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Dolores Park and Silver Terrace Playground Beset with Afterhours Noise

BY STEVEN MOSS

An analysis of 2025 calls to 311, San Francisco Police Department, and Department of Parks and Recreation revealed that Dolores Park, in the Mission, and Silver Terrace Playground, in the eponymous neighborhood, are often subjected to excessive noise levels after the commons are supposed to be closed, at 10 p.m. Nearby residents complain of frequent parties, amplified music, and fireworks.

In contrast, Dogpatch, Mission Bay, and Potrero Hill parks are relatively peaceful. There were just nine noise incidents related to Franklin Square last year, eight at Mission Creek Park, and six at Mission Bay Park.

Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley, a tiny space located in "Cerebral Valley," had the most complaints per acre, with Jose Coronado Park, in the Mission, also evidencing a high noise to size ratio.

According to Donovan Lacy, Dogpatch and Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District (GBD) executive director, in 2024 and 2025 there were no noise complaints reported to the GBD related to parks and open spaces in which it's involved.

Eric Young, Port of San Francisco director of communications, said the Port

doesn't maintain a comprehensive registry of noise complaints. As a result, it's largely unknown how many late-night noise incidents occur at such places as Crane Cove Park, Islais Creek Park, and Warm Water Cove. However, when an event is held on Port property, the producer must provide a phone number that community members can call to complain, a log of which is reported to the Port after the occasion.

There's modest noise complaint coordination between RPD, 311, and SFPD. Three-one-one forwards service requests made through its call line to RPD, which eventually reach park rangers. Rangers and police officers may communicate informally, but residents are generally left on their own to decide what line to call, and with whom to follow-up if the noise remains unabated.

"Rangers are responsible for addressing all noise complaints within parks. If a crime has been

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NOISE COMPLAINTS IN SF PUBLIC PARKS, 2025

Number of Noise Complaints: 0-0 1-4 5-10 11-20 21-100



* Noise complaints called into 311, San Francisco Police Department, Department of Emergency Management, and Department of Parks and Recreation. Importantly, complaints logged for the same park within three hours — a frequent occurrence at Dolores and Golden Gate parks — are treated as a single event. 311 data reported through September only.

THE POTRERO VIEW DATA COLLECTED BY The Potrero View

Martin de Porres House of Hospitality

BY TAMALA MOTTA

Martin de Porres House of Hospitality, referred to simply as Martin's by many, serves free lunch Monday through Saturday between noon and 2 p.m., and



The effects of fentanyl, at the entrance to the Potrero Center, across the street from Martin's. PHOTO: Steven Moss

offers shower facilities. The nonprofit recently eliminated breakfast, as it was attracting fentanyl users who loitered for hours waiting for Martin's to open, which was upsetting neighbors.

Martin's is inspired by the Catholic Worker movement, though guests and volunteers have diverse spiritual practices, and vary in age, sexual orientation, and economic, social, cultural, political, and educational backgrounds. It serves between 900 and 1,500 people a week, with demand intensifying towards the end of each month.

The 501(c)(3) organization has been run by volunteers since it opened in 1971. It doesn't receive any church or government money, with a volunteer board of directors and no paid staff. All funding comes from private donations and foundations.

Martin's strives to serve in the spirit of compassion, understanding and love. All are welcomed and

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Potrero Center Isn't Pretty, But Seems to Work

BY S ANNE STEINBERG

Potrero Center may be one of San Francisco's least Instagram-worthy sites. The shopping center, the architecture of which appears to have been teleported straight from a 1990s-era suburb, features seven empty storefronts, drug users sleeping off their high in corners, and, on one visit, the strong stench of urine on the Bryant Street entrance steps. Yet on a recent weekday afternoon, the gigantic, two-level parking structure was about three-quarters full.

The center, on the site of a former Seals stadium (1931-1959), was built by San Francisco-based developer The Lalanne Group and opened its doors in 1996. In 2012, it was sold to Equity One, an owner of shopping centers across the country that, in 2016, revealed plans to redevelop it into Potrero Park, a mixed-use development including housing and a Safeway. Later that year Equity One merged with Regency Centers, another shopping center proprietor, and

ultimately adopted the Regency Centers identity.

Although Regency Centers has announced plans to redevelop dozens of malls in its portfolio — including Serramonte Center in Daly City—it's been mum about Potrero Center's future and didn't respond to the View's request for comment.

Due to the parking structure's design, the main shopping area sits above street level, painted in shades of peach and brown, accented by red. Some exterior walls are embellished with small, light-colored decorative medallions, distant cousins of the lavish stone carvings adorning industrial buildings in the surrounding blocks.

The center remains home to some of its original tenants, including Safeway and Ross. Mancini's Sleepworld, a mattress seller, opened about two years ago. Except for Eyebrow Shapers, a tiny threading salon, all the occupants are

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Short Cuts

African Art

The **Art of Contemporary Africa** (AOCA) opened at the Minnesota Street Project in February, marking the launch of San Francisco's first Pan-African contemporary art gallery. AOCA is led by **Craig Mark** and South African photographer **Clint Strydom**. It presents established and emerging artists from Africa and the African diaspora. AOCA is the sister gallery to **The Melrose Gallery**, based in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Music Stops

Thee Parkside, a dive bar and live music venue that's hosted generations of punk shows, karaoke nights and late-night patio hangouts will shutter sometime this year, joining nearby **Bottom of the Hill** in the year the music died in Potrero Hill. The closure follows last year's sale of the 1600 17th Street building. **Malia Spanyol**, who has run the bar since 2007, had first rights to buy the property but was outbid by a developer who offered nearly \$1.33 million...Gilberths Latin Fusion closed at the end of January in Dogpatch. The owners provided more than two decades of excellent food service in the neighborhood,

starting with a small burrito shop on 20th Street.

Grocery Sprouts

The first Sprouts Farmers Market in San Francisco will likely open at 555 Ninth Street by 2028. The grocery chain, known for natural food items and organic produce, is in the permitting process to locate in the block-long, two-level shopping center with a parking garage that houses a **Trader Joe's**, **Container Store**, and several empty suites. Sprouts will likely occupy a space that formerly hosted a Nordstrom Rack.

Honorable Neighbor

Last month **K.D. Sullivan**, who has lived on Kansas Street for 47 years, was awarded a **San Francisco Board of Supervisors** Certificate of Honor for "extraordinary resilience, lifelong learning, and more than four decades of leadership in publishing and editorial excellence." Sullivan recently launched a new business, **We Know Publishing**, which helps authors develop and promote their books.

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PUBLISHER'S VIEW BY STEVEN J. MOSS

Governor's Race

Seven of the most prominent candidates for governor showed up for a debate last month at the Bayview Opera House, hosted by the Black Action Alliance, aired live by KTVU FOX 2. The venue was packed with well-dressed African Americans, some of the men wearing hats that'd be fashionable when Eisenhower was President. The mostly decorous atmosphere – enveloped within the elegant 1888 building – was matched by the respectful interactions between the contenders, all of whom save one – Steve Hilton – were running as Democrats.

Still, with the doors tightly shut and no windows, both the discussion and the

interior atmosphere became increasingly stuffy.

As Hilton pointed out, a Democrat has served as California governor for more than 15 years, during at least a dozen of which the party has had a legislative supermajority. Although one Democrat is different than another – Daniel Lurie appears to be more effective than London Breed; Jerry Brown is a distinct political animal from Gavin Newsom – returning that party to power would seem akin to coloring within the lines; if you're happy and you know it (generally) stay the course.

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Candidates for governor debated at the Bayview Opera House last month. PHOTO: Steven Moss

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Interim Zoning Controls Imposed on Outdoor Drone Testing

BY JESSICA ZIMMER

Late last year the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution, authored by District 9 Supervisor Jackie Fielder and cosponsored by District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton, to require operators who test drones outdoors in a Production, Distribution, and Repair (PDR) district to obtain conditional use authorization from the San Francisco Planning Commission. The legislation also increased scrutiny of proposed laboratories, and urged the Planning Department, with input from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, to study whether additional controls would ensure that laboratory uses are consistent with municipal goals for PDR space. The controls will remain in effect until mid-2027.

PDR districts span formerly industrial areas in San Francisco's eastern neighborhoods, including Bayview, the Mission, Potrero Hill and Dogpatch. The intent of the zoning designation is to retain PDR activities and promote new business formation, with restrictions on residential, office, retail and institutional uses.

Fielder proposed the legislation in response to June 2025 correspondence from DoorDash to San Francisco Zoning Administrator Corey Teague. In the letter, DoorDash said it planned to test autonomous delivery inside a warehouse and outdoors in a gated area during normal business hours. According to DoorDash, the property had a large outside space with surface parking. DoorDash had leased a 34,325-square-foot building at 1960 Folsom Street, likely for this purpose. The company expected to employ approximately 200 people at the facility, which is about two miles away from its 303 Second Street headquarters.

"Over the past decade, Production, Distribution, and Repair zones, which were created to preserve high quality blue-collar jobs in San Francisco, have been taken over by an increasing amount of use for artificial intelligence and automation industries," stated Fielder in her 2025/2026 winter newsletter. "One of the most recent examples are companies attempting to test drones for food delivery—which can go up to 150 feet high, at 60 miles per hour—in the Mission District. Now, because of my legislation, outdoor use will require a conditional use authorization from the Planning Commission."

"My own thoughts are that this is backwards-thinking legislation," said Keith Goldstein, Potrero Dogpatch Merchants Association (PDMA) president, who indicated he couldn't speak for the association about the issue since its members hadn't discussed it. "I have finally come around to thinking we should be encouraging and embracing our innovative tech bros! Supervisor Fielder and the unions are concerned about DoorDash drivers losing their jobs to drones. Should we ban Waymos because Uber drivers will lose their jobs? Should we ban AI because jobs will be lost? I think in the long run that we will all prosper from these new technologies."

Goldstein added that PDMA has no tech industry members.

It's "...a clear signal that San Francisco is becoming hostile to innovation," said Adam Gould, Dogpatch Art & Business Association president. "Forcing businesses

to seek special permission to use their own outdoor space hurts local entrepreneurs and risks driving investment away, without actually protecting jobs."

"Safety and privacy are shattered if unregulated delivery drones are allowed to fly around our City. Delivery drones that weigh the same amount as bowling balls hovering over San Francisco streets and neighborhoods at 50 to 100 feet high are not welcome," said Tony Delorio, Teamsters Union Local 665 principal officer, during the public comment portion of a December Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting.

According to Asia Nicole Duncan, a member of Build Affordable Faster, a San Francisco-based nonprofit that advocates for faster affordable housing construction, PDR zoning wasn't created to prop up tech billionaires and lead to technology advancements that'd phaseout working-class jobs.

"We are increasingly concerned about loopholes with Artificial Intelligence companies and technology companies coming into a neighborhood...that has historically already had intense gentrification," said Jeff Sessions, San Francisco Labor Council member, which represents 100 unions. "But we are increasingly concerned that zoning and laws that were intended to protect...blue collar workers, working class people, is now being used by large corporations...DoorDash is...not a science company or a cancer solving company but a company that historically exploited workers."

"For the past 24 years, my partner and I have designed and fabricated furniture and architectural metalwork in PDR-1-G space, 23 of those years in the Mission. We cannot do our work anywhere other than industrial space. We don't have the luxury of choosing from multiple zoning options. Which means if we lose our space we have to move out of the City at high risk or...risk losing our livelihood altogether," said Larissa Petrocelli, a member of United to Save the Mission, a coalition of community groups and individuals opposed to gentrification.

Petrocelli added that most of her colleagues and vendors have been forced out of spaces by landlords seeking high rents as their leases came up for renewal.

"We don't have a vacancy issue in PDR. We have a displacement issue that has hyper-accelerated with AI," said Petrocelli.

Petrocelli said she and her partner have lost all their San Francisco-based steel and hardwood vendors and spray and metal finishers. These businesses had to move to less-expensive areas, including South San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, and Petaluma.

"Really, the only vendor we still have is our sheet metal shop who's still here because they own their buildings. This means that we now have to take hours out of our week to drive to procure basic materials. It causes an inefficiency of time, increased fuel use, and makes it even harder than it already is to survive here, let alone thrive," said Petrocelli. "(They've) turned it into what feels like a dystopian competition for survival."

"I'm grateful for Supervisor Fielder's legislation as the only form of opposition to the glad-handing of corporate interests," said Hannah Haber, a District 9 resident. "We need to be focused on protecting our

GETTING INVOLVED



The Potrero Dogpatch Merchants Association | potrerodogpatch.com

Wishing you all good health, happiness and prosperity in 2026. Our **next meeting** will be April 14, 9:45 to 11 a.m. at Goat Hill Pizza.

Dogpatch Art & Business Association (DABA) | dabaf.org

DABA hosts regular events and meetings, providing valuable resources and strong neighborhood connections

Business owners, artists, art institutions, and community members are invited to get involved! Here are a few ideas:

Join DABA (dabaf.org) and become an annual supporting member

Join our leadership team to help drive impact in the community

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 **March 10th** monthly meeting where we'll hear updates about the goings-on at **Pier 70** and from the manager of events at the **Midway & Pier 80**. And don't forget about our **Community Meet 'n' Clean** on March 8th at Esprit Park from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

JOIN DNA TODAY!

Friends of Jackson Park (FoJP) | friendsofjacksonpark.org

Let's keep our Love Your Park promotion going! GET INVOLVED! If you and your friends and family are interested in hosting gatherings to learn more on how to support Jackson's renovation, a Friend of Jackson Park will come and present the milieu of ways! Be a part of the donor wall, sponsor a place for seating, bikes, your doggy playmates!

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Green Benefit District | GreenBenefit.org

Our **Monthly Board Meeting** is on Wednesday, March 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dogpatch Hub (1278 Minnesota Street), where we discuss all the great things we are doing in the neighborhood.

Help make the Green Benefit District greener! Our next **GBD volunteer event** is at the Vermont Greenway & Eco-Patch on Saturday, March 21, at 10:00 am. Sign up for a GBD volunteer event at greenbenefit.org/volunteer or **report an issue** at greenbenefit.org/report-a-problem.

The Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association | potreroboosters.org

The 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. Our monthly meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month in person at either the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House or the Dogpatch Hub, and we continue to offer a Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person. All community members are welcome!

Starr King Open Space | StarrKingOpenSpace.org

Join our **monthly volunteer days** on the second Saturday of the month. This month it is March 14th at 10 a.m. **Donate** to help keep Starr King Open Space open, accessible, and well-maintained for our neighborhood.

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blue-collar workforce and ensure that international corporations operating here are paying their full business taxes and contributing to the resources of our communities."

The *View* contacted DoorDash and Supervisor Fielder's offices to request responses for this story; neither responded. [P]

From the Red Sea to Dogpatch

BY MARK STEENSLAND

On January 9 and 10, the former St. Stephen Baptist Church, at the corner of 22nd and Tennessee streets, was consecrated as St. Michael Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church's new home. The Church's faithful trace their roots over 2,000 years, from Christ's 12 apostles to His Grace Bishop Elias, current Primate of the Eritrean Orthodox Churches in the United States and Canada.

For the nearly 100-member congregation, the move represents the next step in a journey that started in the 1980s, when many Eritreans moved to the Bay Area from their home country on the Horn of Africa, along the shores of the Red Sea between Ethiopia and Sudan.

In 2011, Yemane Dessu Hagos, together with his colleague Zerai Woldezghi, offered classes in Tigrinya, the most widely spoken language in Eritrea, for San Francisco families. The idea was to help the younger generation become fluent in English, the language of opportunity in the United States, while remaining connected to their cultural and linguistic heritage.

The classes were first hosted by the Greek Orthodox Church on Valencia Street. They evolved to include faith-based sermons and prayer services, particularly focused on the spiritual needs of the elderly. As the congregation grew, it relocated to Ebenezer Baptist Church on Divisadero Street, renting space there for approximately eight years.

Members began searching for a place of their own. But the cost of purchasing a building, which could exceed \$4 million, wasn't financially feasible.



St. Michael's congregation at services. PHOTO: Thomas Hunter II

"St. Stephen Baptist Church chose to sell their former home when they learned that we are a Christian congregation committed to continuing the space as a house of worship devoted to Christ," said Amhariety T., the Youth Bible Study Coordinator. "We are honored to join the Dogpatch and look forward to being good neighbors, contributing positively to the community, and growing together in faith."

Under the guidance of Deacon Yuiel Abraham, the Spiritual Growth Administrator, the Church plans to offer opportunities for worship, prayer, and spiritual formation, including morning prayer services, the divine liturgy – the Eastern Christian name for what's called the Eucharistic service in Western churches – scheduled times for confession,

and personal spiritual consultation. It'll also provide Bible study and faith-formation programs for children, youth, and adults.

Although certain aspects of sacramental life, such as Holy Communion, are reserved for full-fledged members of the Orthodox faith, the congregation views church as a spiritual hospital, not a private club. Everyone, regardless of background, belief, or personal circumstances, is welcome to enter, pray, and observe, so long as they respect the sacred space.

People interested in joining the faith are called catechumens. After receiving instruction in fundamental beliefs, they go through a period of preparation before being baptized and receiving the Holy Spirit through a process called chrismation, similar to what the Roman Catholic

Church calls confirmation.

While honoring their long history, Amhariety said their mission today is simple: to live in peace, serve with humility, and walk in the love of Christ with their neighbors and the wider community.

"This journey stands as a testament to the freedoms, opportunities, and welcoming environment that the United States provides," Amhariety said. "Allowing immigrant communities like ours to worship freely, preserve our heritage, and contribute positively to the broader society. We look forward to building sincere relationships and being a positive, caring presence in the neighborhood."

Saint Michael Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church is located at 800 22nd Street and is open every Sunday from 5 a.m. to noon, with liturgy at 7 a.m. [D]

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5:30 PM on Wednesday, March 25th
555 20th Street Suite 3 in the atrium of the historic Union Iron Works building.

We will take a deep dive into healthcare technology trends, how the world’s most active seed stage venture fund is investing, and how Dogpatch clients access a diversified pool of AI enabled technology startups.

Scan the QR code to register, capacity is limited.

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Play Bocce in Dogpatch! is back for Season 15, inviting you and your neighbors to spend Sunday afternoons at Progress Park in the best possible way: friendly faces, rolling bocce, and just enough drama to keep every frame interesting.

Opening Day and Tournament Day feel like community celebrations, and with a mix of long-time teams and new contenders, every match becomes a story for Monday morning.

Curious what it looks like in full swing? **Visit @dogpatchbocce on Instagram!** See the smiles, close calls, and tape-measure moments.

Scan the QR code to register! Capacity is limited to six additional teams, and registration closes Sunday, March 9. Each team receives seven weeks of officiated play, and the top six teams from the regular season advance to the tournament, where new champions are crowned and stories are retold for seasons to come.

Your registration also gives back! Team dues support the Dogpatch Art & Business Association (DABA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that funds the promotion of local arts and small businesses.

Spring 2026 match days (all Sundays):
Opening Day: March 22
Week Two: March 29
Week Three: April 12
Week Four: April 19
Week Five: April 26
Week Six: May 3
Week Seven: May 10
Tournament Day: May 17



Gather your friends! At least four per team, choose a clever team name, and join us to Play Bocce in Dogpatch!

Community Calendar

3/2 Monday

Reproductive Rights: Crossing State Lines for Abortion Access

Learn how the fractured legal landscape around abortion access is leading states like California to strengthen laws to protect its residents and increasing the number of people traveling here seeking help. Hosted by SF Public Press and League of Women Voters. 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets: \$6, no one turned away for lack of funds. Roxie Theater, 3117 16th Street. For more information: bit.ly/4qSNCBy

Astronomy: "Blood Moon" Lunar Eclipse

Thanks to an optical illusion in the sky, the moon will appear bigger and brighter than normal in the San Francisco Bay Area, during what astronomers call a "supermoon." The best time to observe the supermoon is when it's near the horizon during either moonrise or moonset, thanks to having objects in the foreground, like buildings or trees, to provide reference points for estimating the moon's size. 11:59 p.m. to 5 a.m. Free. For more information: bit.ly/46aVM0t

3/5 Thursday

Civic Engagement: Community Streets San Francisco Launch Party

Silent auction and fundraiser to support the launch of Community Streets San Francisco, a new nonprofit that helps people host community-building events like block parties and pop-up markets that feature local artists. Meet

our team, learn about our process and goals and how to get involved. 6 to 9 p.m. \$35+ Rivian Hayes Valley, 340 Fell Street. For more information: tinyurl.com/4zp6pnfh

3/7 Saturday

Film: Cinema Jambu — Brazilian Queer Film Festival

A showcase of films that explore diverse LGBTQ+ experiences in Brazil, from documentaries to dramas. 6 to 11 p.m.; doors open 5 p.m.; cocktails at 8 p.m. \$30.65. 135 Mississippi Street. For more information: tinyurl.com/httj24zc

3/9 Monday

Politics: Tom Steyer

Meet Tom Steyer, billionaire, entrepreneur, politician, and environmentalist. Part of a series of town halls with candidates for California governor. 6 to 7 p.m. Tickets: from \$5.15 (via Zoom) to \$10.30 (in person). Plus, an option to purchase "pay it forward" tickets for \$15.45 for those who may not be able to afford entry otherwise. Manny's, 3092 16th Street. For more information: bit.ly/3Ml2qdY

3/12 Thursday

Film: In the Name of the Father

Gerry Conlan's (Daniel Day-Lewis) coerced confession to an Irish Republic Army bombing results in sentences of life imprisonment for him and his father (Pete Postlethwaite). Nominated for seven Academy Awards (1993). Director: Jim Sheridan. 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. Free. San Francisco Public Library,

Potrero Branch, 1616 20th Street. For more information: bit.ly/3OjA4RX

3/14 Saturday

Culture: St. Patrick's Day

Hosted by the United Irish Societies, this will be the 175th anniversary of the San Francisco St. Patrick's Day parade. Celebrate Irish heritage, culture, and community. Parade begins at 11:30 a.m. from Second and Market streets and ends at City Hall. The festival will feature music, dancing, food, activities for all ages, and more. New this year: Youth Sports Day, where children — ages six to 15 — can participate in a variety of sports in a fun, inclusive environment, including

rugby, soccer, hurling, camogie. For more information: bit.ly/4atjAxK


3/22 Sunday

Food: Dim Sum, Soup Dumplings, and more

Learn to craft dumplings and more in this hands-on dim sum cooking class. On the menu: Pork Xiao Long Bao (soup dumplings); Cheung Fun (steamed rice noodles) with Preserved Radish; Gai Lan with Oyster Sauce; Shrimp & Chive Pan-Fried Dumplings. Non-alcoholic beverages provided. Guests are welcome to bring beer or wine to enjoy during the meal. 5 to 8 p.m. \$150. Hands On Gourmet, 2325 Third Street, Suite 409. For more information: tinyurl.com/mrye6afp

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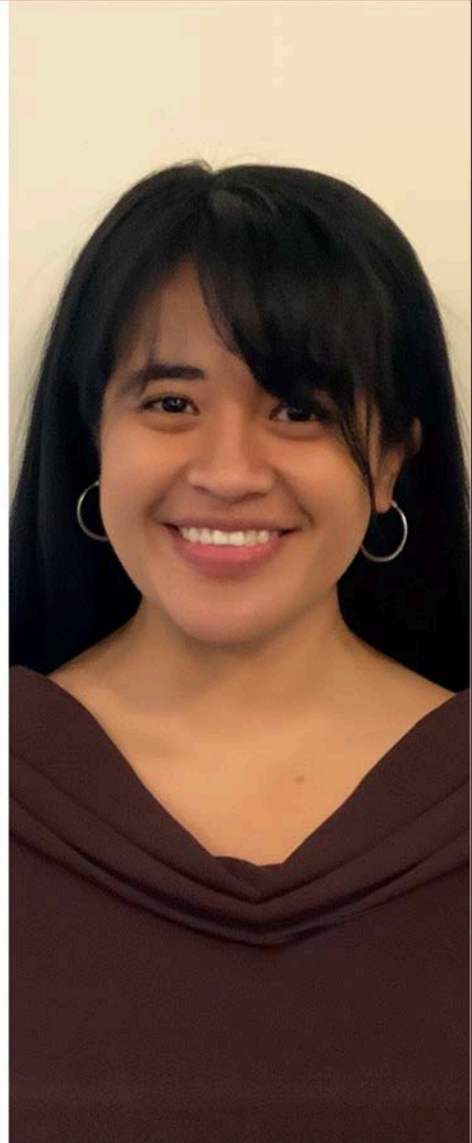


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February Crash in Dogpatch Leaves Residents with Few Answers

BY JESSICA ZIMMER

On February 4, a San Francisco Police Department SUV crashed into the metal railing of an entry ramp and upwards of five vehicles parked at the northeast corner of 23rd and Indiana streets. Bruce Kin Huie, Dogpatch resident, said that those who observed the accident indicated it was the result of a car chase.

“I was walking home and saw a large gathering of people in front of my building. Four or five parked vehicles across the street had extensive damage, the metal

railing was gnarled up, and an SFPD SUV was being towed out of the parking area,” said Huie.

Huie saw an Oakland Police Department (OPD) sedan parked close to the scene and an OPD officer speaking with an observer.

“There were also multiple SFPD cars near the site. A SFPD officer had strung yellow tape up to collar the area,” said Huie.

The *View* contacted SFPD and OPD regarding the incident but received no response. [P]



Extensive damage to parked cars at the northeast corner of 23rd and Indiana streets. PHOTO: David Scott

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Noise from front page

Park-Specific Noise Incidences

Park	Total Number of Calls*	Incidence per Acre
Dolores Park	89	6
Silver Terrace Playground	72	13
Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley	57	119
Golden Gate Park	51	.05
Jose Coronado Park	28	29
Sunset Dunes	25	.3
John McLaren Park	19	.06

* Multiple calls made within a three-hour period are considered one incident, which likely significantly undercounts actual complaints made, especially at higher-noise level parks.

committed, they coordinate with the San Francisco Police Department for assistance. For parking and vehicle-related violations, rangers work in coordination with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, which issues any necessary tickets or citations," said Daniel Montes, communications director for San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. "A typical interaction begins with a ranger approaching a park

visitor, explaining the issue, and working to resolve the situation calmly. Citations are reserved for more serious or repeated violations. If the situation warrants further action, rangers contact SFPD for support."

Montes said rangers are public officers empowered to enforce municipal park and health codes. They don't carry firearms but have the authority to make arrests.

Alec Fleischer and Jessica Zimmer contributed to this article. [D]

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Short Cuts from page 2

Porch Pirate

As reported in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, a box containing Barbara Offenhartz ashes, who died at the age of 89, were stolen from her son, John's, Potrero Hill porch. Offenhartz lived near Boston. Her remains were shipped by an East Coast funeral home to John's doorstep but were apparently lifted and then abandoned. Heather McCray found the package — a black plastic box — on top of an electrical outlet outside the Division Circle Navigation Center, near the corner of South Van Ness Avenue and 13th Street. It was labeled, "This contains the cremated remains of Barbara H. Offenhartz," with her death date and a number for St. Michael's Crematory in Boston. The box now sits on a dresser in the Offenhartzes' living room, surrounded by family photographs. "She was unflappable," John said of his mother. "It took a lot to get her upset, and she lived for adventure. I can't help but think she would have said, 'What a great story.'" [D]

Publisher's View from page 2

This notion was reinforced during the debate, when most heads nodded in agreement whether it was former Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, former Los Angeles mayor and Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, or any other Democratic candidate who spoke.

Still, a sea change was detectable. Terrified of rising gasoline prices, virtually every candidate, bar billionaire investor and climate activist Tom Steyer, indicated that they'd work towards a more "balanced" energy future, likely meaning a retreat from aggressive efforts to phase out fossil fuel cars, and milder treatment of oil companies. Steyer is notable for his call to break up the state's investor-owned utility monopolies, one of the rare fundamental reforms floated in the race so far.

All the candidates wanted to reduce government barriers to building housing. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond called for construction of

two million new homes by 2030. This is an impossible task, given financing and workforce constraints. No more than a quarter-million homes have ever been built a year in the state's history. Which prompts the question, is it a good thing to be unrealistically ambitious, in service of energizing progress towards a goal, or does it set a politician up to be a liar.

The candidates expressed deep sympathy for "working" Californians, who might be a paycheck away from being dislodged from their homes or unable to regularly put food on the table. Yet none appears to support a universal basic income or increasing the minimum wage, \$16.90 an hour, to a livable one, which is almost twice that much. They all want a deep expansion in mental health services, without connecting that to a concomitant requirement to vastly expand the pipeline of well-educated mental health professionals housed in proper facilities being paid livable wages.

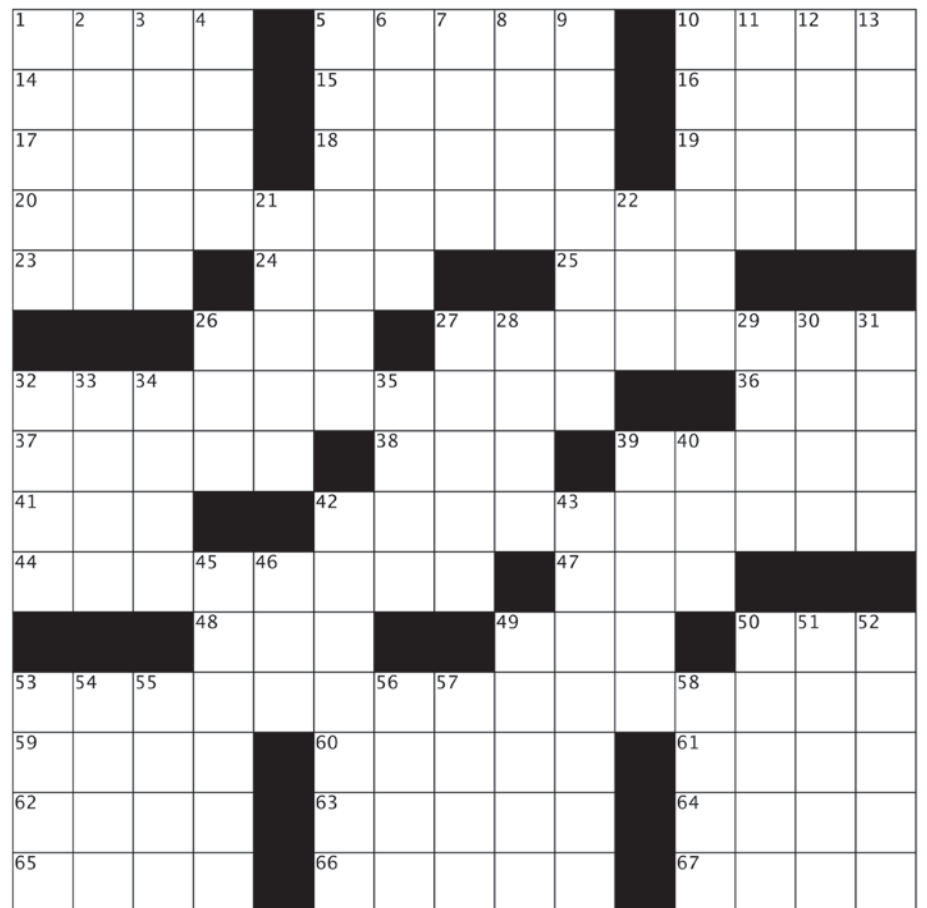
Former Orange County Congresswoman Katie Porter, Congressman Eric Swalwell, and pro-Trump Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco didn't attend the debate, which no doubt reduced its entertainment value. Bianco was atmospherically invited into the room by Hilton, who criticized him for capitulating by taking a knee in response to violent "BLM riots," prompting a gasp from the mostly Black audience. Which fulfilled his goal of seeming to be cleverly controversial.

Who to vote for may come down to personality and expectations about the future. If a voter's greatest worry is a meltdown of democracy, including a permanent President Trump, Becerra, who proved himself a scrappy litigator when he was Attorney General, might be the best choice, especially since none of the candidates have a military background, which could otherwise come in handy. For a voter looking to take on fossil fuel companies and monopoly utilities, it's Steyer. Those more optimistic about the future might lean towards Matt Mahan, the mayor of San Jose, who exudes a charming can-do attitude that points to a promising future, both for himself and his constituents. [D]

Crosswords

BY NIA NITSCHKE

The *Potrero View* is accepting crossword puzzle submissions. To be considered for publication puzzles should adhere to standard crossword size (15x15) and specs; fill/clues/theme must have local relevance. Happy to take theme inquiries or unclued grids for feedback before construction. Please e-mail: denarobin@me.com



ACROSS

- 1. Unspecified amount
- 5. Artist and art education advocate Ruth
- 10. Obsolete phone part
- 14. Upsides
- 15. Defy authority
- 16. "The Incredibles" designer Mode
- 17. Org. for seniors
- 18. Speed demon
- 19. Co. bosses
- 20. Brewery at Pier 70
- 23. Original diner owner
- 24. UCSF staffers
- 25. Portable lifesaving device for an EMT
- 26. Marshy place
- 27. Halfway exams or elections
- 32. Place to eat Fikscue BBQ and see Steph Curry
- 36. Yes, in Toulouse
- 37. Take hold of
- 38. Power behind ChatGPT
- 39. Cover with icing
- 41. Apt anagram of tap
- 42. 17th Street, the Embarcadero, and the Wiggle
- 44. Many small companies in SOMA or Dogpatch
- 47. Fury
- 48. Gives a thumbs up
- 49. Perform in a play
- 50. Mac alternatives
- 53. Iconic venue set to close at the end of the year
- 59. The Bay ____
- 60. "Stop!", to a sailor
- 61. Sunburn soother
- 62. "No ice"
- 63. Blended food
- 64. Voicemail beep
- 65. Like feet after doing the Crosstown Trail
- 66. Sloppily spread
- 67. Fitbit unit

DOWN

- 1. Sudden twitch
- 2. Give a speech
- 3. Story's lesson
- 4. Channel for watching the WNBA
- 5. Organize, as flowers
- 6. Blackens on the grill
- 7. Multiple choice options
- 8. Unwelcome garden plant
- 9. "Done so soon?"
- 10. Make a choice
- 11. Result of a lightbulb moment
- 12. Incognito poster, in brief
- 13. Only one left
- 21. Worked for Lyft
- 22. Dog doctor
- 26. "That's show ____, baby!"
- 27. Oat and almond
- 28. "I feel seen", online
- 29. Source or cause
- 30. Artist's inspiration
- 31. Plops in a chair
- 32. Baking qtys.
- 33. Kind of ray or wave
- 34. Singer Ora
- 35. YouTube snippet
- 39. Loudly, in music
- 40. Regret
- 42. Diagrams for MUNI riders
- 43. Scale to measure San Andreas activity
- 45. Turn around an axis
- 46. It's a bout done!
- 49. Metaphorically lost
- 50. First episode
- 51. Exact replica
- 52. Go out at night
- 53. Legally prohibits
- 54. Black and white treat
- 55. Droplet running down a cheek
- 56. Egg in a fertility clinic
- 57. Waymo rate
- 58. Berets and beanies

Solution on page 11.

Martin's from front page

treated with respect and hospitality. As stated on its website, "Eating is a right, not a privilege and feeding the hungry is a matter of justice, not of charity."

The Dalai Lama visited Martin's in 2009 and served 50 guests. Mother Teresa stopped by in the late 1980's and blessed the newly built showers. Rock concert promoter Bill Graham donated the first meal served at Martins when it relocated to Potrero Avenue, after being evicted from a previous location.

"When we began, we had a small place on 23rd and Bryant. It could only serve forty-nine people... and we were renting," said Abby Lehrman, who has served on Martin's board of directors since 1984, with a two-year absence before returning in 2025. "The neighborhood was changing and we became homeless in 1985. We decided to purchase a building."

Barbara Collier, who was Martin's inspirational leader for three decades before her death in 2009, was able to raise the money to purchase the structure Martin's currently occupies on Potrero Avenue, between 15th and 16th streets. The fundraising effort was buoyed by *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist Herb Cain, who included mention of it in one of his articles. The publicity prompted the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund to donate to the nonprofit, which it has continued ever since.

"When Barb died, things kind of fell to her partner Charlie, and now he's in Laguna Honda with Alzheimer's," said Lehrman. "So, what happened to us is we did not plan any succession... All our major people were in their 70's and 80's... With no succession plan, Martin's has had problems getting committed people to volunteer."

According to Lehrman, Martin's water and garbage bills have significantly increased. To reduce water costs, the hours that showers are offered may be reduced for the first time in Martin's history. The organization may also need to start writing grants to secure funding.

One of the largest challenges Martin's faces stems from the fentanyl epidemic.

"It got really crazy for a while," said Lehrman. "We were serving breakfast from 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.... We have a big garden where you could sit on a bench and kind of be by yourself and we had another area that was pretty private and people started using at Martin's... Then drug dealers would come and then the neighbors were calling the cops... This never happened in all of my 40 whatever years that I've been there... So, what we had to do is we stopped breakfast and we started to have a policy where there was always two people in the yard to say, hey you can't use in here... Then they'd spill out onto the street... We even lost a lot of volunteers because they felt uncomfortable."

Martin's partners with HealthRIGHT 360, which provides free healthcare in front of the facility on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. Offerings include primary and urgent medical care, wound care, vaccinations, lab work, and case management. The influx of people lining up for these services has contributed to an increase in activity on nearby streets and the Potrero Center.

Andres (Andy) Alcantar, who serves as board president, and his wife worked at Martins on the third Saturday of every month for 30 years, running a crew out of St. Paul's Catholic Church. He recently met with Potrero Hill residents to discuss street disruptions caused by the nonprofit.

"They're not happy with us, our neighbors, however we just had a meeting with the neighbors," said Lehrman. "These two

guys just bought the building on the other side of us... and they're very amenable to working with us. And we always want to do that. We don't want to see the streets all dirty and filthy.... We are not oppositional to them... We have a lot of issues right now facing us that we never had before."

Keith Goldstein, a Hill resident for more than 50 years who lives on the corner of Kansas and 20th streets, was so involved with Martin's that he was trusted with keys to the property. He delivered food to the nonprofit every Saturday for many years, bringing as much as 2,000 pounds of fare in the summer.

"For the last 34 years, I go every Saturday, with a very large panel truck to the Ferry Plaza Farmers Market," said Goldstein. "The farmers donate all their left over food to me... My main recipient until about eighteen months ago was Martin de Porres... I pick up pastries five days a week. They will donate to me 150 pastries on a typical day and very often I would deliver those to Martin's as well. I would often walk along 16th Street and a couple of times it looked like night of the living dead out there. These people were hunched over, just walking around in a daze at this wonderful place that provided hot meals and hot showers for people for many years... I never had a bad experience with any of the recipients. I'd give them pastries out of my box and chat with some of the people, but that was all pre-fentanyl days."

Martin's began systematically enforcing a no drug use policy a year ago, which according to Lehrman has helped tremendously.

"There's no drug use within Martin's," said Lehrman. "It's monitored very closely. They get kicked out if they try and use in here. We still get people who are using, but they can't use in here." □

Potrero Center from front page

part of large, usually national, chains. The mall is about 75 percent occupied by square footage. One of the larger storefronts, a former Daiso next to Safeway, is empty.

One explanation for the paucity of new leases is the occasionally dense presence of unhoused people, who gather near the shops and in the parking lot's lower level. Luis, an employee of the center's AAA branch for the last 18 years, described a miserable scene on the parking structure's lower level in the morning: garbage strewn everywhere, human excrement, people using drugs. According to Luis, this situation, which began around the pandemic, has been easing somewhat in the last year.

On a recent weekday afternoon, the parking lot's lower level was clean, without visible trash or bodily waste. Still, steps from the security office, three people sitting on the ground near a wall, backs to passerby, appeared to be using drugs. Upstairs, no one panhandled, shouted into the void or openly used drugs. But a woman dozed, upright, on a bench, and a man using his walker as a stool smelled of alcohol. On the sidewalk outside the center, a man slept sprawled against the mall's wall, limbs akimbo.

Workers reported strong sales. An Xfinity employee said his shop was "always busy." Avery, a sales associate at Mancini's Sleepworld, said business was up 20 percent, year-over-year. Luis, at AAA, said that University of California, San Francisco doctors and nurses are among his best customers.

Google reviewers and shop employees report that a major attraction of the center is its ample parking. It's also served by a multitude of bus lines that stop on 16th Street, directly in front of it. There's a bike-share station on Byrant Street, half a block

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away. On a recent afternoon, a taxi idled in front of Safeway while a man loaded groceries into its trunk.

Google reviewers also like the well-stocked and clean Safeway. The grocery store has seemingly mile-long, extra wide aisles and a traditional layout, with frozen and packaged goods surrounded by floral, butcher, dairy, bakery and deli stations. There's a Starbucks, a pharmacy, and a Wells Fargo Bank branch. The presence of copious, unarmed, security guards, lack of self-checkout stations, often long lines to pay, and locked-up personal care items mark the store as post-pandemic and urban.

Online, Regency Centers boasts of its "placemaking" approach that focuses on creating "an environment that is a physical reflection of what makes the surrounding

areas unique" and a place that's "ideal for shopping, dining and gathering." At Potrero Center, the built environment and retail offerings are generic. Seating that in previous years encouraged gathering has been removed. The elevated podium design isolates the center from the surrounding area.

Tesla and EVgo chargers were installed in the center's parking lot in 2023. On a recent visit, all the EVgo and about half of the Tesla chargers were in use. One person using the EVgo chargers had left their car, perhaps to do some shopping.

Back at the Safeway entrance, a man strummed an acoustic guitar soulfully, without any indication that he hoped to be paid. A man in a non-electric wheelchair chatted with an acquaintance. It was just another day at Potrero Center. □



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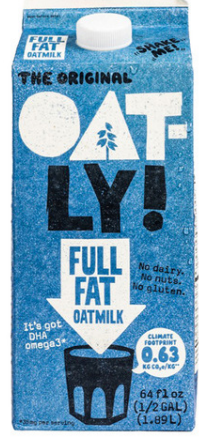
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Straus Organic Yogurt

32 oz -reg 6.49

\$4.99

Chosen Foods Avocado Oil Spray

4.7 pz -reg 8.59

\$6.99



Bubbies Horseradish

8 oz -reg 5.49

\$3.99



Red & Gold Organic Potatoes

-reg 1.99/lb

\$1.49/lb



Green & Red Organic Cabbage

-reg 1.99/lb

\$1.39/lb



Pies On Sale For Pi Day

Upper Crust Pies

8 inch -reg 21.99
on sale from 3/13-3/15

\$18.85

(Save \$3.14 PI)



Kettle Chips

5 oz -reg 4.99

2/\$7



Kerrygold Dubliner Cheddar

7 oz -reg 7.99

\$5.99



Straus Organic Ice Cream

32 oz -reg 10.99

\$8.49



Newman's Own Cookies

13 oz -reg 7.79

\$5.99

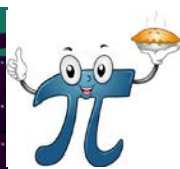


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