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RE: HOW METALLICA MADE A MARK ON SOUTH SAN JOSE HISTORY

I was there!! Yes, lost my keys to everything. Free was not free for me that day. And love your writing!!

LISA LANDRY, VIA METROSILICONVALLEY.COM

RE: SURF'S STILL UP: HOW THE BEACH BOYS DREW US TO CALIFORNIA

This is a great article, and I am honored to have been able to share my "Beach Boy" memories. Let me add one thing: what attracted Mike Love and I to Transcendental Meditation practice is that it is very similar to the effect of Surfing, that the BB's expressed in their music — the experience of the deepest nature of one's own inner Consciousness during TM is holistically relaxing and rejuvenating, and it spontaneously removes the stress of material concerns. It is spiritual, and so is surfing, and that is why Surfers are so Nature oriented.

MICHAEL YANKAUS, VIA METROSILICONVALLEY.COM

BEST OF SILICON VALLEY 2024

The final days of voting for Best of Silicon Valley 2024 are upon us. The polls close (so to speak) at midnight on Aug. 11; visit metrobestof.com to pick your favorites from among the top nominees in a multitude of categories. Every participant will be entered in a contest to win two adult tickets for an excursion on a Chardonnay Sailing Charter in Santa Cruz. The winners list will be published in Metro Silicon Valley's Sept 25 issue.



SCOTT WEEKS

This year was a big milestone for Scott Weeks, proprietor of the San Jose tattoo shop Marks of Art Tattoo. The shop turned 30, and Weeks celebrated with his staff, enjoying the distinction of being the area's second-oldest tattoo shop.

Last month, he posed for photographer Greg Ramar, who captured Weeks and his crew for a cover story in *Metro Silicon Valley*.

Less than two weeks later, on July 29, the veteran tattoo artist passed away at the Regional Medical Center of San Jose. Weeks succumbed to injuries he sustained in a car accident caused by a mechanical failure five days earlier. He was 60 years old.

Automobiles were another passion for Weeks. A low-riding enthusiast, he owned dozens of classic cars throughout his life, restoring and repairing them in his free time. Similar to tattooing, he found a way to leave a mark on this second passion by co-founding the Strangers Car Club. For more than two decades, he helped bring the San Jose classic car community together by organizing many local car shows and other related events.

Born Feb. 6, 1964, Weeks lived the majority of his life in Santa Clara, attending and graduating from New Valley Continuation High, where he first started tattooing friends. Weeks tattooed for 12 years before opening Marks of Art in 1994. He employed and mentored dozens of other tattooers from all corners of the globe. Many went on to open influential shops of their own.

Weeks is survived by mother Ginger Weeks, of Bakersfield; father Ray Weeks, of Roseville; his employees at Marks of Art; and countless friends. Services will be held Sept. 1 at Martial Cottle Park in San Jose. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted at Marks of Art, 3014 Union Ave.

— Ethan Gregory Dodge