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Mayor's Race

BY ODIN THIEN-AN MARIN

The View compiled responses to a series of questions for the most competitive candidates for Mayor. See page 4 for additional coverage.

Public Safety and Crime

By most accounts the San Francisco Police Department has too few officers and not enough ancillary support from mental health and social workers. A 2023 SFPD analysis found that a fully staffed police force should consist of 2,074 sworn officers, nearly 500 short of the present 1,589. A chunk of today's personnel challenges can be traced to Mayor London Breed's Dream Keeper Initiative, launched amidst nationwide protests over George Floyd's murder, which redirected tens of millions of dollars from law enforcement to nonprofits serving the Black community. Some of these funds were wasted, unaccounted for, or spent outside San Francisco. The effort distracted from directly addressing the causes of displeasure with the police, diverted time, money, and political capital elsewhere, and likely served to muffle recruitment and retention of cops. Now, the City is playing catchup.

London Breed's public safety policies focus on enhanced police recruitment and retention efforts, including raising starting salaries and expanding non-law enforcement roles to free up police officers. Breed would continue the Organized Retail Crime Initiative, expand bait cars to disrupt automobile break-ins and allow SFPD to access public surveillance cameras and drones to monitor and pursue drug dealing and theft, while increasing police and ambassador foot patrols in high traffic locations.

Mark Farrell touts a zero-tolerance approach to crime that includes addressing the police staffing shortage first. He'd restore and improve the Deferred Retirement Option Program, commit to securing funding for five police academies a year, outsource officer background checks to trusted third parties, and revise the hours at public parks with evident public safety issues at night. Farrell would expand citywide bands on illegal vending, targeting United Nations Plaza, Civic Center, Tenderloin, and Market Street.

Daniel Lurie's public safety priorities include fully staffing the SFPD, Sheriff's department, and 911 dispatch. He wants to build workforce housing for first responders, as well as offer rent and childcare subsidies to officers in their patrol communities. Lurie supports alternatives to policing such as adding mental health professionals so

that enforcement resources can focus on patrol and foot beats.

Aaron Peskin prioritizes recruiting police officers and 911 dispatchers to address staffing shortages. Peskin wants to establish a community policing approach across San Francisco and ensure that officers and resources are well funded. He'd crackdown on hate crimes.

Ahsha Safai wants a fully funded and staffed police department, and community-based policing with foot and bike patrols. He'd fund recruitment and retention programs, with a five-year Voluntary Deferred Retirement Option. Safai would implement community safety liaisons at each police station. Public safety measures would include establishing satellite offices near crime hotspots, funding positions in the District Attorney's office and SFPD focused on retail theft and increasing license plate readers. Safai would fully staff 911

dispatch and improve the responsiveness of the 311-call center.

Drug Policy

San Francisco intermittently grapples with the illicit drug *du jour*: Chinatown opium dens, Summer of Love acid trips; poppers at gay bars as the HIV/AIDS crises escalated; crack cocaine ripping

through Potrero Annex-Terrace and other housing complexes. Sometimes the cure is worse than the disease, such as massive incarceration of the Black population as part of the federal War on Drugs. Today's problem centers on fentanyl, deadly and cheap, which creates a zombie-like effect amongst its users,

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A fire engine attempts to squeeze by an autonomous Waymo that blocked the route to a house fire near the end of Connecticut street last month. PHOTO: Thomas Hunter II / tlhunter@gmail.com

City Grapples with Rising Seas

BY DANNY PHAM

Climate change is causing global sea levels to rise as melting glaciers and ice sheets turn frost into water that drains into oceans, while warming sea water expands ocean volume. Along California's coastline, where nearly 70 percent of the state's residents live, swelling seas are more frequently colliding with extreme storms, resulting in drowned beaches, flooded homes and businesses, damaged roads and public infrastructure.

Over the past century, sea levels increased by about eight inches in San Francisco, according to The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). OEHHA points to accelerating loss of ice from Greenland and Antarctica as especially concerning. It worries that potential sea level rise from continued melting and ice sheet collapse could be catastrophic for coastal communities.

Sarah Atkinson, Hazard Resilience Senior Policy Manager at SPUR, a non-profit public policy organization based in San Francisco, researches the hazards

of sea level and groundwater rise, flooding, and earthquakes. She said the City could experience heightened sea levels of between three and six feet by 2100 based on California Ocean Protection Council data. Some areas, such as Mission Bay and India Basin, will be more vulnerable due to their ecological history – former marshlands – historical land uses, previous infrastructure investments, and community demographics.

Mission Bay was previously known as San Francisco Bay marshlands. From the 1800s to early 1900s, the area was filled in and used for industrial activities.

"Today, this area is one of the City's densest residential areas exposed to sea level rise. New mixed-use developments have increased commercial activities, job access, and affordable housing in the neighborhood," said Atkinson. "Although there have been significant investments into raising the shoreline, parts of the inland area are at sea level, making them vulnerable to inland flooding from major storms, groundwater rise, and coastal flooding entering at unprotected low-elevation locations along the

shoreline. Sea level rise will also expose Mission Bay's buried industrial history as contaminants rise to the surface, impacting both human and ecological health."

In the 2010s, SPUR led an extensive process to develop the *Ocean Beach Master Plan*, a comprehensive vision to address sea level rise, protect infrastructure, restore coastal ecosystems and improve public access.

"Planning for major infrastructure projects takes many years," said Atkinson.

According to Brad Benson, Waterfront Resilience Program Director at the Port of San Francisco, which manages 7.5 miles of waterfront stretching from Pier 98 to Fisherman's Wharf, there's a need to adapt shoreline elevations to defend against future sea level rise.

"The Port of San Francisco is a substantial piece of our City's waterfront and home to some of the most beloved landmarks, public attractions, and open spaces," said Benson. "The waterfront is also integral to our City's economic

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PUBLISHER'S VIEW

Wisdom

BY STEVEN J. MOSS

My 64th birthday is at the end of this month. Not that old, right? We have senators, Supreme Court justices, presidents, who are *a lot* older. They cling on to their positions because they know that once they step down, they immediately transform from being a master of the universe, all eyes on me, to something more like a product past its shelf life. From Whole Foods to Bargain Market, in the blink of an eye. They become invisible.

While I'm not as old as Clarence Thomas or Bernie Sanders, I've reached the age that compliments tend to come with an underlying insult:

"You look great... for your age!"

"No way your 64!"

"Wow, you *still* walk everywhere!"

Sometimes, realizing that their attempt at praise actually sounds more like an insult, the lauding person shifts their strategy, searching for a pure positive. But even that comes off as a kind of challenge

"Well, you may not have your youth, but you've gained wisdom!"

Wisdom being something that you gain over time, like weight, or extra shopping bags.

At my age I'm supposed to have wisdom. The thing is, when I look in the mirror, I see... that someone's robbed my face! I stand there, staring, like a pimply teenager thinking, maybe it's Halloween, I'm dressed as an old guy. Not a great costume, but it was in the closet, probably my dad's old face...

Wisdom. That's the consolation prize, the trade we make for our youth. Is it worth it? Is it even actually real, or something we just say to make us feel better. Like, yes, we *do* live in an actual democracy, money *doesn't* buy happiness, *everyone* has a soul mate.

What wise thoughts have I accumulated, year by year, experience by experience? Don't you, or maybe I, want to know? Let's give it a try, shall we?

When we're young we're told everyone's equal. We all have the same shot at becoming president, or a rock star, or rich. Anyone can go to a topnotch college, become an astronaut. You just need to try hard enough.

This rock-solid belief is being unrelentingly pushed at the same time we're put through a series of challenges

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SHORT CUTS

Art on the Move

The Institute for Contemporary Art

San Francisco (ICA SF) relocated from Dogpatch to a heavily subsidized commercial space Downtown this month in an effort to remain financially viable. The move involved terminating its Minnesota Street Project Foundation lease earlier

than expected. How the tide turns: not so long-ago art galleries fled Downtown and other expensive City locales to less costly environs in Dogpatch and Potrero Hill, creating the "DoReMe" art district. Is ICA SF an indicator of the start of a reverse migration? And is the City funding a program to cannibalize businesses from one neighborhood to another?

Delivery Node

In 2020 Amazon paid Recology \$200 million for a six-acre site at 900 Seventh Street, with the intention of redeveloping it into a 650,000-square-foot distribution warehouse. In 2022 the e-commerce company's plans were suspended following Board of Supervisors approval of an 18-month moratorium on new parcel delivery facilities prompted by concerns from Dogpatch, Mission Bay and Potrero Hill residents, as well as labor unions. The controls, introduced by District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton, require conditional-use authorization, an additional layer of review. Last summer, Amazon restarted

the entitlement process for its proposed distribution center. The project would consist of 2,500 square feet of ground floor commercial space that faces a roughly 13,700-square-foot public outdoor area between Barry and Seventh streets featuring tables, benches and overhead canopies. The building's first floor would be used to sort packages and for delivery truck access. On the second and third floors, Amazon's "delivery service partners" — entities that collaborate with the company to provide drivers — would be able to temporarily park, load or charge electric vehicles. The warehouse's rooftop would be outfitted with solar panels.

Comprehensive Care

In August the University of California, San Francisco opened its Health Bayfront Medical Building, offering adult urgent, primary, and specialty care, as well as same-day surgery. The facility can house up to 80 patients daily, with 14 outpatient surgery suites. More than 130 physicians will practice in the space, caring for roughly 131,000 patient visits a year. "The Bayfront facility is all about expanding access to the world-class care that UCSF Health is known for and making that care as convenient and comfortable as possible," said Suresh Gunasekaran, president and chief executive officer of UCSF Health. "This is more than a building, but a

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Letters to the Editor

Editor,

I was dismayed, but not surprised, by the responses of four of the five mayoral candidates to the question about what San Francisco's most pressing issues are ("Mayor's Race," September). These four all piped up "public safety," which they basically define as homelessness, completely ignoring the deaths and severe injuries caused every year by the real public safety hazard: traffic violence.

True public safety involves the ability to cross the street or wait for a bus without being crushed by a car. These four candidates seem to think homelessness is a crime against housed San Franciscans who have to witness it, but they rarely say boo about traffic deaths. Or if they do, they blame lack of enforcement on police understaffing, when the real problem is police indifference.

In response to the COVID crisis, the City did a great job. Why? Everyone was vulnerable, scared witless that they could die. Unfortunately, politicians and police who drive everywhere – or get driven – don't experience that same fear of being killed by traffic, so who cares if it's not safe to walk or bike or take transit? Let's gang up on homeless people instead, even though no one has ever been run over by a tent.

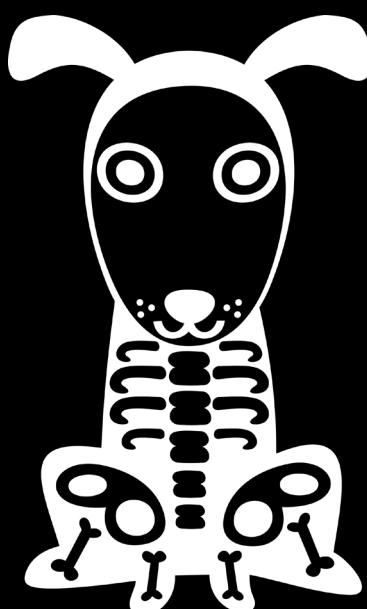
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Fran Taylor
Mission District

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How do You Feel About the Upcoming Election?

INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY ALEX MANGOT



Michelle, a Dogpatch resident for four years, was interviewed in Mission Bay. "I'm scared of Donald Trump becoming President not because of policies but the questioning of the election results and pressure he put on the vice president to not follow protocol."



Patrick recently moved to Oakland and was interviewed in Mission Bay. He's supportive of Kamala Harris, fond of her choice for Vice President, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, but worried about national affairs. "I'm interested to see if the country is ready for a female president".



Christine has lived in Potrero Hill for 10 years and was interviewed in Dogpatch while walking her dog. "I don't feel like we have a great candidate on either side."



A 25-year San Francisco resident, Julia is co-owner of Gilberths Latin Fusion in Dogpatch and lives in Bayview. Julia is hopeful that the local, state, and national elections will usher in positive change. "There's no better time to live as a woman and embrace womanhood and show what we're capable of."



Bram grew up in the Sunset District but has been living in Petaluma for the last three years. He was interviewed in Dogpatch. Bram is frustrated with political attempts to restrict people's freedoms. "I grew up in the punk movement; we had a lot of gay, trans, and androgynous people and it kind of sucks for anyone to tell them what they can or can't do with their own rights. We're supposed to be free."



Ti, interviewed in Potrero Hill, has lived in Dogpatch for 15 years. She's worried about the country's direction. "I'm scared for foreign policy, reproductive rights, and maternal care."



Meet the Candidates: San Francisco School Board Race 2024

BY JESSICA ZIMMER

In last month's issue the View presented eight of the 12 candidates for the San Francisco School Board. The other four, Min Chang, Ann Hsu, Laurance Lee, and Supryia Ray, are portrayed below.

Min Chang is a Rincon Hill resident and chief executive officer of Homebridge, a \$65 million San Francisco-based nonprofit with more than 500 staff that provides home and community-based care.

"The skills I've refined here include developing a robust budget, mobilizing resources, understanding our customer base and requirements, and always listening to customers. I keep them in mind. I've also learned that you need more than an annual plan, but a strategic plan for the long-term. These are all skills I will bring to helping handle the budget issues and school closures that SFUSD is facing," said Chang.

During her campaign Chang visited San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) schools, engaging with principals and parents.

"We would like to raise the performance level for our kids in the basics, from math to civics. This has to be a team effort. I think principals are an untapped resource for information on how to do that," said Chang. "SFUSD has many suppliers. I want to shrink the number of suppliers for the district strategically and minimize indirect expenses for the non-payroll side. We could think about this and plan academic changes with several focus groups. Then we could model the financial impact on some of the district's approximately 120 schools."

Ann Hsu, a Richmond District resident, has a background in technology entrepreneurship. She served on the SF School Board for roughly a year but lost her seat in the 2022 election. Last year she founded the Bertrand D. Hsu American & Chinese Bicultural Academy, a private kindergarten through eighth grade school located at 450 Connecticut Street. The facility has 13 full-time students, with more than 20 attending its Saturday tutorial program.

"I am running again because SFUSD is in a fiscal crisis, and I want to tell the truth about why we need to close schools. I want to reverse the decades of mismanagement of funds SFUSD has experienced," said Hsu. "After the controversial comments which led to calls for me to resign, I went to Bayview and met with approximately 10 African American community leaders. They helped me understand why my words... had hurt some people."

Hsu would like to change SFUSD's curriculum and teaching styles to help students achieve grade level proficiency in math and English.

"At Bertrand D. Hsu American & Chinese Bicultural Academy, we've found success with individualized education. We've adopted an AI-enabled platform that teaches math and English. It evaluates what a student has learned and then personalizes their lessons so they can learn what they have not yet covered for their grade level. We rely on it for 70 percent of math instruction and 40 percent of English instruction," said Hsu.

Laurance Lee is a Noe Valley resident and owner of L3 Construction

LLC, a San Francisco and Utah-based general contractor firm. He attended San Francisco public schools from kindergarten through high school. He's a SFUSD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee member and contributor to *Eyes on San Francisco Board of Education*, a newsletter focused on the Board's activities. Lee has relationships with teachers from his years of community advocacy, with extended family who are SFUSD students and educators.

"Avoiding a state takeover is a massive concern. We need to resolve long-term systemic problems with the district's culture, accountability, trust, and finances. We also need to achieve better student outcomes, which will involve having better teacher trainings and curricula," said Lee. "Students across the City aren't coming to class, often because of mental health issues. We should bring more resources into mental health and encourage more students to come to school. We also need to improve outcomes for students with learning differences like dyslexia that are related to competency in literacy. Remaining nimble and staying a good listener as we make the transition to community-based enrollment from the lottery system is essential. So many parents are frustrated and want to have their voices heard in this process."

Supryia Ray is a Sunset resident, the parent of two SFUSD students, at Lowell High School and A.P. Giannini Middle School, and an attorney specializing in securities compliance law. For the past three years, she's been vice president of finance and vice president pro tem for the Jefferson Elementary School parent-teacher association.

"I've taught literacy, English as a Second Language, computer skills, immigrant rights, and street law to adults and at-risk youth...in classes and workshops at community colleges, community-based organizations, and libraries," said Ray. "So many students are in unstable, difficult home environments like I was. For me, schools were a safe, stable place where I got access to adults who mentored and encouraged me. The three issues I'm focusing on in my campaign are financial sustainability and stability, safety in the schools, and academic excellence. I want to meet students where they're at and use evidence-based practices like high-dosage tutoring to improve performance."

"I am helping with logistics and her ballot submissions," said John Trasviña, who is volunteering on Ray's campaign. "I am a former candidate for the School Board, having run in 2018, and am working on her behalf now because she's been very involved in the schools for the past four years. She, above all other candidates, has shown a genuine interest in the well-being of all students. Parents and guardians in the City have pulled kids out to independent private schools, including Catholic schools. SFUSD used to see students return after eighth grade, coming into ninth grade. But that has declined. Bringing those students back for high school will require SFUSD to take into account parent concerns about students' academic performance and school choice, like not getting into requested schools with the lottery system."

The Potrero Hill Democratic Club endorsed Ray, as did SF Guardians, a more than 9,000 parent, teacher, and community member group that led a 2022 recall of the San Francisco School

Board. SF Guardians also support Lee.

"Both are interested in resolving the fiscal crisis...been very much on the front lines of collaboration in working to offer alternatives to the district," said Siva Raj, co-founder of SF Guardians. "I do have some concerns about Hsu.

I don't see how you can run a private school and be a member of the SF School Board. Every student we lose to private schools hurts every public-school kid. It means we can't afford to have the staff and services our kids deserve."

And the Rest...

Thirteen people are running for mayor, with the five ranking highest in surveys receiving almost all the attention. Mayoral candidate Dylan Hirsch-Shell is a seven-year Potrero Hill resident.

What qualifies you to be mayor?

I'm a fifth generation San Franciscan. A PhD in neuroscience and lead engineer at Tesla for more than a dozen years, I've developed innovations that shaped the future of electric vehicles and associated climate change mitigation, managing projects worth billions of dollars, collaborating with teams across the globe to achieve productive outcomes.

What issues most need to be addressed by city government?

Crime, homelessness, and public

drug use are the most visible issues that San Franciscans care about; how we tackle them is key. If we only focus on immediate issues with band aid solutions and ignore root causes, we'll keep spending more and more money without ever making real progress. That's why I not only advocate to use smart strategies to address these issues in the present but am the only candidate who wants to tackle the root cause of many of the problems: generational poverty. My plan is to implement a Universal Basic Income in San Francisco, which will break the cycle of generational poverty that's stifling our community. UBI will be an investment in the future of every child in the City, so they can shake off the yoke of poverty and reach their full potential as self-actualized human beings.

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What specific actions would you take that are different from what's being advocated by other candidates?

I'm the only candidate dedicated to eradicating poverty in San Francisco by doing whatever it takes to implement a Universal Basic Income, which would provide a guaranteed minimum income floor for every resident. I'm the only candidate with a plan to build Universal Social Housing, which would provide tens of thousands of beautiful, low-cost housing units every year for San Franciscans of all incomes, using a sustainable revolving construction loan fund successfully modeled by the award-winning Housing Production Fund in Montgomery County, Maryland. I'm the only candidate dedicated to ending chronic homelessness with the Built for Zero methodology that's been proven to work in other cities around the country. And unlike the "major five" candidates, my education and experience allow me to successfully use technology to modernize and upgrade government's systems to improve ef-

ficiency and deliver better outcomes for everyone.

Given present polls, what's your pathway to winning office?

A September KRON4 poll indicated that 28 percent of voters are undecided on who to rank number one among the "major five" candidates. That's more than frontrunner Mark Farrell's 21 percent and up from the 18 percent of "undecided" voters in an August *San Francisco Chronicle* survey. Even more voters are unsure about their number two choice. Many voters are desperate for a fresh candidate, someone who isn't part of the broken and corrupt system inside City Hall or trying to buy the election with the backing of a billionaire mother. My campaign has been growing rapidly, and we're ready to make a big push in the final weeks before the election to reach out to as many voters as possible. San Franciscans in recent years increasingly feel the City is on the wrong track. I believe they're looking for the bold vision and real solutions that this campaign provides.





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Some Like it Hot



Tofu Tikka Masala Kimchi with Fried Rice, Mango Raita, and Sauerkraut from an August Volcano Kimchi Pop-up. PHOTO: Chaitanya Tondepu

BY CHAITANYA TONDEPU

Aruna Lee launched Volcano Kimchi in 2014 after years of experimenting with vegan kimchi recipes, alongside other influences, including her Korean upbringing, PBS cooking shows, and YouTube videos.

"When I first moved here, I didn't really know how to cook," recounted Lee. "I learned cooking from watching Saturday morning cooking shows from people like Jacques Pépin, Martin Yan,

up eating after I moved here and had my son. I worked for a nonprofit for 10 years and got let go due to the 2008 financial crisis. I didn't want to work for someone else again, and after a couple of years of experimenting with kimchi, I just thought 'why not'. I took a batch of kimchi to Rainbow Grocery, and they loved it. A lot of people have a plan first and then do, but me I just jumped in and learned as I went," said Lee. "When I started, I don't think I had so much passion to make kimchi like 'I

Lee was adopted by a Buddhist nun when she was six years old and grew up in a monastery eating wild foraged vegetables and kimchi.

"I really missed the food that I grew

have to be a kimchi maker'. The more I did it, the more I passion got, and now I love it, so it just gradually happened. It's like fermentation."

Volcano's growth accelerated when it became a seasonal pop-up at the Ferry Building farmer's market in 2016. As the business expanded, so did Lee's creative ambitions.

"The farmer's market is my inspiration," Lee gleamed. "We grew most of the vegetables at the Buddhist monastery and used those seasonal ingredients to ferment and pickle our kimchi. The

used to make the K-pop Loaf at Rise Up bakery, and the Gochujang Hummus and Toum at Obour Foods.

"We could scale up mass production for certain products," said Lee, "but we have come to the decision that we would lose something in the process of making a lot of kimchi at once, so we decided to stay local."

Volcano is located close to the 20th and Illinois streets property Stephen Curry recently bought to serve as the hub for Thirty Ink, the collective for his business entities.



Aruna Lee (Left) and Peter Schurmann (Right) in their storefront location.

PHOTO: Chaitanya Tondepu

farmers market really reminded me of those temples that I lived in in Korea. When I started at the farmers market, I would stroll around and get new ingredients like rhubarb, strawberry, and dandelion and be inspired to make them into kimchi."

"It was right around the time the probiotic craze was around and the pick-up was amazing, it was great to get this immediate encouragement from people," said Peter Schurmann, Lee's husband. "We also have great relationships with our customers, some of the same customers that came in 2016 are still coming every weekend. A woman who was suffering from an autoimmune disease that left her body in pain said that after she started eating our dandelion kimchi, she was able to minimize the medication she was on. She would call us to order a big batch of dandelion kimchi. The more Volcano Kimchi grew, the more people gravitated and resonated with it. There's a remarkable community of people that we've met from kimchi."

During the pandemic, Volcano moved to the third floor of the American Industrial Center. It briefly relocated, but ultimately settled on the building's first floor, between Rocketbird and Bryr Studio. The Illinois Street space is homey and inviting, with a feel more like a living room than a shop, housing a kitchen where most of the kimchi is made and a sitting area in the front that's used for grab-and-go and as a location for periodic events.

"We really wanted to create a community space, so people can talk and connect," emphasized Lee.

Volcano Kimchi's Gochujang is

"I'm waiting for Ayesha and Steph Curry to visit," Lee quipped. "Ever since Curry bought the building nearby, I've been thinking that it would be fun to make Warriors Kimchi for our Warriors, depending on what they want. Pier 70 is also slowly opening, so we hope people will come by and check out our kimchi. We want to continue to do collaborations here."

"I've been there since Day 1, just helping to do everything from loading the van to going to the market, to thinking out the labels and sell the product," Schurmann said. "It has made me so much healthier, it has changed my palette. For me it's completely changed my body. And as hard as it is running a small business, it has also brought us in touch with so many amazing, beautiful people. Someone new filters in almost every weekend."

"I feel like maybe this is what I'm meant to do," revealed Lee, "We have hired immigrant women, one from Thailand and one from Honduras, who are helping me at the kitchen. Now they can make kimchi without me and it's just amazing. They bring their own flavors from their culture to create this Kimchi Culture. I really want to offer them more and help them, that's my goal, so we can grow together. With them and others helping at the farmers markets, I just feel so fortunate and grateful to have people helping me. But running a small business is very challenging with lots of ups and downs. We're still very small. I don't know what my next chapter is, but until then I will do my best. One healthy gut at a time."



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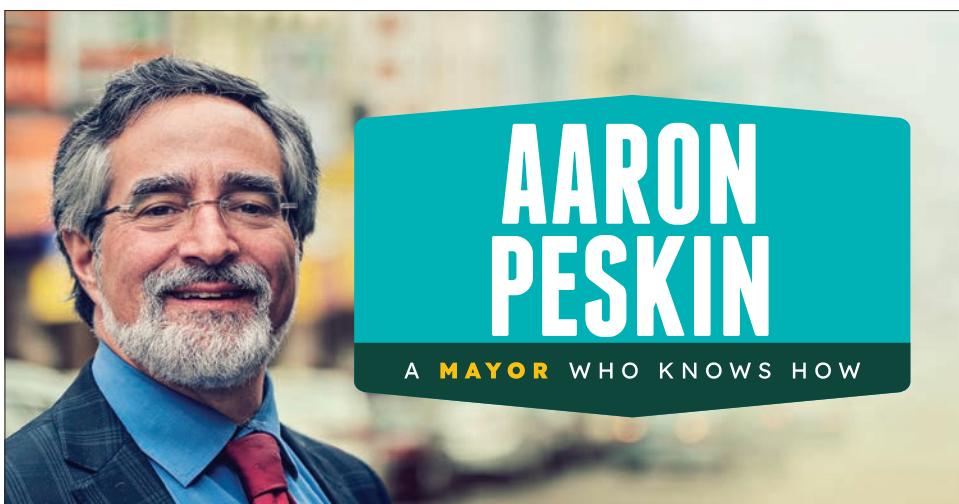
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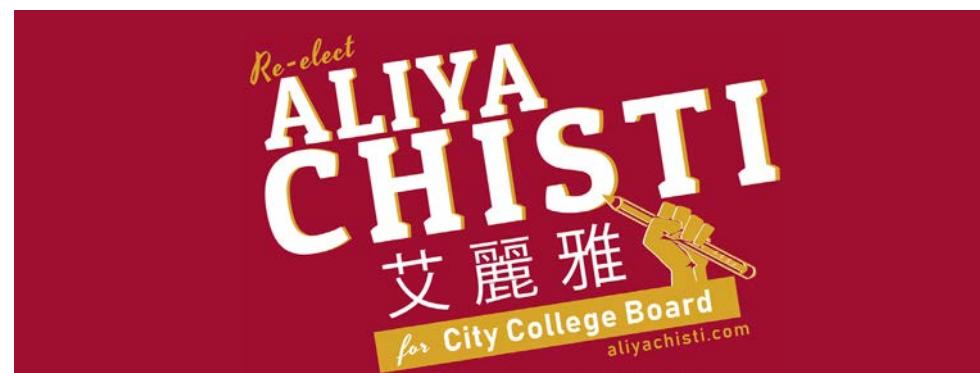
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The Dogpatch Hub officially opened last month, with a ribbon-cutting that included Mayor London Breed, State Senator Scott Wiener, Board of Supervisor President Aaron Peskin, District 10 Supervisor Shamman Walton, as well as citizen-advocates Katherine Doumani, Donovan Lacy, and J.R. Eppler. The facility is open six days a week. The Hub is funded by the University of California, San Francisco, with more than \$100,000 donated by community members and developers. It's governed by a nonprofit, Friends of Dogpatch Hub, guided by a stakeholder advisory council of neighbors. PHOTO: Peter Linenthal

Gianaras Sisters Continue Food Tradition with Novy

BY REBEKAH MOAN

Kathryn Gianaras attributes the success of the Greek restaurant, Novy, she co-owns with her sister, Kristen, to perseverance and a strong team. They opened the Noe Valley restaurant in 2015 and for the first two years did nothing but work.

"There were no breaks, no time off. The grind was insane," she said. "We got through that part while learning absolutely everything we could and listening to everyone's feedback."

After a period of constant turnover, Novy finally secured good staff that's stuck around.

"That strong team is what got us to where we are today. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without them. We trust them to run everything when we're not at the restaurant 24/7."

Novy is open seven days a week for dinner and offers lunch Monday through Friday, brunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Food service is in the Gianarases' blood. Their parents, John and Vi Gianaras, purchased 4000 24th Street, the location of L&F Corner Market, in 1977. They turned it into the casual dining restaurant Panos, named after John's father. It specialized in Greek cuisine until 1997 when John and Vi rented the space to Pasta Pomodoro. When that lease expired in 2014, they asked their daughters if they'd like to take it over and open an eatery.

"My first response was, 'You're crazy,'" Kathryn said. "Only a crazy person opens a restaurant."

But she changed her mind because it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with her sister, with whom Kathryn's always been close.

"I've followed in her footsteps my entire life [because she's two years older]," she said. "I wanted to do this with her, and we make a really good team. Where I have my weaknesses, she has her strengths, and vice versa. I said, 'Let's give this a chance and do our best,' and here we are almost 10 years later."

Novy has gained a following as an authentic Greek restaurant serving dishes such as lamb gyro, along with California classics like kale salad. Despite being on numerous "Best Greek Food" lists, Novy is primarily a neighborhood restaurant.

"We have so many regulars that are here multiple days a week, or Monday through Friday for lunch," Kathryn said. "It's because they feel so welcome and at home here. My mission for this restaurant is that everyone who comes in feels like they're a part of the family. We have a warm, welcoming vibe and serve good food that's authentic."

The authenticity comes from family recipes and visits to Greece. Novy's chef, Carmelo Becerra, worked for John and Vi for 17 years at Panos. When Novy launched, the sisters recruited him back. Last summer, the Gianarases flew to

Greece for Kathryn's wedding; Becerra went as well.

"And it was the perfect opportunity for him to taste real, authentic food in Greece and be inspired to make our menu even more authentic," Kathryn said. "Now he's motivated to work even harder on the menu and to be more creative. The recipes are family recipes but there's room for specials and room

for more Greek authentic food. I like

where our menu is at and don't want to spread ourselves too thin but creating one or two specials every day would give more reason for people to come in on different days, or more often, to see what the specials are and try something new. We're grateful for the people who support us. Stop by!"

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By Ashley Miller

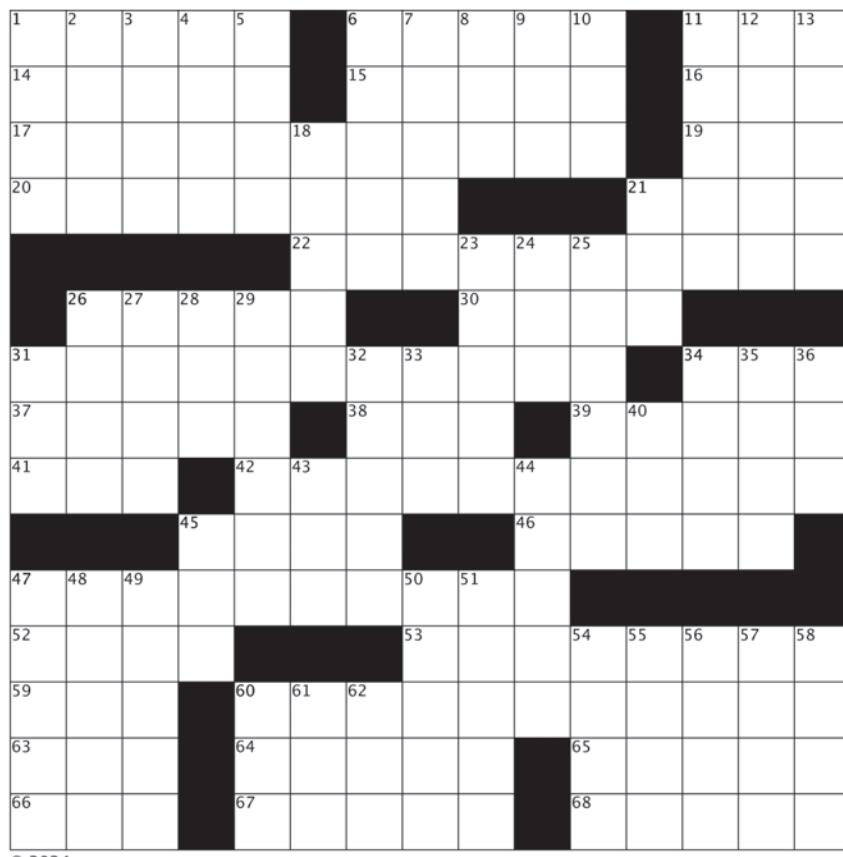
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Crosswords

BY DENA WITKES



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ACROSS

- Chávez with a street named after him
- Throw with great effort
- Computing pioneer Lovelace
- Chase Center, for one
- Tired travelers?
- "__ Misérables"
- See 47-across
- Long in the tooth
- "You don't say!"
- Consistently reliable choice
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- Ivan who is known as "The Father of the Inside-Out Forehand"
- Reindeer kin
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- Running total at Blooms Saloon
- Armless sofa
- Palindromic peace activist
- Driverless car company that started as a Google project
- Give it a go
- See 47-across
- Lena of "Chocolat"
- Peeved
- San Francisco mayoral seat seekers
- Have a novel experience?
- One way to order at Osito
- Rainbow shape
- See 47-across
- Dr. Fauci's acronym
- An American in Paris, briefly
- 38 __ (most heavily used bus line in the city)
- Fair-hiring initials.
- Inferior
- Soothing ointments

DOWN

- Cropped top?
- Taylor Swift's __ Tour
- Rockefeller Center muralist
- Egyptian cross
- "The King of Clay," to fans
- Like a zero-star review
- € € €
- Homophone of this clue number
- L x w x h
- CCSF course for aspiring bilinguals
- Cool and distant
- It may have a big mouth
- "Likewise"
- Whatsoever
- Beetle juice?
- Bird in the title of Hayao Miyazaki's last film
- "Beef" star Wong
- Stick at SF Kebab
- Lion's den
- It's a sin
- Peeples of "Fame"
- 20,320-foot Alaskan peak
- Pesticide banned by the EPA
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- Card game with a yelled name
- Trike rider
- In the thick of
- Word before mot or vivant
- "Shoot!"
- Give a leg up or a hand to
- Fibonacci, for one
- Like two-thirds of Fibonacci numbers
- Origami bird
- Place for an eagle cam
- Taquería tidbit
- Drumroll-accompanying exclamations
- Grilled corn at Papito
- Bygone NYC venue for "Country, Bluegrass, Blues, and Other Music For Uplifting Gourmandizers"
- L x w
- Honest-to-goodness
- Four years, for SF mayor
- "Grand" ice cream brand
- Kareem, as a kid
- Good Grips gadget company
- Letters associated with KQED

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Delivering Opportunities

BY MARK STEENSLAND

"Pregnant" and "homeless" were two words Martha Ryan was shocked to see together, especially in 1980s America, when President Ronald Reagan's economic boom fueled the conspicuous consumption lifestyles of the Yuppies – Young Urban Professionals – and DINCs; Double-Income-No-Children couples. But the combined words described a reality. And Ryan intended to do something about it.

Ryan graduated from high school in 1967. But her motivation to act was less inspired by the hippie movement's Summer of Love than by those who'd helped her own family through periods of poverty while growing up.

She'd joined the Peace Corps after earning a University of San Francisco degree in 1972 and spent time in Ethiopia, where she witnessed how the power of women working in community could overcome even a lack of electricity and running water.

Back in San Francisco, Ryan became an intensive care unit nurse and returned to Africa to assist for short stretches in other countries such as Sudan, Uganda and Somalia before realizing there was a unique need right in her own backyard.

In 1989, she secured a \$52,000 grant and opened the Homeless Prenatal Program as a three-person clinic inside the Hamilton Family Shelter in Haight-Ashbury. Thirty-five years after those humble beginnings HPP has grown to 130 employees and a \$17 million annual budget, 60 percent of which comes from municipal contracts, the remaining 40 percent from foundation grants, individual donors, and fundraisers.

Ryan didn't foresee such scale, but as the unhoused population increased they've grown with it.

According to Executive Director Shella Eskridge, evidence of the need and HPP's response is visible every Friday morning, when hundreds of people gather outside the facility inside a former door factory at the intersection of 18th Street and Potrero Avenue

to receive one of the 450 bags of food distributed weekly. Eskridge said they could always use more.

In addition to food distribution, HPP offers counseling services, parenting classes, drop in child care, wellness programs, and a 16-month paid apprenticeship which prepares graduates for employment as community health workers, many of whom now work for HPP.

"In fact," Eskridge added, "50 percent of our employees have lived experience."

HPP housing assistance consists of vouchers for temporary hotel stays as well as placement in the 17-bed Jelani House for pregnant and postpartum women.

"People want to succeed," Ryan said, "but when you are born into poverty, opportunities for success are limited. That's what we provide."

Last year, in a city with an estimated 437 homeless families, HPP provided services to nearly 4,500 families, Ryan's work has earned her numerous accolades, including a CNN Heroes award in 2013, and a Heroes Among Us profile in *People* magazine. She's quick to insist that none of the accomplishments were hers alone, emphasizing that she's carried on the community-based approach that first inspired her.

She's transitioned out of overseeing day-to-day operations and focuses on being the face of HPP, allowing the new generation, led by Eskridge, to pilot work into the future. That includes planning the biggest project yet: construction of 96 affordable residences in the space presently occupied by the warehouse adjacent to their headquarters.

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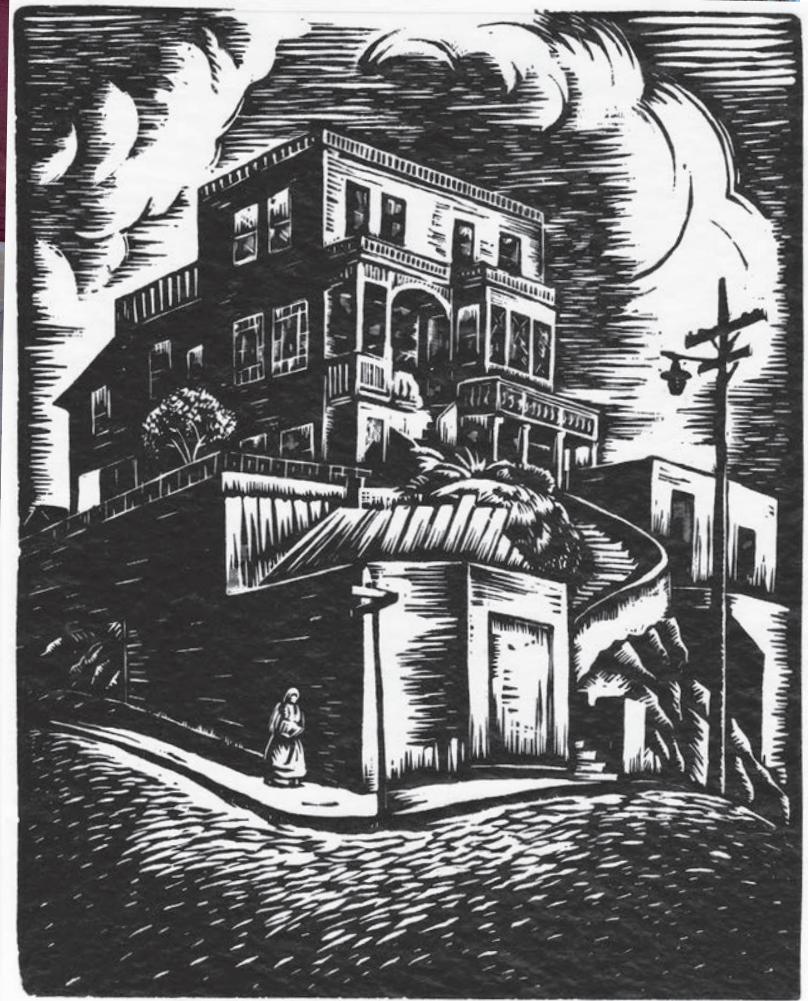
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Art: SF Open Studios

ArtSpan celebrates the 50th SF Open Studios. October 5 and 6 visit Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, Mission Bay, SoMa, Bayview-Hunters Point, East Cut, and South Beach artists. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3BbUntU>

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History: Shipyard

Artists Stacey Carter and William Rhodes share their year-long journey creating the African American Shipyard History Quilt Project. This is the closing event and last chance to view the exhibit. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Shipyard Gallery, Building 101, Hunters Point Shipyard, 451 Galvez Avenue. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3ZzYtpR>

6 sun

Music: "Sounds of the Street"

Featuring Bay Area Hip Hop sounds from Afterthought, Ash, Top Chefs, and special guests. 1 to 4 p.m. Free. India Basin Shoreline Park, Hunters Point Boulevard and Hawes Street. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3XsFQBy>

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This nontechnical, nonmathematical introduction to awe-inspiring ideas from Albert Einstein is designed for people with little or no science background. Learn why Einstein's theories continue to fascinate scientists and science fiction fans. A concise overview of Einstein's ideas, and the way that science, especially astronomy, has confirmed his theories. Study such weird notions as why there's no universal "now," how space can warp, realistic time travel, how giant black holes form in space, and the existence of gravity waves. Presented by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Six meeting dates, \$125; a \$55 annual membership is required to participate in this six-week course. For more information about the course: <https://tinyurl.com/4f39wbn>. For more information about membership: <https://ollis.sfsu.edu/membership>

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Community: Dogpatch Meet 'n Clean

Meet your neighbors and help make our neighborhood sparkle! Lunch and cleaning supplies provided; registration required. 12 to 1:30 p.m. Progress Park, Indiana Street, between 23rd and 25th streets. For more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/4evegu>

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Art: SFMOMA Free Community Day and Opening of *Get in the Game*

Combined with a wide range of immersive activities and performances inspired by the latest San Francisco Museum of Modern Art exhibition: *Get in the Game*, with 150 objects exploring the powerful — and sometimes contentious — place of athletics in our communities. Free admission. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. SFMOMA 151 Third Street. For more information: <https://bit.ly/4diVAwR>

Community: 5K "Run to the Arts"

A fun run followed by an art tour celebrating creativity, music, and sports. 8:30 to 10 a.m. \$0 to \$40. Race begins at Yerba Buena Gardens, 750 Howard Street. For more information and to register: <https://bit.ly/3MUFAq3>

Community: Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Photo Tour

Guided tour of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. U.S. Navy team members will share information about ongoing environmental cleanup efforts. Two tours available: starting at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. These are seated bus tours with no convenience stops. For more information and reservation: <https://bit.ly/3TCUvJa>

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Community: The Park Market at Crane Cove Park

Local makers, food and drinks, live music, free paddleboarding lessons from Dogpatch Paddle, free health

and wellness classes by Bayview Hunters Point YMCA, the "Garage Sale Extravaganza" offering a flea market; advance application required. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Crane Cove Park, 18th and Illinois streets. For more information: <https://bit.ly/47cqyWd>

Community: Portola Neighborhood Garage Sale

Buy and sell pre-loved goods at the third annual Portola Neighborhood Garage Sale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3XURQgj>

Halloween: Thrill-O-Ween at Thrive City

A spooktacular afternoon of safe Halloween fun, Thrive City will be filled with themed activities for all ages including a screening of *Despicable Me 4*. Stay alert because you never know who or what may pop out! Best dressed wins costume contest! For more information and to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/4essEUJ>

Art: 42nd Annual Sandcastle Classic

Leap Arts in Education takes over Ocean Beach to host Northern California's largest sandcastle contest. Team competition, food trucks, and live music. View dozens of jaw-dropping, supersized sand sculptures. This year's theme: "Out of This World"; teams will include UFO's, aliens, and cosmic, otherworldly elements in their sandcastle designs. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free. Ocean Beach, Balboa Street and Great Highway. Rain or shine. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3zj2apl>



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With forewords by DEREK HUMPHRY and FAYE GIRSH

A REVIEW BY SUZANNE TAY-KELLEY

A compilation of nearly 40 accounts of people grappling with death and “self-deliverance,” publication of *THERE AT THE END: Voices from Final Exit Network* coincides with the 20th anniversary of the launch of the now 3,000-member Final Exit Network. The national nonprofit supports people facing chronic or debilitating illness who want to act on their belief that “any competent person unbearably suffering an intractable medical condition has the option to die legally and peacefully.”

Edited by retired librarian and Potrero Hill resident, Jim Van Buskirk,

this unique anthology is dedicated to FEN’s more than 70 volunteers, including “exit guides” who provide clients with “compassionate presence” and education on effective and comfortable death options. While sometimes subject to police suspicion, guides, who may travel cross-country to lend moral support, are instructed to provide neither termination of life means nor physical assistance to avoid prosecution.

The book can be a distressing read, with first-person stories, as well as accounts from families or volunteers, some of which originally appeared in FEN’s newsletters. The narratives include accounts of peaceful suicides with family farewells, failed attempts to escape pain or an otherwise intolerable life, and tales of volunteer involvement in right-to-die advocacy, told with unflinching candor, and some anger amid heartbreak.

As FEN’s Exit Guide Program Director Lowrey Brown asserted, individuals should be allowed to control their deaths “without society getting its collective knickers in a twist.” While medical advancements have prolonged lives, “must we be cursed to endure exhausted, painful bodies or demented minds...?”

While California has permitted terminally ill patients to receive medical help in ending their lives since 2016, state laws vary, with widespread confusion about how to overcome the logistical and

cultural roadblocks to terminating one’s life. There are poignant descriptions of loved ones enduring chemotherapy or dying alone for fear of placing their family or friends in legal jeopardy. Providers can be reticent to offer palliative care services; conflicts emerge with staff to honor do not resuscitate orders. One provider suggests a memory care facility notorious for contagious diseases to end a patient’s suffering.

The 183-page collection paints portraits of idyllic passings, such as a couple of more than 55 years embarking on their next “grand adventure” holding hands in bed. Yet things also go awry. In a suicide pact without FEN guidance, a man dreading a future with heart failure and his wife’s dementia, shoots her and himself. He dies immediately, but she lingers 12 hours after the gunshot before succumbing. Their daughter joins FEN following the trauma.

Van Buskirk conceived of *Voices* a year ago to share resources with a broader audience; he’s thrilled that the San Francisco Public Library has ordered copies.

“The important thing is to get it out into people’s hands,” he said, hoping readers will “pass it along, initiate conversations.”

Van Buskirk learned of FEN while facilitating a Death Café discussion at the Potrero Branch library.

“People were starving to ask questions and tell stories,” he recalled of the sessions, which he started around 2015. Participants were “so eager for a safe place to share beliefs, fears.”

One woman invited him to support her during her journey with FEN, an experience he found profoundly moving. “She was so grateful,” he recalled.

After witnessing a second, similarly peaceful FEN-shepherded death, he was so struck by volunteers’ compassion and professionalism that he signed up for training. He’s since found his niche as an unpaid phone counselor, answering initial queries and coordinating guide assignments regionally.

The anthology ends with an expression of gratitude from a client confronting a progressing tumor. “It feels right to be closing out belongings and past accomplishments, to linger over pictures before I discard them,” she shared. Without FEN’s support, “I think one would be too ill or stressed to have this luxury of time for reflection and appreciation.”

There at the End will be featured at the San Francisco Public Library on October 22, 6 to 7 p.m.



Jim Van Buskirk.

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activity, transportation networks like BART and Muni, critical drinking water and wastewater utilities, and disaster response facilities. What happens along the San Francisco Waterfront will impact San Franciscans in every corner of the City."

The Port, in collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is conducting a waterfront flood study, one of several coordinated resiliency ac-

tivities being undertaken in partnership with federal, state, and local agencies to plan for anticipated seismic activity, flooding, and sea level rise. Earlier this year, the Port and USACE released a Draft Plan, which identifies the study's long-term vision and establishes goals and policies to achieve it.

Reflecting more than six years of community engagement and public input, the Draft Plan proposes to defend the shoreline within the Port's jurisdiction against sea level rise. It

indicates approximately where to build coastal flood defenses and how much sea level rise future coastal flood defenses will manage before they need to be adapted to higher water levels," said Benson. "It includes a monitoring and adaptation plan to track evidence of sea level rise and global climate change to understand when future actions will be required."

According to Benson, the proposed measures are estimated to cost \$13.5 billion. If approved by the U.S. Congress, the federal government may pay up to 65 percent of the costs.

"The Port will continue to seek public input on the effort to defend the waterfront against sea level rise and

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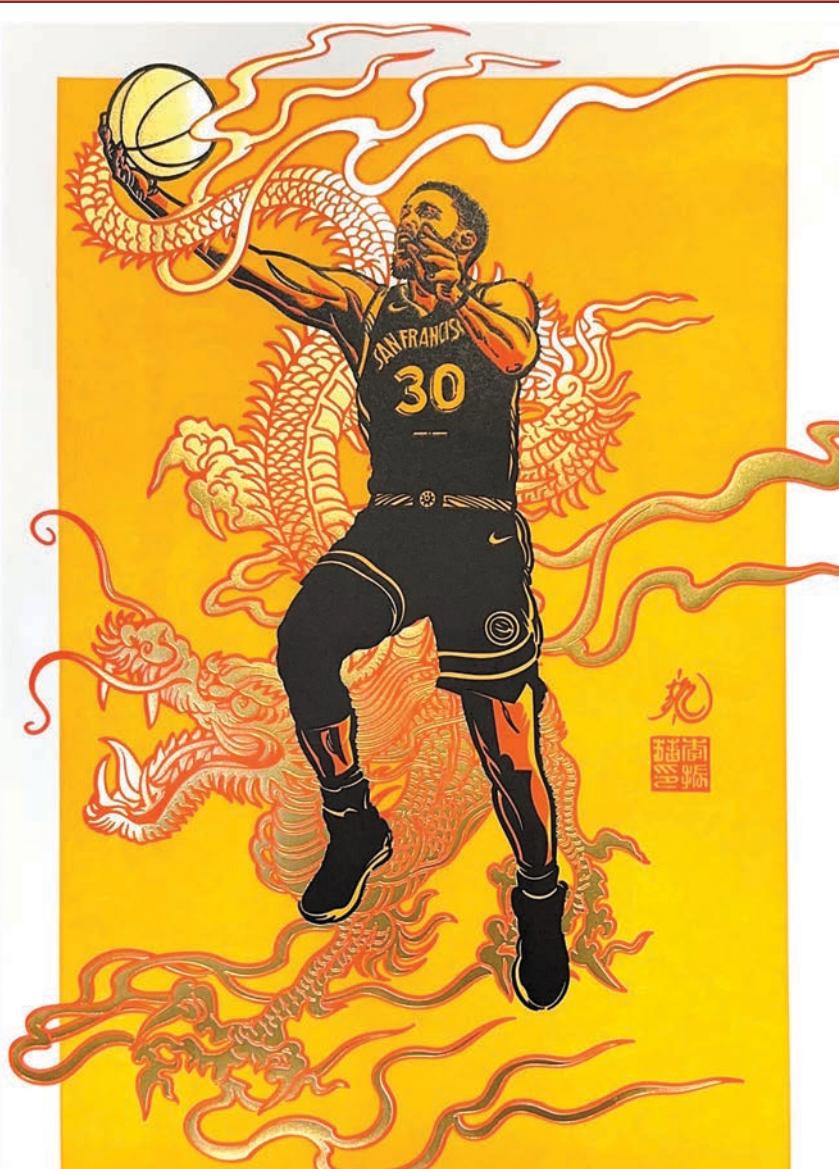
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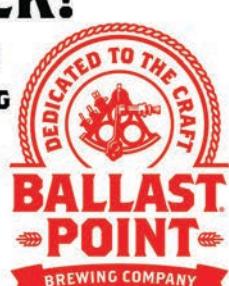
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coastal flooding," said Benson.

"Funding needs may require the City to take out bonds or create special tax districts for adaptation projects. It will be important for the City to design these future funding efforts with vulnerable residents in mind, to avoid cost burdens and/or displacement for low-income residents," said Aktinson. "It will also be important for residents to support these financing efforts and understand the benefits of investing in sea level rise mitigation and adaptation measures now to save money later."

Under Proposition K, on the November ballot, a mile-long portion of the Great Highway would close to car traffic permanently by 2026, as part of a project to protect the City's western shore from

rising sea levels. Proposition 4, also to be voted on next month, would create a \$10 billion state bond that includes \$350 million for flood management projects along California's urban shorelines, such as the San Francisco waterfront.

"SPUR recommends a yes vote for Prop 4," said Aktinson.

MAYOR'S RACE from front page

who often cluster South-of-Market and in the Tenderloin. San Francisco has recorded a roughly 20 percent drop in drug overdose fatalities so far this year, according to preliminary Office of the Chief Medical Examiner data. The death decline may be tied to reported reductions in fentanyl potency, as dealers attempt to avoid potential murder

charges. The drug trade is also becoming more costly, with greater shrinkage due to spirited enforcement efforts by the Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMACC), which seized more than 109 kilograms (kg) of fentanyl and 53 kg of methamphetamine, while arresting nearly 1,150 dealers and 1,500 users since 2023.

Breed would continue the DMACC, prioritize illegal drug seizures, issue citations for illegal activity, and conduct arrests on the supply side. On the demand side, Breed supports requiring individuals with a substance use disorders to receive treatment to obtain cash assistance and has expanded conservatorship programs to include those gravely disabled by substance abuse. Breed backed a pilot program to match

San Francisco Department of Public Health doctors with fentanyl users through telehealth to provide immediate prescriptions for medication. Breed no longer supports safe consumption sites, which she championed last year.

Farrell would prioritize recovery-first options and declare a fentanyl State of Emergency, including deploying more armed National Guardsmen. He wants a centralized 24/7 intake center offering shelter and stabilization beds, jail treatment and detox programs, and an audit of health and welfare expenditures. Farrell would mandate treatment detention for those revived by Narcan. Farrell supported safe injection sites while mayor, but no longer does.

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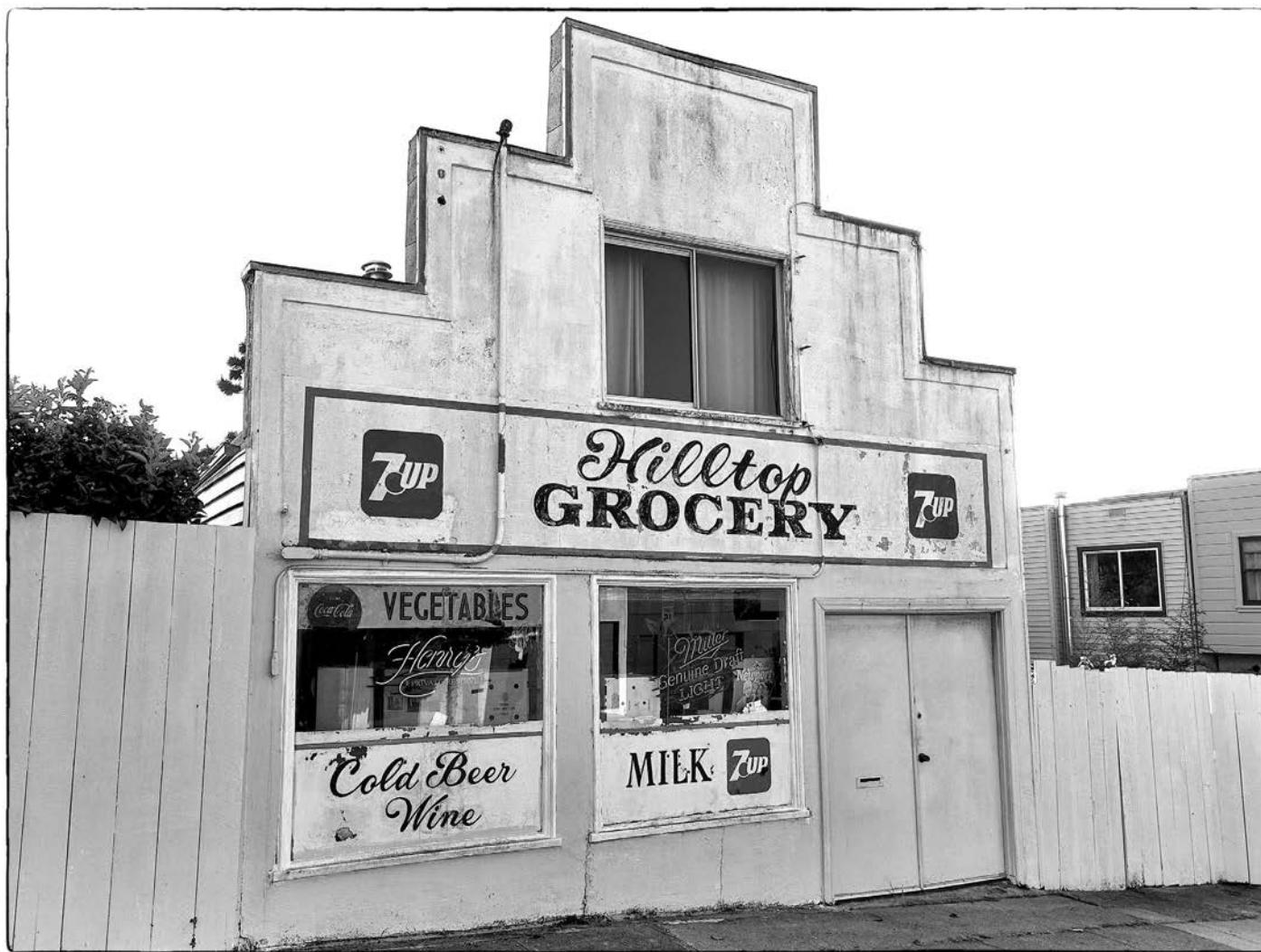
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Lurie would also declare a fentanyl State of Emergency. He'd crack down on first time dealers, and wants the Sheriff's Department to deploy geolocation technology to monitor individuals with stay-away-orders, arresting them if they break court-imposed conditions. Lurie hopes to implement a co-responder model, adding mental health professionals to police patrols alongside 24/7 crisis centers. Abusers would face the choice of immediate treatment or arrest. Lurie doesn't support safe injection sites.

Peskin would arrest drug dealers but doesn't support apprehending drug users. Instead, he'd encourage them to seek treatment, and backs conservatorship laws. He wants to increase the number of mental health providers and drug treatment specialists, as well as sober living options. Peskin is a longtime proponent of safe injection sites.

Safaí would open up to four Overdose Prevention Centers by the end of his first year as mayor. He'd fund Mental Health SF, with fully staffed, 24/7, central and satellite treatment locations. He'd like to partner with the University of California, San Francisco and the Salvation Army to increase treatment beds that provide rehabilitation and recovery programs. He wants to increase the number of sobriety-living sites, where former addicts would oversee recovery of presently addicted people. Safaí wants to loosen restrictions on disbursing methadone and supports safe injection sites.

Public Education

The San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) faces a \$400 million budget deficit over the next three years, with impending school closures and chronic staff shortages. Last month Breed announced that the City will field a team to help steer the district through proposed school closures and a worsening financial outlook, with \$8.4 million in unallocated Student Success Funds available for "emergency needs

and emergent strategies to support the school community."

Breed would continue the 2022 Children and Family Recovery Plan, which supports childcare, mental health and unfinished learning programs for young people. She'd maintain the Department of Early Childhood, founded under her administration, which focuses on using kindergarten readiness as a foundational indicator for future success. Breed wants to hold Community College of San Francisco accountable, withholding funds because of financial mismanagement.

Farrell seeks to make third-grade literacy the top priority for the City's partnership with SFUSD. He supports increasing financial assistance for preschool and would create a dashboard to track kindergarten readiness. Farrell wants to make Free Muni for All Youth a permanent program, while coordinating San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and SFUSD bus schedules to make getting to school easier. In areas around schools, Farrell would establish a zero-tolerance policy for harmful street behavior and conditions.

Lurie's public education priorities are increasing teacher salaries and access to housing and improving rapid Muni service to schools. He'd like to co-locate municipal services at schools, and enhance the Free City College program by securing state and federal grants, partnering with businesses and philanthropy to create scholarships and career pathways for students.

Peskin would seek to ensure that public schools are safe, well-funded, and well-staffed.

Safaí would prioritize expanding funding and support for public education. He's "adamantly" opposed to closing schools in areas of high need as a solution to SFUSD's budget shortfalls. Safaí believes the district must better address equity issues and improve student outcomes, especially for demographics it's failed. He'd seek to reinvest in educators to increase retention, boost

student achievement and improve the educational environment.

Government Transparency and Accountability

Breed has asked the Controller and City Attorney to conduct a public integrity review and has reduced spending on ineffective nonprofits.

Farrell wants to increase accessibility and transparency of City services through deployment of easy-to-use technology. Within two years of office, he'd make public services digital by default.

Lurie would prioritize centralizing contract management, create a Contractor Scorecard tracking projects costing more than \$1 million, and reform the Department of Building Inspection.

Peskin would implement an Inspector General under the Controller to fight corruption, with subpoena powers.

Safaí would require frequent auditing of the City's homelessness and housing funding. He'd strengthen oversight over how organizations receive and spend taxpayer dollars.

Favorite Thing about San Francisco

Breed: "My favorite things about San Francisco are our parks and neighborhoods. People can visit any district in San Francisco and have an amazing time visiting the unique small businesses and restaurants in each neighborhood and enjoy a beautiful park. No other city can match that."

Farrell: "I love San Francisco for the natural beauty, people, culture, and values that make us one of the most iconic cities in the world."

Lurie: "Going to a Giants game (and the Giants winning!)"

Peskin: "I've always loved our beautiful neighborhoods. The Victorian houses, neighborhood architecture, coffee shops, arts venues, and restaurants, create one of the most beautiful cities in the country to live and raise a family."

Safaí: "My favorite thing about San Francisco is that everyone has the freedom to be themselves."

Favorite thing to do in San Francisco

Breed: "Since I'm a foodie, my favorite thing to do is enjoy all the amazing cuisine San Francisco has to offer. Specifically, I love the fried rice and burritos available all across the city. Those are my two favorite foods that I could eat every day."

Farrell: "My favorite things to do are catch a Giants game with my family, throw ball at West Sunset Playground, and enjoy all the local restaurants and entertainment our City has to offer."

Lurie: "Sunday brunch on Potrero Hill is a family favorite (so many great brunch spots!)"

Peskin: "I love catching salsa and Cuban jazz shows at SF Jazz, and independent films at the Roxie Theater...my favorite thing to do is greet the sunrise with a swim in Aquatic Park and then get my morning coffee at Caffe Trieste, where I can check in with my neighbors."

Safaí: "My favorite San Francisco activity is riding the cable cars."

Favorite Book or Movie

Breed: "My favorite movie is *The Rock*; a San Francisco classic! I love Nicholas Cage. My favorite books are fiction audiobooks that I can listen to on the go."

Farrell: "Tough choice, but I have to pick *The Rock*."

Lurie: "Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell."

Peskin: "Movie: *The Graduate* and Book: *Cadillac Desert*."

Safaí: "Autobiography of Malcolm X and Empire Strikes Back."



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San Francisco Mayoral candidate, Daniel Lurie, listening in the hood.

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OBITUARY



Karen Monley

March 3, 1942 – August 31, 2024

Karen Monley, a remarkable San Franciscan and founding owner of Potrero Hill's Goat Hill Pizza, died on August 31.

Karen Adelle Monley (née Hartleben) was born on March 3, 1942, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, to Nile and Francis Hartleben. Karen and her mother were active in the Girl Scouts of America, traveling throughout the region and serving their local community. Karen attended Parkersburg High School and Bethany College, in West Virginia, where she studied mathematics and physics. She was musically talented, performing concert piano and violin in school orchestras, and playing throughout her life.

Karen moved to San Francisco to raise a family and start her career. An Enrolled Actuary, Karen consulted on union benefit plans for the Alaska Teamsters as well as Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers. While performing her actuarial work, Karen founded a restaurant at 18th and Connecticut streets in 1975 with a group of friends: Philip DeAndrade, Joel and Loris Lipski, and Ruthann Dickinson. "Goat Hill Pizza" would become a neighborhood institution, a vibrant gathering place for family and community, for the next half century. Karen brought her actuarial experience and business acumen to the venture and led it through tough economic times.

In the late-1970s, Karen met and fell in love with Michael Monley, a public-school teacher and union leader,

who became her husband of 46 years. Together they explored the world, travelling with friends. Karen was a lively, curious, intelligent, and warm-hearted woman who loved her family more than anything else. She maintained deep, lifelong friendships, and was loving and generous with her large extended family.

Karen pursued many challenging avocations: women's competitive whale boat rowing, Tai Chi, racquetball and tennis, swimming, water aerobics, Sudoku, crossword puzzles and bridge. She regularly worked her way through the Sunday *New York Times*. Outside of soaking up the sun on her Glen Park home's back porch, or walking Willie, the world's smartest dog, her favorite place was in the foothills of Calaveras County, nurturing her tomatoes.

Karen Monley died of complications from COPD in San Francisco. She was 82 years old. She's survived by husband, Michael; brother David; daughter Dr. Beth Ellen Clark Joseph, son-in-law Jonathan Joseph, granddaughters Lily Elana Xiao-Qi Joseph and Chloe Eloise Li-Yun Joseph; and son David Homer Clark. She leaves 12 in-laws who loved her dearly, and more than 50 nieces and nephews.

Michael wishes to thank Karen's friends and caregivers at the San Francisco Campus for Jewish Living, the Frank Residences, University of California Medical Center, and the Goat Hill Pizza community. A memorial service will be held later this year.

mate was friendly, if a bit shy, as was I. We were definitely equal to one another, but something felt...off.

The school day started with the Pledge of Allegiance, "for liberty and justice for all." Not too deep into the year, at recess one of the older kids grabbed my newly prescribed horn-rimmed glasses off my face.

"Four-eyes, four-eyes!" he taunted.

"Gimme back!" I yelled, impotently.

He threw the glasses to his friend, who cleverly repeated, "Four-eyes, four-eyes."

This went on for a lifetime. It's still happening in some parallel universe. In this one they got tired of their game and threw my glasses at me.

For liberty and justice for all my ass, I muttered.

Trying and working hard matters. But we all have different gifts. Some people are just stupid. You're not supposed to say it out loud. Certainly, don't write a name in a bathroom stall. But it's pretty much a known fact, even if we pretend otherwise. Maybe, when you're sitting in a math or science class, you realize, I'm stupid! I'm the stupid one.

My realization came in kindergarten, courtesy of the prominently displayed chart showing who had learned how to tell time and tie their shoes. My name was not on it. For a long time. I still don't know how to tie my shoes correctly.

When that happens, by the way, that crystal clear insight that you're dumb, or not so good looking, or don't know how to tie your shoes in a way that sticks, be cool, be cool. It's a condition, like early balding or toes that curl weirdly, you can't fight it.

It's okay. Cause the secret, the

wisdom, is that being smart, or pretty, or a great athlete, isn't generally what guarantees success. Only a handful of us become superstar models, professional athletes, or scientists. To be good at life, for most of us, what's really important, the thing that'll carry us through the hard times and get us to the good, is personality. Personality trumps everything.

Personality doesn't mean nice. Nice is the of tube socks of personality. "She's nice," never gets you invited to a party, or asked on a date, or a work promotion. You can start with nice but need to add the rest of your personality attire. Funny is always good, assuming you can pull it off. Being creative, in any number of ways, works, even if only to amuse yourself. You could be a badass. Have a sense of style. Handy.

The best wrapper for any of these traits, that pulls everything together into a pathway to success, is vulnerable confidence. Confidence that doesn't tip over into being a know-it-all, emotionally untouchable or unable to apologize even when you're dead wrong. Vulnerable. Confidence. Like, when you see a puppy you're equally able to cry at how cute it is as pick it up and play with it. You can walk into any room as if you own it but always notice the single person in the corner standing awkwardly and go talk to them.

Personality should be taught in school, alongside English, and sex education, to give people a chance to try different things on. We're born with traits and inclinations, but we have huge control over our personality. We have the capacity to be a one-person orchestra, dialing up what works, dialing back what doesn't. You can be the friendly one, the brave one, the cheerleader, the one who helps out the teacher, or steps up first to volunteer. Even if your brain isn't quite as robust as others you can figure out how to maneuver in a crowd, engage someone in a conversation, make a person feel good about themselves.

Yeah, it might be a mask. Maybe you're actually super-shy, grumpy, or just an asshole. But you can stuff those unpleasant bits deep down into your body. Or get therapy.

Try it. It's not too late. I mean, here I am, trying to be funny.

This article is the first part of a script that the author ultimately intends to perform at open mic venues.

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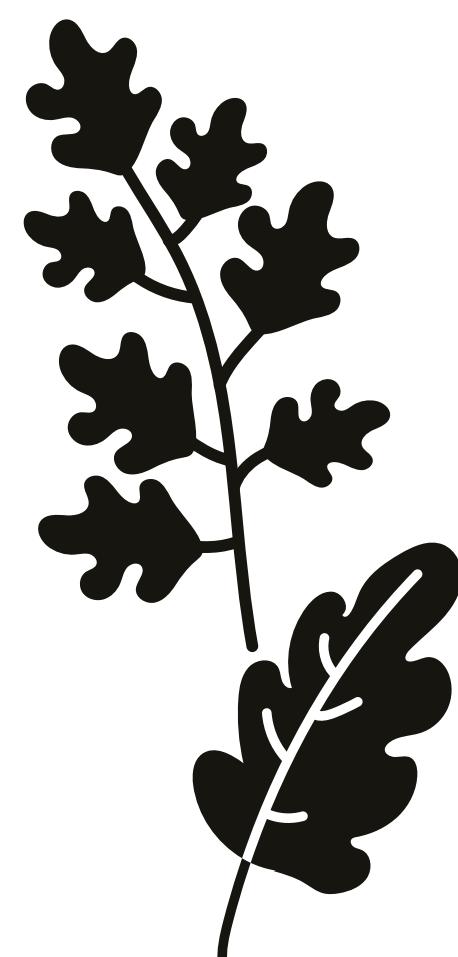
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People have long matched different

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designed to judge whether or not it's actually true. It's called "school." Every day, for at least six hours, we're handed a set of brain-dependent tasks and assessed on whether we have the stuff to grab that golden ring, an "A!" Or smiley face, glittery star, or cute puppy sticker.

By third grade, a bit later for some of us, we realize that we're not actually all created equal. I became aware of this when my teacher announced our classroom seating arrangement. I, the only Jew in class, with Black curly hair, was placed next to the only African-American kid. We sat at our shared desk in a sea of blond or brown-haired children, like a dark island. My desk





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What is the overall connection? (*)

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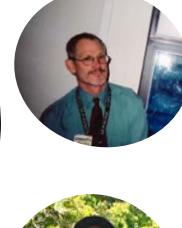
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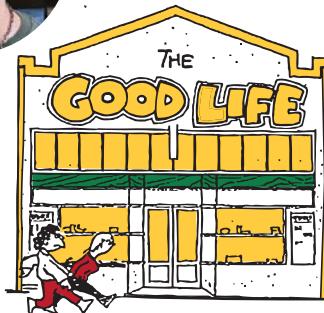
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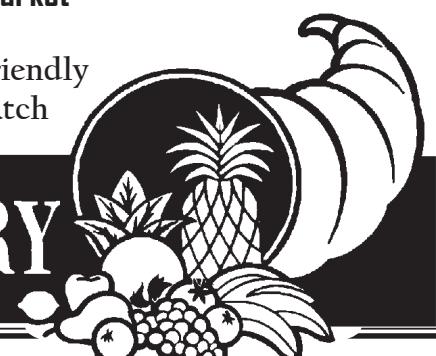
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