

Valley Life

Business: Gummy yummy?
Sonoma brands launches new Smash snack. **B7**

Notes from Glen Ellen: Pennigas
Warm and wet recollections of Sonoma Creek. **B9**



Food&Wine
Kathleen Thompson Hill



Changes to water temperature has kept some crabs' shells from hardening, affecting the texture of the meat.

Crabby crab?

After all the problems Dungeness crabs and crab fishers have had from domoic acid and passing whales delaying the crabbing season, another problem has been that something was inhibiting the hardening of the crabs' shells and keeping meat from devel-

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oping. Scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory attribute the changes to water temperature and currents that affect availability of calcium carbonate, which goes into the shells of crab, oysters and other shellfish. Scientists before and now suggest that these crabby problems stem from climate change leading to increases in acidic conditions as oceans warm and attract more carbon dioxide.

Kivelstadt-Schellville update

Jordan Kivelstadt is tearing the place apart, and in a good way. That would be at the former Schellville Grill, soon to be called Kivelstadt Cellars Wine Garden & Eatery.

Just to give you a picture of what Matthew Nagan started with when he took over Ford's Café nearly 20 years ago, we once wrote in our first Sonoma Valley guide book: "The walls tilt slightly, the people tilt slightly, the American flag gets stolen, and the building floods when Sonoma Creek overflows... A big sign at the end of the kitchen warns 'Beware. Mean Junk Yard Dogs. Will Bite' A chicklet machine and an empty chewing tobacco dispenser hang from the wall. The walls are covered with old signs, photos and bad jokes, a side of Sonoma history unhung in museums. The waitresses are local and appropriately surly, and everyone knows them and loves them. The restroom is filthy so plan ahead."

No more filthy restroom. Nagan fixed that and the septic system to sell his Schellville Grill and, after three previous escrows, finally found Kivelstadt, with money and imagination, to take the bait with optimistic eyes wide open seeing what the property could be.

Kivelstadt and friends are remodeling. Already gone are most of the roses along with that huge scary cactus facing the parking lot. Rotting exterior wood has already been replaced. No more pink and green trim that Nagan added after his Guy Fieri Food Network period ended. Watch for a more Restoration Hardware look of beige and brown.

Executive Chef and new General Manager Matt Tucker, most recently of Pangloss and Repris wineries and La Toque in Napa, and Kivelstadt have ambitious plans for four different "experiences" they will offer guests. In what was the diner room, the repositioned long table becomes a bar for a prix-fixe wine and small plates tasting experience; what was the beer room in back becomes a comparative tasting room featuring Kivelstadt and other



The message: Christian rapper Brian Todd believes music can lift listeners up when 'God does the elevating.'

Yo! Sonoma man puts 'rap' in rapture

Former 'bad guy' Brian Todd found better rhymes through scripture

By KATE WILLIAMS
INDEX-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Think "hip-hop" and what kind of image comes to mind? Snarling boys in oversized pants? Neck tattoos and a whole lot of swagger? Gold chains, gold grills and a lot of crowing about fat stacks? How about a middle-aged man in a collared shirt and sturdy shoes, rhyming about salvation and grace?

"Yeah, my friends in the rap world tease me about the look," Brian Todd said of the image he projects in his Christian hip-hop videos. "They say, 'Man, don't show up over here looking like somebody's parole officer,'" Adds Todd: "But I like to dress like a gentleman."

It wasn't too long ago that nobody would have mistaken Brian Todd for a proper sir. "I was a Sonoma-homegrown-Hanna Boys-juvenile hall-drugs-gangs kind of kid," he explained.

Known as the rapper "Cashcrop" in his old life, Todd had produced a significant body of work. But the rhymes were profane and full of self-aggrandizing lies, so when Todd turned his life around, he left them behind.

"I deleted my whole empire as a secular rap artist," said Todd, 35. "Threw a couple thousand CDs in my grandma's garbage can. That guy was so bad, so broken, so lost. God took the desire for that old life away."

The old life was hardscabble and consistently criminal. Todd was a fatherless boy with a big chip on his shoulder. "I was heavily involved in marijuana and sales. That was my gimmick that I was bringing to the table. I prowled around town, armed with firearms," Todd said. "But then I got saved, gave my heart to the Lord, put down the .40 caliber and picked up a Bible."

No one is more surprised by Brian Todd's transformation than Brian Todd himself. But the voices he'd had in his head growing up weren't encouraging, either.

"Everybody told me I was going to be an alcoholic and a drug addict," Todd said. "I had a bad attitude, and teachers, parole officers and just about everyone else said I was no good. They weren't wrong, but it was hard."

He ended up at Hanna Boys Center in the sixth grade, after being expelled from Altimira Middle School. "But it was hard for me being from Sonoma and knowing there was so much action going on down the street." For high school, he put some half-hearted effort in at Creekside, Sonoma's alternative high school, but

Todd a new chance. "There was a lot of grace in that courtroom," he said.

Fast forward 12 years, and Brian Todd has a new life. He's married with four kids, and has founded a construction company he calls "Above the Bar Contracting." He is now the director of men's programming at Lighthouse, following two years of formal biblical studies. He's launching a clothing line, Overcomer Clothing, and establishing a nonprofit to lend a hand where it's needed.

"We're calling it 'Barns of Wheat Global,' and we're going to find places to help where we can. Water wells where they're needed, sandals in Manila, sleeping bags and shelter here in Sonoma County... We want to provide provisions for the next generation and to donate to different causes and projects around the world," Todd said.

And then there's the music, Todd's original calling.

Now, his lyrics are meant to elevate, not degrade. "With the secular rap, it was all lies and pretend. With the Christian rap, I can't rap about things I'm not doing. Before, it was 'me' and 'mine' all the time. Now, I want to help young people go further," he said.

To that end, Todd invited a group of local boys known as Sonoma Bike Life to appear in his latest Christian rap video. "We Made It," a track about pushing past low expectations toward loftier goals, features about a dozen young boys on customized bikes performing the elaborate tricks of the "bike life" milieu.

"I want people to know they can overcome any obstacle in their life. It doesn't matter how tall the wall, how deep the hole, God does the elevating. Growing up I was told I'd be nothing. But here I am now, with the world at my fingertips. I walk around town now and people don't see a criminal. God is faithful. Everything's changed," Todd said. "You can make it out of whatever you're facing, too."

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—Brian Todd, Christian rapper

left before graduation. "I was a complete pain in the butt," Todd said.

Todd found the burgeoning rap scene he saw on MTV appealing, and he decided he would break bad in that world. As Cashcrop he rapped about drugs, guns and money, and, soon enough, his real life caught up with the one he'd imagined.

In 2008, Todd and three other men were arrested for attempting to sell 10 pounds of marijuana to an undercover police officer, and charged with additional enhancements for the loaded firearms they carried.

"It was a big deal," Todd said. "We went to court for two years."

So now, with the stakes changed, Todd shifted too.

He decided to check out Lighthouse Christian Church, and on his first visit experienced something "divine." After 23 years spent stoking a simmering rage, Todd felt something new sitting in those pews. It was a tiny crack in the dark armor he'd spent his whole life trying to fortify, and through that slim gap, light tumbled in.

The judge saw the change, and gave

■ GO. DO. NOW. ■

Bon Appetite

Sonoma County restaurants from Geyserville to Glen Ellen want to feed you this week, to help you get through the winter doldrums deliciously. There are just a few weeks left before the tourists return, and your favorite local eateries want to thank you for your abiding patronage with fancy and fabulous prix-fixe menus. Choose an old favorite or try someplace new. You can't really go wrong in Sonoma, you know, the culinary equivalent of God's kitchen.

Friday, Feb. 21 to Sunday, March 1, restaurantweek@sonoma-county.org, \$10-39 prix-fixe menus.

Funny People

Glaciers are calving, the coronavirus is afoot, Harvey Weinstein exists, and some fool tagged Plymouth Rock. None of that is funny, but Joe Klocek is. He's cracked wise on Comedy Central, NBC's "Last Comic Standing," NPR's "Snap Judgment," and elsewhere. He won the San Francisco International Comedy Competition and the Seattle Comedy Competition, and has parlayed his Midwestern corn-fed goodness into a solid Left Coast career.

Friday, Feb. 21, 8 to 9:30 p.m., Comedian Joe Klocek at Reel & Brand, 401 Grove St., \$15.

Boy & Dog

What's that, Lassie? Little Timmy's fallen in the well? Speak up, girl! You say he's all grown up and living in Sebastopol, reveling in the glow of his golden youth? Jon Provost, aka Little Timmy, is coming to town to regale us with tall tales from his storied life. He'll show special clips, dish behind-the-scenes scuttlebutt, and take every question inquiring minds can conjure. It's a nostalgic throwback to TV's Jurassic Period, when life was simpler and sweet.

Monday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., Jon Provost at Sebastiani Theatre, sebastianitheatre.com, \$17.

The Way We Were

The city of Sonoma was once more of a town, and Bill Lynch and Gaye Lebaron remember when. They'll hold court next Thursday at Cuneo Barn, discussing the various ways Sonoma has changed. There will likely be some nostalgia for the way things once were, but don't expect the 'OK, Boomer' vibe of calcified discontent. As lifelong writers and thinkers they have cultivated the habit of curiosity, which leads directly to an open mind and, indirectly, to hope.

Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., "How Sonoma Has Changed" at Cuneo Barn, 800 Fremont Drive, sugreatschools.org, \$35.

— Kate Williams

This Week in Music



John Paul Hodge is headed to the Starling.

THE SET LIST

- **EL VERANO INN**, 705 Laurel Ave. 935-0611
Sunday, Feb. 23: Sunday Night Blues Jam. 8 p.m.

■ **FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET**, Depot Park, 270 First St W.
Friday, Feb. 21: Stewart Degner. 9:30 a.m.

■ **HOPMONK TAVERN**, hopmonk.com 691 Broadway, 935-9100
Friday, Feb. 21: Jeff Campbell. 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 22: Michael Ahern. 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25: Trivia. 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 26: Open Mic. 7:30 p.m.

■ **MACARTHUR PLACE**, macarthurplace.com 29 E. MacArthur St. 938-2929
Wednesday, Feb. 26: Lauren and Lemme. 7 p.m.

■ **MOOSE LODGE**, sonomamoose.org 20580 Broadway, 936-3877
Thursday, Feb. 27: Membership Drive Open Mic. 7:30 p.m.

■ **MURPHY'S IRISH PUB**, sonomapub.com 464 First St. E, 935-0660.
Friday, Feb. 21: Full Circle. 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 22: Jeff Falconer. 8 p.m. DJ Izak. 10:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 24: Mondays With Murr, aka "Jammin' with The King". 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday**, Feb. 25: Trivia Night. 7:30 p.m.

■ **SONOMA COMMUNITY CENTER**, sonomacommunitycenter.org 276 E. Napa St. 938-4256
Saturday, Feb. 24: Chili Bowl, 11:30 and 1:30 p.m. with live music t/b/d
Sunday, Feb. 23: Kitchen Concert, featuring The Quixotics. 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 26: Gospel Choir. 7:30 p.m.

■ **STARLING BAR**, starlingsonoma.com. 19380 Sonoma Highway, 938-7442
Saturday, Feb. 27: John Paul Hodge. 8:30 p.m.

■ **THE REEL AND BRAND**, thereelfishshop.com 401 Grove St. 343-0044
Friday, Feb. 21: Comedy Night, with Jeff Klosek. 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 22: Westside Ramblers. 3 p.m. Saints and Sinners Ball, 8:30 p.m.

■ **TIP'S ROADSIDE**, tips-roadside.com. 8445 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood 509-0078
Sunday, Feb. 23: Brunch and Blues, with Ragtag Sullivan. Noon

■ **VINTAGE HOUSE**, vintagehouse.org. 264 First St. E. 996-0311
Wednesday, Feb. 26: Vintage House Singers (ongoing class). 10 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 26: Ukulele (ongoing class). 1:30 p.m.

6 questions for Graham Edwards

Funk Fatale guitarist a ‘sultan of swing’ for Sonoma

By JAMES MARSHALL BERRY
INDEX-TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

Graham who? If that was your first response, you wouldn't be alone, even within the local musician community. Yet you've likely seen Edwards and his acts play many times here in Sonoma Valley – having played closing night at the Sonoma International Film Festival, numerous winery and club member events and even headlined

My mom took me to my first guitar lesson and after the lesson, the instructor took her aside and said, ‘He probably shouldn’t be playing guitar.’



Graham Edwards’ childhood music instructor questioned his guitar prowess. Luckily, Graham’s mom wasn’t listening.

the City Party last year.

But Edwards is not one to grasp at the spotlight, but surrounds himself with those that do, front people like Mayra Swatt, Kyle Lundstedt, Codi Binkley, Ellen Toscano and David Grohol (not that one).

Edwards grew up on the east coast, New York and the New England area, spent time in Los Angeles and finally made his way to San Francisco in the early 1990s. Music and playing was always part of his life, kinda. Freshly married and knowing his child was going to take up most of his free time, he lamented getting rid of all the music gear but thought, you know, this is something I can do with just me, so the guitars stayed.

Along the way to San Francisco he had a layover in Dallas and was getting his shoes shined, a guy sat down next to him. It happened to be his friend from high school back in New Jersey, David Grohol, with whom he never played music, but tennis, and hadn't seen in years.

Roll the clock forward and they both ended up in San Francisco and would come up to Sonoma, Grohol moving here first followed by Edwards and his wife Sarah who would come up to visit on weekends and, like many before and since, fell in love with the town. They thought: Why don't we just move here? So they did.

But before that, it was visits to Grohol's house to see music on the Plaza at the former Sebastiani tasting room where the first local band he started was cooked up by the duo. While watching the act play they thought, we could do this, so they recorded an acoustic CD and talked their way into a gig, then brought about 80 of their friends from San Francisco with them. Getting an encore performance in the small tasting room was not going to be an issue any longer.

At one of those shows, they were approached to play an out-of-town gig and asked to "bring the whole band." Sure, they said. Only problem was – they didn't have a whole band, and knew literally no one around that they could tap into. So a Craigslist ad produced a rhythm section and Isabel's Basement was born, named after his daughter and the place they practiced at the house in San Francisco. That act rolled into Loosely Covered and since has enjoyed the company of many local musicians, including Scott DeMartini, Bill Nelson and

even yours truly.

Edwards told us about his musical influences and bringing Sonoma some grooves that 'just might kill' us.

Many musicians in our generation cite the Beatles on Ed Sullivan as that moment when they knew music was what they wanted to do. When did you realize you wanted to be a musician?

It was actually two different things. In 1976 I got a record player for Christmas and went out and bought my first record, "One More from the Road," the live Lynyrd Skynyrd album and I played it over and over and over. I didn't know what or how I was going to do it, but I knew I had to do something to be in a band and play that music. This was during the CB radio craze and with that I found some guys in a neighboring town that wanted to jam. We played "Needle and the Spoon" for literally hours and days. I ran into one of the guys a while back. He said his mother still cannot listen to that song.

Your first instrument: What was it and do you still have it?

I don't have it, but it was a Japanese knock off of a Gibson SG. My mom took me to my first guitar lesson and after the lesson, the instructor took her aside and said, "He probably shouldn't be playing guitar." I seemed to be good at organizing bands though so kept playing and I eventually sold that guitar.

Who are your main influences?

Eddie Van Halen, Billy Gibbons, Jimmy Page. When I heard the first

Van Halen album I was blown away, I wanted to know how to play like that, but playing like Billy Gibbons seemed much more attainable, so ZZ Top became a big influence.

What CD or playlist is in your car?

Depends on who's in the car. My daughter and I used to spend a lot of time commuting from Sonoma to San Francisco so we would listen to her music half the time and my music the other half. I would have just listened to classic rock or Classic Vinyl on XM radio, but listening to her music kept me hip to newer music I would have likely never heard.

Tell us about your current acts.

Funk Fatale, the act that did the City Party is the primary act now. It's a dance band and nothing else. The ideas is to have a mash-up of classic and contemporary dance songs, and they must have a groove, hence the bands tagline: "A groove that just might kill ya." Crowd-pleasing dance songs are key, and we usually have a group of go-go dancing girls with us on stage, to help fill up the dance floor.

If you could have written one song, which would it be?

(Without hesitation) "Sultans of Swing" by Dire Straits. To me, it's perfectly crafted musically from start to finish, then factor in the lyrics and it's actually a love song that I really identify with.

For more info on Funk Fatale and where they will be playing, you can find them at funkfatale.com.

Find more local entertainment events at sonomanews.com

Wine Train unveils 2020 Murder Mystery Tour

First dinner theater excursion pulls out of the station on Feb. 22

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The Napa Valley Wine Train announced the 2020 lineup for its Murder Mystery Tour. This year's tour will feature multiple themes and allow passengers to time travel to the 1920s, 1950s and 1980s or dress in special costumes, such as a wizard, witch, bride, groom or a masquerade ball attendee.

Guests solve a murder on the three-hour journey aboard the historic train and are served a multi-course dinner from executive chef Donald Young.

The Murder Mystery Tour was first launched in

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2019. In 2015, Noble House Hotels & Resorts entered into a partnership with Brooks Street, a California-based real estate development and investment company, for the purchase



A killer party: Murder mystery dinner theater boards the Napa Wine Train.

of the Napa Valley Wine Train.

Check-in for the Murder Mystery Tour begins at

5:30 p.m., passengers board at 5:50 p.m., depart at 6:20 p.m., and return to the station at 8:30 p.m.

The first date of the season is Feb. 22.

Tickets start at \$240 per person.

For reservations and more information, visit winetrain.com/events/murder-mystery.

FILM REVIEW

All ‘Downhill’ from here

Remake of Swedish hit is no avalanche of laughs

By KIRK MICHAEL
INDEX-TRIBUNE FILM CRITIC

Although “Parasite” has recently proven audiences can enthusiastically embrace a subtitled film, there is still a tendency to give American audiences their movies in the most easily digestible manner. Given that dubbing is out of fashion, we apparently needed “Downhill,” an English-language remake of the Swedish hit “Force Majeure.” Billie (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) and her overworked husband Pete (Will Ferrell) take a trip to Austria for some schussing with their children, who are phone-addicted drags. Confronted with the majestic mountains all around them, the miserable twerps ask, “Can we just have screen time at the hotel?” While the kids stare at their iPads, their parents medicate the old-fashioned way, slamming drinks at altitude with the sex-addicted owner of the Austrian chalet where they’re staying, Charlotte (Miranda Otto). She insists, “It’s the Ibiza of the Alps!”

After finally enjoying a collective morning on the slopes, the family is sitting in a restaurant when a “controlled avalanche” piles down the mountain and gets awfully close to them. Pete flees the scene, leaving his wife and kids to die. Luckily they are merely dusted with snow — but it doesn’t go over well when Pete saunters back in and orders a soup while the rest of his family is still shaking.

The couple does not immediately discuss the incident but the cracks begin to show — Pete sleeps alone while Billie flirts with a ski instructor. They reluctantly meet up with Pete’s friend from work Zach (Zach Woods) and his partner Rosie (Zoe Chao). The festering tension finally blows up, but the scene is awkward rather than funny (with the possible exception of Zach comparing Pete favorably to a sea cucumber that evacuates its organs through its rectum when under threat.)

Billie taps her foot with impatience as she waits for her husband to apologize while we tap our feet in impatience for something funny to happen. “Downhill” fails to



Things get icy for Billie and Pete in ‘Downhill’ — and it’s not the snow.

DOWNHILL
‘Downhill’ is showing at the Sonoma 9 Cinemas. Rated R. Running time 1:26. Visit cinemavest.com.

match the icy European wit of the original film. While Louis-Dreyfus can summon up the dryness required, Ferrell has perhaps the wettest sense of humor in our cinema. He simply cannot succeed with a script like this.

The work of directors Nat Faxon and Jim Rash has some technical failings as well. Louis-Dreyfus is terribly shot — the film really makes you appreciate the lighting on “Veep”...not to mention the writing on “Veep.”

While watching flat scenes of unlikable, unhappy, and unsympa-

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thetic characters — like a repeated shot of Pete and Billie brushing their teeth in different sinks — you’ll reflect that new screenwriters should have holed up in an Austrian ski lodge for a week to do a total re-write. Maybe then the actors would have had a script worthy of their talents.

STREAMING

‘Honeyland’ hints at humanity’s sticky future



‘Honeyland’ was nominated for two Academy Awards.

Gorgeous documentary an uncanny parable of humankind’s dual natures

By KIRK MICHAEL
INDEX-TRIBUNE FILM CRITIC

If this reviewer had to select one person as an exemplar of humanity it would be Hatidze Muratova, star of the documentary “Honeyland.” She’s a beekeeper in the dramatic landscape of rural northern Macedonia who uses ancient techniques to keep her hives, largely eschewing the equipment you usually see — bee veil, gloves, etc.

She sells her hand-harvested red honey at a distant market and buys her essentials to bring home: medicine, bananas and hair dye. In her rustic accommodations, she shares a loving but rough dialogue with her mother Nazife. They seem to be acting in a forgotten piece by Samuel Beckett set on the Macedonian steppes. Nazife drops lines like, “I’ve become like a tree,” as her daughter tends to a weeping wound on her face.

One day, the nearly abandoned village the women inhabit is descended upon by hapless Turkish hillbillies: a mother and father with a plethora of hilariously foul-mouthed kids. Because he’s


HONEYLAND
‘Honeyland’ is streaming on Hulu. Not rated. Running time 1:27. Visit hulu.com.

a terrible cattle rancher — and a glutton resigned to his own ham-fisted stupidity — the father immediately asks Hatidze to set him up in the apiary business.

This new hive cultivator has the same relationship with preserving honey supplies as do the cartoon bears Baloo and Pooh. He cuts big chunks out of the hives and immediately shovels down mouthfuls of honeycomb until sticky streaks line his face. Soon his get-rich quick bees interfere with Hatidze’s slower cultivation method and calamity ensues.

Directors Tamara Kotevska and Ljubomir Stefanov have made a gorgeous film that doubles as an uncanny parable for the future of the planet. The allegory of environmentalist courage in the face of rapacious capitalism made “Honeyland” a worthwhile nominee in both the Best Documentary and Best International Film Oscar categories.

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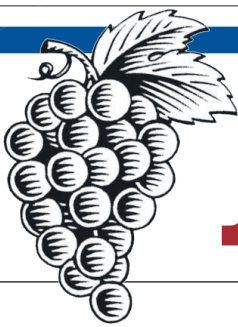
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A Taste of

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wines; the patio becomes the main restaurant, with a wine bar on the patio as well.

Nagan left his photo albums and meat smoker behind so Tucker will smoke meats to make tri-tip and porchetta sandwiches and will feature super seasonal salads with vegetables grown at Kivelstadt's parents' property.

Watch for a real opening April 18 followed by lunch service Thursday through Sunday and brunch eventually.

Kivelstadt says, "This is an investment for my kids. I'm playing the long game here." He can, and he will.

Pho Ha makes chef change and more

While Sonomans often grumble that we need more interesting ethnic restaurants, we also don't necessarily support them when they get here.

A few months ago Kayjay Ha and his big Ha family from Vallejo opened a Vietnamese restaurant called Pho Ha at the Fifth Street West shopping center across from the side of Safeway in the space occupied for decades by Jimmy Ling's Shanghai Restaurant. The Ha family also owns Rainbow Nails Salon in the Fiesta Shopping Center.

Lines of people flocked to Pho Ha to try it, often standing in line for up to an hour. But business has tapered off after the opening rush. And now Pho Ha has reopened after a brief closure. Kayjay

Celebrate Restaurant Week!

Here is your chance to try new restaurant experiences or get a good deal at some of your favorites. Designed as a week to attract business in what traditionally is a slow time for restaurants so they can keep everyone employed and make locals happy, the week of Feb. 21 to March 1 offers some dining bargains. Here are Sonoma Valley restaurants offering meals at \$15 (lunch), \$29, and \$39, plus a new \$5 dessert perk. Contact each restaurant for their menu specials.

Restaurants in Sonoma Valley participating include: Bean & Bottle (The Lodge at Sonoma), Picazo Kitchen & Bar, Sonoma Grille, Reel & Brand, Mary's Pizza Shack, Picazo Café, Las Diablitas Taco Shop, Red Grape, HopMonk Tavern, Fig Café & Wine Bar, Café Citti, Tips Roadside, Palooza Brewery & Gastropub and Salt & Stone.



Local restaurants are jump starting the winter doldrums as part of Restaurant Week, through March 1.

Ha and family have hired new servers and a new chef. They are offering a 10 percent discount and free egg rolls through Feb. 25. Vegetarian and gluten-free dishes available.

With a big "welcome" sign, they are inviting us to try Pho Ha again. We sure will. 565 First St. W., Sonoma. 938-7659. Check phosonoma.com for menu.

driver includes souvenir glass and tastes. Noon to 4 p.m. 21693 Eighth Street East, Sonoma. Adults only. No pets. Eighthstreeteastwineries.com.

Eighth Street East Wineries open house Feb. 29

Next weekend is a chance to taste or purchase bottles of completely local wines at the industrial park where many of them are made on Eighth Street East in Sonoma.

Enkidu, MacLaren, Obisidian, Stone Edge Farm, Talisman, Tin Barn, Ty Caton, and William Knutzel will pour their wines and offer light appetizers to keep people ever so slightly sober. This is a fun event, rain or shine, and one can easily walk or roll between the wineries because they are mostly next to each other. \$45 advance, \$50 at door, \$10 designated

Mayo Family Winery wins

Jeff Mayo and chef John Locher and tasting room manager are ecstatic to announce that the Mayo Family Winery Reserve Room in Kenwood has just rated Number 2 in the Top Ten Best Bay Area Restaurants as voted by Open Table's users.

We are used to St. Francis Winery winning Open Table awards through three different chefs, but this is a first for Mayo Family Winery. The other local winery that is allowed to serve food is Ram's Gate near Sears Point.

Every course of the menu served in the Mayo Kenwood Reserve Room

is paired with Mayo's award-winning wines crafted by former Arrowwood winemaker Michel (Mike) Berthoud, made with fruit from Indian Springs Vineyard, Laurel Hill Vineyard, Rossi Ranch Vineyard, Ricci Vineyard old vines, and Kunde Vineyards.

The menu begins with Dungeness crab and avocado "temaki" hand roll, followed by spring pea bruschetta with preserved lemon oil, cured egg yolk and pine nuts; duck confit pot sticker with garlic soy dipping sauce; Tunisian chicken and couscous with preserved lemon; Korean short rib with Chioggia beet kimchi fried rice; local mushroom ragu with housemade bacon and mascarpone polenta; and housemade ricotta cheesecake with Marcona almonds and Yuzu lemon curd. Call directly for any dietary restrictions or needs. \$75 public, \$35

wine club members and one guest. 9200 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood. Reservations at 833-5504 or chefjohn@mayofamilywinery.com, or opentable.com.

'What's Eating America'

A worthwhile short series of educational food shows kicked off last Sunday night on MSN-BC, hosted by Andrew Zimmern.

Why Andrew Zimmern? A graduate of Vassar College, he is a chef with several television shows who brought himself out of drug addiction to cook and help the world.

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Chili Bowl Express rolls through

The Chili Bowl Express fundraiser for the Sonoma Community Center rolls into town on George Washington’s actual birthday, Saturday, Feb. 22.

Community Center Executive Director John Gurney says both of the daytime seatings are sold out as well as the evening meal, which includes cocktails at 5 p.m. served in a ceramic cup made by local ceramicists and dinner at 6 p.m. Lucky ticket holders get to take the cup home as well as your chili bowl.

After you choose your bowl, you go into the kitchen to select your chili to fill the bowl, all the toppings imaginable, and cornbread made by local bakers.

There will be just as good bowls and chili offered at the evening seating as at the earlier meals.

Chefs who will be making and donating the chili include John McReynolds of Stone Edge Farm, Kathy King and Denise Hazleton of Sonoma Overnight Support, Knights of Columbus, Swiss Hotel, Sonoma Hills Retirement Center, Delicious Dish, Salt & Stone, Tom Jenkins (former owner of Sonoma’s Best), Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa, Picazo Café, Linda Goudy, Epicurean Connection, HopMonk Tavern, Lisa Lavagetto of Ramekins, the Ackerly Sisters of Sonoma Market, Lauren Wayson, Jacob’s Pizza, Girl & the Fig, Wild Thyme Catering & Events and Teen Services. Vegan choices available. Silent auctions, ceramics demonstrations, fundraising and desserts with beer and wine available.

The tickets were \$30 for lunch and \$60 for the evening seating. 276 E. Napa St., Sonoma. Tickets at 938-4626 or sonomacommunitycenter.org.



More chili than you can shake a ladle at: The Chili Bowl Express simmers this weekend at the Community Center.

Food & Wine

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grants, legal and illegal, to the productions and preparation of our food supply. He was joined by the esteemed chef José Andrés, a hugely successful restaurateur who withdrew from Donald Trump’s Washington, D.C. hotel to protest separating parents from children and putting the kids in cages. Andrés’ World Central Kitchen feeds thousands of victims of fire, flood, earthquakes and hurricanes everywhere.

The show reminded us of the ICE raids of chicken-processing plants in the south that led to the deportation of undocumented workers and, in many cases, leaving their children home alone. The disruption at the plants is also said to have created last year’s fried-chicken sandwich shortage at fast-food restaurants.



ROBBI PENGELLY/INDEX-TRIBUNE

A portion of Schellville Grille’s main room will become a tasting room for Kivelstadt wines.

Museum of Art brings back Great Places

On Saturday, Feb. 29 Sonoma Valley Museum of Art (SVMA) resurrects

its elegant Great Places, Great Spaces series of events. The outing is from 6 to 9 p.m. and begins and ends with cocktails and dessert at the home of Mary Jo and Jay Ashe,

featuring their collection of West Coast “funk art,” bookending a buffet dinner next door at the home of Anne and George Mieling among mid-century modern furniture and

heirloom antiques.

Limited to 18 guests at \$250 each.

Future Great Places, Great Spaces include a garden luncheon at John and Gail Diserens’ Stone Barn Farm on Saturday, May 16; Summer Solstice Dinner on Saturday, June 20 at Ken and Cynthia Wornick’s Hydeout Sonoma and Steve and Lori Bush’s Gremlin Farms on Saturday, June 20; a progressive dinner called Norrbom Night to

Remember at the homes of Elaine and Graham Smith, Bob and Siri Berg and Martha Murphy and Jack Leahy with great views from Norrbom Road. And last of the year will be Sunday, Sept. 20 at Hidden Hillside, the sustainable home of Ken Stokes and Dana Simpson-Stokes with substantial hors d’oeuvres and art. Prices for each event vary. More info at 939-7862 or svma.org.

Find more local entertainment events at sonomanews.com

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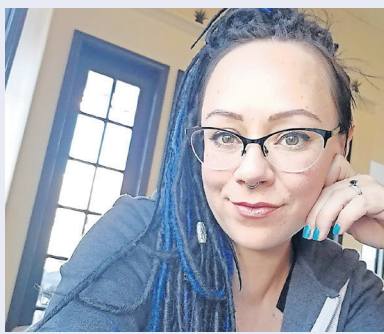
Business news from in and around Sonoma Valley

New makeup artist in town: Treja McClish of Treja Beauty has joined Kristine Gorman's Tarot Art & Tattoo Gallery in the Springs. McClish's services include microblading, powder brows, lip blush, eyeliner, microneedling and tattoo lightening. She starts on March 1.

Hospital upgrades: Sonoma Valley Hospital is moving forward on a "new and modern" cardiology department, including both cosmetic upgrades and the purchase of new equipment. Planned are four new EKG machines, an echo machine, a treadmill and a Pulmonary Function Test (PFT) machine.

Wit & Whimsy update: The new Michael Mina restaurant at the Renaissance Lodge, to be named Wit & Whimsy, is getting close to opening as evidenced by the fact it is hiring now for all positions.

Upgrades: Sonoma Oil Changers and Car Wash at 19295 Highway 12 is sporting a spiffy new paint job.



Treja McClish is opening shop at 17977 Sonoma Highway.

Restaurant week: Restaurants from Valley Ford to the Sonoma Valley will be serving up unique, prix-fixe menus during Sonoma County Restaurant Week, Feb. 21 through March 1. No tickets are required. Simply make a reservation at a participating eatery that's an old favorite or explore a new spot you've been meaning to try. Lunches range from \$10 to \$15; dinners are \$19, \$29 and \$39; pastry perks are \$5. For a list of participating restaurants, go to sonomacounty.com/restaurant-week.

Nonprofit opportunity: If a local nonprofit would like complimentary booth space at LOCALFest 2020 in the Volunteer Sonoma portion of the Expo,

email Carmen@sonomachamber.org for registration information. Space is limited to the first 20 non-profits to respond.

Wine Women: The board of directors of nonprofit Wine Women, elected Nicole Cummings as the new president effective Jan. 1. Cummings is director of human resources at Cakebread Cellars.

City report: The Economic Development Board, in partnership with the City of Sonoma and the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce, has published a 2019 Sonoma City Profile Report. The annual report provides economic information and forecasts for the city of Sonoma. Download it at sonomacity.org/documents/sonoma-city-profile-report.

Food and beverage: North Coast Specialty Food & Beverage Industry Conference is being held at the DoubleTree Wine County from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25. *North Bay Business Journal* will present experts to discuss key issues and trends in the specialty food industry, including executives from Clover Sonoma, Straus Family Creamery and more. Learn more at northbaybusinessjournal.com.

■ REAL ESTATE ■



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BY LORNA SHERIDAN
INDEX-TRIBUNE MANAGING EDITOR

Sonoma Brands Smashmallow subsidiary has launched a new “Smashgummy” offering, which are described as snackable gummy balloons.

The gummies have three grams of sugar and are gluten and GMO free. They are made with organic cane sugar and other natural ingredients – no corn syrup, sugar alcohols, carrageenan, or anything fake or phony. And without nuts, dairy, wheat or soy ingredients.

Each 2.1 ounce bag has two servings and 60 calories a serving.

The gummies have three grams of sugar and are gluten and GMO free.

The gummies are being sold in two varieties. “Fresh Picked” is a medley of strawberry, cherry, orange and peach. “Pucker Up” is a sour mix of watermelon, raspberry, lemon and green apple.

Employees of Sonoma Brands’

freestanding Smashmallow subsidiary occupy the space formerly occupied by Krave Jerky at 117 W. Napa St. They work alongside the Zupa Noma cold soup and Peckish snacking egg brand teams.

Sonoma Brands now has more than 50 employees in Sonoma.

Sonoma Brands is owned and run by Jon Sebastiani, who founded the Krave business in 2009 before selling it to Hershey for \$218 million in 2015.

Smash Gummies are available now on Amazon and at smashmallow.com with a suggested retail price of \$3.29 per bag.



Wine will only be served by the ‘glass’ — or, recyclable drink container — at the 2020 Tuesday farmers market.

Wine partners sought for Tuesday night market

Preference will be given to local Valley wineries

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The Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce is looking for local wineries interested in having their wine poured at the Sonoma Plaza Tuesday Night Market.

The City of Sonoma has contracted the Chamber to conduct beer and wine sales at the weekly event. They are seeking wineries that can offer approximately four cases of wine for one or more weeks of the event, hopefully providing a small variety (such as two reds

and two whites) of options for event attendees.

There is a small amount budgeted to compensate participating wineries for the wine. Although not required, participating wineries can have a staff member attend to share information about the wines being poured if desired.

Preference will be given to local Sonoma Valley wineries. The number of wineries chosen for the 2020 market season will depend on the number of applicants.

For more information or to express interest in participating, email mark@sonomachamber.org.

New event rental company opens in Sonoma

Brittany Bijan sources items from around the world

By LORNA SHERIDAN
INDEX-TRIBUNE MANAGING EDITOR

The Copper Rose, a Sonoma-based design and rental house, is slated to open its showroom on March 15. The space for event planners, brides, caterers, florists, entertainers and others, will house a collection of artisan and vintage furniture, decor, lighting, textiles and design accessories.

Located in the Carneros Business Park, the new warehouse and showroom is neighbor to a growing creative community in the area, including the likes of Ganau America, Fletcher Rhodes and Free Flow Wines.

Created by event planner and designer, Brittany

Bijan, the Copper Rose collection features hand-carved pieces from Morocco, rattan furniture from Bali, and vintage furniture from France and aims to add a unique and globally-inspired aesthetic to parties, weddings, and corporate events and retreats.

“As an event planner, I was always on the lookout for specific items that I couldn’t find on the rental market, but was dreaming about having in order to create certain moods and environments,” said Bijan. “As I was working with my clients, I imagined pieces from around the world, sourced to fill this need and provide other artists

with even more tools to create beauty. Bringing this vision to life has been a

the showroom and warehouse, off Eighth Street East at 21950 Carneros

Lake Lane, will take place on Saturday, April 4 and will feature live entertainment, craft cocktails, Neapolitan pizzas and small bites

Visit thecopperrose.com online and @thecopperrosecollection on social media.

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Pennigas: Summertime in Glen Ellen and the living was easy



Notes from Glen Ellen
BJ Blanchard

A look back at summers past in Sonoma Creek

This past week’s interlude of unseasonal warmth is a reminder that there will, indeed, be spring around the corner, and even summer coming our way.

That thought brings to mind summers past in Sonoma Creek. For years, San Franciscans traveled up by Southern Pacific railroad, were dropped at the Warfield Station (at the curve of present day Arnold and Highway 12), or arrived by Northwestern Pacific Railroad near the present-day post office, and escorted by spring wagon to the many resorts around Glen Ellen for the weekend. There were many – Castle Cozy, London-side (on the creek half way up Warm Springs by the flashing yellow light), Cambou’s “Rocky Terrace” resort (where Olea is now), the Mervyn Hotel, (on the banks of the creek by the town bridge), the Chauvet Hotel, Waldruhe Resort on Sonoma Mountain and many more. Homes were \$2 per night. Many city people camped under the stars on the banks of Sonoma Creek or at local campgrounds, which advertised “an abundance of shade, fishing, bathing, other attractions for campers.”

Part of the lure for these sightseers and locals alike, was swimming in the full, clear creeks on a hot summer’s day. One swimming hole in particular is remembered by Glen Ellen people of a certain age, with the unlikely name of “Pennigas” on Sonoma Creek.

Down a steep dusty bank off Arnold Drive on a curve midway between Chauvet and Hill roads, you can almost still see the trail



A look back in time at the Londonside Resort in Glen Ellen.



A couple wading in Sonoma Creek.

down to the creek trod for years by local youngsters. This blackberry-entangled access trail ran down the bank to a large, wide, shady swimming hole which locals called Pennigas. It was dug out under a tangled mass of a root ball at the confluence of a small tributary called Kohler Creek that runs during the rainy season and was deep and wide in summertime with a sandy beach on the east bank.

Gary Richmond who was raised on O’Donnell Lane in the 1950s and ‘60s, swam there as a kid and remembers the original rope swing attached to a hovering alder branch

suspended out over the water. Gary remembers there were “trout, crawdads, turtles and frogs, lamprey and blue gill, and yearly steelhead runs” in those clean waters. He remembers there were “deer drinking at that pool and blue herons fishing for minnows in the shallows, using the creek as a flyway.”

In the 1930s and ‘40s, remembered Jim Berkland in “Childhood Memories of Glen Ellen,” daring kids dove for crawdads at Pennigas. He told how he would catch handfuls of crawdads and haul bucketloads back into town and sell them for one cent apiece in front of

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the saloon. Delicious, apparently, when simmered with bay leaves.

Steven Lee, who swam there as a kid in the 1960s, suggests the Pennigas name was probably a modification of the name Pendergast since a family by that surname used to own property near the site. “The name Pennigas most likely evolved from what was likely the ‘Pendergast swimming hole,’” Steve said.

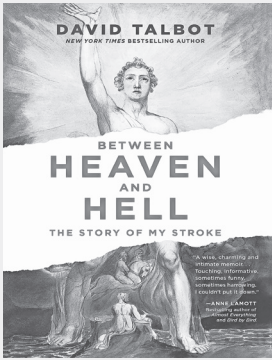
No more than a stony bend in the creek channel now, Pennigas is a pleasing reminiscence of a former Glen Ellen.

Tilden Dakin (1876-1935), an early California Impressionist painter of that period and friend of Jack London, captured in oils the sweet serenity of those shady grottoes. You can almost smell that cool, moist summer-creek smell in his rendition titled “On the Banks of the River.”

By the way, have you noticed the Dunbar daffodils are up and shining!?

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