



## Greetings from the Mothership!

Hello everybody!

Today finds us navigating the meteorological transitional space between June and early July gloom.

It sounds like a bummer, but it isn't.

*A quick synopsis for those not familiar with Central California weather patterns...*

"June Gloom" is precisely that—the month is wet, gray, and far from the sun-soaked beachy wonderland described in countless [Fantastic Baggys](#) and Ventures songs.

Early July resembles June in this regard thus far, and that happens to be an extremely fortuitous thing.

As you may have heard, The Willow Fire, began in the Los Padres National Forest in Monterey County on June 17 and went on to burn 2,877 acres of remote wilderness in the Big Sur back country.

Thanks to cooperative weather conditions and the miraculous and heroic work of firefighters (1), the fire was [87% contained](#) as of June 28th. (2)

So....we're breathing a sigh of relief out here as things continue to return to normal!

Speaking of which, here's your digest!

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photo by Richard Rosen

**Mickey Muennig passed away on June 10 at age 86.**

We had a memorial gathering at the Library. [Here is the opening speech](#) by Mickey's daughter Michele and [the slide show](#) presented at the event.

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## TWO UPCOMING AUTHOR EVENTS

July 18: [Mac Talley](#)

August 1: [Love at the End of the World](#)

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### The monks were ready!

The Monterey County Sheriff's Office lifted all evacuation warnings and orders for the Willow Fire, which is wonderful news.

But before the order was lifted, the Tassajara Fire Crew of zen monks were prepared to defend the monastery from the fire.

"I'd been mentally preparing for it for a while, and it was kind of like, 'Oh, this is it,'"

Tassajara Fire Crew.

“It was sooner than we all expected. I figured I’d at least have another few weeks.”

Click [here](#) to read about how the monks were ready to spring into action. (3)

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## "Nothing" costs more than it used to!



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## Henry Miller vs. Knut Hamsun!





In what may be the literary equivalent of [Ali vs. Frazier](#), Matt Wall (aka [Paperback Junky](#)) has posted a provocative video comparing Miller with Henry's "great hero," Knut Hamsun. (5) [Check it out!](#)

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## Weston Call Fund for Big Sur now accepting applications

Our dear friend Weston Call passed away unexpectedly at the age of 32 in 2018.

His incredible legacy lives on with the Weston Call Fund for Big Sur, which supports nonprofits doing good work in Big Sur.

The fund is now accepting applications.

Nonprofits serving the Big Sur area are invited to apply. The deadline is July 30.

Applications can be found online at [www.cfmco.org/BigSurGrants](http://www.cfmco.org/BigSurGrants).

For questions please contact Brian Thayer, CFMC Senior Philanthropic Services Officer, at 831-375-9712 extension 144 or [briant@cfmco.org](mailto:briant@cfmco.org).

Weston and Magnus had a chat some years ago. [Here's a recording of it.](#) (starts a few seconds in)

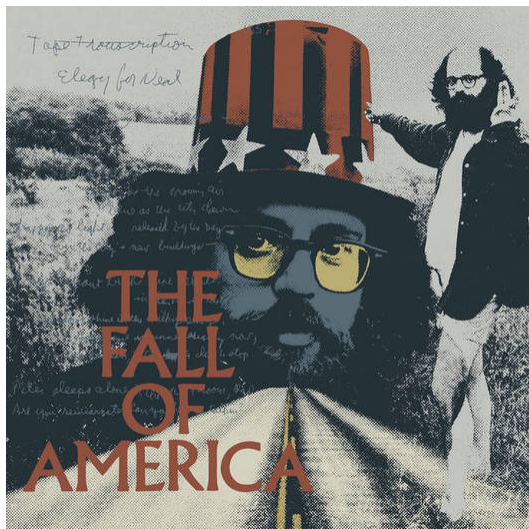
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## Video from the Perfume Genius shows...



Also some rad pics [here](#) from last week's Perfume Genius shows via [@themadalchemyliquidliteshow](#)



## "The Fall of America: A

### Fiftieth Anniversary Tribute"

*Did we narrowly escape the fall of America in January or is it lurking just around the corner?*

Allen Ginsberg foretold this question 50 years ago in his book ["The Fall of America,"](#) and his apocalyptic premonitions, sadly, are still relevant.

To commemorate the publication of this work, "The Fall of America: A Fiftieth Anniversary Tribute," available as an LP or a

longer CD via [Bandcamp](#), finds Devendra Banhart, Andrew Bird, Bill Frisell, Yo La Tengo (6), and others interpreting and reimagining Ginsberg's personal and political visions.

Our friends Peter Hale and Jesse Goodman of the Allen Ginsberg Project, the online manifestation of the Allen Ginsberg Estate, produced it!

Click [here](#) for an interview with Peter and Jesse in Relix magazine as he talks about how the project came together!





Harry Dick Ross and Judith Goodman



Harry Dick Ross and Judith Goodman

(The woman on the left is unknown at the time of going to press.

We will find out and let you know!)

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## And that should do it!!

Thanks for reading. We'll see you down the coast and next month—if not sooner!

Until then, we'll let the Ventures guide us into the cosmic sunset...

-Magnus, Mike, Iguana John, Jack (Kerouac), Elissa and Vince.



National Forest Twitter page and has gathered more than [2,300 retweets](#) and almost 10,000 likes.

(2) [The front page](#) of the Carmel Pine Cone explains why the fire could have been much worse.

(3) It wouldn't have been the monks' first rodeo. Colleen Morton Busch's book "Fire Monks: Zen Meets Wildfire," looked at how eight brave monks stay behind to protect the monastery from the 2008 Basin Complex Fire.

(4) Fun fact: The sticker price of "Where Nothing Happens" is 850% higher than the paperback version of Dr. Seuss's recently canceled ["And to Think I Saw it On Mulberry Street."](#)

(5) Henry: "I'd [give my right arm](#) to write like Knut."

(6) Grainy video of YLT playing the Mothership almost 14 years ago [here!](#)

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