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Highways Increase Air Pollution-Related Health Risks in Dogpatch, Potrero Hill

BY MARK STEENSLAND

Dogpatch and Potrero Hill are sandwiched between two freeways: Highway 101 and Interstate 280. These roadways not only define local geography but create the conditions for a constant hum of traffic, toxic leaks from crumbling tires, oil, and other vehicle elements, and polluting air emissions.

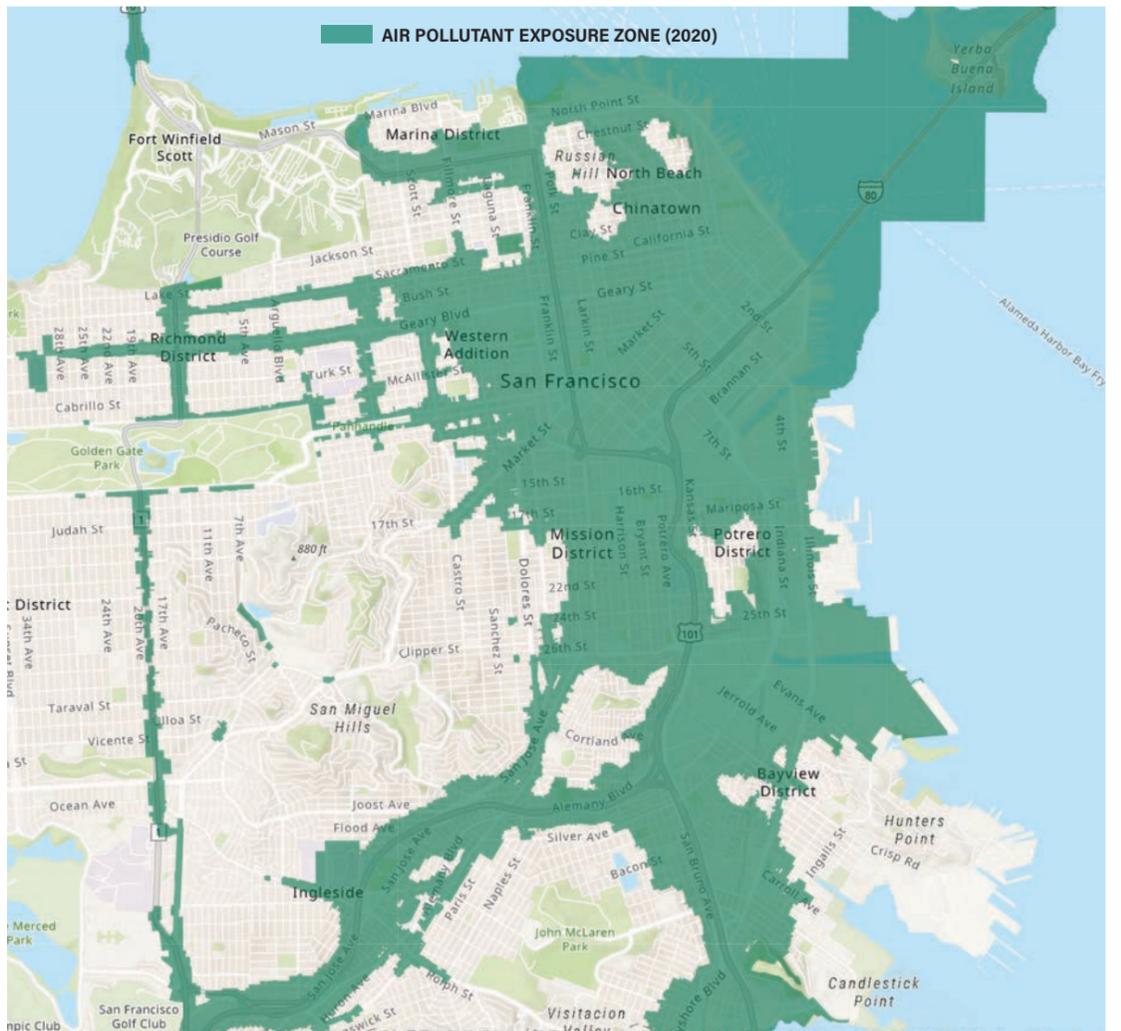
To understand traffic's contribution to air pollution, in 2010 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) implemented a near-road air monitoring network. Originally designed to study nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels, the system has grown to measure numerous other pollutants emitted by gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles, such as ultrafine particles and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), carbon monoxide (CO), black carbon (soot), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). According to E.P.A., these contaminants can increase risks associated with cancer, cardiovascular disease, asthma, and premature death.

As part of this national network, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) operates four near-road sites, one at 16th and Arkansas streets, three alongside Bay Area free-

ways with high traffic counts. Hourly average NO₂ and PM_{2.5} concentrations at the three freeway adjacent sites – Oakland – Laney, Berkeley Aquatic Park, and San Jose – Knox – mostly peak in the morning and evening, during rush hours. Intensities at the Potrero Hill location show the same pattern, but at levels lower than those near freeways.

"This confirms numerous other studies which have found similar patterns of higher measured concentrations of traffic-related air pollutants near roadways," said Ralph Borrmann, a public information officer with the Air District. "And while these studies took place

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Green indicates elevated air pollution levels, which are generally associated with vehicles, 2020 data. Source: <https://air.health/>

Reported Crime Sharply Down, Yet Residents Remain Uneasy



Shattered rear passenger window. PHOTO: Moumita Chakraborty

BY MOUMITA CHAKRABORTY

Reported wrongdoing has steadily declined in San Francisco, with 2024 experiencing the lowest rates in two decades. So far, the downward trend has continued in 2025. In the first half of this year, violent crime – homicide, rape, robbery, assault, and human trafficking

– decreased by 19 percent, with property crime – burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, and larceny theft – down 25 percent citywide.

Potrero Hill and Dogpatch are served by the San Francisco Police Department's (SFPD) Bayview Station, which covers one of the largest areas in the City, including India Basin, Candlestick, Portola, Bayview, and Hunters Point. Showplace Square and Mission Bay fall under the Southern Station, also responsible for South-of-Market, Rincon Hill, Yerba Buena Island, and Treasure Island.

According to Bayview Station's crime dashboard, as of September 2025, there's been a roughly 30 percent decrease in property and violent crime. Motor vehicle theft dropped by 46 percent, burglary was down 36 percent, rape by 30 percent. The number of homicides

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Potrero Annex Inhabitants Await Resolution; Delayed Demolition Date

BY TAMALA MOTTA

For more than a year, the San Francisco Housing Authority (SFHA) has tried to evict upwards of two dozen families that the agency claims are living illegally at Potrero Annex, which was supposed to be demolished this month. Some inhabitants have been residing at the complex for a long time; others are considered trespassers. Many of the eviction cases will likely be tied up in litigation for months.

The redevelopment project has suffered from chronic delays. "Rebuild Potrero" was initially launched in 2008. Between 2016 and 2024, just one 72-unit building was completed. Earlier this year a second building, the 157-unit Eve Community Village, housing 117 families, opened. The third development phase will be constructed on the steep hillside parcels occupied by the structures scheduled to be demolished.

While Annex residents with leases have the choice of moving into Eve

Community Village or an apartment in a different low-income housing development, the offer doesn't extend to roughly 40 households occupying units without agreements. Some of those occupants assert that they thought they were living there legally because they paid rent to an employee of a former management company, an allegation that the San Francisco City Attorney couldn't substantiate.

The Housing Authority initially offered residents a \$5,000 Airbnb gift card to evacuate. When that wasn't accepted the offer morphed to \$4,500 in cash.

"Arguably from the tenant's perspective, \$4,500 in cash is worth more, but they are bargaining backwards which is not a way to settle anything," said Ora Prochovnick, Director of Litigation and Policy at the San Francisco's Tenant Right to Counsel (TRC) program, which is representing many of the inhabitants. "They told tenants that every day they

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PUBLISHER'S VIEW

Books

BY STEVEN J. MOSS

About 20 years ago, biking at Burning Man I came across an impressive sculpture composed of books. The artist was present, fielding questions from passersby. One asked whether, in Burning Man tradition, the piece would ultimately be set on fire.

"We don't burn books in America," he replied flatly, noting that the art would be installed at a library after the festival.

This year at Burning Man there were at least two pieces composed of, or centering on, books. Both were designed to be burned.

The Moonlight Collective constructed *The Moonlight Library* with books removed from library circulation or salvaged from waste streams. The volumes were cut in half to create a false front, and to manage the weight of the two-story structure. Embedded in the work were recordings of people who shared personal stories anonymously at the 2024 festival.

The piece formed a kind of physical embodiment of memories and stories.

To reach the upper level a visitor had to scramble up mismatched steps, making it challenging to access the contents, as well as the surrounding view. According to the lead artist, James Gwertzman, the work wasn't intended as a political statement about burning books, but rather unrecoverable volumes were used to pose the question, "what does it mean to be human?"

Alexander Rose – "Zander" – installed a small library at the base of the Burning Man structure as part of the *Pavilion of the Future*. The room was akin to an oversize replica of the small take-a-book-leave-a-book libraries-in-a-box that dot neighborhoods throughout the United States. It offered "banned" and other volumes, including Whole Earth catalogues signed by Stuart Brand. Visitors were encouraged to rescue the books to save them from being put to flames. "...this library is about NOT being burnt," stated Zander. "It's an ephemeral manual for civilization."

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SHORT CUTS

Burton Passes

Potrero Hill resident, **John Burton**, an influential figure in California politics for decades, with a reputation as a straight talker, frequent use of profanity and openhearted discussion of overcoming drug addiction, died on September 7 at a hospice facility in San Francisco. He was 92. His health had deteriorated after a fall two weeks prior to his death. Burton, who could frequently be seen near his home on the Hill's North Slope, was part of a partisan machine that dominated California politics, along with his brother Phillip, who, like John, served in the U.S. House of Representatives; Phillip's widow, Sala, who succeeded Phillip in the House; and former San Francisco mayor Willie Brown. The group helped form the political careers of **Nancy Pelosi**, former speaker of the House; **Barbara Boxer**, former U.S. senator; **Kamala Harris**, former senator, vice president and presidential candidate; and Governor **Gavin Newsom**. Burton served in the California State Assembly in the 1960s and 1970s and briefly chaired the state's Democratic Party. He spent four terms in Congress but chose not to seek a fifth in 1982, citing depression and dependence on crack cocaine and nitrous oxide. In 1988, more than 20 years after he was first elected, he returned to the State Assembly. In 1996, he moved to the State Senate, where he was president pro tempore for eight years. He then retook another old job, serving as state party chairman from 2009 to 2017.

Parks (Re) Funded

Third Plateau has raised nearly \$2 million to replace funds dedicated to neighborhood parks and open spaces that were stolen by the now defunct **San Francisco Park Alliance**. The temporary **San Francisco Neighborhoods & Parks Fund** intends to collect enough donations to fully cover the roughly \$2.5 million in outstanding Alliance commitments. Initial disbursements are expected next month. An independent grant committee will perform due diligence to ensure proper expenditures.

Honey, Honey

Potrero Hill residents harvested seven gallons of honey from the 18th and Rhode Island Permaculture Garden last month, most of which was donated to the Free Farm Stand. According to **Travers Flynn**, who stewards the garden, in 2024 a Hill resident and beekeeper proposed adding hives to the patch. The first crop yielded five gallons of honey, gifted to the Free Farm Stand. However, none of the bees made it through the winter. Earlier this year a new batch of bees, hosted in three hives, were cultivated by a handful of families and their kids, ranging from toddlers to teenagers, all of whom had a chance to don bee suits. The resulting honey was harvested by upwards of 20 families, with two dozen kids. Participants took honey samples home; a quart was provided to families staying at the **Downtown High School** homeless

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Power Station Coming to Life

BY JESSICA ZIMMER

Over the past year, Associate Capital has installed elevators, painted interiors, and finished the exterior façade of the Sophie Maxwell building, aka “The Maxwell.” The 105-unit housing complex, located at 1212 Maryland Street, is priced to be affordable for middle-income San Franciscans.

“We’re finishing the Phase 1 infrastructure of Power Station. This comes after building the seawall a few years ago. When the ribbon-cutting for the Sophie Maxwell building is announced... we will share specific information about eligibility and the application process,” said Enrique Landa, Associate Capital managing partner, who indicated the opening will occur this month.

Associate Capital planted its first street trees – red maples on the Humboldt Loop; African fern pines on Delaware and Maryland streets – alongside new sidewalks. It reconstructed the sidewalk, put in an irrigation scheme and installed an auxiliary water supply system on 23rd Street.

According to PJ Johnston, Associate Capital spokesperson, while the developer is responsible for most street improvements within the Power Station’s boundaries, 23rd Street is municipally owned, with several entities involved with improving it.

An almost three-acre “Prequel Park” is being designed by London-based Heatherwick Studio. The commons will be created around Unit 3, a former eight-story fossil gas-powered boiler, and the 300-foot stack. It’ll cost between \$15 and \$20 million to develop such potential features as gardens, play areas, a running loop, 100-person am-

phitheater, and art gallery in the stack. The park will be replaced by a hotel sometime after 2032. Associate Capital expects to open the space in early 2027.

The University of California, San Francisco plans to construct a Life Sciences Building at Power Station, 1.2 miles south of UCSF’s Mission Bay campus. The structure will be 10 levels, two below-ground for a proton therapy center, primary and secondary care clinics, with multi-specialty clinics on floors two through five, and a life sciences business incubator on floors six through eight. The Life Sciences Building will also house an endoscopy suite, an infusion center and pharmacy. The building’s clinical space will open in 2028.

The Potrero Boosters are pleased that Associate Capital is making progress in this challenging economic environment.

J.R. EPPLER

Proton therapy is a new type of radiation treatment that involves focusing beams of protons on cancer cells. The center is expected to open in 2029.

Associate Capital is working with the YMCA of Greater San Francisco to design a “full facility” at Power Station, spanning roughly 25,000 square feet.

“We’re in the early design and fundraising phase, with a target of five years to start construction. So far, \$6 million has been committed, including \$3 million from the Loker Foundation for an aquatics center and \$3 million from the Power Station Foundation for early capital support,” said Jamie Bruning-Miles, president and chief ex-

ecutive officer of the YMCA of Greater San Francisco.

Dogpatch and Potrero Hill residents have requested that multiple amenities be incorporated into the Power Station YMCA, including a gym and wellness center, indoor aquatics facility, community meeting rooms and flexible gathering space. There’s interest in programs focusing on childcare, mental health, nutrition, and senior gathering, as well as relating to chronic disease, cancer recovery, brain health, workforce development and other types of economic advancement.

According to Bruning-Miles, the YMCA is piloting programming for the Power Station facility by observ-

ing members’ interests and uses at the Dogpatch YMCA.

“The Potrero Boosters are pleased that Associate Capital is making progress in this challenging economic environment. We’re also happy that the first building set to be completed will be workforce housing. Further it’s good that they added a major institution as a tenant, the University of California, San Francisco,” said J.R. Eppler, a District 10 Supervisor candidate.

“Associate Capital has always worked well with the community. We appreciate that they’ve been committed to this project, and adding housing, commercial space, and active green spaces is a huge benefit for Dogpatch,” said Susan Eslick, a Dogpatch Business Association board member and Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District treasurer.

“The electrical infrastructure for the whole development is now complete. Liffey Electric did the work, with the help of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 6,” said John Doherty, business manager and financial secretary for IBEW 6.

Doherty said building a new neighborhood in San Francisco is challenging. During excavation and site preparation, older foundations were discovered underneath groundworks that were recently demolished.

“Power Station is an interesting mix. It has the old elements of historic San Francisco and new elements of “just-built” San Francisco,” said Doherty.

CityBuild Academy, a workforce training program operated by the

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NABE NEWS

Transforming Lives!

Ever wondered about that big brown building on the corner of DeHaro and Southern Heights?

The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House (aka the Nabe), a Julia Morgan-designed SF historic landmark and non-profit community center, lends a helping hand and advocates for public housing residents. For more than a century, the Nabe has helped transform the lives of underserved youth, families, and seniors with programs focused on youth development, food security, and wellness. After-school and summer education programs provide mentorship, tutoring, and a safe haven for our neighborhood’s underserved children.

The Nabe’s food pantry serves over 150 families each Wednesday, rain or shine. Generations of Potrero Hill residents have passed through the Nabe’s doors finding connection, care, and community.

Executive Director Edward Hatter has been affiliated with the Nabe for more than 40 years. Come by, say hello to Edward, and check out the facility’s Julia Morgan Ballroom, a magnificent event rental space with panoramic city views!

Youth Corner and Talent Show at the Potrero Hill Festival – October 18, 2025
The Nabe is expanding youth-focused fun at this year’s Potrero Hill Festival with a special Youth Corner—featuring a talent show, arts and crafts, inflatables, and even a petting zoo! Calling all kids and teens ages 6–18! Want to show off your singing, dancing, acting, or othertalent on the youth stage? Sign up now: info@thenabe.org

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Dogpatch Art & Business Association DABA | dabaf.com

With our new chapter, the Dogpatch Art & Business Association (DABA) looks forward to expanding our outreach and enhancing initiatives that promote local art, business growth, and community engagement. The organization looks forward to hosting events, providing valuable resources, and fostering stronger neighborhood connections through regular social gatherings.

Business owners and community members are invited to get involved!

- **Join DABA** (dabaf.org) and become a paid annual member
- **Sign up for our newsletter** to find out about member meetings, opportunities, and local news
- Follow us on **Instagram @destinationdogpatch** to learn more about Dogpatch businesses, events, and activities
- Explore Dogpatch through a curated wayfinding map of local businesses, available online at <https://linktr.ee/exploredogpatch>

Dogpatch Neighborhood Association (DNA) | dogpatchna.org

We nurture civic participation & community building while fostering the unique character of Dogpatch. Our meetings are open to all, but membership is the lifeblood of the organization. You do not have to live within the Dogpatch boundaries to be a member or come to meetings, you just need to care about what happens in Dogpatch. **Monthly Meetings** are held the second Tuesday of every month - 7 p.m. at The Dogpatch Hub.

Come to our October 14th monthly meeting - presenters include the Bayview Police Precinct (hopefully new Captain Bernadette Robinson); Emily Cohen from the Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing; and representatives from the Lotus Corner Market, opening soon in the UCSF Tidelands building at 602 Minnesota St. We'll also entertain nominations for the DNA Executive Committee. And don't forget about our **Community Meet n' Clean** on October 12th at Esprit Park from 12:00 to 1:30 and the **Minneslowta Spooky Stroll** on October 25th from 5 to 8pm.

JOIN DNA TODAY!

Friends of Jackson Park (FoJP) | friendsofjacksonpark.org

Thanks to everyone who came out to our Play in Your Park Party on Sept. 6th. Now it's time to Build This Park! We need neighbors to Join our crew! Email us at info@friendsofjacksonpark.org - we'd love to have you.

Stop by our booth at the **Potrero Hill Rhythm & Blues Fest** on Saturday, Oct. 18th to learn more and write a postcard to help build the park we all deserve! Donate today at www.friendsofjacksonpark.org/donate

Green Benefit District | GreenBenefit.org

As part of this year's Dogpatch Music Series, in collaboration with the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association, we are hosting the 6th annual **Spooky Slow Street Halloween Stroll** on Saturday, October 25th from 5-8pm, on Minnesota St. from 20th to 22nd. We will have free pizza and ice cream, music and tons of candy, so get your costume ready and come trick or treat with your friends and neighbors!

Our **Monthly Board Meeting** is on Wednesday, October 15th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dogpatch Hub (1278 Minnesota St), where we will discuss all of the great urban greening projects that we are doing in the neighborhood.

Help make the Green Benefit District greener and cleaner. Our next GBD **volunteer event** is at the Vermont Greenway and Eco-Patch on Saturday, October 18th at 10 a.m. Sign up for a GBD volunteer event at <https://greenbenefit.org/volunteer> or report and issue at <https://greenbenefit.org/report-a-problem>.

The Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association | potreroboosters.org

The Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association informs, empowers and represents the residents of the Potrero district on issues impacting our community in order to develop and maintain complete, vibrant neighborhoods. We meet in person on the last Tuesday of each month at either the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House or the Dogpatch Hub, and continue to offer a Zoom option for those who cannot make it in person. Go to www.potreroboosters.org to learn more about our meetings and on how to join us!

Starr King Open Space | StarrKingOpenSpace.org

Join our **monthly volunteer days** on the second Saturday of the month. This month it is October 11th at 10 a.m. **Donate** to help keep Starr King Open Space open, accessible, and well-maintained for our neighborhood.

For a \$225 annual fee your organization can be listed in Getting Involved.
Contact production@potreroview.net

What Advice Would You Give Your Younger Self?

BY SARA MOSS



"Take advantage of every opportunity you can, and take more risks. Failure sucks but everyone fails."

HENRY, 24, 23RD STREET RESIDENT
ENCOUNTERED AT STARR KING OPEN SPACE



"Invest in as many stocks as you can! Oh, and have fun, you're only alive once!"

JON, 55, MARIPOSA STREET RESIDENT
ENCOUNTERED AT POST & PARCEL



"Have fun and take life by the horns!"

NATALIE, 21, DOGPATCH RESIDENT
ENCOUNTERED AT FARLEY'S

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“Be silly and creative! Don’t let other people dim your light!”

TERESA, 55
POTRERO HILL RESIDENT
 ON 20TH STREET



“To try harder in school; expose yourself when you’re younger and not to hold grudges.”

STEVEN
23rd and CAROLINA
STREETS RESIDENT
 AT FARLEY’S

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On September 6th, hundreds of people participated in the Play in Your Park event at Jackson Park, including Mayor Daniel Lurie and District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton.

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wait to accept their offer, the amount is going to be less. That's not conducive to moving the case forward... We would love it to be a win-win settlement for all involved, but that type of threatened stressful negotiation tactic is not going to resolve anything."

There are nine organizations within TRC, with Eviction Defense Collaborative (EDC) the lead agency. EDC represents roughly 10 households and is monitoring another five or so represent-

ed by other agencies. Some residents are representing themselves, though they can receive TRC assistance. According to Prochovnick, trial dates haven't been set for any of the situations.

"It is not legally possible for them to get these folks out in October unless they settle with them," said Prochovnick. "So, unless they want significant cost overruns on their demolition project... their only recourse is to give reasonable settlement offers... Nobody wants them to relocate to the streets. The Housing Authority's mission is contrary to that,

so they should be giving them a reasonable settlement so that they can leave... If they were forced to relocate tomorrow, the way these offers have been treading, they would be forced to relocate under a bridge."

According to Prochovnick, the inhabitants have varying backgrounds. Some have been at Annex for a long time; a few would be considered trespassers.

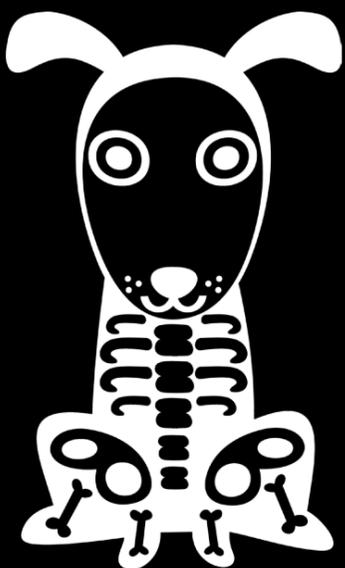
"There are definitely people out there who are what one would consider true squatters... I don't necessarily judge them for that. They were in a desperate situation, but they moved aside some plywood and moved in," said Prochovnick. "Even for those folks, Housing Authority has liability because their property management company was negligent and allowed squatters to occupy... There was a period of time when not only was property management so negligent that they were not truly boarding up and securing the vacant properties but they also had onsite personnel who were

committing fraud and although Housing Authority denies this and claims that the City Attorney has thoroughly investigated, we have heard this story repeated by too many people who don't know each other... There were indeed people who paid rent who are still living there... That rent perhaps was not properly channeled through Housing Authority systems but the occupants who paid that money didn't know that... Housing Authority insists it never happened, and the tenants allege that it did. I don't have a court decision that said it happened, but I'm certainly prepared to argue it in court."

"Procedurally, everybody has a right to their due process moment in court to present their defenses, and the attorneys for Housing Authority have been not moving their cases forward in the correct manner," Prochovnick continued. "There's a tool called discovery..."

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where people involved in litigation get information from the other side. We've attempted to do discovery in our pending cases and Housing Authority has either been uncooperative or delaying... In a lot of these cases they had trial dates and the trials get taken off calendar because of their failure to participate in discovery."

The Housing Authority's legal action relies on "forcible detainer," which, according to Prochovnick, is inappropriate.

"The very statute that they are relying on that allows them to use this process says right on its face, you cannot use this for people who have been living in the property for more than a year," said Prochovnick. "And at the time they first filed their cases, many of our clients had been there for more than a year and we can easily prove that. We've already won one case on this issue... We will win others, proving that the clients were there more than a year. Most of these cases were filed December

of 2024 so anybody who was living there before November of '23 can't be thrown out through the process they're trying to use and if they keep trying to use this process without settling and go to trial, we will win the cases."

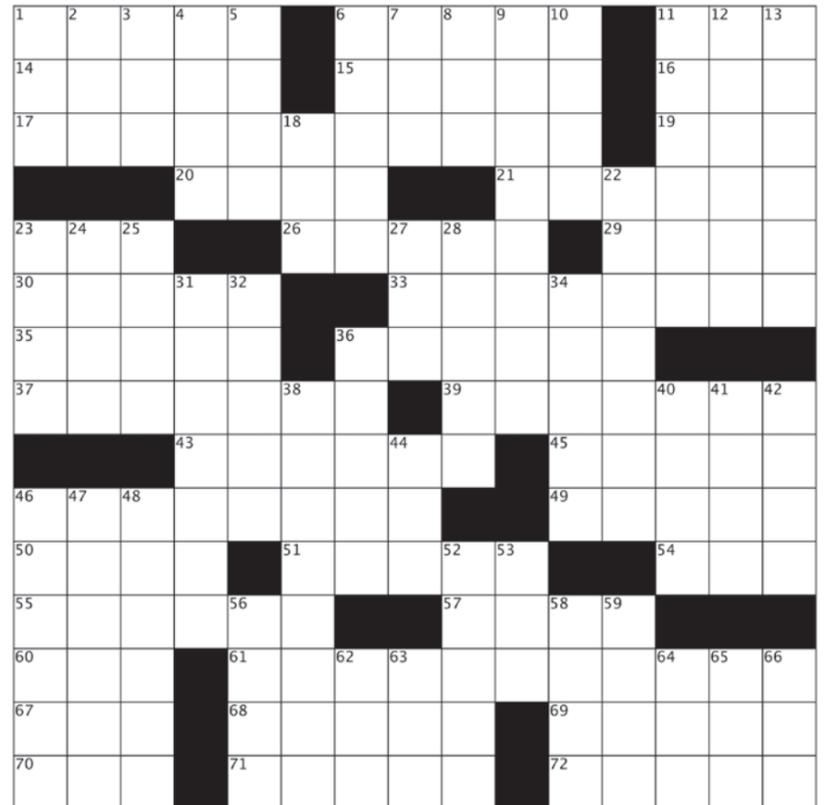
"Anybody who lived there who had valid leases either has been relocated on site, either permanently or temporarily, and then they will get moved into the replacement properties, or they are given the option to take a Section 8 voucher and go out in the market and find a place with Section 8," said Prochovnick. "Our clients...are not given those resources, so they can't get a Section 8 voucher, they aren't being relocated on the property, and they will not have a right to move into the replacement properties... There are some of our clients that are third generation Potrero Hill. Their grandmother lived in the Annex and now they're there, and we believe they should qualify for this relocation. Housing Authority is adamant that they do not, and that's why at the very least, they need a soft landing."

HANDY NUMBERS

District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton	415.554.7670 waltonstaff@sfgov.org
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San Francisco Animal Care and Control	415.554.6364
San Francisco Fire Department (non-emergency)	415.558.3200
San Francisco Police Department	671-2300; tip line, 415.822.8147 SFPDBayviewStation@sfgov.org
SFHOT/Homeless Outreach Team	311 or 415.734.4233
State Senator Scott Weiner	415.557.1300

Crosswords

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ACROSS

- 1. Brain's counterpart
- 6. Pinterest board content, for short
- 11. Clothing line?
- 14. "This ain't my first ___"
- 15. Hale-Bopp or Shoemaker-Levy 9
- 16. "Absolument!"
- 17. Local video artist and photographer from Tehran with MFA in New Genres from SFAI
- 19. The Magic of the NBA
- 20. Name for Bay Area fog, based on a character from "Big Fish"
- 21. Like some books or meals
- 23. '60s hit?
- 26. Instant replay tech
- 29. Prepare pastries at Le Dix-Sept Patisserie
- 30. Hi hi
- 33. Messenger bag company in Dogpatch since 2007
- 35. Inspiring goddesses
- 36. Get one's goat
- 37. Instruction at Yoga Mayu
- 39. "Absolutely!"
- 43. Alto and tenor
- 45. Boob tube
- 46. Tennis tournament recently held at Chase Center
- 49. Last Marx brother, alphabetically
- 50. "Sign me up!"
- 51. Game with "boxcars"
- 54. Math degree?
- 55. Kind of pork at House of Hunan
- 57. Teacher's ___ (classroom helper)
- 60. Word before "canto" or "paese"
- 61. Month-long period to visit our city's artists in their creative spaces (SF tradition since 1975!)
- 67. Kimono sash
- 68. Strauss creation
- 69. Tête topper
- 70. Start of many California city names (including ours)
- 71. Singer with the albums "19," "21," "25," and "30"
- 72. Drum kit drum

DOWN

- 1. Texter's "Gimme a sec"
- 2. Investor's concern: Abbr.
- 3. Sm., med., or lge.
- 4. Not very convincing, as an argument
- 5. "Strega ___" (classic children's folk tale)
- 6. Bluff-busting words
- 7. #s
- 8. [facepalm emoji]
- 9. Avian symbols of pride
- 10. Not esto or eso
- 11. Carroll's caterpillar smokes one
- 12. Word on the California state seal
- 13. Moist surface growth
- 18. Mos. and mos.
- 22. "Watch closely, now..."
- 23. New ewe
- 24. Curved line on a score
- 25. Healthy amount?
- 27. Man-mouse connection
- 28. 5x5 crosswords
- 31. "Great Scott!"
- 32. Millionaire on the Titanic
- 34. Butterfingers
- 36. What some dreams and themes do
- 38. Slightly malfunctioned
- 40. Channel for armchair athletes
- 41. DMV part
- 42. From a different perspective, in a text
- 44. Waste watchers org., that has sadly been gutted this administratio
- 46. Dances under a bar
- 47. Independent music store in the Haight
- 48. Instrument in "Eleanor Rigby" and "Yesterday"
- 52. So yesterday
- 53. Directive to a doodle
- 56. Taqueria salutation
- 58. Gives a nickname to, or a nickname for the Warriors
- 59. Starter home for 62-Down
- 62. She raised Cain
- 63. It means nothing
- 64. Apt name for a retirement planner
- 65. Key contraction
- 66. Abbr. that omits "ui" from an office address

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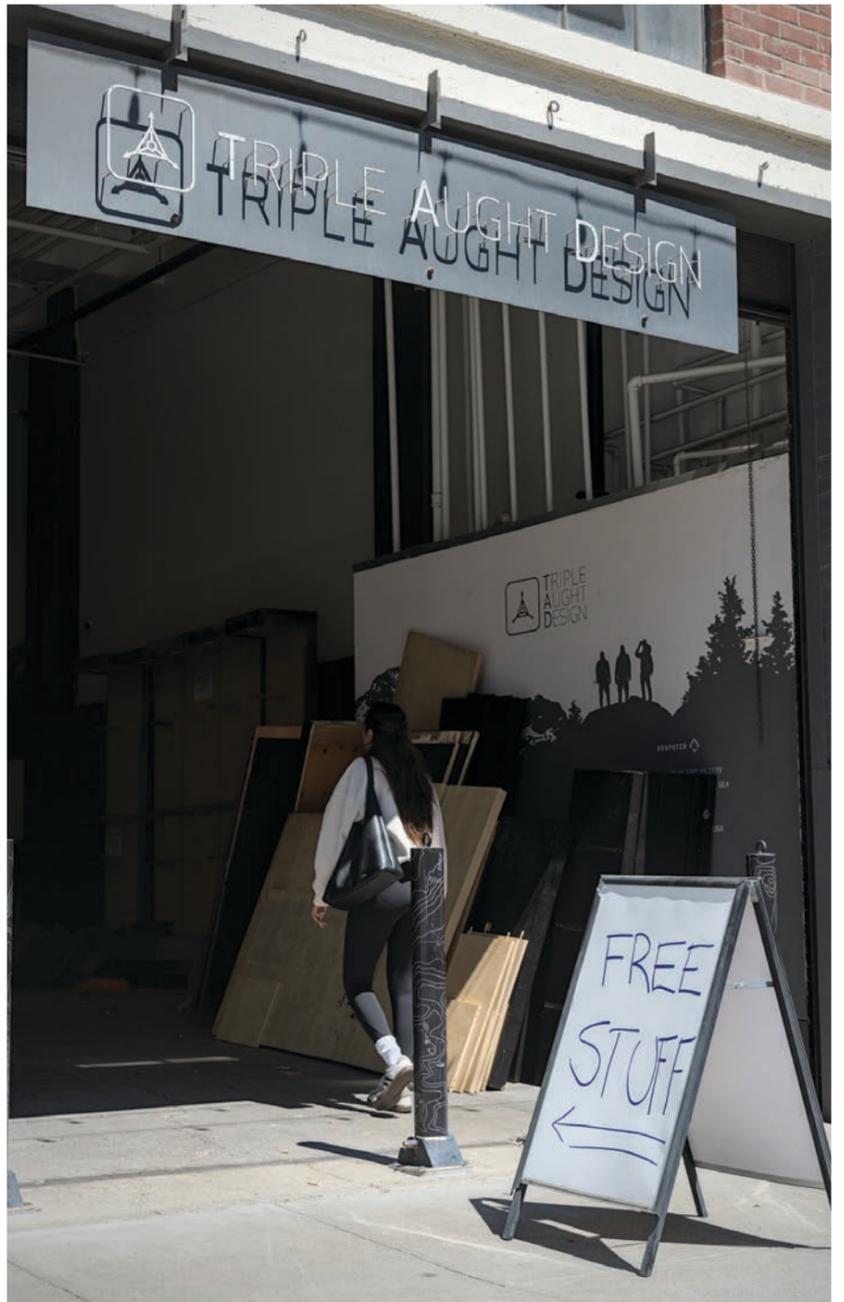
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3 fri

Dance: Rooftop "Bollywood Nights" Dance Class at Salesforce Park

A Bollywood class and party for all ages and levels. Learn a combination of a 60-minute Bollywood or Bhangra dance. Hailing from Mumbai and Amritsar, instructors, Manpreet, certified in Indian Folk by India's Best; and Amit, percussionist, actor, dancer, have spread Indian dance music and moves across India, America, and Europe. They recently performed at the National Center of Performing Arts in Mumbai and Herbst Theater in San Francisco. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free. Salesforce Park, 425 Mission Street. For more information: <https://bit.ly/4n7iL2N>

4 sat

Art: Sketch Diaries Workshop

Sketch diaries are a powerful medium for recording memories and experiences. They can help make sense of chaotic or ambiguous times, encourage an appreciation of the mundane, and reveal patterns and motifs in life stories. This two-hour class will introduce the medium, including hands-on exercises and interactive discussion. 1 to 3 p.m. \$55.20, includes supplies, such as sketchbook and pens. ARCH Art Supplies, 1490 17th Street. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3K8ym3K>

5 sun

Health: World Mental Health Day Celebration

An event filled with activities: gentle stretching with a certified yoga instructor; sound healing with bowl and harp; wellness offerings such as juices; mini massages by certified practitioners; family-friendly crafts, and more. Space limited, first come, first served. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free, RSVP encouraged. Presented by Kaiser Permanente. Thrive City, 1 Warriors Way. For more information: <https://bit.ly/4naeFa7>

10/7 Tuesday through 10/21 Tuesday

Art: Hand Lettering Workshop

In three lessons, this calligraphy course will provide participants with the building blocks to continue their practice on their own. Each evening will focus on a different hand; instructor Billy Ola Hutchinson's informal take on Gothic, Italic, and Copperplate. Students will learn foundational techniques such as pen position, how individual letters relate to one another, and how to rule out lines for alignment. Students will complete the course with an understanding of basic penmanship and letter formation, as well as the processes, materials, and layout techniques used in calligraphy. Most materials will be supplied. Three Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. \$350. Center for the Book, 375 Rhode Island Street. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3Kery4p>

9 thur

Film: Free Outdoor Movie Night: Always Be My Maybe

Bring picnic blankets to a movie in China Basin Park. 6:30 p.m. Free. China Basin Park, 1 China Basin Park. For more information: <https://bit.ly/4nBZmXF>

10 fri

Art: "We Love You" Opening Reception

Featuring self-identified women, trans, and gender nonconforming artists, a Día de los Muertos-inspired artist market with local vendors and makers, along with a musical performance by Louda y Los Bad Hombres, known for melismatic melodies, inventive arrangements, and dynamic instrumentation, blending nostalgic original compositions with renditions of popular favorites. 6 to 9 p.m. \$15 general admission; youth 16 and under, free. SOMArts, 934 Brannan Street. For more information: <https://bit.ly/4pviFUD>

12 sun

10/12 Sunday Food: World of Dumplings

Celebrating cultures and communities through a shared love of dumplings: wontons of China, gyozas of Japan, momos of Nepal, manties of Turkey, raviolis of Italy, and the empanadas of Spain! Dumplings from around the world from 20+ restaurant vendors, cooking demos, eating contests, raffle prizes, family activities, music, and more. Free to attend. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1 Ferry Building. For more information: <https://bit.ly/42wmvmc>

16 thur

Theater: Silicon Valley: The Musical

A comedic satire and love letter to San Francisco tech culture. Quinn and Dave drop out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and move to San Francisco to start a robotics company, RobotMe. What begins as a dream to change the world quickly spirals into rejection from venture capitalists, founder conflict, and societal backlash as the robots begin exhibiting unexpectedly intelligent behavior. Featuring board meeting rap battles, dramatic founder feuds, and VC roasts set to music. The show blends absurd humor with commentary on artificial intelligence's impact on society. 7 to 9:30 p.m. From \$39.19. Potrero Stage, 1695 18th Street. For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/54eykbad>

17 fri

Books: Family Thai

Meet Arnold Myint, a James Beard Award-nominated chef, restaurateur and drag queen who won the LGBTQ+ drag circuit title of Miss Gay America in 2017 under the alter ego of "Suzy Wong." Born, raised, and based in Nashville, Tennessee, Myint grew up in a close-knit family that spent a significant amount of time in the kitchen, as his parents Win and Patti Myint, owned and operated the city's beloved International Market & Restaurant. 6:30 p.m. Free to attend. Omnivore Books, 3885a Cesar Chavez Street. For more information: <https://bit.ly/4nwWnzi>

18 sat

Community: 50th Annual Potrero Hill R&B Festival

Celebrating local artists, musicians, and Potrero Hill history. The festival benefits local public schools and the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, a multi-purpose, multi-generation community house operating for more than a century. Performers include Pride & Joy; The Klipptones, a lively jazz and swing band; The Grease Traps; Andre Cruz & Chris Lujan, and more. Also featured: local vendors, food trucks at this community event for all ages. 20th Street, between Wisconsin and Missouri streets. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information: <https://potrerofestival.com/>

10/18 Saturday and 10/19 Sunday Art: Shipyard Open Studios

More than 130 artists, food, beer garden, and live music. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free to attend. Hunters Point Shipyard, 451 Galvez Avenue. For more information: <https://bit.ly/46LgrZC>

19 sun

Art: Red Brick Ceramic Studio Workshop

A two-hour hands-on ceramic hand-building workshop taught by artist members. Finished ceramic art can be picked up from RedBrick Studio four to five weeks afterwards. 1 to 3 p.m. \$28.52 Red Brick Ceramic Studio, 2111 Mission Street, Third floor. For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/2dvtkemj>

25 sat

Music: Dogpatch Music Festival

The Dogpatch Music Series continues into October! Find it at the MinneSLOWta Spooky Stroll. 5 to 8 p.m. Minnesota Street between 20th and 22nd streets. For more information: www.greenbenefit.org



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“Blockheads,” an art installation in Woods Yard Park, across from Rickshaw Bagworks, is artist Dave Warnke’s favorite project. Warnke creates public art – stickers, posters, and other temporary pieces – and private art, which typically is sold, fixed on a wall, occupying a private or semi-private space.

What makes Blockheads unique for Warnke is that it’s public art that’s endured. Over the past 10 years, since the work appeared, Warnke has received, and continues to be sent, photographs of people and their pets relating with Blockheads.

“Unlike a mural, people interact with them,” Warnke said. “They stand on them, climb on them. A dance company even dressed up like the Blockheads and created a modern dance about them.”

The art project was launched in collaboration with Mark Dwight, Rickshaw founder.

“When I moved into this building on 22nd Street in 2007, I was always looking across the street at these concrete pillars and didn’t know what they were there for. I started calling them our little Stonehenge,” he said. “I got the idea to paint them and make them into a mural. I knew Dave

‘Blockheads’ Celebrates 10th Anniversary

was the perfect artist to paint them.”

The two met in 2004, when Dwight was running Timbuk2, searching for art to incorporate into the bags. A public relations consultant recommended Warnke as a local artist. Warnke and Dwight became friends who collaborated on numerous projects for Timbuk2 and later Rickshaw. In 2015, Dwight approached the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association (DNA) and presented his idea to paint the pillars. There was unanimous support; he quickly received a municipal permit.

“On our way back from getting a beer, Mark said to me, ‘It would be really cool if you painted those bollards,’” Warnke said. “I’ve had many a beer with many people who had cool ideas, but they never materialized. The difference between those people and Mark is, he followed through.”

Dwight recruited Dogpatch resident Jared Doumani to power-wash the bollards. Dwight, his wife, and three Rickshaw employees then spent two weekends crouched on their haunches putting dabs of paint on the pillars while Warnke did the black line work to clean up the characters. “Blockheads” was completed by the fall, with a dedication ceremony in November, at which the San Francisco Board of Supervisors bestowed a Certificate of Honor.

“Warnke’s joyful Blockheads are an iconic marker for the physical and metaphorical heart of Dogpatch,” said Katherine Doumani, DNA vice president. “They are what draw us into and uniquely distinguish Woods Yard Park. The park itself has come such a long way since the days of a cat-poop filled sandbox, trash blowing through hard-edged and forlorn splintered benches, rough and outmoded concrete posts, weed-filled beds, and not even a place

to sit and relax. Mark Dwight had the vision and the civic-mindedness to make the investment in community, and Dave Warnke transformed the random concrete posts into characters that charm and delight.”

In the ensuing 10 years, paint on the Blockheads has chipped off. Warnke – who recently moved to Portland – will fly back to touch them up.

In honor of the Blockheads’ 10th anniversary, Rickshaw is hosting an artist’s reception on Thursday, November 6. New work by Warnke will be on display in Rickshaw’s factory store/gallery, including 18-inch-tall Blockheads

replicas. There’ll also be posters and stickers. Saturday, November 8, will showcase a kids focused “Draw with Dave” activity with Warnke. Rickshaw will offer merchandise featuring Warnke’s art, including embroidered caps, t-shirts, and bags.

“My art doesn’t have a political or social message,” Warnke said. “It’s really just whimsical. Life is hard and stressful, and I wanted to create something to brighten things up.”

“Dave’s art just makes you feel happy,” Dwight said. “That’s what makes it perfect for Dogpatch.”



Left, from top: With his power washer, Jared Doumani prepped the pillars; Mark painting. Right, from top: Concrete pillars, Blockheads East, Minnesota Street side; left to right: Kendall Berardino, Ashley Loth, Cathy Heckendorf – Rickshaw employees – paint; Mark (right) and Dave with their Certificates of Honor from then District 10 Supervisor Malia Cohen and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. PHOTOS: Courtesy of Mark Dwight

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September 20th: Two coyotes headed East on 22nd Street, one of them with patchy fur and a bad limp.

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outside San Francisco, their findings are applicable to near-road environments more broadly.”

In 2020 BAAQMD sponsored a mobile monitoring project, conducted by Aclima, which measured air quality throughout San Francisco; <https://air.health/>. Although the data were amassed during the COVID pandemic, and are five years old, interactive maps provide insights into what neighborhoods tend to have cleaner air.

Most of the Sunset District west of 19th Avenue had nitrogen dioxide levels lower than 5.3 parts per billion (ppb), considered the threshold level for healthy air by the World Health Organization. Long-term exposure to intensities above 5.3 ppb can lead to impaired lung function and increased asthma risk. The highest reading—a whopping 12.8—was recorded on a section of Highway 80 near Treasure Island’s west side.

Every Dogpatch and Potrero Hill location measured above the WHO target: as high as 8.0 near 18th and Missouri streets; 8.4 near 22nd and Illinois streets.

A study conducted by the National Institute of Health (N.I.H.) indicates that walls and vegetation, typically erected for noise abatement, can help soak up or block freeway pollutants. The thoroughways traversing Dogpatch, Mission Bay, and Potrero Hill are only partially walled and landscaped, with vegetation dominated by low-lying ivy.

San Francisco requires new residential construction projects located within “Air Pollutant Exposure Zones” to implement enhanced ventilation systems to improve indoor air quality

and safeguard residents’ health. Much of Dogpatch, Mission Bay and Potrero Hill is with such a zone, though an area centered around the Potrero Hill Recreation Center has cleaner air. Indoor air quality can be improved by installing HEPA filters, along with keeping windows closed during high pollution events such as wildfires and rush hour. Air quality monitors – like those made by PurpleAir – can be installed to measure pollution levels.

Low- or no-emission vehicles also reduce pollution, though toxins can be released by oils, tires, and other car parts. In 2022 California implemented Advanced Clean Cars II, which mandates that all new passenger cars, trucks, and sports utility vehicles (SUVs) be zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) by 2035. According to the California Air Resources Board, state residents quickly over-complied, purchasing nearly 450,000 new ZEVs in 2023, 30 percent more than the previous year. ZEVs accounted for 25 percent of new vehicle sales, up from 20 percent in 2022. As a result, California exceeded its goal of 1.5 million ZEVs two years ahead of schedule.

In May, at the request of the Trump Administration, the U.S. Congress revoked the E.P.A. waiver that allowed the state to enforce its ZEV regulations. Governor Newsom sued to restore it. E.P.A. Administrator Lee Zeldin then introduced a proposal to rescind the 2009 “endangerment finding,” which found that greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles contribute to climate change, harmful to humans, enabling the agency to regulate these forms of pollution under the Clean Air Act. If the Trump Administration is success-

ful – the proposal is first open to public comment – greenhouse gas emissions from cars and trucks will no longer be subject to federal limits.

“Regardless of changes at the federal level,” Borrmann said, “the Bay Area Air District will continue to enforce the state and local regulations which remain in place.”

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rose by one-third, with arson incidences up 26 percent. There were 14 reported rapes and four murders.

The Southern Station experienced a 38 percent rise in property-related incidences, largely due to an 88 percent jump in larceny theft; stealing bicycles, motor vehicle parts and accessories, shoplifting, and pickpocketing. There was a 38 percent decrease in motor vehicle theft, 12 percent decline in burglary, and nearly 19 percent drop in arson. Reports of violent crime fell by nine percent, with no homicides this year, a 16 percent reduction in rape, and a nearly 10 percent cut in assaults.

There’s been decades-long efforts to revitalize Dogpatch and Mission Bay, with warehouses and industrial work giving way to high rises, tech company headquarters, and restaurants. The neighborhoods have attracted a new demographic and spirited economic activity.

Mission Bay was transformed from marshland to landfill in the mid-1800s, emerging as a Southern Pacific Railroad Company railyard and a center for shipbuilding, meat production, and canneries. A steep decline in maritime activity left only the railroad, whose

land was ultimately parceled off to developers. In 1998 the Mission Bay Development Agency, a public-private partnership with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, launched a \$9 billion revitalization project, the largest urban development initiative initiated by San Francisco since construction of Golden Gate Park in the late-1800s. The plan was initially anchored by the 14.5-acre University of California, San Francisco Mission Bay campus. A Kaiser Permanente facility followed, along with the corporate headquarters of Uber and Lyft, as well as Chase Center.

The area now has more than 6,400 residential units, roughly 30 percent designated to be below market rate or affordable housing, residences that cost no more than 30 percent of a household’s monthly income. The boom in residential and commercial activity resulted in a 200 percent population increase between 2010 and 2020.

To date in 2025, 674 crimes have been reported; 385 – 57 percent – remain under investigation. One hundred and seventy-one were property crimes, 26 of which involved unlawful or forced entry into a residence or other building. Fifty-one were violent crimes.

In 2024, there were 1,547 crimes reported, 987 – 63 percent – remain open. Three hundred and sixty-two were property crimes, 42 of which included unlawful or forced entry. One hundred and thirty-six involved violence.

Last year there were two shooting occurrences near Chase Center and China Basin eight days apart. According to Southern Station Captain Luke Martin the gunfire was “unrelated and

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isolated incidents not typical of the Mission Bay neighborhood.”

Originally a warehouse district serving the Port of San Francisco, economic activity in Showplace Square slowed in the 1970s as the maritime industry declined. The area ultimately emerged as a design hub, its historic warehouses renovated into furniture showrooms. Though zoned as a production, distribution, and repair in the 1980s, adjustments were made to accommodate growing demand for residential buildings in 2008. With construction of several apartment complexes, the area's population has increased by 38 percent over the past 25 years. Property crime at residential and other buildings are the top reported wrongdoings, particularly burglary, larceny, and motor vehicles theft.

Potrero Hill emerged as a working-class neighborhood soon after the Gold Rush in the 1850s. It remained largely blue-collar until the 1990s, when it began drawing tech professionals, transforming the Hill's demographics. Approximately 450 crimes have been reported in the neighborhood to date in 2025, with 273 – 60 percent – still unsolved. One hundred and twenty-two property crimes have been reported, 27 as unlawful or forced entry into a residence or other building; 32 have been violent crimes.

In 2024, there were 734 reported wrongdoings, 604 – 82 percent – of which remain active. Two hundred and eighty-nine were property crimes, 121 unlawful or forced entry; 69 violent crimes.

Still, the decline in reported crimes hasn't made some residents feel safer.

“I've lived in Potrero for years, and I can't imagine leaving. My kids are worried about what they hear,” Carin said, “I have the Ring camera now and always double check that my car is locked, but there's only so much you can do. Isn't that what the police are for?”

Originally an industrial area and home to working-class families, new residential construction and accompanying amenities in Dogpatch has steadily attracted young professionals. In 2002, it was designated an historic district. The neighborhood experienced a 226 percent population increase between 2010 and 2020; the citywide average was just under nine percent during the same period.

“People used to be confused when I said I lived here,” a former resident said, “Now they ask me how I could ever have moved away.”

The neighborhood boasts art galleries, ample food and drink options, with new development emerging at former shipyard and power plants sites. With a \$5 million investment from the University of California, San Francisco – which doesn't pay property taxes – a renovated Esprit Park re-opened earlier this year.

Ninety-six crimes have been reported in the neighborhood to date this year, 83 – 86 percent – of which remain open. Thirty-eight were property crimes, with 11 identified as unlawful or forced entry. Eight were violent crimes.

In 2024, 284 crimes were reported, of which 252 – 88 percent – are still being investigated. One hundred and thirty-four were property crimes, with 46 unlawful or forced entry; 25 were violent crimes.

Residential package theft has long been a complaint across the neighborhoods. Break-ins – attempted or successful – and vandalism aren't uncommon at retail and residential spaces, according to SFPD crime data. Residents of

larger apartment buildings routinely report faulty or broken security points, including entryways, package rooms, and garages. Tailgating and verbal or physical assault outside buildings isn't unusual.

“My entry fob didn't work (again), so I had to go to another entrance,” said one resident involved in an incident, who declined to be named. “It was dimly lit, and someone leapt out at me...I kept trying to get into the building, but so did he. I reported it to management, which then sent out a notice asking residents to be more careful, but something like this seems to be a near monthly occurrence. Nothing was said to me about the fact that I was traumatized just because they can't stay on top of security.”

Residents have lively text threads and community boards about their experiences or to alert others about incidents. Taped car windows or “Nothing in here is worth it” signs on vehicles and residential doors are a common sight.

Most larger apartment buildings aren't zoned for street parking permits, according to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA). Meters are being steadily installed in Dogpatch and Mission Bay, along with new hourly parking restrictions. Garage parking typically begins at \$300 per month, a price point that forces many to park on the street even as spaces become scarcer with population growth. Police reports are required for most insurance claims associated with vehicle break-ins, but SFPD generally acknowledges that little can be done to catch the perpetrators, even if the incident occurs near a surveillance camera.

Last year, SFPD launched Real Time Investigation Center (RTIC), which uses technology, including drones, Flock Automated License Plate Readers, public safety cameras, LiveView Technologies mobile security units and other tools simultaneously. According to an April press release, SFPD made more than 500 arrests with RTIC assistance. Still, less than half of reported crimes are solved within a year or two after they've been committed.

“Resources are tight everywhere, and we want to believe that our City is trying its best. Property is one thing...expensive to be sure, but there are other factors at play. We're all fiercely proud of our neighborhoods here, but our quality of life shouldn't carry a price tag,” Cara Lee noted.

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shelter. Hill honey has a unique flavor accented by the abundance of wild fennel that grows in the area. Flynn plans to work with **San Francisco International**



A group of volunteers harvests honey at SF Permaculture Garden to be distributed to The Free Farm Stand. PHOTO: Travers Flynn

High School students to plant more flowers for the bees.

Supes Up

At the end of summer **J.R. Eppler** formally announced what many already knew: he's running for District 10 Supervisor, the seat available when **Shamann Walton** is termed out at the end of next year. “I'm running for Supervisor because our district needs a strong, effective leader deeply rooted in the community; a leader that does the work, delivers results and is ready to fight for the brighter future we deserve,” he stated in a press release. While Eppler may be the first candidate officially campaigning, he most definitely will not be the last.

Dog Paddle

After an eight-month closure, the Mission Creek Boathouse is now being operated by **Dogpatch Paddle**. The outfitter offers kayak and paddle board rentals, lessons, tours, private events, youth programming and other on-the-water experiences. Paddlers traveling between Dogpatch Paddle's Mission Creek Boathouse and its Crane Cove Park location have the option of a one-way paddle trip, timed with the tides to provide a smoother, safer route... The **Recreation and Park Commission** approved \$213,000 from the Open Space Fund's Deferred Maintenance Reserve to replace worn play surfaces and make minor equipment upgrades at the Potrero Hill Upper Play Area.

Brothers Last

Nibbi Brothers General Contractors celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. Founder Marino Nibbi's two sons – Sergio Nibbi, now almost 90, and Larry Nibbi, 80 – joined the company in 1957 and 1965, respectively, and took over when their father retired in 1973. They subsequently passed control to Sergio Nibbi's sons, Bob and Michael Nibbi, who together bought a majority stake. The San Francisco-based company has grown into a 300-person construction firm that last year had \$473 million in revenue. Nibbi Brothers has built a long list of public and private structures around the Bay Area, including the iconic Exploratorium.

Trump is a Dangerous Megalomaniac

ABC temporarily suspended talk show entertainer Jimmy Kimmel over remarks about right-wing influencer Charlie Kirk's killing, an action endorsed by **Federal Communications Commission Chairman Brendan Carr**.

CBS terminated Stephen Colbert's 'Late Show,' a satirical program whose host regularly skewered **President Donald Trump**, citing 'financial reasons.' Universities are agreeing to large payments and muffled free speech on campus, under the threat of having federal funding and student visas revoked. “Cancel culture,” largely created by the left, catalyzed criticism of individuals thought to have acted or spoken in an unacceptable manner, targeting them to be ostracized, boycotted, shunned or even fired. Freedom of speech, one of America's most fundamental values, is now being choked off more systematically, the strangling enforced by the Executive Branch. Sticks and stones may break our bones, but a prohibition on making fun of public figures, or directly disputing an assertion or argument, will surely hurt us to the core.

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We the participants will choose what books to save from burning.”

Art often uses physical objects as metaphors, to provoke and inspire. At Burning Man a giant stick figure is burned to the ground, only to rise again the following year, destined to be destroyed in a never-ending cycle. Or at least until the festival becomes too expensive or weather unstable to continue. Books, however, carry a particular weight, making artistic use of them is especially inflammatory, particular in today's wrought times.

While the books in the art pieces weren't religious in nature – or maybe some of them were – spiritual traditions tend to treat the written word as sacred. A damaged or worn-out Quran isn't supposed to be discarded like garbage. Instead, the text should be washed away with water, the remaining cloth-wrapped book buried. In Judaism, worn-out scrolls and books containing the name of God are traditionally buried in a Jewish cemetery.

In its emphasis on fire, illumination, and creative destruction, Burning Man most mimics Hinduism, which allows for multiple methods to dispose of texts, including by water, combustion, and burial. Seen through that lens, the ceremonial burning of *The Moonlight Library* and books left behind at the *Pavilion of the Future* was quite fitting, respectful, and ritualistic.

In a secular context books have been considered essential to foster democracy, critical thought, and civic participation. In this light, book burning is antithetical to self-governing principles, symbolizing – and potentially effectuating – the suppression of ideas and rejection of intellectual freedom. Putting texts to flame – or banishing them from libraries and schools – has been a hallmark of authoritarian and fascist regimes, who fear the independent thought that books can inspire.

Burning Man is known for advocating none of those things. Yet one can be forgiven for being confused – or at least challenged, art's oft intent – by the pieces.

We morph ever closer towards an interpretation of history and modern language that's almost entirely written in the air, so to speak, easily modified, with rapidly disappearing words and meaning. *The Moonlight Library* and *Pavilion of the Future* succeeded in being provocative. At their best they might even be considered holy. But they cannot be entirely divorced from the



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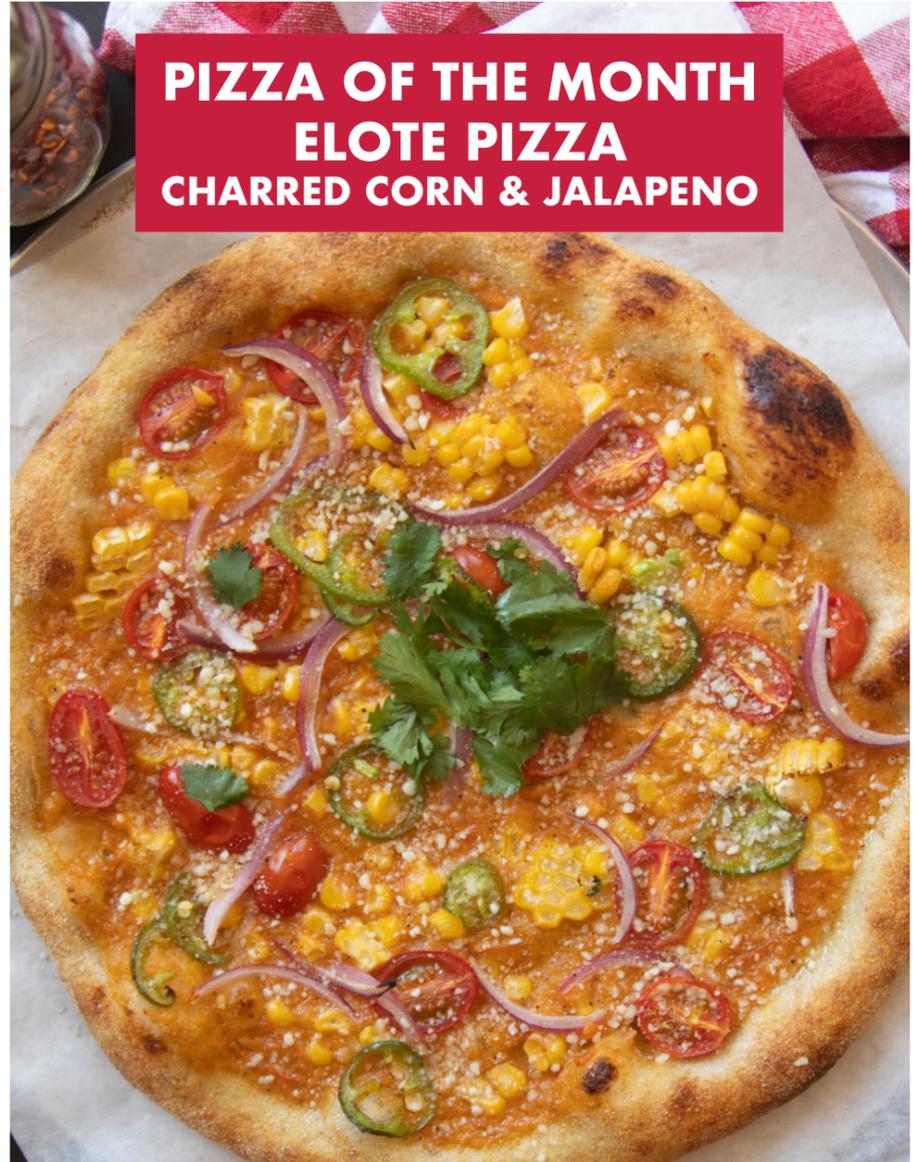
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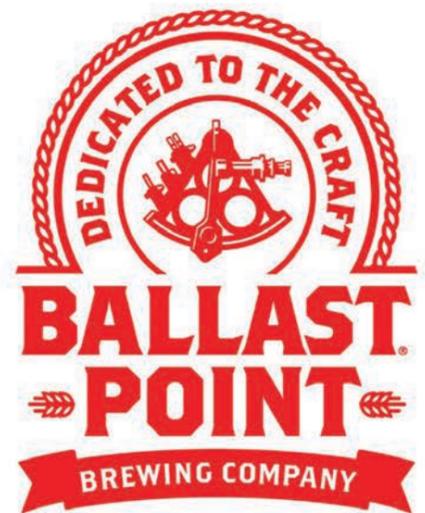
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Bison cafe, the Farley's of York, England

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CONSCIENTIOUS CREATIONS

Late 1960's: A crew of 5 activists in various movements of the time, decide to join forces to create a volunteer, local, free publication (Hills & Dales) to help spread important information to their community. The 5 became jovially referred to as "The Potrero Hill Mob". Eileen Maloney (an experienced, big-city newspaper woman) was roped in as editor to help the paper reach its influence all the way to S.F. City Hall's supervisors...



LATE 1970's Enola Maxwell, then executive director of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, hires Ruth Passen as office manger. Learning of Ruth's involvement in The Potrero View, Enola offers The View a more permanent headquarters @ the Neighborhood House. It would be The View's headquarters for the next 32 years.



Giacomo Patri, expanded upon Jan Sabre's original masthead, adding more detail in 1978.



2008 Adapting to a digital media revolution, the paper is made available online while remaining dedicated to its traditional print version to be enjoyed screen-free (w/real crinkly sounds!) Perhaps @ your local cafe... It is one of the few remaining traditional printed community papers available today. (Other print neighborhood papers include: El Tecolote, Noe Valley Voice, & Richmond Review) continuing to serve the local people & local businesses!



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Ruth Passen (Editor: 1978 - 2008)

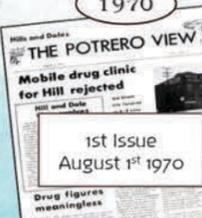
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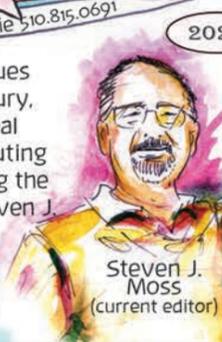
"...A regular neighborhood newspaper is the first step in the effort to bring this community together in order to solve our common problems...it's maintenance depends upon community support..."



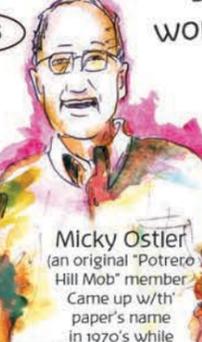
Support came! The Potrero View has been rolling out issues for readers in & around the Dog Patch, for over half century, covering local issues concerning the people, leading to real change, visible today! Ruth Passen, after being a contributing member for many years, took the editorial reigns, guiding the paper for over 30 years. In 2008, she passed it on to Steven J. Moss, who now has the duty of continuing its relevance & influence. The Potrero View remains San Francisco's longest running community paper!



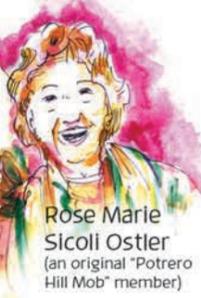
"It's been an honor to shepherd the View for the last almost 20 years. It hasn't always been easy to keep the paper going, but doing so has enriched my life, & hopefully the lives of our readers." - Steven J. Moss (current editor)



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Micky Ostler (an original 'Potrero Hill Mob' member. Came up w/th' paper's name in 1970's while lookin' out of his window)



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San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development, has referred graduates to work at Power Station. CityBuild Academy collaborates with the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, City College of San Francisco, private employers and community-based organizations, to provide residents with pre-apprenticeship construction training. According to Johnston, at least 13 CityBuild Academy participants have worked at the development.

Eppler and Eslick agreed that Prequel Park will help attract neighbors and visitors from throughout the City to the southern waterfront.

“Pier 70 did that before they started to break ground. It worked because people got their first glimpse of this area that was closed off for so long,” said Eslick.

Power Station is in Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) Number One. EIFDs were authorized by State Legislation in 2015 after redevelopment districts were eliminated under former Governor Jerry Brown. An EIFD receives a percentage of property tax revenues from a defined area.

Since additional tax revenue won't fully materialize until development is completed, the City and County is loaning infrastructure funds to Associate Capital and residential and commercial owners, which'll ultimately be repaid. A governing board – Public Financing Authority (PFA) – determines expenditures in accordance with an Infrastructure Financing Plan, which it also approves. The money pays for facilities like streets and utilities, as well as other features. The PFA is composed of five members, three elected officials and two community participants, who serve two- to four-year terms.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved PFA creation in 2023. Between 2023 and June 2025, Katherine Doumani, Dogpatch Neighborhood Association board member, and Keith Goldstein, Potrero Hill Dogpatch Merchant Association president, served as the PFA's community members, appointed by District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton. During the period Walton, District 1 Supervisor Connie Chan, and District 7 Supervisor Myrna Melgar participated as elected officials.

“Our work consisted of reviewing

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components of Power Station public infrastructure that Associate Capital needed to build. Then we approved the financing arrangements for these components,” said Doumani. “It got slower after the financing instruments were approved. Then we stopped holding meetings. We were waiting for the next project to be considered for financing approval.”

Between 2023 and June 2025, Walton, District 1 Supervisor Connie Chan, and District 7 Supervisor Myrna Melgar served as elected officials.

Gayle Starr, a board member of Fundrise Real Estate, a real estate private equity investment company, was appointed to the June 2025 to 2029 term. Kath Tsakalakis, a steering committee member of Friends of Lakeside Village, a merchant association for the Ocean Avenue between 19th Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard commercial corridor, will serve from June 2025 to 2027. Supervisor Walton will continue with a second term until June 2029; Supervisors Chan's and Melgar's terms end in June 2027. The PFA will meet on October 16.

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meta-context in which the festival exists. Using books as props in the present political environment, in which the past is being rewritten and science modified by order of a President, is perilous.

Or maybe quite fitting. Standing on the Burning Man platform, not far from the Pavilion, a young man encouraged the people around him to investigate, and invest in, crypto currency.

“It's the future!” he said, his eyes shiny. “It's just like what's happening here!”

Books that are cooked to dust. Money that's never more than dust. Easily blown in the direction of whatever winds are most prevailing. It's no coincidence that as currency has transmogrified from gold to code income inequity has exploded. Nor is the present shift towards autocracy and ignorance divorced from the decline of print publications. Holding something in one's hand, as well as one's mind, can remind us of its true weight. Perhaps, as Zander asserted, that's the book arts' ultimate message: see it, or save it, before it disappears.

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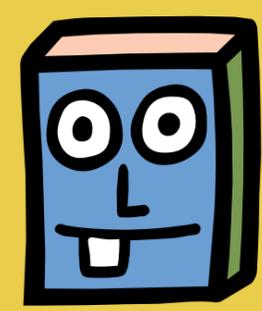
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