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## California fully reopening June 15

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As California reaches 20 million vaccinations, Governor Gavin Newsom has aimed to fully reopen the state on June 15. However; hospitalization rates must stay low and vaccination rates high in order for this to occur. Moreover, face coverings and vaccinations will continue. Here's what you need to know.

California has surpassed a major milestone in the fight against COVID-19, administering more than 20 million vaccine doses, including four million in the hardest-hit communities, and hospitalizations are continuing to steadily decline. In order to accomplish his goal, Newsom states that a sufficient vaccine supply for 16+ years and older and stable, low hospitalizations are needed. Newsom explained, "We need to remain vigilant and continue public health prevention measures—like wearing masks when appropriate and getting vaccinated—but the light at the end of this tunnel has never been brighter,"

Lifting all the bans on June 15 means that it reopens the economy, bringing back much needed jobs and money. Schools and institutions of higher education can also conduct full-time, in-person in-



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Fully vaccinated people celebrating under the new CDC guidelines at Spark Social SF.

struction in compliance with state and federal health guidelines. With the new guidelines, nonessential trips are still discouraged, and there is a recommendation that Californians do not travel more than 120 miles

from their place of residence. Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Trinity counties all joined the least restrictive yellow tier, meaning that hair salons, malls, limited food court capacity, nail salons,

movie theaters 50% capacity, hotels, gyms open indoors at 50% capacity, plus saunas, spas, steam rooms, and indoor pools can reopen. Restaurants can open indoors at 50% capacity, Family entertainment centers

open indoors at 50% capacity including arcades, ice skating, roller skating, and indoor playgrounds. With California taking every precaution, making sure ages 16 and up are vaccinated, monitoring hospitals and Covid testings, everything listed above is allowed to open indoors with modifications, social distancing, and following the mask mandate until further notice.

Newsom highlighted, "I'm expecting by June 15 substantially to reopen this economy again. We're at a 1.7% positivity rate today, we have 23 million people vaccinated, there'll be over 30 million people vaccinated just in a number of weeks ... by August, everybody who wants a vaccine will have had a chance to have a vaccine." The CDC continues to advise wearing a mask when in an indoors public setting or when visiting indoors with unvaccinated people from multiple households. The CDC also continues to recommend avoiding "large-sized in-person gatherings." While many are excited to see things reopen, others, like Terra Nova junior Buddy Vaughn, have expressed concern about opening wide. "I am slightly hesitant towards the idea. I know our vaccination numbers are doing okay but I don't think we're quite ready to open everything up completely," Vaughn said.

## India faces a medical crisis from COVID-19

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India has hit a global record of cases with over 400,000 new cases per day, and experts believe this is likely a vast undercount.

India's capital, New Delhi, is facing a positivity rate of 36%, meaning that one out of every three people who gets tested for COVID-19 are positive. As recently as March, it was less than 3%.

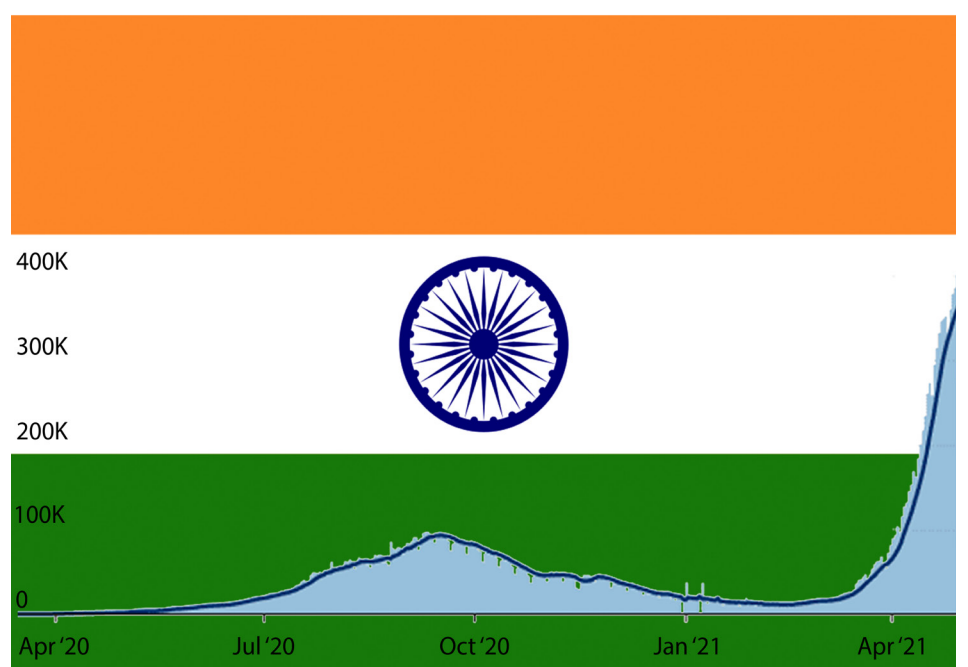
India's healthcare system is unequipped to handle the recent surge, causing sick people to be turned away by the thousands. ICU beds are full, medicine is running out, and oxygen tanks are scarce. "In Delhi, at least 3,000 people went to funerals in the last week," said Max Rodenbeck, South Asia Bureau Chief for The Economist, on Monday. "There is one crematorium in Delhi, which is a big land in the park, and (it is) building 100 new funeral pyres ... This, is again, in India's biggest city with the most attention. What happens beyond Delhi is pretty awful." Currently, less than 2% of India's population has been vaccinated against COVID-19.

India's devastating and sudden surge

is likely to have been caused by a number of factors. Once COVID-19 cases stabilized after its first spike, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi lifted nearly all restrictions. The public narrative around COVID-19 allowed people to resume their pre-pandemic lifestyle, which was not conducive to keeping their low case count. This, along with a new highly contagious variant, allowed for the perfect storm. Scientists believe that the B.1.1.7 variant first found in Britain is to blame for India's second wave.

"In order to stop this pandemic, we have to vaccinate the whole world," Michael Diamond, a viral immunologist at Washington University in St. Louis said in an interview with New York Times. "There will be new waves of infection over and over again unless we vaccinate at a global scale." Experts warn that with vaccines in short supply, variants could continue to evolve and possibly make vaccines less effective.

The UK, Italy, and Germany committed to send medical equipment to India last week, and Russian planes have already taken off for New Delhi with medicine, monitors and ventilators. The U.S. plans to lift the ban on sending raw mate-



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India is in their second COVID-19 surge with many cases going uncounted

rials abroad, which would enable India to make more of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

"That's the reason why we and other rich countries have to exert what I think is a moral responsibility to help the rest of the world get this under con-

trol," Dr. Fauci said. "A year from now we'll be in really much better shape than we are now, but there'll be other countries that won't be. The quicker we get the rest of the world protected, the more secure will our protection be."

# Class of 2021 to graduate in person

By Matthew Lim  
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Last year, as the pandemic descended suddenly on the world and the Class of 2020, former superintendent of Jefferson Union High School District, Terry Deloria, implemented sweeping changes that inevitably affected Terra Nova's graduation plan as well. In this statement, she included a huge revision to how graduation proceedings worked, stating, "Based on all of this information, Seniors did not vote for virtual graduation, and I know many people in the community were hoping for a different outcome. We heard that, and we are grieving with you." Thanks to widespread vaccinations and declining Covid cases, graduation this year is likely to turn out differently, but only if things keep getting better. As it stands now, graduation will be in person for students, although how many guests each student can invite will be somewhat of a last-minute decision. Principal Megan Carey outlined the ba-



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Some will throw their caps in person, while others applaud from home.

sic steps needed in order for graduation to get as close to "normal" as possible. "So right now, we're following specific guidance from the state and the county... the capacity of graduation depends on the color scale (a color coded measurement of the potential risk of infection)

that we're in," she said. Right now, San Mateo County is in the orange (moderate) tier. When asked on how graduation will change over time, Principal Carey explained that it was solely based on the color scale (although other factors may affect it). "It's solely dependent on San

Mateo County's tier. It's all about capacity... Graduation is an outdoor event, so there are specific state guidelines... [As vaccines roll out] our rates are getting better, but the rate of people getting vaccinated isn't a big data point."

To accommodate safety precautions and everyone's desire to see their graduate cross the stage, this year's event will be livestreamed.

"It was online last time, too, so this time, it's being streamed live. I think it's great; not everyone's able to travel right now, so I believe [especially for] families that are struggling this year, it's good for them to be able to experience graduation online," said Mrs. Carey.

While not many people might be able attend graduation in person, it is clear that the livestream will provide an opportunity for many parents and relatives to experience the entire ceremony safely. As of right now, the comprehensive plan for graduation will likely be a mixture of in-person and online, with the proper precautions being taken in order to follow COVID guidelines.

# Prom may be out, but "Mask and Mingle" is in

By Leila Eliares  
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While this year has been anything but normal, TN is still endeavoring to keep up with the high school tradition of prom. However, due to the current state of COVID-19 guidelines, things will be looking more than a little different with the Mask and Mingle event for seniors.

Happening on May 22 in Terra Nova's Old Quad, this prom substitute still guarantees lots of memory-making for all seniors, and the price tag is perfect: free. This event is calls for "creative black tie" dress code, meaning it is still

formal to semi-formal. Best-dressed outfits are welcome.

Senior class president Sarah Alderson said, "There will be a taco and churro truck, and outdoor games for you and your friends...It's been a crazy year, but I guarantee this is a good way to end it!"

Unfortunately, there is no dancing allowed for the Mask and Mingle due to Covid-19 safety precautions. Khri Glenn Garino (12) said, "Senior year was basically robbed from us, and it's honestly better than nothing. It's an event I get to spend with my peers before graduation and I hope it's a memorable one."

Even though several changes have been made, seniors are

still excited for this upcoming event. "I'm going to go because I've always wanted to go to prom," Senior Daniela Barajas said. "It'll somewhat make up for our crappy senior year." Anna Julian (12) added, "I feel great about the Mask and Mingle! I'm super excited to see everyone because we haven't really gotten to see one another this year...I hope that everyone shows up — me and my fellow leadership students put a lot of hard work into it."

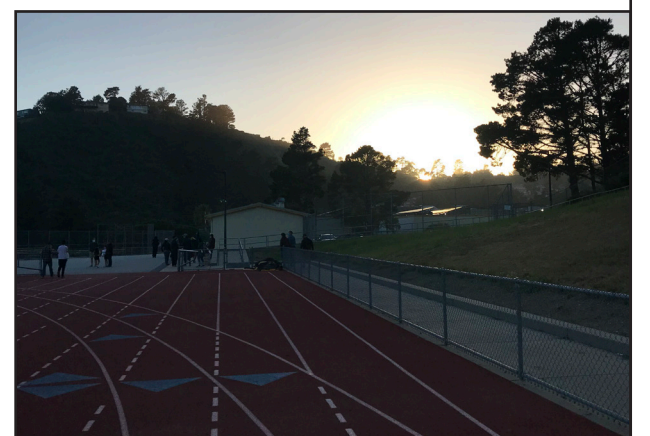
Many seniors are looking forward to this event as a way of going out on a bang. This year definitely wasn't the greatest, but that won't stop TN from creating something worth remembering.



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Daniela Barajas (12) is ecstatic about the Mask and Mingle

## What is going on around campus?



L-R top: Track holds its meet in the fog; In-person school means you can actually get to the throwing wheel; Art students get to work in person. L-R bottom: lots to do backstage; Riley, Daniela, Nicole, and Shannon form a literal break-out room; Sunset after a recent soccer game.

# Harry and Meghan speak out

By *Natasha Valdez*  
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You've probably heard of the British Royal Family, which has reigned for 39 generations over 1209 years. One of Queen Elizabeth II's grandchildren, Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, married to American actress Meghan Markle in 2018. Last year, Prince Harry and Meghan announced that they are taking a "step back" from their roles as "senior members" of Britain's royal family. The question is why?

Media mogul Oprah Winfrey interviewed Meghan and Harry about their departure, which aired on Mar. 7. As the interview went on, Meghan touched on many points, such as her mental health and the systemic racism rooted in the monarchy.

There hasn't been much change in the royal family for generations, although media scrutiny has intensified, causing a great deal of stress, especially for Meghan. Prince Harry's



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Meghan (lower left) and Prince Harry have come under fire recently.

mother, the late Princess Diana, was the only member of the royal family besides Meghan to

publicly speak about her mental health after living in the media spotlight; she spoke about her

mental health, depression, and bulimia. Unfortunately, the system has not changed in order to protect Meghan or other members of the royal family. Furthermore, Meghan told Oprah that she heard lies and rumors about her in the media, and the royal family failed to address the rumors, causing intense criticism to fall on Meghan. She told Oprah, "I just didn't want to be alive anymore. And that was very clear and real and frightening."

Meghan touched on other sensitive topics such as racism within and outside of the family. Meghan is mixed-race — her father is white and her mother is African American. When news broke that Prince Harry and Meghan were dating, publications were quick to refer to Meghan in racist terms, with one tabloid columnist referring to her "exotic" DNA, and another stating, "Daily Star headline asked whether Harry would 'marry into gangster royalty.'"

It intensified after she became

pregnant with Archie. She explained, "In those months when I was pregnant...we had in tandem the conversation of 'you won't be given security,' 'not going to be given a title, and also concerns and conversations about how dark his skin might be when he's born.'"

Queen Elizabeth II is the queen of several Commonwealth realms in which the population is predominantly Black. Therefore, the racism against Meghan, whether from the institution or the royal family itself, puts the Queen under scrutiny.

Queen Elizabeth issued a statement shortly after Oprah's interview: "The whole family is saddened to learn that the full extent of how challenging the last few years have been for Harry and Meghan. The issues raised, particularly that of race, are concerning. While some recollections may vary, they are taken seriously and will be addressed by the family privately. Harry, Meghan, and Archie will always be much loved family members."

## Gina Carano fired from "The Mandalorian"

By *Matthew Lim*  
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In a Disney shareholder meeting on Mar. 8, questions about Gina Carano (best known for portraying Cara Dune in Star Wars series "The Mandalorian") were raised, specifically about her being fired, according to a report from Deadline, which stated that one of the shareholders had asked a question concerning the "Disney blacklist," specifically referring to the decision by the company to fire Carano, and comparing that to the actions of Pedro Pascal, due to the fact that both actors cited Nazi Germany within controversial statements that they had posted to Twitter.

In response, Disney CEO Bob Chapek stated that he believes Disney stands "for values that are universal: respect, decency, integrity and inclusion and we seek to have the content that we make reflective of the rich diversity of the world we live in. And I think that's a world we should all live in harmony and peace." He also characterized Disney as neither "left-leaning or right-leaning," responding to a question about Disney's potential bias in firing Carano.

Carano was originally fired in February 2021 due to one



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particular post in a series of controversial statements on her social media. The post in question depicted graphic imagery of a Jewish woman being beaten up by children in Germany, with a caption stating that "Because history is edited, most people today don't realize that to get to the point where Nazi soldiers could easily round up thousands of Jews, the government first made their own neighbors hate them simply for being Jews." Carano has also publicly criticized the Black Lives Matter movement, the usage of masks during the pandemic, and made fun of gender pronouns within social media bios.

Comparisons to actor Pedro Pascal from the shareholder meeting come from a tweet that the actor had made in 2018, in which he criticized American immigration policies and compared them to the concentration camps in Germany, coupled with the hashtag "#ThisIsAmerica." Pascal was not censured.

In an interview with conservative commentator Ben Shapiro, Carano said that executives "had a problem because I wasn't going along with the narrative." She also added that she was prepared for her firing, citing her experiences with other people who have been let go due to similar circumstances. As of now, Carano will not be appearing in any future content related to the Mandalorian, its production company Lucasfilm, nor Disney.

## What is Parler and why was it shut down earlier this year?

By *Danrick Jamora*  
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Former president Donald Trump has announced that he would create his own social media service and has recently opened a website dedicated to his campaign at 45office.com. This happened after Trump was banned from multiple social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Parler, a social media forum that is mainly conservative, has reopened, but this time based on their own servers. This means that they no longer require Amazon to host their application.

After the insurrection at the capitol in January, 2021, political tensions flared, and many popular social media sites banned Donald Trump, citing his vari-

ous inflammatory statements leading up to the events on Jan. 6. With right-wing extremists also removed from the apps, Parler rose as a censorship-free alternative to the mainstream social media apps.

Parler was launched in 2018, and although it only had a small user base, the advocacy for the app by conservative figures caused the numbers to steadily grow, reaching around 400,000 users in 2019. At that point, the popularity of Twitter still kept most conservative figures on the app, but Parler continued to be touted as a backup platform by conservative figureheads in case of a mass exodus of accounts. In 2020, Parler grew massively, following Twitter's warnings of false data and tagging some of Trump's posts with "Misleading Information." The internet saw a big push to join more "open and free" services, such

as Parler, 4chan, 8chan, and Gab. These alt-tech services have no sort of censorship, which allows for the blatantly racist, anti-Semitic and overall uncouth behavior of users. In 2021, the user growth of Parler had reached its highest level, following the removal of Donald Trump's accounts from Twitter, along with those of other right-wing figures.

This even bigger move to Parler brought more attention from the media; so many people began to join that the servers couldn't keep up with demand. With more users, the mainstream media services began their investigations into Parler and found an absolute mess, festering with hate, violence, and threats towards individuals such as Mike Pence. Since Parler was completely uncensored, there was one way the hate speech could be curbed: by shutting the



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servers down directly. The Parler servers were not hacked or attacked by a foreign entity, but their host, Amazon Web Service servers, decided to stop giving their server space to Parler for contributing to the violence in the capitol.

# Basketball returns to Terra Nova

By Miguel Valdes  
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On Feb. 23, the JUHSD Board of Trustees voted to allow season 2 sports to return to campus, including basketball. The boy's varsity team has only two returning players from the senior-filled team last season. With that, five juniors and two sophomores will be playing their first year on varsity this year.

Head coach Kenny Milch said, "It's great to be back. We have a pretty talented and young group of guys this year, so it's going to be a lot of learning. But I'm super excited about their potential as the season goes along. Thanks to our board members and all the parent volunteers, this is all possible. I'm really looking forward to a fun and safe season."

The team had its first game on April 26 against El Camino, and they, fortunately, took the win in a nail-biter. Varsity sophomore Dylan Uter said, "I'm happy we're back and playing. I missed being able to play on an indoor court. Our last game was a close one, but we pulled out with the win, so that's the important thing. We have a lot of work to do if we wanna win our

division, but I'm sure we can do it."

In order to keep the team safe, basketball has to test weekly at Terra Nova on Saturdays, and they are required to wear masks at all times, even when playing. Athletes have their temperatures checked before entering the gym, and complete a daily health screening form before entering campus, just like every other sport. As for games, all games are subject to change. All players must test negative to be able to play.

Games this year will be played on Mondays, once per week, for around five weeks. This ensures nobody tests positive between Saturday and Monday.

Joshua Ababseh, a junior on varsity, said, "It's definitely weird this season. We get tested on Saturdays at 9 am, and we get our temperatures checked before entering the gym. The coaches have done a good job of making sure everyone stays safe. The weirdest thing for me is the masks while playing. I don't mind the mask, but it's just annoying having it on my face while I'm running and sweating everywhere. Although I'm not complaining — I'm just happy to be back."

Back indeed, as the boy's varsity team is now 3-0 and will hope to continue their undefeated streak throughout the year.



Karen Valdes

Miguel Valdes, #11, getting quadruple covered in practice, takes a shot.



Courtesy of Anna Steinberg

The girls are thrilled to be back together in the pool.

## TN water polo is back at it

By Miguel Valdes  
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With high school sports well underway at Terra Nova, we look at Terra Nova's girl's water polo team. Although water polo is a fall sport, they were one of the sports allowed to restart this spring. They will be able to have their regular season and compete in all games scheduled if nobody tests positive, of course. For guidelines, it is the same as every other sport at Terra Nova with temperature checks, weekly Covid tests, health screening forms, etc.

The girl's coach Don Potter said, "Teams are not the same. Fewer students are going out for teams because students have to make choices on what sport they will play. Also, I've noticed a lot of kids got jobs during COVID, and now

they don't want to give up their jobs now that sports have started. This is the first year I've had trouble getting a full JV and varsity team." This year will have a very similar schedule to a typical season, except there are no Saturday practices. With all six permitted sports starting at once, water polo saw a good size drop in numbers.

The coaches were not the only ones who had things to say about how the pandemic changed how water polo operates. Crystal Melton, a junior on varsity, said, "Being back in water polo is so much fun and feels good, but is pretty different this year; we are getting tested weekly, and knowing people won't watch our games is so weird. But I am very excited."

Sophie Byrne, also a junior on varsity, said, "It's been good to be back. The way they have scheduled practices does not take away

or interfere with much of our day."

Kiana Meyers, a sophomore on the girl's team, said, "I think the opportunity to play sports during this tough time is super cool and helps make life feel more normal. Once we get in the pool, the only thing we have to focus on is playing the game, and that is a pretty cool feeling."

All in all, the girl's water polo team is glad to be back playing sports and seeing friends. Spectators are not allowed for the games, but most players are optimistic, mainly because San Mateo County has a good chance of soon entering the yellow tier. Although no one can watch in person, coaches have tried live streaming games via Facebook Live. It takes an all-around effort to keep everyone safe and ready to play, and the girl's water polo team is up to the challenge.

## Everything you need to know about the rise and fall of Super League

By Miles Palmer  
Times staff writer

The sports world was almost broken into shambles this past month when some of the most elite teams in soccer tried to form their own league. However, the chaos was short lived, and normality was shortly restored.

Many wealthy teams worldwide formed the "Super League," a European soccer league with the top teams. Some of the best teams worldwide compete in Europe's top leagues, including the Champions League, English Premier League, and Spanish Liga. With the loss of their top teams, these leagues would lose a significant sum of money. They would not be able to compete with the Super League and other teams in leagues.



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Protests erupted around Europe after the formation of the Super League.

All the good players would go to the Super League to sign a contract with more money.

Fans, players, and celebrities were against the new league. The United Kingdom's Prime Minister Boris Johnson spoke out against the Super League.

"We should drop a legislative bomb to stop it — and we should do it now," Johnson fiercely stated. Countless fans expressed dismay and outrage, leading to huge protests throughout the Continent. Protests were held in European cities to

show those at the top how the new league was viewed. Thousands gathered with signs, yelling out their feelings in anger. If this seems like an overreaction to you, you might not be a soccer superfan. For soccer fans in the UK, your local club is like your extended family, and seeing everything overturned felt like an epic betrayal to fans. Soccer fan Kevin Lorenzillo (11) said, "I think it would be very stupid and unfair...The other leagues would not be able to stay up for much longer. Also, many smaller cities have teams, and I don't think it is fair for the fans to have to lose their team so these rich teams can make even more money."

In the face of the outrage, teams began to withdraw from the league, leading to its collapse. The downfall of the Super League was among the wildest things to happen in sports history.

# S.F. museums during the pandemic

By Maya Orsi  
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Museums help us explore historical art, read new discoveries, and admire different cultures. Lucky for us, San Francisco is home to countless museums that have entertained and inspired people of all ages. The pandemic forced many of the exhibits to close to ensure the safety of the staff and the public, but as vaccinations are increasingly available, museums are opening with new precautions in place and a whole lot for us to see.

Many museums are resistant to opening because of potential crowds and the high risk visitors. Laura Itzkowitz from Architectural Digest wrote, "The International Committee for Museums and Collections of Modern Art ... shared a list of best practices for museums to adhere to in the post-coronavirus world, based on precautions taken by the National Gallery of



Courtesy of Talia Rosen

Talia Rosen (12) visiting the de Young Museum in S.F.

Singapore, M+ Hong Kong, and the Mori Art Museum in Tokyo. The guidelines include tempera-

wear masks and stay at least a meter apart from one another."

The Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco (FAMSF), along with its Golden Gate Park neighbors, the de Young Museum and Legion of Honor, are all working on safe ways to invite visitors back inside the exhibits. FAMSF staff member Shaquille said, "At a high level we've reduced our capacity to 25%, have installed hand sanitizing stations across the museum, and enforce mask usage and social distancing while on site."

As the doors on art museums open up, the current exhibits are impressive, shining light on important historical artists. Shaquille said, "Right now we have two major exhibitions on view. Calder-Picasso ... [and] Frida Kahlo: Appearances Can Be Deceiving." She continued on to describe the best way to support Bay Area museums, "Come and visit us! You can also buy a membership, which helps to support our collections."

The Bay Area also features numerous museums with outdoor exhibits, easily accessible and safe for those concerned for their health. Art and travel journalist Aiden Goultra from The Culture Trip wrote, "The Yerba Buena Gardens are an integration between the surrounding modern architecture, nature, and sculpture. While the green hosts regular cultural events, artworks that are probably taken for granted adorn the walkways, such as: the Martin Luther King Memorial, the Ohlone Memorial and the Sisters Garden." The piece continued on to suggest other outdoor exhibits such as The Palace of Fine Arts and the Chabot Space and Science Museum in Oakland.

Other well known museums, like the Exploratorium, are waiting for Covid-19 cases to decrease more before opening their attractions to the public, but with San Francisco now in the least restrictive yellow tier, that will happen soon.

## Bay Area is home to numerous rising artists

By Natasha Valdez  
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The Bay Area is known for its amazing food, music, diversity, and beautiful landmarks. Such an environment provides a creative space for local artists to thrive in making art, whether it be music, paintings, dance, photography, cinematography, or fashion. Here are a few of our fantastic locals.

Social media platforms give small creatives a platform to share their art. Alorah Lexi San Juan is a Bay Area artist, specifically from Berkeley, with a passion for painting. San Juan is a twenty year old, full-time college student that began to share her beautiful pieces with others on Instagram (@alorahlexxi) during her senior year of high school. She shared her artwork, followed by commissioned custom pieces, often described as surreal and abstract. Not only that, but she is also tapping into new ways to showcase her work through hand-painted tote bags for her concept/brand: "Ethereal."

Ethereal is a small brand of San



Courtesy of Alorah Lexi

Alorah Lexi (@alorahlexxi) with just some of her creative works of art.

Juan's that represents the beauty, love, and soul that equates as heavenly and celestial. This brand acknowledges the vulnerability and power of the psyche that live in harmony with one another to make us who we are. Chelsey Salas is a Chicana artist from the Bay Area raised in the small

town of Pinole, California. Salas uses painting as a way to express emotions that are difficult to convey with words. She mentioned that day-to-day life is a huge inspiration when it comes to her artwork, stating, "Something as simple as the cartoons I watch in the morning or the grey days of October. Spending time with friends and family always fills me with inspiration as well. The colors I see, the flowers that bloom and the music I listen to, the conversations I have, especially the love I feel." Her artwork is conceptual and dreamlike, with pops of bold colors throughout.

Last, but certainly not least, is Tracy Wu, who was born in Portland, Oregon, but grew up in the Bay Area. Her passion for painting was clear from a young age, as she even did a few years of art lessons. Wu started to create and paint in her free time, and eventually moved onto creating art for friends birthdays, proposals, anniversaries, and more. Wu said, "I love painting because I think of my paintings as my customer's story and love to portray them as best as I can in the most unique way."

## Bizarre news

By Luke Avery  
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This week's edition of bizarre news is coming at you quick to end off this season of wild thrills. We have some heavy-hitters regarding undercover animal yakuza, Alpaca-farm embezzlement, and British milk mishaps.

A brave sting operation pulled off in Tehachapi California by local Cinda Mickols exposed twenty condors' criminal enterprise. Mickols reported that a group of these birds came by two weeks ago to scope the place out and have been destroy-

ing her house ever since. Condors, which were almost by the 1980's, had to claw their way back to the few hundred population they have now, and are used to breaking the rules. The Condor Criminals completely trashed her backyard terrace, breaking windows, porches, hot tubs, and anything else they could get their claws on. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommended the giant birds be sprayed with water as punishment for their unruly display, but I'm sure whether or not we agree with the fine, we are all glad these avian criminals have been "washed" off our streets.

Another criminal has been caught all the way on the other side of the United states, as Dana McIntyre committed wire fraud and embezzlement for some questionable reasons. The Boston Branch of the U.S attorney's office claims that McIntyre illegally received \$660,000 of Covid-19 relief money after lying on corporate loan forms. The Boston resident claimed to have 45 more employees than he did to receive a hefty small business loan, but upon receiving it, things took a turn. McIntyre immediately sold his pizza restaurant in exchange for an Alpaca farm, and

bought a weekly podcast about crypto currency, where he allegedly told viewers to send Alpaca Coin "to the moon."

To wrap up for the 2020-2021 season, we bring you...British milk river. The accidental spin-off to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, a Welsh river is flooded with thousands of gallons of milk. A dairy tanker holding 75,000 gallons of milk tipped over in the River Dulais, causing the usually crystal clear water to turn a murky white. Although cats everywhere rejoiced as the waters ran milky, dairy connoisseurs shed a silent tear for the succulent, bovine goodness

washed slowly to sea. The Wales Natural Resources department reported "significant discoloration" and will be reporting on the disruption to local wildlife because of this cowtastrophe.

As they always do, all good things must come to an end, and so sadly I must be announcing the end of bizarre news for this year. We had a good run, but it's time to call it quits, as I am retiring in the summer from my illustrious position and will be moving on to new beginnings. I will be passing on the mantle of Head Chief CEO of bizarre news, so I'll sign off with "Stay bizarre, my friends. Stay bizarre."

# The do's and don'ts of moving out

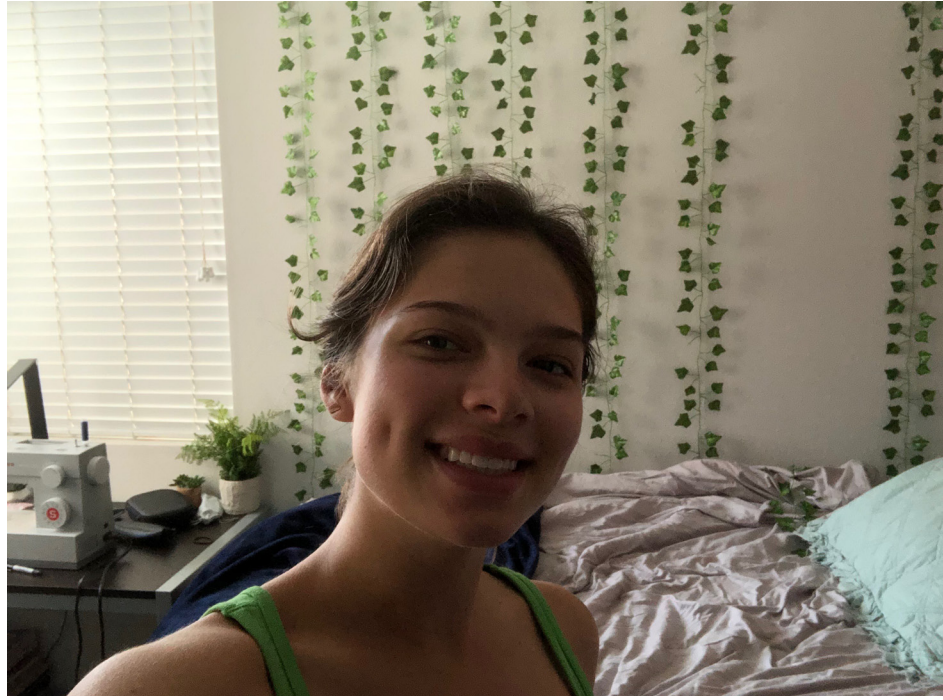
By Katalina Huazano  
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Life after high school can be exciting, but also scary. If you go away to college, then the list of things you need is extensive, but luckily for you, there are students who have gone through it and are here to give you advice about what they wish they knew.

**Essentials:** To keep your new living space tidy, many recommended being minimal, but bring cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, hangers, plastic storage bins (for under your bed), air freshener, and a shower and bedside carrier.

For your desk, have extension cords, long phone chargers, a lamp, and a printer if possible. As for the “kitchen” supplies, a water filter, microwave and mini fridge (if possible) are crucial. Bring posters, a mirror, wall decor, photos, and be sure to use Command Hooks. Some extra things students recommended were a speaker, two sets of sheets, sunscreen, Ibuprofen, Tums, flip flops, a fan/heater, and an outside blanket to sit on.

**Nonessentials:** Skip the iron and ironing board, coffee maker and tea kettle, an excessive amount of clothes, dishes



Courtesy of Lia Warnke

**Lia loves her new living situation at Chico State.**

and utensils, and unless you have your own kitchen, skip pots or pans.

**Advice:** Take advantage of what your school has to offer, TN and San Diego State alumni Cecily Ma said. “Your

school probably has some type of free health clinic...use it because you're paying for it. If you ever find yourself in a position where you can't afford to live on campus anymore, do some deep digging

and you will probably find a bunch of economic crisis response type services your school has but for some reason doesn't advertise,” Ma said. TN and UCLA graduate Fudda Abaseh (grad TN '17) noted, “Go to office hours because professors appreciate it and like to help students who show they care about the material.”

Make sure to put yourself out there and make friends. TN alumni Hannah Besedin, who attends University of Arizona, said, “Be picky about who you choose to be friends with, make sure to surround yourself with similar morals, ambitions, and lifestyles.” TN grad Carney Morrow, who attends Dominican, said, “Even though it might take some time, you will find your people and the place you belong! Sometimes roommates end up becoming your closest friends and sometimes they're simply people you live with...both are completely okay, and totally normal!”

Overall, Lia Warnke, who attends Chico State and graduated from TN in 2020, said, “Move out! It's one of the best ways to grow and learn about yourself. Even if you are nervous or not excited, you will learn so much and probably love it. Take the opportunity to be independent!”

## Yes, you should get a part-time job in college

By Luke Avery  
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For many students preparing to go to a four-year college, the question of how to pay the tuition price is a daunting task. Scholarships, grants, and financial aid help, but many have to take out loans and end up in large sums of student debt. A great solution to this problem is a part-time job, because the average part-time minimum wage job in California can usually pay for anywhere from half your tuition to all of it, depending on what college you attend.

One common worry is that a job will take focus away from studies and lead to worse grades, as well as less pay after college, or that students who work part-time have no time to enjoy college life and have higher drop-out rates because of stress. The interesting part

of these beliefs are that none of them are actually true. In an in-depth study about part-time jobs in college done by Rutgers College's head researcher, Daniel Douglas, there are many benefits to working part-time in college. Along with the obvious monetary reward and work experience, many part-timers have a higher graduation rate.

Douglas discovered another huge reason to work part-time in college. As he reported, “The more you work during your first year of college, the more money you earn after college.” The association between working part-time in school and making higher incomes after college are positively correlated, so unless you're a student-athlete with a full ride, or a lucky kid with a trust fund, the financially intelligent move to make is clearly working part-time.

So, what job should you get? One of the most relaxing jobs



Ian Avery

**Ian Avery says the gym at SJSU is a great place to work.**

you can get is one on campus, as San Jose State undergraduate and Terra Nova alumnus Ian Avery, can tell you. Ian, who is my brother, works on campus at

San Jose State's public gym and can confirm there are extensive benefits of working on campus. “The atmosphere and pay at my job is really good. I make close

to \$20 an hour, and if I need to miss a day because of a big final, my boss is more than accepting. Also most of the workers there are other students, so work days never really get boring,” he said. Other on-campus jobs are tutors and library assistants.

Of course, there are other jobs available off-campus, but that depends on where the college is located. Being a busboy is an easy job to get, and you can climb the ranks and make tips very easily if you put in the effort.

A job that requires less intensity is customer service at a smaller establishment, like a small gas station or a comic book store. You may have a lot of time where no one is there, so you can spend time studying for next week's midterm. No matter what job you get, working part-time in college will set you up for a lifetime of freedom from debt and the beginning of success.

## Internships can open the door to great jobs down the road

By Danrick Jamora  
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Internships are often someone's first venture into the adult world, but how do you get them, and how important are they? An internship is temporary employment, usually offered by an organization or employer to show those interested how they operate, and the basics of the job. They may or may not have some sort of financial compensation for your time — this varies depending on the internship and the specific employer. Getting an internship can also increase your chances of getting a job. Internships are available for many dif-

ferent professions, but you will have to look for a specific one, depending on the profession you are interested in.

TN alumnus Noah Peters found his Marketing Intern position on Craigslist. “I...applied on Craigslist, was hired within 2 weeks. I've been fortunate enough to have been with the same company ever since (now full-time as a Marketing Associate). Biggest thing I learned from my internship: Failure is okay so long as you learn from it!”

TN Class of 2016 alumna Margie Lie had an internship for Congresswoman Jackie Speier's district office, and said, “I found the internship with Speier's office through Google. I literally just googled, scholarship Congress.”

When you take an internship from a company, there is a larger chance that you will be hired by the company, which is what happened with Peters. You also gain a web of connections that will help in the professional world. According to a study by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 72.2% of college graduates with internship experience got job offers, compared to 36.5% for college graduates without internship experience.

Kelly Patterson, who also graduated from TN, said, “I was an intern in a municipal parks and recreation department. It was a requirement for my recreation, parks, and tourism degree that our final semester be an internship... I learned everything it takes for a parks

and recreation department to run. Such as— where the money comes from, how town/city council makes decisions that effects the department, how to set up and run the classes they offer, how to put on events, and more. What is most memorable to me is that I took the knowledge I gained there and got another job with a different city and that job lead me to where I am now.”

You don't have to be in college to get an internship. Lance Martin-Holle is currently working in a graphic design internship and said, “Since I started, my skill set has definitely developed, and I would recommend anyone with the opportunity to take an internship to seize their chance to get one.”

# Focus On: Shannon Carew and Mr. Chan

## An actor on stage and off

By Kaitlynn Lamb  
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You may have seen her walking Terra Nova's halls repping her tiger pride or on stage in a few musicals (pre-COVID, of course). Shannon Carew has surely left her mark on Terra Nova's community. Born and raised in Pacifica, Shannon is no stranger to her environment and hopes to encourage her peers to be the best versions of themselves.

Shannon is the current ASB Vice-President and has been a member of Terra Nova's leadership class all four years of high school. She has also participated in drama and TN's Women's Advocacy Club (WAC). Shannon loves theater and dance, with tap dance being her favorite style.

"I've been performing since I was little. I've been doing musical theater for five years," she said. Shannon also enjoys skateboarding and hiking during her free time.

Shannon sees her mother as one of her biggest role models. "She's constantly thinking of others and being open and raw with those in her life," Shannon said. "I hope to be as half as

real and kind as her someday."

Shannon hopes to pursue this goal in the future, along with learning and growing whilst making a difference. "I definitely like to be performing and fixing the problems in both our society and environment," Shannon said. Her wish is to do this while studying abroad in Ireland.

Mr. Willemse believes Shannon has already accomplished part of her goal, as he said, "When Shannon sees something that's not right with the world, she goes into action," describing Shannon as "the type of person who sees real value in learning—especially in the social sciences." She is also a role model to her peers. Willemse said, "If everyone in the world followed Shannon's example, I guarantee we would solve the climate crisis, warfare, and just about every other problem that plagues the human race!"

Of course, Shannon has experienced her own bumps in the road. Throughout her years at TN, Shannon has struggled with chronic anxiety and OCD. "I put a lot of pressure on myself to be perfect in everything I did, and I did a lot," Shannon shared. She was constantly being told that "you can't do everything" by



Courtesy of Shannon Carew

Shannon Carew (12) backstage of Terra Nova's "Romeo and Juliet."

both her peers and herself, but she wouldn't listen. "Because you can do everything you want to in high school, you just can't do it perfectly," Shannon said. "I was doing all these extra-curriculars and taking the hardest classes I could, but I was always

on edge," she said. "I like being busy, but for all my perfectionists out there, you really just have to be kind to yourself."

Despite her struggles, Shannon has learned to overcome whatever has blocked her path. She wishes that everyone would

focus on themselves, and not worry what others think. Shannon advised, "Go out and bust a move at homecoming, boogie down, and do what makes you happy. If you're not hurting anyone and you're doing what feels good, keep doing it!"

## The star himself

By Katalina Huazano  
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You may have had him as your teacher for Math Course 2 or Statistics, or maybe you've heard classmates discussing the amount of stars they received from their math teacher...Mr. Chan! Mr. Chan is originally from Hong Kong and moved to the Bay Area at the age of eighteen to attend UC Berkeley. He has been teaching at Terra Nova for seventeen years, and he was already teaching at TN while some past students who are now teachers, like Ms. Fil and Mr. Karkazis, were at Terra Nova. Mr. Chan used to be the advisor for the dance team and also the advisor for the FIFA club at TN.

During the pandemic, Mr. Chan has been spending his time watching movies, soccer, and basketball, both sports he loves. His favorite basketball team is the Houston Rockets — anyone who walks into his class could guess since it is decorated with posters and cutouts. He really enjoys playing soccer and the soccer video game FIFA, which he plays online against other gamers from around the world, and is currently in Division 2 out of 10 Divisions on the game...which means he's very good!

Mr. Chan also has a wife and a five year old daughter, who will be starting elementary school next school year. Mr. Chan is also expecting another addition to his family very soon, a baby boy. The pandemic has allowed him to spend more time with his daughter, and he has been able to teach her math problems, vocabulary, and new games. Being a parent and a teacher can be difficult at times, though — sometimes, Mr. Chan will have to call his wife for



Courtesy of Mr. Chan

Mr. Chan with his wife, five year old daughter, and baby boy on the way!

help because his daughter is wanting his attention while he is teaching or working after class time. Mr. Chan also wanted to

say, "This year has also been really rough for the AAPI community... we're dealing with two viruses — we have COVID

and then we have hate. I hope there will also be a vaccine for that. Yeah, and that vaccine may have to be called 'love.'"

With regards to teaching online, Mr. Chan said, "One of the most difficult things this year is to help a student, because when we're in the classroom, I can just walk over to any student's desk and just work with them. And then this year, on Zoom, they have to share their screen, [or] they have to put their paper in front of the camera, and it's just more difficult to help multiple students at once remotely."

Despite the challenges that teaching online has brought, Mr. Chan is still able to look at the positive aspects of it, "I have been learning so many new things, just the technology side of it. Just to use Zoom, you know, the ability to record the class lesson, when we have students who are absent, I can send them a recording. I have students who just want to watch a video of my lesson, just to prepare for a test, and they were able to do that. So these are like little things we weren't able to do before this pandemic... it's really been a learning experience and then so far I've been getting a lot out of this."

With the transition from all students being online to hybrid learning, Mr. Chan is happy to be back in the classroom where he is able to engage with students and feel the positive energy that his students are radiating from being back in person.

Shannon Carew (12), a student of Mr. Chan's, said, "There's not many great men. Great men are almost nonexistent. Mr. Chan though, great man. 10 stars." He really does make an enjoyable and loving environment in his classroom where one feels welcome to speak out and get their star, from the star himself.

# BAY AREA LOVE

## TIGERS SOUND OFF ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE EATERIES

By Shayla McCann  
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Restaurants are places to gather with friends and family and to enjoy a good meal, and everyone has something to say about which is the “best” restaurant. I asked a few students and teachers from Terra Nova what their favorite restaurants are and why they like them so much. There were diverse answers.

First I interviewed Mr. K, a history teacher here at Terra Nova. He said his favorite place to eat is Westlake Joe’s in Daly City. He’s been going there his entire life except for when he was in the Marines, but he hasn’t gone during the pandemic for safety reasons. Mr. K said he usually

orders half ravioli and spaghetti. But the downside is the service, he said. “Joe’s service is not always great, but the food is,” he said.

Next I interviewed ceramics teacher Mr. Carothers, who said his favorite restaurant is Blue Line Pizza in Burlingame, even though there are several locations throughout the Bay Area. He said, “Their signature ‘Blue Line’ pizza is delicious with a cornmeal deep dish crust that is like crispy cornbread. SO good. We make pizza at home every Sunday and ours is good, but we don’t do this deep dish, cornmeal crust, so it is always a special treat.” He hasn’t eaten in the restaurant due to COVID, but still orders and picks up the delicious pizza.

I also interviewed Terra Nova student

Sophie Byrne. Her favorite restaurant in the Bay Area is the Pacifica Brewery near the bowling alley, Seabowl. She said, “I usually order a cheese burger or their mac and cheese. I rate it a 9/10!” Since it reopened a couple months ago, she has only been there a handful of times, but says the food and service is great. One perk is that a local Pacifica family whose kids went to TN owns it.

Terra Nova junior Katalina Huazano loves Barbara’s Fishtrap in Half Moon Bay. She said, “I usually order the clam chowder or crab sandwich and would rate everything 5/5 stars!” She tries to go as much as possible, but sadly, that’s only once every two months. Barbara’s Fishtrap is pretty close by, and the drive is really pretty and short. It takes about

10-15 minutes, depending on the day.

The last student I interviewed was Alexandra Schulz, whose favorite restaurant is Naan N Curry in San Francisco. She said she has been going there since she was a little kid. “I usually get the chicken Tikka Masala or Palak Paneer with Garlic Naan and Chia. The service is alright and the food is super good,” she said. Although she hasn’t been to Naan N Curry in a while due to COVID, she still remembers the delicious food. To get to this restaurant from Pacifica is about a 18-20 minute drive.

Now that San Mateo and San Francisco Counties are in the yellow tier, restaurants are reopening for dine-in experiences. If you can, go visit your favorite restaurant soon.

## YOU SCREAM, I SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR BOBA

By Kaitlynn Lamb  
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If you’ve ever taken a drive through San Francisco or Daly City, you’ve noticed the many boba shops, tea labs, and a variety of other boba joints. Over the past few years, there’s been an increase of popularity and business in the Bay Area surrounding these various shops. If you’re a casual boba consumer, or even if you’re not, how much do you actually know about this popular drink?

Boba (also known as “bubble tea,” “tapioca tea,” or “pearl milk tea”) has been around since the 1980’s and originates in Taiwan, and many believe it originated somewhere between Teipei and Taichung, although no one is really sure which city since many have claimed credit for the drink. With many people claiming credit, it is unclear who the mastermind behind the drink really is. It

is rumored that Liu Han-Chieh and product manager Lin Hsiu Hui are the true founders of bubble tea. In the CNN article Bubble Tea: How did it start?” author Derrick Chang writes, “The founder, Liu Han-Chieh, first came up with the idea of serving Chinese tea cold in the early 1980’s after visiting Japan where he saw coffee served cold.” The article then introduced Lin Hsiu Hui, who explained how the idea came to her: “Ms. Lin Hsui Hui was sitting in a staff meeting and had brought with her a typical Taiwanese dessert called fen yuan, a sweetened tapioca pudding. Just for fun she poured the tapioca balls into her Assam iced tea and drank it.”

Bubble Tea is also a drink of variety, so what does this mean exactly? Like many other drinks, boba can be made with many different flavors, syrups, and tea bases. “The tea base for boba drinks is usually black or green tea and can be customized with an array of syrups like

peach, strawberry, and lychee,” said Kat Thompson in her Thrillist article “Everything You Need To Know About Boba.” You can also add milk for a more creamy and smooth taste to your tea, but do not fret, as most shops offer other milk-related options!

In each of your tea drinks, you can add boba, pudding, grass jelly, and taro balls, so what’s the difference? Boba is sweet and chewy, while pudding is similar to a custard. Grass jelly is made from a plant grown in East Asia and is cut into cubes and has been soaked with brown sugar. Taro balls are made from taro, sweet potato flour, and water, and of course, there are always other tea toppings. Boba can also be considered addictive because of all the caffeine found in the drink, which might be more than an average coffee cup.

Bobaville, located outside Serramonte Shopping Center, is one of Daly City’s locally owned and operated boba busi-

nesses. Husband and wife Victor and Ai Cheung established first opened in 2019, and have been opened ever since. “It all started in 2017 with my wife Ai asking me ‘Wanna go get some boba?’” Victor shared. He added, “We both were avid milk tea fans - me since college and Ai since her childhood days growing up in Vietnam.” As they searched for boba that day, they had landed on the prize-idea to open a boba shop. “In 2018, we set out to bring authentic boba tea to our community. We wanted to create a place in the ‘burbs of the Peninsula to make the freshest drink for people who enjoy milk tea - made entirely from scratch,” Mr. Cheung said. Ever since, the Cheung’s have worked hard in the kitchens for the enjoyment of their customers and are always willing to experiment with new recipes. The couple shared, “Bobaville’s mission is to offer delicious, handcrafted selections that reflect the spirit of a diverse, multicultural community.”

## SPICE UP YOUR INSTAGRAM AND GO ON A SF PHOTOWALK

By Kaitlynn Lamb  
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Staying at home for over a year with nothing but screens can be a little exhausting. Your average social media feed may be filled with candid photos on a staircase, in bed, or a socially distant picnic in a nearby park, so why not change things up? A new chance for adventure and your next post on Instagram could be found right in the Bay, and you might not even know it.

If you head to San Francisco for the day, you can always head to the Golden Gate Bridge. Surrounded by Crissy Field, Baker Beach, Fort Point, and Marshall’s Beach, you can get plenty of shots with the golden arches.

David Zhang, a head photographer with “A Tale Ahead” offered tips about

how to take an ideal portrait photo. “If you’re trying to emphasize a person, perhaps choose a clean background, like a beach, a building with a solid color, a light grassy field, etc.,” Zhang said. Try to refrain from showing loud patterns, lines, designs, etc..

If you’re looking for smaller bodies of water, then head to Golden Gate Park Lake, the Pagoda, or the Rustic Bridge. The Golden Gate Park Lake has plenty of paths to walk along, so you’ll be able to get different angles. Kim Hernando, head photographer of Super Kimagery, suggested, “Get close to your subject -- it eliminates distracting clutter in the background.” She also said, “If your light source is behind your subject, your subject will be dimly lit. For more flattering light, have the subject face the light source.” It is also advised to keep your camera steady when shooting in low

light.

One of San Francisco’s more popular attractions will always be a great day trip and fun photoshoot: Chinatown. With the different decor and vibrant colors, your photos will surely stand out, but of course be mindful of the subject you want to focus on. As Zhang suggested, “Backgrounds with lots of detail can be distracting, but on the other hand can draw the viewer’s attention towards the subject.” Similarly, Japantown can produce vibrant photos due to the decor and colors all around. Just be mindful that your Insta pic might be someone else’s cultural observance, so be respectful.

Of course, photography is a subjective art. Zhang advised, “When you consider that different eyes have different preferences, some may give advice that is completely the opposite of some other photographer’s take on things.”