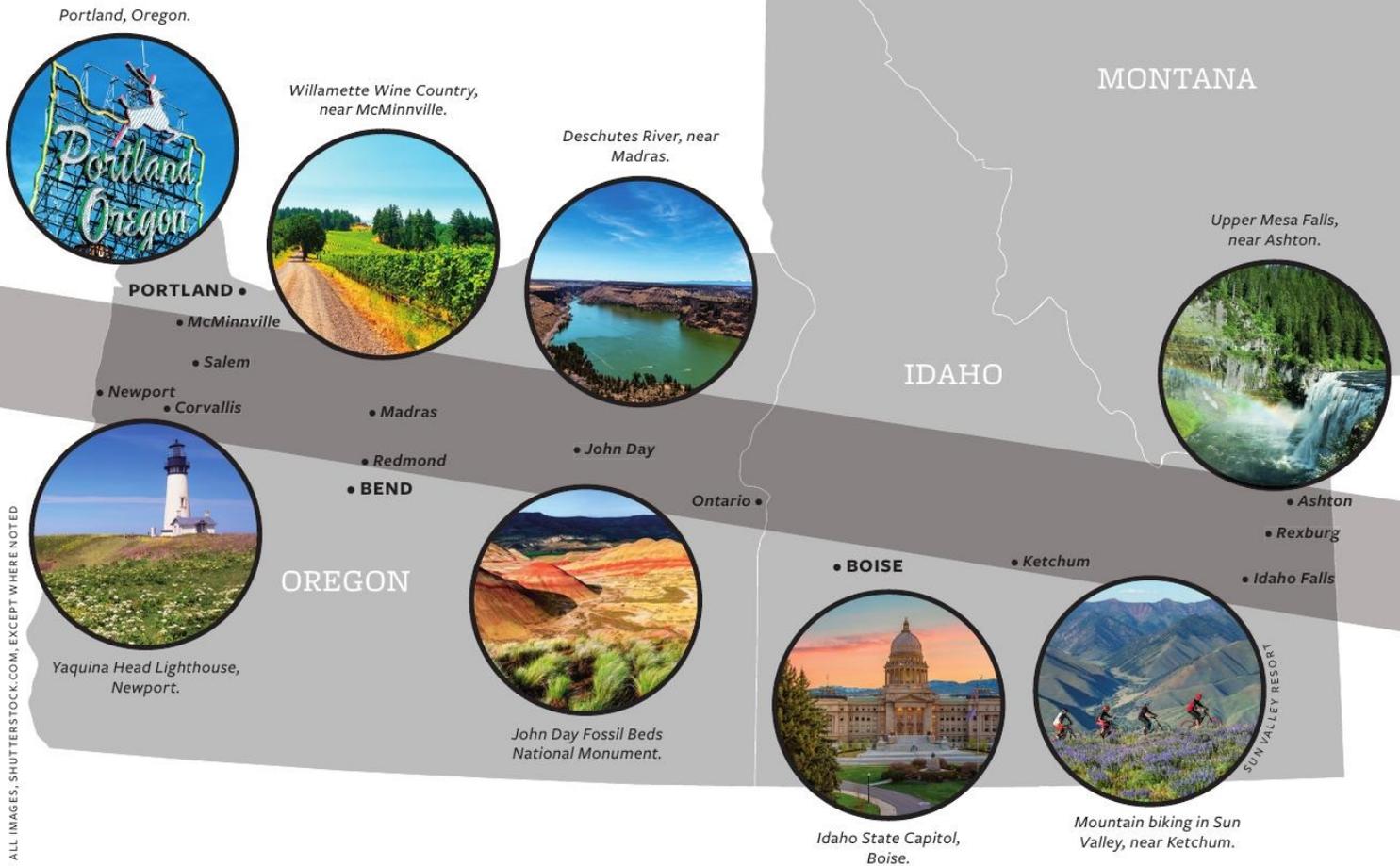
At 10:16 A.M., the umbra will make landfall in **Oregon** just north of Newport in Lincoln City, then will move east toward **Idaho**, where it will pass Ketchum-Sun Valley and also touch an 8-square-mile corner of southwestern **Montana** before continuing on its way toward the East Coast. Lodging is booking up quickly, but for those who are able to be in the path of totality, if the weather allows visibility, the event will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Contact: eclipse2017.nasa.gov.

—Lara Douglass

Eclipse chasers should note that appropriate protective eyewear is paramount to avoid possible eye damage.

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» Paddlers from around the globe will gather on the north shore of Lake Tahoe for the **Ta-Hoe Nalu Paddle Festival**, Aug. 12–13. The annual festival and competition dedicated to stand-up paddleboarding (SUP)—a water sport of Hawaiian ancestry—is one of the oldest paddleboard festivals in the world. Its name is an appropriate combination of the Hawaiian words *hoe*, meaning “paddle,” and *nalu*, meaning “surf.”

From grandparents to grandkids, the Ta-Hoe Nalu has activities for a variety of ages and skill levels. For those interested in competing and spectating, races at Kings Beach will include the signature Ta-Hoe Nalu 5-mile and 10-mile paddles with awards for a range of age groups, as well as multiperson outrigger-canoe races, team sprint relays and kids’ division competitions. The festival offers no-experience-needed First Stroke Paddle Tours, including guided lessons, for beginners wanting to marvel at the crystalline waters while learning the ways of the SUP life-



style. And for those who prefer to stay on land, guided yoga classes will help improve the core-muscle strength and balance that are activated while paddleboarding.

» Participants race on Lake Tahoe’s clear waters during the Ta-Hoe Nalu Paddle Festival.

Festivalgoers can enjoy live music, food and beverages at the Kona Beer Garden, or visit the Vendor Village and purchase a board from one of the many paddleboard manufacturers. Another highlight is the Big Brothers Big Sisters Sand Castle Contest. Contact: tahoenalu.com. —*Olivia Sullivan*

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CA
BACH BY THE BEACH

» With concerts ranging from Mozart’s Mass in C minor to a night of “Folk and Barolk” (barolk is a play on “Baroque”) showcasing classical and Celtic sounds, the **Carmel Bach Festival**, July 15–29, provides a unique music experience. Under the direction of Paul Goodwin, whose albums have been nominated for Grammy and Gramophone awards, musicians from around the world are celebrating the work of Johann Sebastian Bach and how it has inspired other musicians at the festival, celebrating its 80th anniversary.

With nearly 40 concerts and recitals, the festival provides an engaging cultural experience for the community. Events are held at



locations throughout Carmel, Monterey and Pebble Beach, allowing the audience to experience performances in varied settings.

An opening night 80th Celebration featuring Bach’s *Ascension Oratorio*, as well as a Monday “A Night in Vienna” concert, will take place at Carmel’s Sunset Center theater, which was built as a public school in 1926.

Visitors to the Carmel Mission Basilica can listen to Monteverdi’s *Vespers* on Wednesday nights, or all-Bach organ performances on Monday mornings. In addition, preconcert lectures focus on subjects ranging from the history of the Bach Festival to comparing Bach to 20th century American composers. Contact: bachfestival.org. —*Jill Christensen*

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» From a fragrant sweet pea flower show to painting workshops for adults, the **Sweet Pea Festival**, Aug. 4–6 in Bozeman, MT, has artistic events for a variety of interests.



Kick off the weekend by heading to Lindley Park to watch performances by Montana Shakespeare in the Parks. The festival will present *Macbeth* on Friday and George Bernard Shaw's comedy of errors *You Never Can Tell* on Sunday.

You also can enjoy several music and dance performances, such as Nashville-based indie rock band Moon Taxi and Los Angeles-based dance troupe the Groovaloos. The beer and wine garden will feature Montana microbrews, while the 100 arts-and-crafts vendors will showcase their wares.

In addition, the Sweet Pea Parade on Aug. 5 will begin with a kid's fun run, and will feature the 2017 theme "Back to our Roots."

The week leading up to the festival consists of a selection of fun-filled community events, such as Chalk on the Walk, Aug. 1, where participants decorate downtown sidewalks; Bite of Bozeman, Aug. 2; and live "Music on Main" along Main Street, Aug. 3. The Sweet Pea Festival also features a juried art show, July 14–Sept. 1 at the Emerson Center for the Arts and Culture. Contact: sweetpeafestival.com.

—Jill Christensen

EUGENE, OR

TOUR DE LANE

» Cycle amid panoramic views of the Willamette and Mohawk valleys, and past charming wineries on charming country roads near Eugene, Oregon, during the **Tour de Lane**, Aug. 4–6. Each day of the event, riders can choose from a selection of routes, which vary in length and difficulty.

Seasoned cyclists can embark on Clear to the Coast—a nearly 100-mile ride from

Eugene to the coastal town of Gardiner, where support vans will shuttle riders to Winchester Bay for food and drinks before heading back to Eugene. The newest Tour de Lane bike route, the Covered Bridge Ride, will pass six of these bridges along the 36-mile course. Riders can also enjoy the 30-mile Bike Builders' Tour to learn more about local manufacturers BikeFriday, Co-Motion Cycles and Rolf Prima Wheels. After guiding visitors through the ins and outs of the bicycle factories, the tour will conclude with a visit to Hop Valley Brewing Company for beverages and bites.

With participant comfort and ease being a key goal of the founders, Tour de Lane offers fully supported services to all riders. Along the routes, cyclists will find rest stops, refreshments, shuttles and ride guides to lead the way. Contact: tourdelane.com.

—Olivia Sullivan



■ Mark Rothko, Georgia O'Keeffe and Charles Sheeler—his 1955 painting *The Web (Croton Dam)* is shown above—are among the 52 artists showcased in the exhibit "**When Modern Was Contemporary: Selections from the Roy R. Neuberger Collection**" through Aug. 27 at the Boise Art Museum (boiseartmuseum.org).

■ Based on the best-selling book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, the exhibit "**Women Hold Up Half the Sky**," through Jan. 27 at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center in Seattle, depicts stories of inspiring women around the globe (gatesvc.org).

■ Visitors to the new exhibit "**Testing, Testing 1-2-3**," through Feb. 18 at Seattle's Burke Museum, can get a behind-the-scenes look at museum work, such as preparing bird specimens and fossils (burkemuseum.org).

■ One of North America's largest equestrian triathlons, **The Event at Rebecca Farm**, July 19–23, draws top equine/rider duos to Kalispell, Montana, to compete in dressage, cross-country and show jumping. In 2017, the event also hosts The North American Junior/Young Rider Championships (rebeccafarm.org).

TOP TO BOTTOM: SWEET PEA FESTIVAL; CHARLES SHEELER, *THE WEB (CROTON DAM)*, 1955, OIL ON CANVAS, 29 1/4 X 24 IN., COLLECTION NEUBERGER MUSEUM OF ART, PURCHASE COLLEGE, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK; GIFT OF ROY R. NEUBERGER, PHOTO: JIM FRANK, COURTESY AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ARTS; TOUR DE LANE

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TAKING THE STAGE

NOTABLE UPCOMING PLAYS



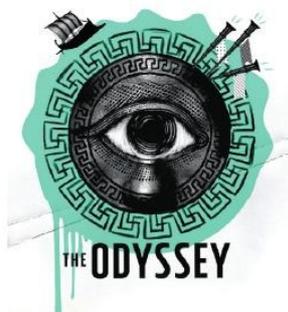
» The heartwarming, Tony Award-winning musical *Come From Away*, whose performances have been selling out on Broadway, will begin a national tour in October 2018 that will start at Seattle's **5th Avenue Theatre**. *Come From Away* tells the stories of crewmembers and passengers on 38 planes that were forced to land on 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland, and how the small town cared for these strangers in their midst.

The 5th Avenue Theatre's current season is culminating with five-time Tony winner *Fun Home*, July 11–30, while the seven-play 2017–2018 season includes multi-Tony-nominated *Something Rotten!*, Sept. 12–Oct. 1, as well as the theater's reinvention of *Ragtime*; the world premiere of *Intermission! The Musical!*; a new production of *Kiss Me, Kate*; and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Alaska Airlines is a sponsor of The 5th Avenue Theatre (5thavenue.org).

A world-premiere play about the education of a king will be onstage July 14–Aug. 6 at **ACT**. *Alex & Aris* deals with the effect Aristotle and Alexander the Great had on each other, and how their relationship influenced history. Also at ACT is *Fool for Love*, July 29–Aug. 6, and plays including *King of the Yees*, *The Crucible* and *A Christmas Carol* (acttheatre.org).

Hamilton will be part of the 2017–18 **Broadway at The Paramount** season, with the celebrated musical onstage Feb. 6–March 18. The nine-show season also includes blockbusters such as *The Sound of Music* (new production), *Disney's Aladdin*, *The Book of Mormon*, *Love Never Dies: The Phantom Returns* and *Les Misérables*. The final show of the current season is the Tony-winning *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, at The Paramount this month, from July 25–30 (stgpresents.org).

Seattle Children's Theatre will present the humorous *Go, Dog. Go!*, with high-spirited singing and funny antics, Sept. 28–Nov. 26. The theater's six-play



2017–18 season also features *The Little Prince*; *Citizen 1359: The Journal of Ben Uchida*; *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed: The Rock Experience*; and *The Lamp Is the Moon* (sct.org).

More than 100 Seattle-area residents from various community organizations will perform with professional actors in *The Odyssey*, Sept. 8–10, presented by Public Works Seattle at **Seattle Repertory Theatre**. The Rep's nine-play 2017–18 season also includes *Pride and Prejudice*, *The Humans*, *Two Trains Running* by August Wilson, *Familiar* and *Mac Beth* (seattlerep.org).

Spend time with a host of interesting characters during **Seattle Shakespeare Company's** dynamic upcoming season, which includes *Julius Caesar*, Sept. 13–Oct. 1, followed by *The Government Inspector*, *Timon of Athens*, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Shakespeare in Love* (seattleshakespeare.org).

Taproot Theatre Company performs the world premiere of the musical *Persuasion*, based on the Jane Austen novel, July 12–Aug. 19; plus *Relativity*, about the Einstein family, Sept. 20–Oct 21; and two holiday productions: *A Civil War Christmas* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (taproottheatre.org). —Michele Andrus Dill

» From Top: Broadway cast members in *Come From Away*. Chip Sherman and Darragh Kennan in *Alex & Aris*. Amelia White and Adam Langdon in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Hana Lass and Basil Harris in *Go, Dog. Go!* Graphic for *The Odyssey*. Lorenzo Roberts, shown in a previous Seattle Shakespeare Company production, will play *Marc Antony* in *Julius Caesar*. Cayman Ilika, Matthew Posner and Nick DeSantis in *Persuasion*.

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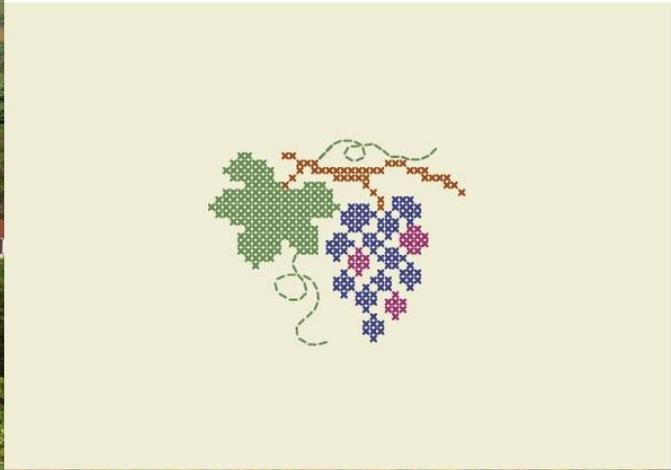
Western American wine country offers a variety of unique landscapes, flavors and activities, including, clockwise from top: California's Russian River, great for kayaking; Idaho's Snake River, accessible by jetboat; Washington's bike trails and winery concerts; and Oregon's wineries and U-pick farms.



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As a Seattle-area bike commuter accustomed to urban traffic, pedestrians and other cyclists, I always look forward to a leisurely spin along the Sammamish River Trail. The 10.9-mile corridor between Bothell and Marymoor Park in Redmond, east of Seattle, parallels the Sammamish River, winding its way past expansive green fields, vegetable and flower farms, and commanding views of the Sammamish River Valley, the Cascade foothills and the high, glaciated dome of Mount Rainier.

The trail is wide, well-paved and mostly flat, making it ideal for walkers, runners and cyclists.

Clicking into my pedals, I pick up speed, enjoying the sound of the wheels humming beneath me and the wind on my face. The tension in my shoulders eases as I get into the rhythm of the ride. Traffic noise gives way to the breeze over the river and the sound of leaves rustling in the poplar trees.

The trail dips under a bridge for a view of the river where Canada geese bob along with the current. Relaxing into the ride, I quickly reach my turnaround near Redmond and head back up the trail. When I reach the scenic stretch that runs through the heart of Woodinville wine country, it's a short detour to Chateau Ste. Michelle, the largest winery in Washington state.

A visit to Chateau Ste. Michelle provides greater appreciation of the state's wine industry, with bottlings such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay spotlighting grapes from some of Washington's 14

Visitors enjoy exploring the grounds of Washington's Chateau Ste. Michelle, featuring French-style architecture and manicured gardens.



AVAs, most of which are east of the Cascade Range that separates the western and eastern parts of the state. Chateau Ste. Michelle anchors popular Woodinville Wine Country, just 20 miles northeast of Seattle, where Puget Sound-area residents and visitors can conveniently taste excellent wine made with Eastern Washington grapes.

Like Chateau Ste. Michelle, many western U.S. wineries offer a deeper understanding of the distinctive regions in which they craft their wines, and in which the grapes for those wines are grown—regions that also offer outstanding recreational opportunities, from biking to kayaking, making them appealing for visits ranging from a day trip to a vacation. In addition to Chateau Ste. Michelle, a few of the numerous examples include south-central Washington's Maryhill Winery, along the Columbia Gorge; Northern Idaho's Clearwater Canyon Cellars, north of Hells Canyon; Oregon's Eola Hills Wine Cellars, in the fertile Willamette Valley agricultural region; and California's Benziger Family Winery in Sonoma County. All of these wineries express the unique character of their regions and showcase the variety and excellence of wine from the American West.

CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE

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from Washington,” says Ted Baseler, president and CEO of Ste. Michelle Wine Estates. “We’ve been like a snowplow opening up markets for Washington wine. Once people tried our wines, it made them curious about other Washington wines. We’re about lifting the tide for everyone.”

Chateau Ste. Michelle’s wooded grounds and well-organized tours attract some 300,000 visitors a year. This number will likely increase when the company opens up a new tasting room in August, doubling tasting space to 22,731 square feet and introducing even more consumers to the unique qualities of the state’s wines.

“I would put California’s big, fruit-driven wines on one end of the scale and Bordeaux’s more refined wines on the other end, [and] I’d put Washington in the middle of that scale,” Baseler says. “We have two more hours of sunlight in summer than California, fast-draining soils, and cool nights for good acidity levels. It really is the perfect climate for wine.”

Baseler has worked at the company for 33 years, shepherding it through a period of remarkable growth. There were 12 Washington wineries when Chateau Ste. Michelle opened in 1967; today there are more than 900. “It’s been fun being a part of creating history,” he says. “When I got in this business, there wasn’t much of an industry. Now we’re the second-largest wine region in the country.”

MARYHILL WINERY

As the Washington wine industry expands, new vineyards come on line, many planted with novel grape varieties. Maryhill Winery is at the forefront of this trend. Located in Goldendale, Washington, in the Columbia Gorge AVA straddling the border between Oregon and Washington, Maryhill showcases the range of Washington’s wines and wine regions. Since 1999, owners Craig and Vicki Leuthold have made it their mission to introduce visitors to the incredible range of Evergreen State wines.

“The most fun thing for me is to show the diversity of grapes being grown in the Columbia Valley,” says Craig Leuthold. “I like watching the patrons experiment and try new things.”



At an open-air music venue overlooking the Columbia River Gorge, Maryhill Winery hosts summer concerts.



Maryhill makes wine from more than 30 different varieties of grapes, sourcing fruit from vineyards around the state. “The single-greatest thing that sets us apart is that we want to represent as many appellations as possible,” he says. “Someone can come in here and taste wines made from the fruit of McKinley Springs Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills or from Klipsun Vineyard on Red Mountain. Each has a unique flavor profile.”

This emphasis on exploring the diversity of the state has led the Leutholds to experiment with little-known grape varieties that could become the state’s next star. He’s currently big on Albariño, a grape grown extensively in Spain.

“Albariño is my favorite white wine we’ve made,” he says. “It’s dry, crisp and full-bodied. It has a depth and complexity you don’t normally associate with a white. It’s a fabulous food wine. It could be one of the next greats for Washington.”

The varietal is also a great choice to enjoy during a free summer concert at the winery’s adjacent natural amphitheater. In addition to the summer series, Maryhill offers three to five ticketed concerts each season, featuring musicians such as ZZ Top. Concertgoers can buy a bottle of Maryhill wine to enjoy while listening to the music and taking in the scenery.

“The view is unbelievable,” Leuthold says. “You can see orchards, vineyards, rolling hills across the river into Oregon. The expansiveness of the Columbia River Gorge gives you a scale you can’t get anywhere else.”

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Founded in 2004, Clearwater Canyon Cellars of Lewiston has helped pioneer the state's fledgling industry. The rugged mountainous terrain surrounding the winery might not seem like ideal geography for a wine region, but, in fact, this area was one of the Northwest's prime grape-growing and wine-producing areas more than 100 years ago. When Prohibition hit, it put an end to a promising industry.

"We were the first winery since Prohibition to grow and produce a wine from European grapes in the Lewis-Clark Valley," says Coco Umiker, who owns the winery with her husband, Karl. "That was our 2005 Merlot. That was trailblazing. People thought we were crazy."

The Umikers started the winery in 2004 and have steadily increased their production to some 3,000 cases per year. They were instrumental in the creation of the Lewis-Clark Valley AVA, which helped put the region on the Northwest wine map. About 75 percent of their grapes come from the Lewis-Clark Valley.

"We've been expanding our vineyards, making a commitment to growing and producing wines from this place," Coco Umiker says. "We're trying to express the region in our wines."

Idaho is not well-known as a wine region, but the Umikers are determined to change that. Once competitive cyclists, they now channel that drive and determination into making wine. "Coming from Idaho, we have to overdeliver," she says. "We're the sandlot kids of Northwest wine."

In addition to the area's growing wine scene, the Umikers enjoy the proximity to outdoor recreation. For instance, the Hells Canyon Wilderness, approximately 100 miles south of Lewiston, is a federally designated wilderness area that comprises some of the wildest sections of the Snake River where it winds through Hells Canyon, North America's deepest river gorge.

The gorge is hard to access by anything other than a helicopter or jetboat. A jetboat is the best



Karl and Coco Umiker, above, owners of Clearwater Canyon Cellars, cultivate grape varieties such as Merlot in their expansive estate vineyards, top left.



way to see it up close.

"It gives you an awesome feeling looking up at the narrow walls of the canyon from the bottom," says Kacey Sanders of Snake River Adventures in Lewiston. "It's very desertlike, narrow, rocky and steep, with the trees near the top of the mountains. There are lots of bighorn sheep, deer, elk, bear, beavers, birds of prey. People enjoy seeing these on the jetboat trip, which slows down for wildlife. A lot of visitors also come to be in three states at one time—Idaho, Oregon and Washington." During the trip, you can pass through the borders where the three states meet.

EOLA HILLS WINE CELLARS

Pioneering spirit also finds expression in Oregon, a state with its own distinct soil and climate. The Willamette Valley, in particular, has proved an ideal place to grow Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and other cooler-climate grape varieties.

Back in the early 1980s, light-years away from today's thriving wine industry, Tom Huggins wondered if exceptional wines might be made in the Willamette Valley, which lies approximately



Samples of Eola Hills Wine Cellars bottlings, above, are available to taste outside on its landscaped patio, left.



between Portland and Eugene. An agricultural insurance specialist, he recognized quality vineyard sites and found a promising one in a wheat field on Oak Grove Road, west of Salem. With the help of friends and family, he purchased the site, planted the vineyard and embarked on the great adventure of making wine in Oregon.

“One of the most distinctive things about Eola Hills is that it not only is one of Oregon’s first 40 wineries [there are more than 700 now],” says Hugins, “but it was started by and composed primarily of Oregonians.”

Eola Hills Wine Cellars has become one of the state’s largest wineries, cultivating more than 300 acres of vineyards and selling wine around the world. Eola Hills’ line of Classic Wines, including Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and sparkling wines, is crafted with fruit from dry-farmed vineyards in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA. The mild, maritime climate and volcanic and sedimentary soils put a unique stamp on the region’s wines.

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“Pinot Gris is the dominant white for Eola,” says winemaker Steve Anderson. “It is also the wine I most enjoy making. If you pick too late, even three days, you lose the acidity. Pick too early, and you don’t get the flavors. This wine requires immediate attention and utmost care to bring to bottle. My goal is to have bright, crisp wine with perfumed aromas and a rich mouthfeel.”

The unique flavors of the Willamette Valley are also in a cornucopia of vegetables and fruits, including some of the choicest berries around. A number of U-pick farms allow visitors to experience the bounty of the local harvest.

“People like picking their own blueberries,” says Cristina Wheeler of Thank You Berry Much Farms outside Salem, which sells U-pick blueberries for \$1 a pound. “We’re close enough to the city, but far enough out that it seems like you’re in the country. A lot of people make picking a family activity. Sometimes they compete to see who can fill their bucket first.”

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"I think of it as a management system for making authentic wines," he says. "It makes the wine more interesting. These wines have more intensity. They're wines with moxie. It's the difference between a lap dog and a hunting dog."

The winery is very much a family affair. Chris' oldest brother, Mike, and father, Bruno, purchased the property in the late 1980s. Their family members pitched in to help with the expanding business. Today, four family members, including Chris, actively produce and sell the wines. Their signature bottle is Tribute, a Bordeaux blend, the first biodynamic wine made in Napa Valley or Sonoma County. "It's a tribute to my mom and dad who are no longer with us," says Chris.

The character of Sonoma County can be further explored by taking a canoe or kayak trip down the Russian River, a popular summer activity. Russian

Wine resources:

Idaho Wine Commission
(idahowines.org).

Oregon Wine Board
(oregonwine.org).

Napa Valley
(visitnapavalley.com/wineries).

Sonoma County
(sonomacounty.com/wineries).

Washington State Wine (washington-wine.org).



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The river carries rafters past pools, gentle rapids, swimming holes and giant redwoods, every bend in the river revealing fresh and appealing views of Sonoma Wine Country, one of the many outstanding wine areas of the American West. ■

Nicholas O'Connell writes from Seattle.

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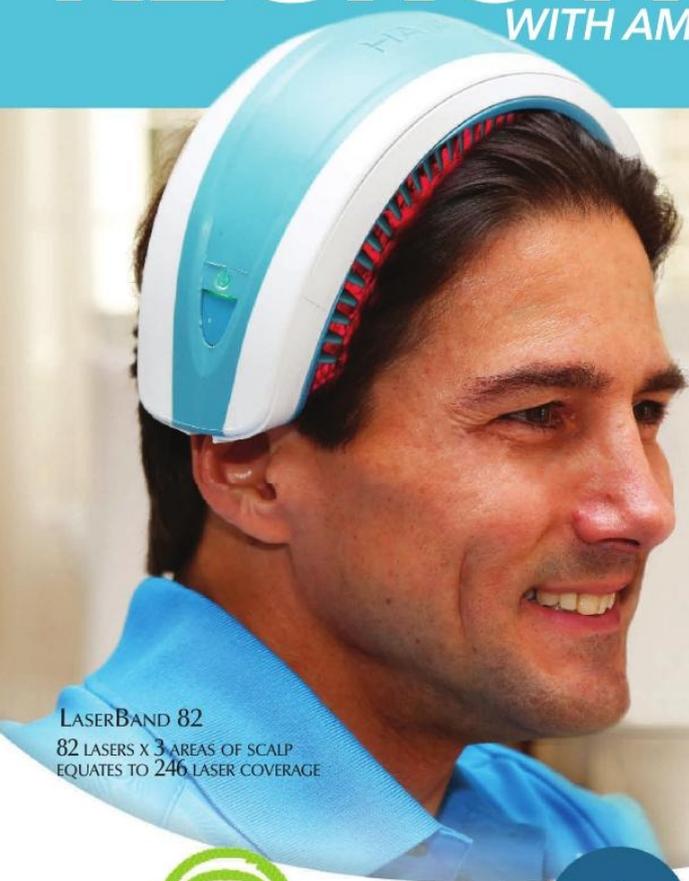
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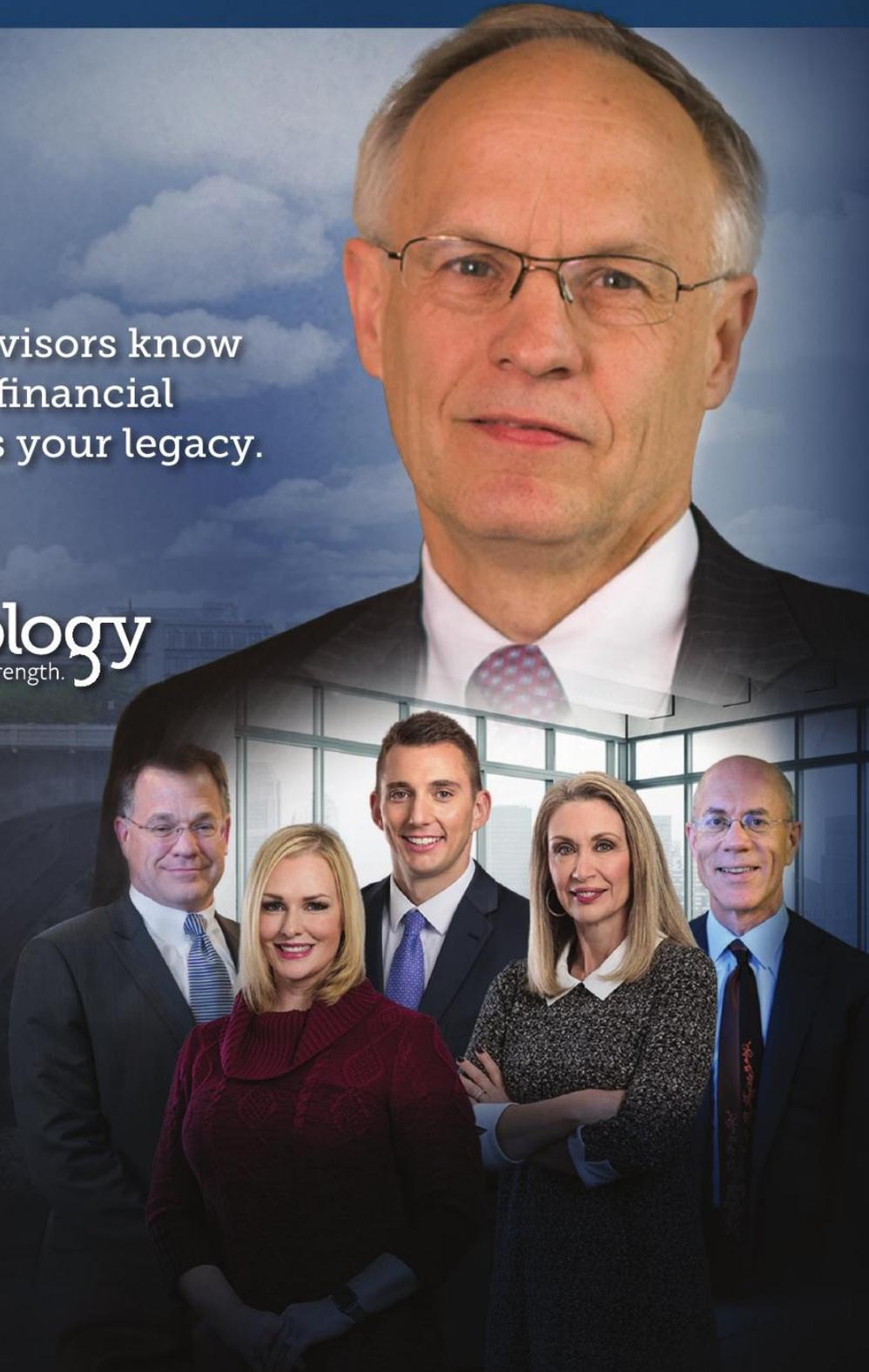
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Mount St. Helens

In 1980, a magnitude 5-plus earthquake, a massive debris avalanche and an eruption removed the mountain's northern flank. After the event, colorful vegetation eventually rose from gray ash.

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The snowy peaks of the Cascade Range's stratovolcanoes—including Mount Rainier, Mount St. Helens, Mount Baker and Mount Hood—are built from layers of ash, debris deposits and hardened lava flows. Ancient lakes such as Crater and Mono are water-filled basins with ties to major eruptions. Landscapes such as those at Newberry Volcano and Craters of the Moon have been shaped by flowing lava. And much of Yellowstone National Park is an active volcanic system always bubbling with geysers and hot springs. These are just some of the West's volcanic wonders—majestic, stunning and powerful.

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Mount Baker
This glaciated Washington peak towers at 10,781 feet. It's the northernmost U.S. volcano in the Ring of Fire's Cascade Range section, which stretches south to Northern California.



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Mount Hood

With its distinctive peak rising to 11,250 feet, Oregon's tallest volcano is also one of the state's most prominent icons. The main cone formed over the last 500,000 years, and the volcano last erupted in the 1780s, not long before Lewis and Clark's 1804-1806 expedition.



Crater Lake

The United States' deepest lake, measuring nearly 2,000 feet, formed about 7,700 years ago with the eruption and collapse of Mount Mazama. Snowmelt and rain filled the caldera, creating these brilliant blue waters. Volcanic activity continues to build Wizard Island.



Newberry Volcano

Lava Butte, a 500-foot cinder cone in the northwestern part of Newberry National Volcanic Monument, erupted about 7,000 years ago, with rough surface lava flow that reached the Deschutes River. Considered Oregon's sleeping giant, Newberry is 1,200 square miles, making it the largest volcano in the Cascade Range. Numerous lava flows over the last 400,000 years helped form the volcano, but its current shape is the result of a major explosion and collapse about 75,000 years ago.

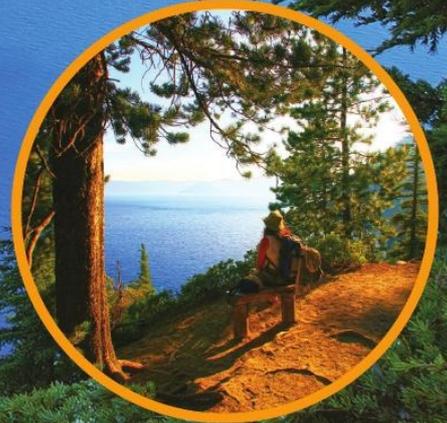
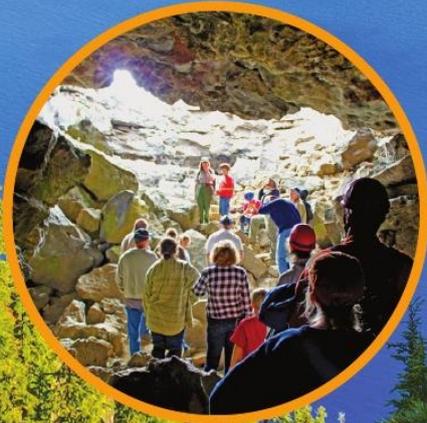
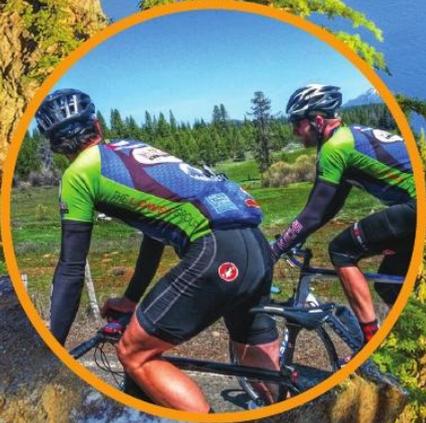
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Mono Lake

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launches a canoe on
Sparks Lake in Oregon.
A family hikes on Crystal
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Swinging from the fairway
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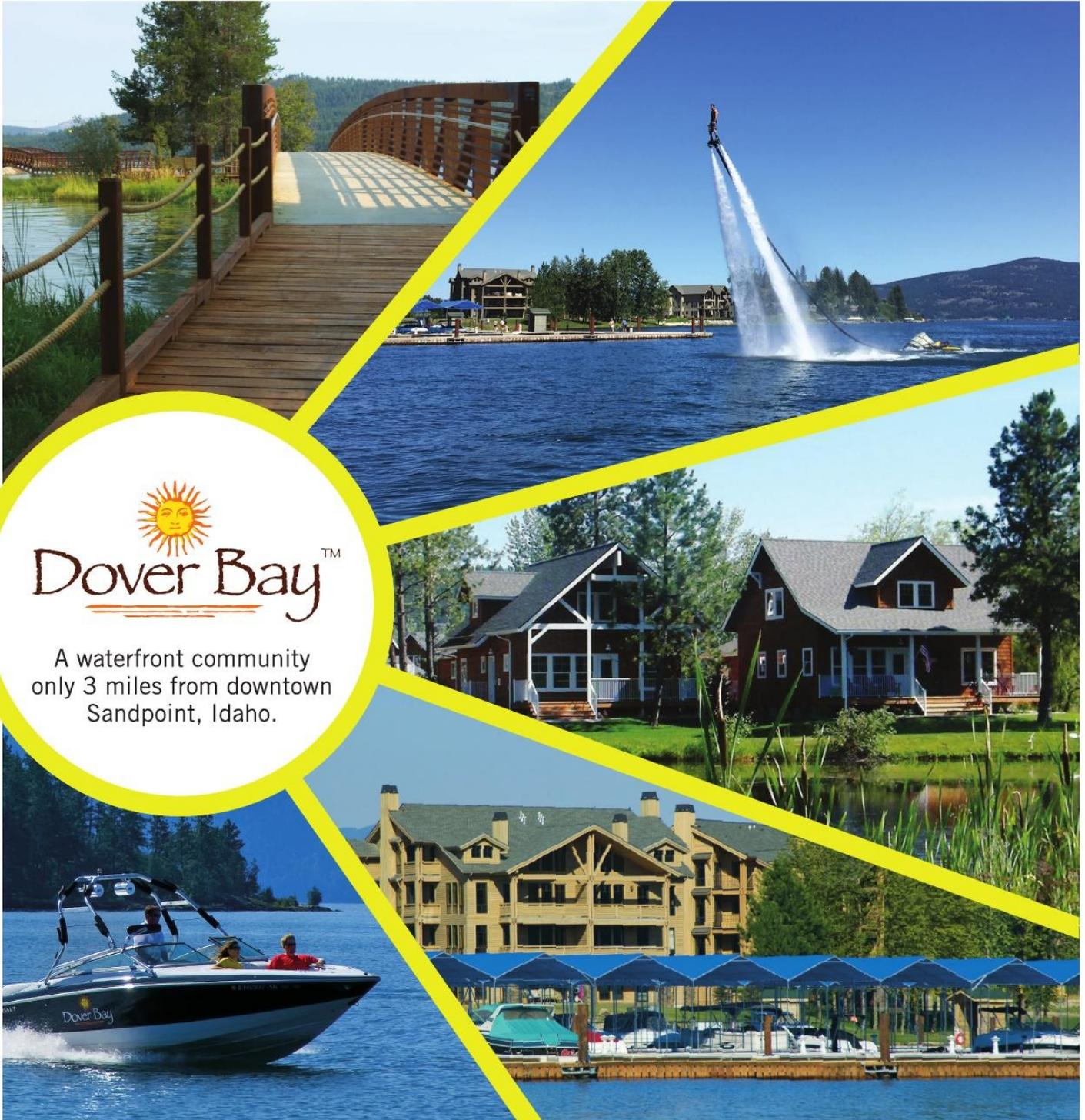
BY M. SHARON BAKER



David is a 40-something Portland, Oregon, business owner with five children, ages 14 years to several months old. So when it came time to choose a second-home location, he wanted something that worked for the whole family, including their dog.

“The more my wife and I began to look at our needs, Tetherow [outside Bend, Oregon] was a great fit. It’s close; we get the sun and four seasons; and it has great golfing,” he says, pausing between nines during an early-afternoon round at Tetherow’s 7,298-yard, Scottish links-style championship course. “And we can bring the family dog every time we come.”

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The couple closed on a three-bedroom, 3,600-square-foot second home last November and first used the new property in February. With the rustic-lodge-style house located less than 170 miles from their primary residence in Portland, the family plans to spend a third of the year in Bend fishing, floating the Deschutes River and golfing.

As David and his family found, second homes can be ideal for family fun and bonding, and also become legacy property for future generations.

Sales of second homes surged in recent years thanks to the robust economy and low interest rates, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), before returning to historic levels. In 2016, the vacation-home market dropped, as low inventory increased prices, says Jessica Lautz, NAR's managing director of survey research.

"Tight inventory in the West, particularly in cities like San Francisco and Seattle where primary-home buyers are facing rapidly rising prices, has caused some second-home buyers to step back a bit," she says. Nationally, sales of vacation homes accounted for 12 percent of all transactions in 2016, according to NAR's 2017 Investment and Vacation Home Buyer's Survey.

David, who was one of the approximately 721,000 vacation-home buyers last year, said the time was right to create more family fun in the great outdoors, which Tetherow, with its 700 acres



Tetherow, outside Bend, Oregon, features amenities such as a swimming pool and offers several home styles situated in a relaxed, wooded setting.

in Central Oregon close to Bend and Mount Bachelor, allows the family to do.

"We're a destination resort on the border of Bend and the nearly 1.6 million acres of the Deschutes National

Forest," says Brian Ladd, a principal broker at Cascade Sotheby's International Realty. "In addition to a 50-room boutique hotel and the golf course, the world-famous Phil's Trail mountain-biking complex [offering miles of singletrack riding] is less than 200 yards from our hotel."

Tetherow also has three restaurants, a swimming pool, a recreation center and a new event pavilion. Buyers have several purchase options, ranging from Tetherow's 380 custom-home sites to a mix of 200-plus other units, including vacation cabins and townhomes for rent or sale.

David says his family loves the amenities, but

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it's the small things that have made the biggest difference. For instance, sledding outings this past winter required only a 10-minute drive. "Life's about making memories, and sometimes sitting at home in the same old place every weekend, every spring break and every summer vacation isn't what it's all about. It's great here; we can get the kids involved in the outdoors more, and ourselves, too," David says, adding, "and our dog loves it."

MAMMOTH LAKES, CA

One of the best destinations for California skiing, especially in the summer, is the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area in the Mammoth Lakes area. With a summit at 11,053 feet in the Sierra Nevada, the mountain boasts 3,500 skiable acres and is open into August.

Located about 310 miles north of Los Angeles and about 170 miles south of Reno, Nevada, the village has been a ski haven since the 1950s. It's also a great place for summer activities, such as stand-up paddleboarding and guided fishing trips, and is a short drive from Yosemite National Park.

One of the newest lodging options in town is 8050 Mammoth. It's a luxury, ski-in, ski-out private residence club comprising 28 one-, two- and three-bedroom condos with floor plans up to 3,000 square feet in a complex connected to The Village at Mammoth gondola via a private sky bridge, says Kathy Richardson, owner of Mammoth Village Properties.

Homebuyers purchase interest in real estate with flexible-usage options that range from planned weeks to short-term notice. For John, a trial attorney in the Los Angeles area, and his wife, Debbie, buying interest in a one-bedroom condo gives them a great place to stay whenever they visit Mammoth without the worry of managing a second home.

"I wanted to own something but didn't want the responsibility and burden of owning a property that would be vacant," John says. "I also didn't want to worry about tenants."

The family can use their condo year-round. When they aren't skiing the mountain or kayaking the area's many lakes, they can be found soaking in the rooftop Jacuzzis, working out in the gym or playing pool in the downstairs rec room.



ELLENSBURG, WA

Canyon River Ranch sits along 1,000 feet of the Yakima River, a fly-fishing paradise listed as a U.S. Blue Ribbon trout river. The waterway also features gentle currents perfect for family rafting trips.

Opened in 2009 near Ellensburg, Canyon River Ranch is a privately owned recreational resort in a steep, basalt-walled canyon and is surrounded by state and federal lands, giving the 37-acre property access to miles of hiking trails.

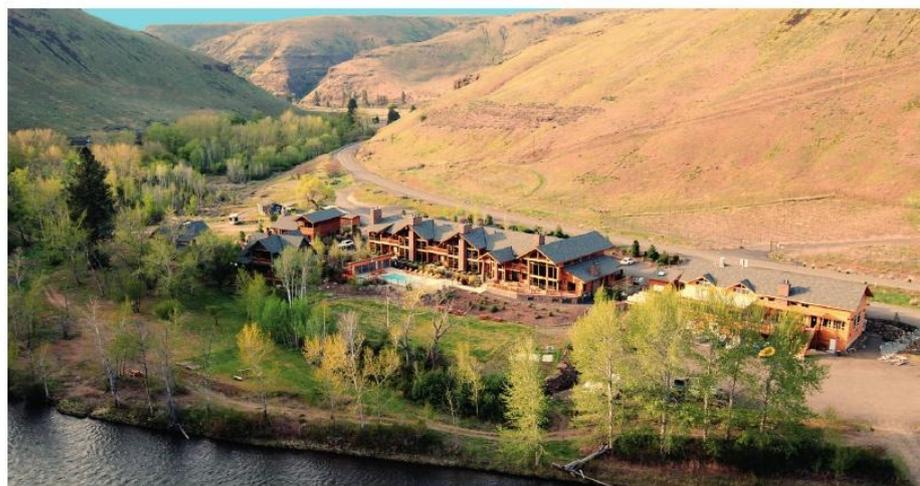
The ranch features a lodge, a restaurant, an outdoor pool and a vineyard planted with Syrah grapes. Buyers can purchase a fractional share in one of the 10 lodge suites, each with just six interests—totaling 60 interests in all for the resort. Fractional owners get 56 days and nights of use each year in any of the two-bedroom, 1.5-bath lodge suites. In addition, Canyon River Ranch has 20 private home sites available for sale, says partner Steve Joyce, who also runs Red's Fly Shop.

Seattle hair-salon owner Karen has fly-fished the Yakima for some 30 years and now comes to Canyon River Ranch regularly. Every June, she invites her brother, mom and cousins, and their children, to the lodge. "We play games, some fish, others go rafting and hiking. It's a lot of fun."



Above, residents at 8050 Mammoth can access the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area on skis from their front doors in winter.

Canyon River Ranch, below, is an angler's dream, situated on the Yakima River.



CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, WA

Nine buyers will join a select group of 27 other families living on Crystal Mountain, near the Gold Hill chairlift at 5,000 feet. The property is located about 90 miles from Seattle in the Cascade Range.

Developer and Gold Hill homeowner Craig Wattles says he has a team of expert builders that can help construct sturdy homes, with roofs capable of holding 20 feet of snow.

Buying and building a second home here takes a bit of grit: In the summer, you can drive up the U.S. Forest Service dirt road, but in the spring and fall, ascending requires a 30- to 45-minute hike. The only way up and down in the winter is by chairlift, snowcat or snowmobile at this ski-in, ski-out site.

“The first time, it can be pretty daunting,” says Wattles, who built his home on Gold Hill in 2001 and is accustomed to helping four children get up the slope. “But it quickly becomes second nature.”

Plus, the privacy that comes from living on such rugged terrain is part of the appeal. Only a few



homes have satellite television, and a run to the grocery store can take a couple hours. That means the family gets to share a lot of quality time.

“After we ski, we come together as a family and play games,” Wattles says. “When our kids were growing up, they would argue about who got to bring friends to visit for the weekend.”

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BIG SKY, MT

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In addition to 2,200 acres of powder-topped skiing from 15 chairlifts that typically have no lines, and an 18-hole Tom Weiskopf-designed mountain golf course, the Yellowstone Club has a full Outdoor Pursuits program with a multitude of family-focused activities, such as challenge courses, kayaking and fly-fishing. The club also has several lodges that offer different dining options; small specialty retail shops; and a fitness center with a 75-foot heated pool, an outdoor hot tub, regulation-size tennis courts and a smoothie bar.

The ski-in, ski-out homes are typically more than 4,000 square feet, but other housing options include condos and town houses. Bill Collins, director of sales, says about 240 memberships are

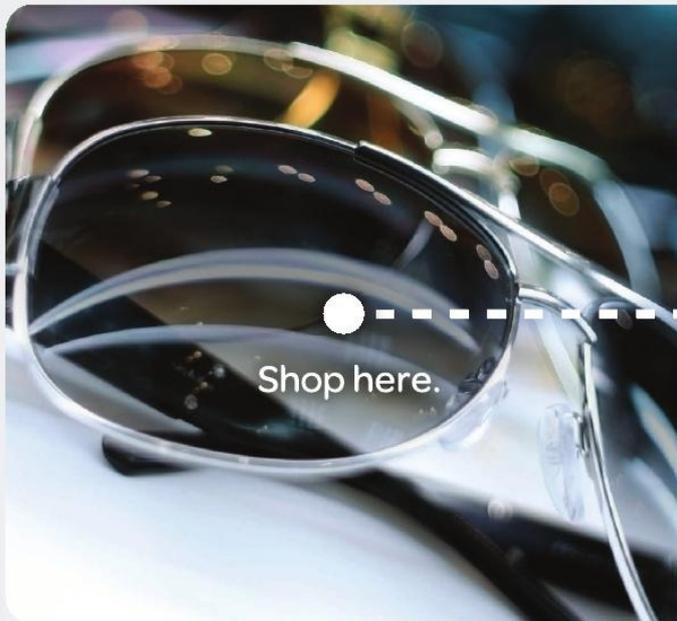


still available. There are no public vacation rentals at the Yellowstone Club, and prospects have to be approved before they can visit and buy.

While world-class private skiing is definitely the draw at the Yellowstone Club, owners such as Connecticut commodities trader Jamie and his family have found they love the summer experience just as much. Activities include guided horseback riding, fly-fishing, rock climbing and visiting Yellowstone National Park, which is only about 60 miles away.

“My son is an avid golfer, and my daughter likes

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to ride horses,” says Jamie, who enjoys fly-fishing in the Yellowstone and Madison rivers. “The kids make friends at the summer programs and look forward to new adventures with their new friends every time we return.”

SANDPOINT, ID

Dover Bay is a residential resort and waterfront community with 500 planned homes and condos on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille in North Idaho. Located near spectacular skiing at Schweitzer Mountain Resort and just minutes from downtown Sandpoint, Dover Bay’s 285 acres offer 9 miles of

hiking trails, a 274-slip marina, and a mix of housing and rental options. The resort’s Marina Village features a store, cafe and fitness facility.

Fifty to 70 percent of the buyers in Dover Bay are purchasing second homes, says John Sletager, a sales-team member, adding that the community is roughly half built. Retired business owners Philip and Susan, and their three college-age children, are among the latest condo buyers.

The avid snow skiers, whose primary residence is near Gig Harbor, Washington, are looking forward to their first summer of wakeboarding from their 21-foot Sea Ray. They’re also excited to walk their dog on the community’s many trails,

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“In Gig Harbor, we have had bikes for the family hanging up on the ceiling in the garage—literally for years—that have never been used,” says Philip, relaxing in the family’s three-bedroom waterfront condo overlooking the marina. “We’ve brought them here, where we have miles of hiking and biking trails. The options for recreation are endless.”

Dover Bay is close to two of the three colleges attended by Philip and Susan’s children—one in Spokane, Washington, and the other in Pullman, Washington—and it’s just a short plane ride from their third child in Oregon.

“Our kids are now young adults, and it won’t be too long before they will have significant others, and we have grandchildren,” says Philip. “We wanted a place with enough accommodations for everyone so we can continue to come together as a family for a long time.” ■

M. Sharon Baker writes from the Seattle area.

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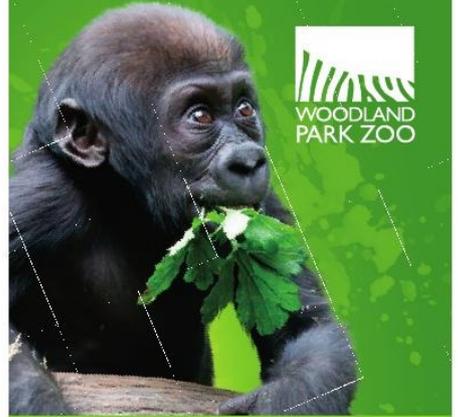
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A humpback believed to be Poptart, one of Big Mama's offspring, breaches in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Below: Steller sea lions seem to face off at Race Rocks Ecological Reserve near Victoria.



CAPITAL RECREATION

Outdoor Adventures in the Victoria, B.C., area

By Michele Andrus Dill

» Big Mama is making a big splash.

The humpback whale raises one of her huge pectoral flippers above the surface of the water, then slaps the sea with the flipper, creating her own wave action as she emits an eerie sound.

"That's trumpeting," says Rod King, captain of our Eagle Wing Tours whale-watching boat, *4 Ever Wild*, as he lets the catamaran drift in the Strait of Juan de

Fuca between Washington state's Olympic Peninsula and British Columbia's Vancouver Island. Researchers aren't sure why humpbacks trumpet, although some believe it might be related to whale interaction, or to an emotion such as excitement.

For three-quarters of an hour, Big Mama and an unidentified companion humpback, their submarinelike backs glistening in the sunlight, have been swimming slowly and surfacing every few minutes, except for a 15-minute deep dive that gave us a good look at Big Mama's tail flukes as she plunged down.

"Scientists can differentiate humpbacks by the markings on their flukes," Captain Rod tells us. Big Mama has a distinctive patchy white area on each lobe of

her barnacle-encrusted tail, and distinctive ridging along the trailing edges. We haven't gotten a good look at her companion's flukes, so he's not certain about that ID. Big Mama got her nickname because she's been regularly seen in these waters since the late 1990s, and she's brought six calves with her since 2003, he says.





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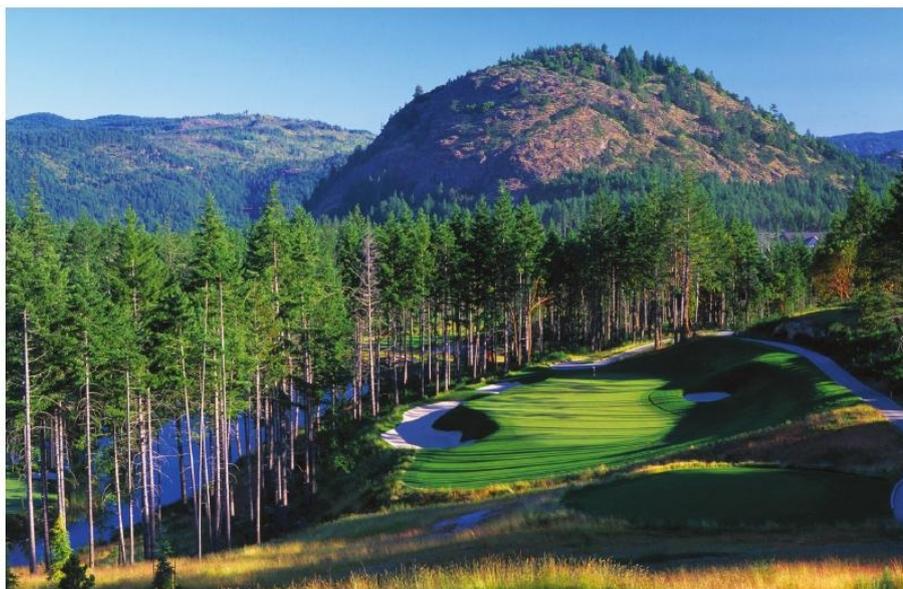
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This morning, the amount of time Big Mama and her companion have leisurely spent near the surface has led our skipper to call them “chillaxing whales,” but now they are becoming more active, and our tour group of around 40 eagerly awaits our next sighting of the majestic marine mammals, which can reach up to 40 tons in weight and about 60 feet in length—females slightly bigger than males—with pectoral flippers as long as 15 feet.

My husband, Michael, and I are gazing west, where we last saw the whales, when shouts on the lower deck prompt quick head swivels just in time to see Big Mama in a full breach. She rises the entire length of her body, seems to hover for a moment above the surface—an incredible sight against a backdrop of snowcapped Mount Baker on the horizon—then splashes down. A huge, froth-ringed aqua pool ripples out in her wake as we all shout for joy. “Oh, that was *beautiful*,” a female passenger cries, putting into words what all of us feel.

Eagle Wing’s four-hour whale-watching excursion (eaglewingtours.com) also looks for orcas and other marine life. On today’s tour, our additional animal sightings include elephant seals, harbor seals, California and Steller sea lions, and birds

» A view of Mount Finlayson from No. 16 on the Mountain Course at The Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort & Spa.

Victoria is an outstanding base from which to explore the wonders of the ocean, and it also offers convenient access to mountain recreation, along with lowland biking/walking trails. The abundance of outdoor adventures in and around British Columbia’s capital city is complemented by urban appeal, including luxury hotels, lively restaurants, world-class museums, and novel attractions such as the Pickle Boat Water Ballet, featuring five of Victoria Harbour Ferry’s open-air water taxis—some green, some yellow, all pickle-shaped—doing a choreographed “dance” in the downtown Inner Harbour (victoriaharbourferry.com).

Michael and I have chosen Victoria for a long weekend of outdoor recreation and nature appreciation, which actually began with our three-hour *Victoria Clipper* ferry journey from Seattle’s Pier 69 (clippervacations.com). As we stood outside on the stern of the boat or looked out the ferry’s picture windows, a blue-sky day provided stunning views

such as bald eagles and orange-billed oystercatchers.

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Canoe Brewpub (canoebrewpub.com): Excellent beer—handcrafted at the onsite brewery in Canoe’s 1894 red-brick, water-view building—is a hallmark of the lively restaurant, but the food is just as good. It ranges from Messy Fries (add the smoked pork belly) to pan-seared sesame-crusting sockeye



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Catalano Restaurant & Cicchetti Bar (catalanorestaurant.com): Located at the Magnolia Hotel & Spa, the Mediterranean-themed restaurant serves shareable plates such as Clam Linguine and Chicken Saltimbocca. It also provides tasty hot breakfasts that can be arranged as part of a hotel package.

The Masters Lounge and Terrace, The Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort & Spa (bearmountain.ca/resort/dining/masters-lounge): Flavorful selections, ranging from Thai beef salad to slow-cooked B.C. salmon, please golfers and nongolfers alike.

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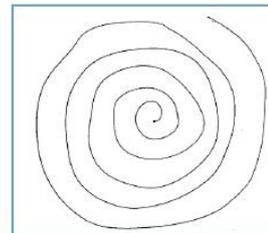
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» **Top: Cyclists pedal a lovely wooded section of the Lochside Trail. Below: Kayakers enjoy paddling downtown Victoria's Inner Harbour.**

of the rugged, snow-mantled Olympic Mountains to the west and the equally dramatic Cascade Range to the east, along with islands and inlets, and seabirds bobbing in the waves.

In Victoria, our itinerary calls for golfing, bicycling and kayaking in addition to the whale watching, with a return to the city's downtown core each night for restorative sleep in our harbor-view Diamond Room at the boutique Magnolia Hotel & Spa (magnoliahotel.com). Amenities at the warmly elegant property include complimentary continental breakfast, complimentary maps such as "Tea-riffic Trail" and "Craft Brewery Tour," and turndown service with local handcrafted chocolates. Plus we can ease well-used muscles with organic-product treatments at the spa, or luxuriate in our room's soaking tub.

GOLFING BEAR MOUNTAIN

Michael carefully lines up his shot on the back tee for No. 16 at The Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort & Spa's Mountain Course (bearmountain.ca), which is located in the Gowlland Range and provides views of downtown Victoria, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Olympic Mountains from various holes.

On 16, Michael needs to clear a swath of thick golden grass, avoid three bunkers near the pin—189 yards away—and keep

from overshooting into the Douglas firs toward the base of domelike, nearly 1,375-foot Mount Finlayson in nearby Goldstream Provincial Park.

But he knows he has a chance for a good score, since there's not a water hazard—something that cannot be said of many other holes on this Jack and Steve Nicklaus-designed par-71 layout, which plays 6,925 yards from the championship tees. The resort describes it as "a truly

challenging year-round golf experience for golfers of all skill levels." (The resort's other course, Valley, is described as "more serene.")

Michael's club contacts the ball with a satisfying thwack, and the orb soars true onto the green. He's only 15 feet short of the flag.

"OK—I want to see a birdie here," says Director of Golf Jordan Ray, who is giving us a back-nine playing lesson.

Michael putts deftly, but the ball does a crescent-moon roll along the lip of the cup and doesn't drop. "Ouch!" I commiserate.

"Robbed," agrees Jordan. "That was a good putt." At least Michael makes par.

I had my own best ball on 152-yard No. 10, an acclaimed island green, connected to the fairway by a narrow causeway. A resort description warned: "There is no room for error. Completely surrounded by water from the tee, this hole could make or break your round." I took several deep breaths and practice swings, did the best I could to emulate championship form, and ... the unthinkable occurred. I avoided the ball-inhaling blue. "I'm on. I'm on!" I exulted, waving my hands to the heavens.

OK, so I'd also narrowly escaped a billiard-pocket-like bunker, and I was past the flag, but I was well-aligned. "The



perfect spot,” Jordan said. Perfect if your short game is good. I three-putted and bogeyed, but I was still thrilled with the achievement of avoiding the drink.

CYCLING THE LOCHSIDE TRAIL

The red-tailed hawk perched on a far-extending limb of a red alder seems motionless as it surveys scenic Blenkinsop Lake. I wonder what he or she is thinking about.

We’ve spotted the raptor while pausing with our bikes on the approximately 920-foot-long wooden Blenkinsop Trestle, for a better look at large eight-spotted skimmer dragonflies flitting above water lilies with giant leaves and yellow bulbs.

The trestle is part of the 29 km (18-plus-mile) multiuse Lochside Regional Trail that runs between the Victoria area and Swartz Bay to the north, along the

way passing residential areas, farmlands, wetlands, lakes and some industrial areas.

Michael and I are riding the trail to Mattick’s Farm (which has boutique shops, mini-golf and a spa), for about a 20-mile out-and-back, on 27-speed road bikes rented from The Pedaler (thepedaler.ca). Located in Victoria’s Inner Harbour, the bike shop also offers numerous guided tours.

A former railway route, the Lochside Trail is mostly flat, and has interesting interpretive signs, such as the one at a small pullout near Swan Lake that says we are overlooking “The First Auspicious Feng Shui Site in Canada.”

The trail often travels amid sylvan groves with species such as dogwood, fir and Pacific willow. Bird species around the trail and nearby areas may

include Cooper’s hawks, peregrine falcons, purple martins, horned larks, green herons, cormorants, American wigeons, buffleheads, and pied-billed grebes.

HARBOR KAYAKING

“See Victoria from the best seat on the water,” promises a sign at Ocean River Sports & Adventures (oceanriver.com) in Victoria’s Chinatown neighborhood, and that proves to be true.

Guide Rob Archer helps us launch our yellow, two-person, 20.5-foot sea kayak from a dock in the Upper Harbour near the shop, and then hops into his green single kayak to lead the way south under the azure Johnson Street Bridge to the Inner Harbour, with its symphony of floatplanes, ferries, water taxis and sailboats. Rob points out the kayaking lane, marked

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» Bird species along the Lochside Trail include the red-tailed hawk.

protected areas are popular with harbor seals and otters enjoying the abundant shellfish,

he says, along with the shallow water in which to teach their young how to fend for themselves. Sadly, the mammals are elsewhere on this late-afternoon excursion, but we do get a good view of a great blue heron, standing regally on an outcropping.

Rob also lifts an impressive bull kelp specimen from the water with his paddle, showing us its 40-foot-long streamerlike fronds. He says that in the right conditions, bull kelp in these waters can grow as much as 2 feet a day, up to 60 feet.

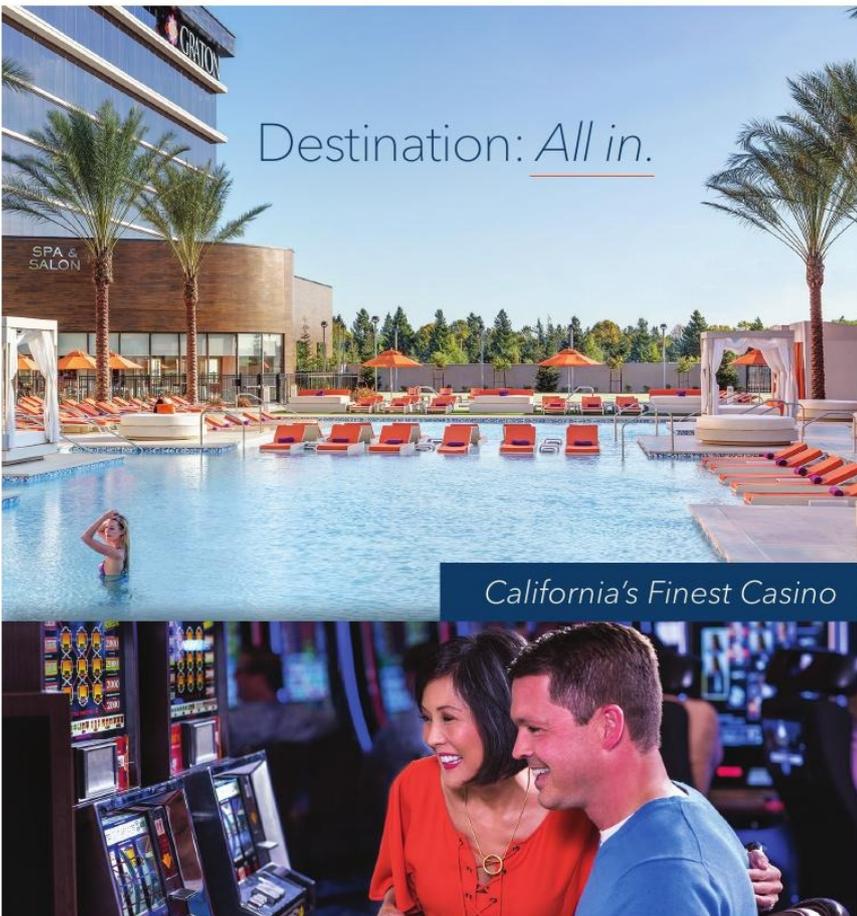
On our return trip, we get the best view of iconic Inner Harbour structures such as the 1898 Parliament Buildings, the 1908 Empress Hotel and the 1924 Steamship

Terminal building, all designed or co-designed by Francis Rattenbury. “He won a competition for the design of the Parliament Buildings,” Rob says. “They were one of the first major things he did.”

The next morning, I again stand on the stern of the *Victoria Clipper*, this time enjoying the sunshine as the ferry pulls out of its dock near the Steamship Terminal building for the trip to Seattle. We pass kayaks and whale-tour boats, water taxis and floatplanes—all reminding me of our own fabulous outdoor adventures. I can’t help but wish we were arriving instead of departing. ■

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by white buoys, where we can safely paddle past views of Laurel Point Park, Fisherman’s Wharf and naval buildings on our way to rocky islands such as Berens and Harrison. No people are allowed to set foot on the islands, which are part of an ecological reserve, Rob says. The



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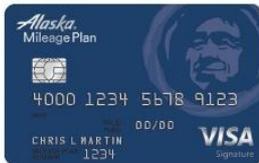
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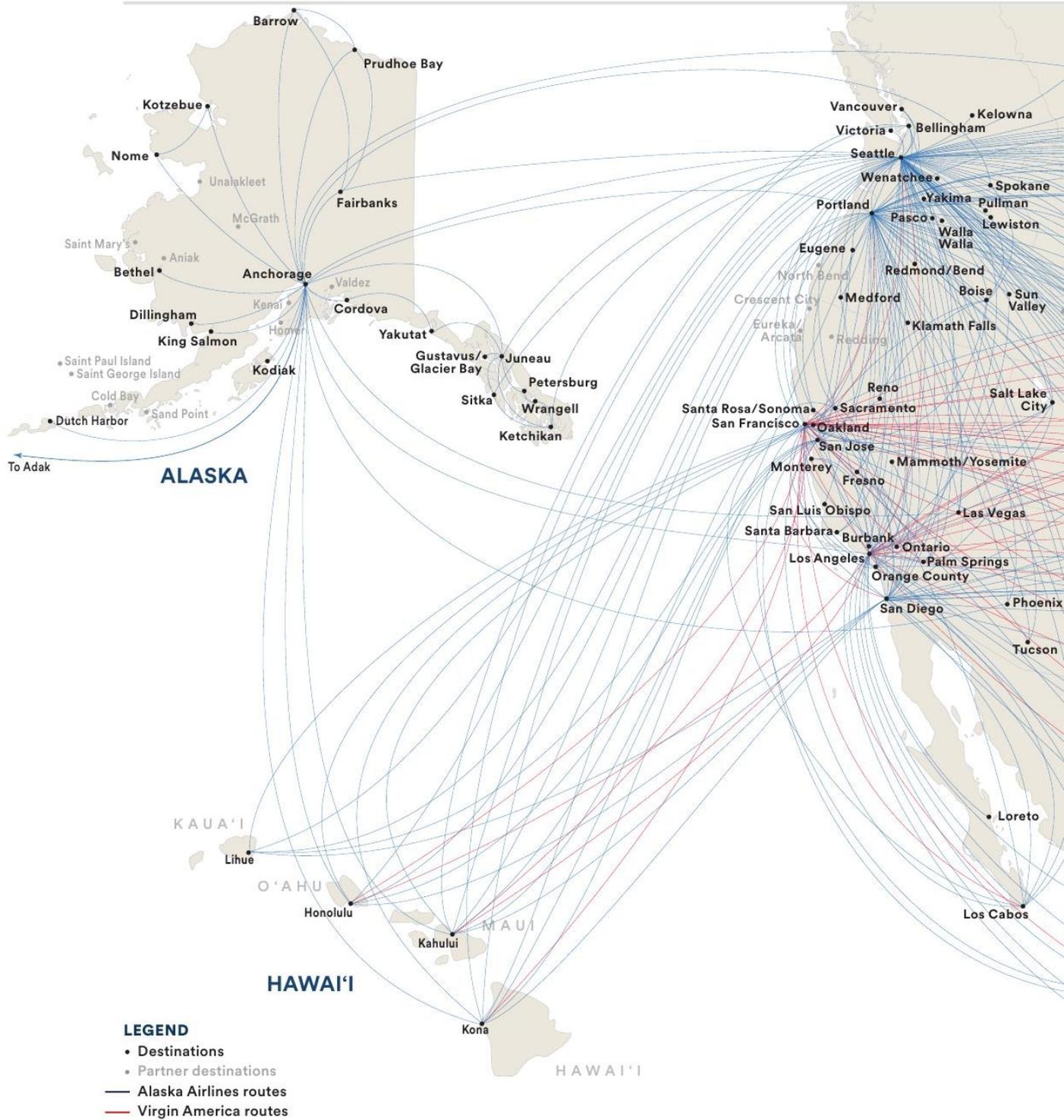
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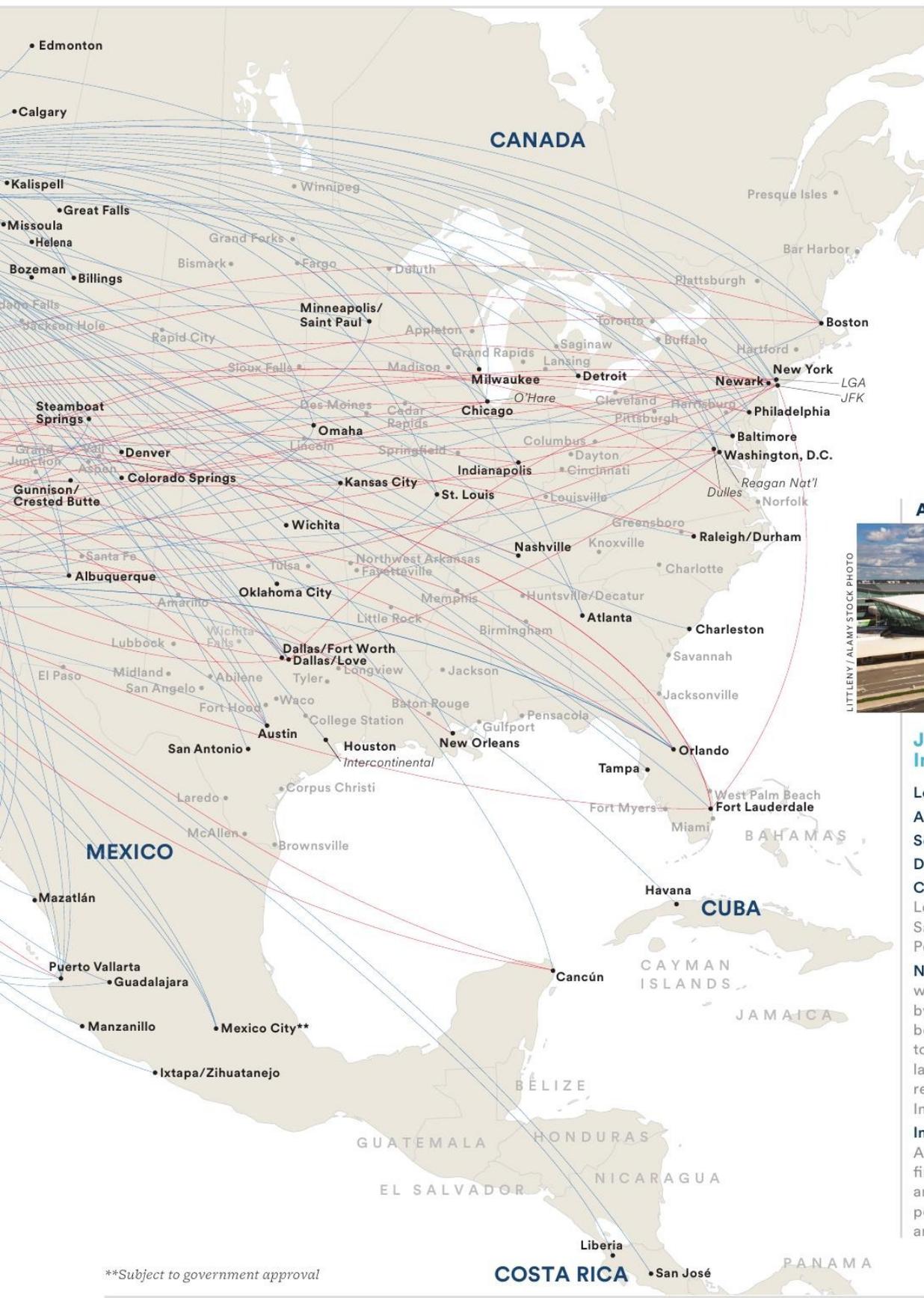


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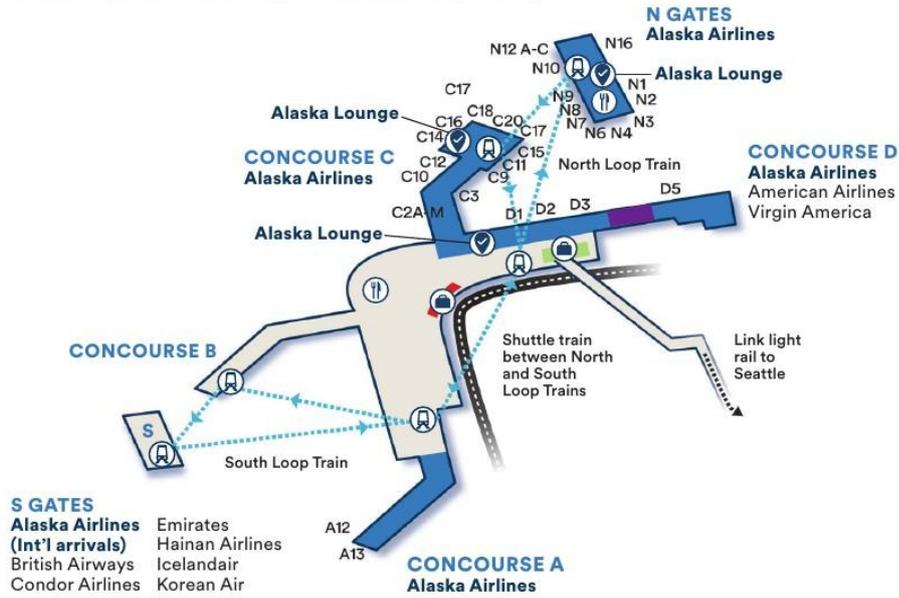
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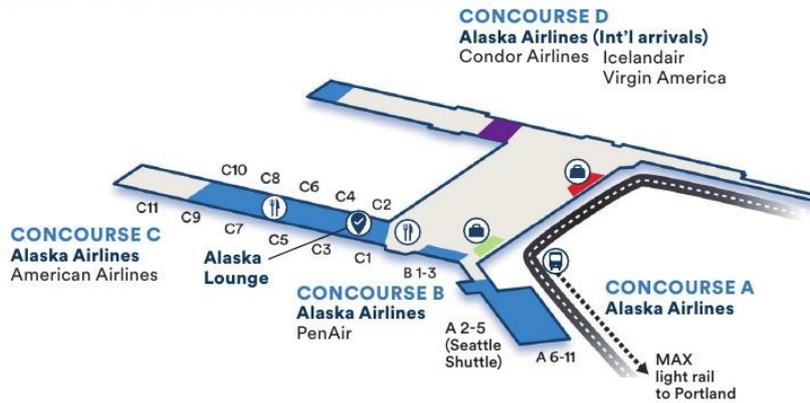
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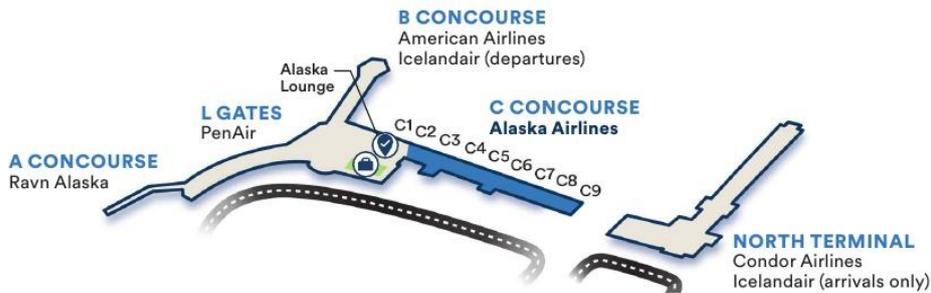
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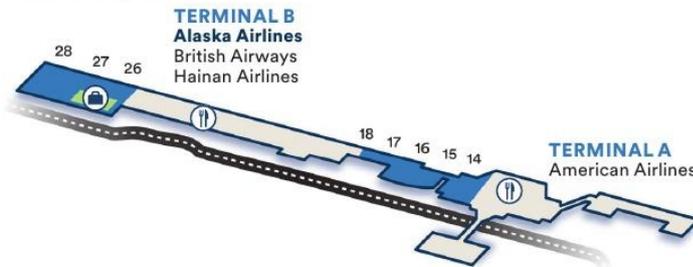


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ALL CREATURES, IN MY HOUSE

Domestic encounters with the animal kingdom

By Jeff Bond



My son's pet tarantula may have tried to burn down our house recently ... at least I think he did. I'll get back to this in a moment, but for now I'll just say it's an example of my uneasy relationship with the creatures around me. Don't get me wrong: I love animals. However, animals don't always seem to love me—or my house. So many things have happened in recent years, I've become fairly nervous.

I first noticed the problem when my daughter developed a love for rabbits. While they like her fine, they don't always care for me. Currently, she has Ferdinand, a cute little Holland Lop, with big saggy ears. Her other rabbit, Lawrence, is a member of the Flemish Giant family. As someone who knows the power

of words, I should have taken the name of the breed a little more seriously. But when Lawrence first joined us, he was much smaller, and I was thinking more along the lines of "jumbo shrimp," not "Great Dane." Soon, he began to grow, and today he is truly a giant who eats everything in sight, including his wooden cage, the linoleum floor in the upstairs bathroom and my hand, if I get it too close to his mouth.



My daughter maintains that her rabbits are housebroken. Perhaps they are, around her, but not around me. I don't know if they feel more need to mark their territory near me or what, but when I'm tending to them, they seem to forget house rules. They feel free to leave me "presents" everywhere. I'm beginning to take it personally.

Yet, really, the rabbits are the least of my animal concerns.

The crawl space under my home has become, at various times, a community center for cats, rats and raccoons. And I've had bees take up lodging in the siding of my house. While I've fended off these pests, more have kept taking their place.

Once last spring I woke up at my usual time, about 6 A.M. Sleepy-eyed, I stumbled into the bathroom. I turned on the light and got the distinct impression I wasn't alone. I looked toward the toilet, and there, in the bowl, staring back at me, was a dead opossum. How it got there or what its plan might have been, I'll never know. After scraping myself off the bathroom ceiling, I got dressed from head to toe in thick clothing, put on two pairs of rubber gloves and disposed of my uninvited



guest. If it was just "playing possum," it could do so elsewhere.

More recently, two northern flicker woodpeckers fell in love with the east side of my house. The first time I heard their rapping sounds, I scared the birds away and thought that would be the end of it. I was wrong. The next day, I came home to find a major hole in my siding. I covered it with scraps of wood and went searching for ways to stop these avian homewreckers. After another day of destruction by the birds, I read that hanging sheets of aluminum foil might repel them. So I nailed some up. The birds apparently don't like the reflection or the texture of metal, because it worked. But now I'm stuck with pieces of aluminum foil nailed to the side of my house. As you can imagine, my neighbors *love* me.



If that's not enough evidence that I'm under siege by animals, there's the matter of Belvedere, my son's tarantula. I was against his joining our menagerie, but I relented when I found out tarantulas are low-maintenance and friendly ... or so I thought.

One morning, not long ago, I was home alone, when I began to smell something burning. I looked around and couldn't see anything, so I dismissed it. After a few minutes, though, I noticed the smell was getting stronger. Something was on fire ... inside the house!

I opened the door to my son's room and found smoke billowing from the spider's terrarium on the dresser. I unplugged the heating pad at the base of this plastic enclosure (tarantulas need heat where I live), and the smoke died down. Then I took the terrarium remains outside and hosed them down. The heating pad, which had worked fine for weeks, had somehow shorted out and caught the terrarium on fire.

As I looked at the wreckage, I thought Belvedere had to be a goner. But I decided to lift the terrarium lid just to make sure. And there he was, looking as pristine as a tarantula could. I gently nudged him with the dustpan and ... he moved! Millions of years of survival training had kept this modern member of a prehistoric species alive, so I decided he'd earned the right to stay at my house and to get an upgraded terrarium and heating system.

While our misuse of the heating pad was certainly a factor, part of me still wonders if Belvedere didn't somehow play a role in the fire. Was this another part of nature's plan to destroy my home? I'm not sure. So I'm keeping watch. When it comes to nature, I can never be too careful.

Jeff Bond is an associate editor.

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