

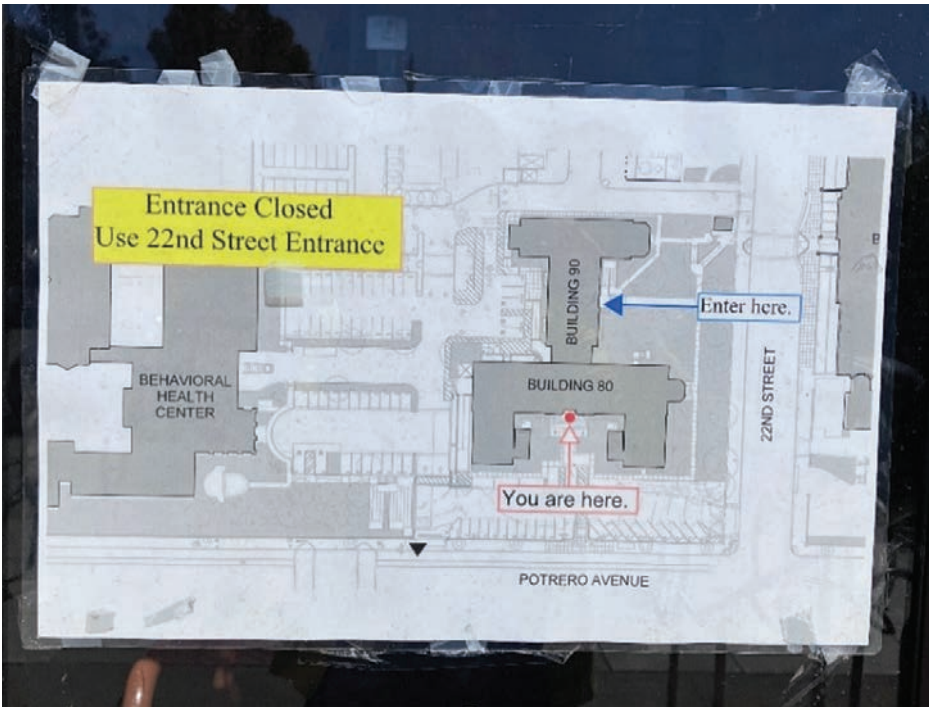


New Security Measures Make Entering San Francisco General Hospital Challenging

BY MARK STEENSLAND

The stabbing of 51-year-old social worker Alberto Rangel in Ward 86 at Zuckerberg San Francisco General (ZSFG) prompted numerous security-related changes at the hospital. According to Gail Smith, an 81-year-old patient at the cardiology clinic in the same building Rangel was murdered, the modifications have erected a gauntlet of hurdles that make her visits much more difficult.

Before the December 2025 incident, Smith entered the building through the front doors facing Potrero Avenue. The cardiology clinic entrance is just inside to the right, about ten feet from entry. That access, along with another, has been permanently converted to an exit only. The only way into the structure now is through



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Left: SF General entrance from Potrero Avenue. Right: map posted on the entrance redirects visitors to 22nd Street. PHOTOS: Mark Steensland

Pennsylvania Street Gardens Cultivates Community

BY MOUMITA CHAKRABORTY

For eighteen years, Annie Shaw, her husband Matt Petty, and other Potrero Hill residents have dedicated themselves to beautifying and maintaining land that'd been neglected and filled with detritus. As a result of their efforts, Pennsylvania Street Gardens has emerged as a green oasis, an inviting space to take a break with a cup of Linea coffee or walk off a pancake breakfast from Plow.

Shaw had imagined the irregularly shaped 18th and Pennsylvania lot, just off

the John F. Foran Freeway off-ramp, as a relaxing, safe place for neighbors.

"The green light really came on when I saw a Princess plant suddenly planted there," Shaw said, "At first, it really was a guerilla garden. We bought all the plants we could and put in thousands of hours to clear the land for them."

The plot's owner, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), was initially hostile to the nascent garden, viewing it as a potential liability. Shaw organized a petition and appealed to Caltrans, successfully convincing the

department to allow the effort to continue. PSG became the first ever San Francisco street park on Caltrans land. The initial five-year contract to maintain it has been renewed ever since.

Soon after, the San Francisco Department of Public Works (DPW) launched a program to allow communities to create gardens on its properties, piquing PSG's interest. A stretch of DPW land, which was then on an "unaccepted" street between 17th and Mariposa, was a natural addition to the main Pennsylvania Garden. It took about two years for cultivation to start at what's now known as the Pennsylvania Railroad Garden. The PSG team went through a public comment period, securing official permission and grants; different from the renegade approach for the Pennsylvania Garden.

In 2012 and 2013, the PSG team installed sidewalks, boulders, 23 trees, thousands of plants, a seating area, and signage at the Pennsylvania Railroad Garden. At the behest of the Potrero Hill Garden Club, PSG adopted the Triangle Garden, located at the 280 turnoff onto 18th Street. Today, the Pennsylvania Street Gardens stretch over two blocks between 17th and 18th Streets, consisting of the original Pennsylvania Garden, Pennsylvania Railroad Garden, and Triangle Garden, providing wildlife habitat and breathing room for humans.

The freeway, built in 1972, created

One Hundred Years of Boostering

BY JESSICA ZIMMER

One hundred years ago, the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association – the Boosters – first started promoting the interests of what at the time was a working-class immigrant enclave. An early accomplishment was development of Fallen Bridge Park at 531 Utah Street, in 1971, with the assistance of District 7 Supervisor Robert Gonzalez. In 2005, the Boosters successfully encouraged the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to establish Residential Parking Permit Zone X, which covers Potrero Hill, and to reconfigure Zone W, in the Mission, which limited non-residents from parking all day in these areas.

The social welfare organization's centennial is marked by a change in leadership, with Connecticut Street resident Lisa Ryers taking over as president from J.R. Eppler, who is running for District 10 Supervisor. Eppler will serve as external vice president, relinquishing the presidency after 13 years, performing presidential duties when Ryers is unavailable.

Donovan Lacy, Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District (GBD) executive director, is Boosters secretary.



Pennsylvania Gardens entrance on Pennsylvania Avenue. PHOTO: Helena Chiu

PUBLISHER’S VIEW

BY STEVEN J. MOSS

Fairies

My great-nephew, Harvey, five years old, was wearing a salmon-colored dress over his pajamas, with a set of butterfly wings on his back. The dress had been my daughter Sara’s, worn as part of a Zombie getup when she was in elementary school. Artfully shredded at the edges, with a spooky handprint on the back, it fit Harvey perfectly.

Leah, three, Harvey’s sister, wore a colorfully patterned bathing suit, also fitted out with wings. A pair of slip-on pink shoes completed the outfit.

The two ran, danced, jumped through San Francisco International Airport as we made our way to our flight to Portland, where they lived. Passersby beamed at them, delighted by the childhood exuberance wrapped in magical clothing. A few asked if they were angels or fairies.

“Fairies,” Harvey solemnly replied.

They weren’t really either. They were just them.

Harvey and Leah had made a quick visit to the Bay Area to see extended family. Their Bubby — my sister, Marissa — had accompanied them from Portland, their first-ever plane trip without their parents. I was to accompany them home.

At my house Harvey asked if he could play dress up. I introduced him to the boxes of costumes my family had collected over the years, from Halloween celebrations and visits to Burning Man. He excitedly pulled out the options, trying different things on, until settling on the dress, the wings, and a scarf featuring dangling faux metal coins.

“Put this on,” he told me, handing me an embroidered Moroccan caftan. “I promise not to tease you.”

With some difficulty I pulled it over my head and shoulders. It wasn’t comfortable, nor my preferred drag, which, when activated, tended towards a kind of

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Short Cuts

There Can Never be Enough Coffee

Modern Luxury selected the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House for its First Annual Best of the Bay Community Impact Award. The “Nabe,” a historic community hub at 953 De Haro Street, offers youth programs, senior services and food security support through a weekly pantry that helps more than 150 families...Zocalo Coffee, with locations in Oakland, San Leandro and Hayward, has opened an outlet inside Mission Creek Park’s Pavilion. In addition to espresso and coffee beverages, the café, owned by Sara Ubelhart and Dan Grace, offers sandwiches, salads, lasagna and quiche, amongst other items.

Power Station Chugging Along

JPMorgan Chase, America’s largest, and possibly most annoying, bank, has committed nearly \$200 million in financing to construct 342 residences along the waterfront, with up to \$15 million in separate funding to build middle-income housing. The backing marks the bank’s second infusion into the Power Station, being developed by Fifth Space – formerly known as Associate Capital – which ultimately plans to standup 2,600 homes and 1.6 million square feet of commercial space at the former Potrero Power Plant site. Although approved by municipal planners in 2020, it was just last year that Fifth Space opened the Sophie Maxwell Building, a 105-unit apartment complex for households that earn between 50 percent and 110 percent of the area median income; as low as \$56,750 for a single person, and as high as \$206,850 for that

rare six-person family... Chase is known for terrible customer service, high fees, and a tendency to treat its account holders’ money as if it’s theirs. It’s likely the massive bank performs better with its multi-million-dollar clients than modest-income individuals or small businesses.

Wallet Cleaning

San Francisco is ridiculously expensive, in so many ways. New arrivals pay in the range of \$6,000 a month for a two-bedroom apartment, groceries set the average household back \$800 monthly, with a single cocktail that’s not even sufficient to drown one’s inflationary sorrows demanding \$20. City Hall can do almost nothing about the price of any of these items. But it can influence how much it costs to accidentally leave your automobile on the wrong side of the road during street cleaning hours. Even compared to other notoriously pricey municipalities San Francisco’s fine is super-punitive. In Manhattan a street cleaning infraction costs \$65; \$45 in Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens. Chicago charges \$60; Los Angeles, \$73. In San Francisco it’s \$90. That’s more than three days of groceries. Um, Mr. Mayor...?

Corrections

“Here Comes Trouble,” in the August issue, had several troubling mistakes, including that the quote should’ve been “too many people are named Michael Lin,” with no need for the middle name. Lin’s extended stay in Taiwan was with his parents, not in-laws, and the assault was on his father, not father-in-law. □

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Farley’s Coffee Shop’s Co-Owner Still Missing

BY MARK STEENSLAND

Amy Hillyard’s family and friends continue their search for the 53-year-old mother of two and co-owner of Farley’s Coffee. Hillyard disappeared from her Oakland home more than five months ago, on Wednesday, March 25th.

According to her husband Chris, the day started with them having breakfast together, after which his wife went to a therapy appointment. Charges on her credit card show she used BART to travel from Oakland to Walnut Creek and back to their Radnor Road home in Cleveland Heights.

She confirmed her return with a text to her husband at 1:40 p.m.; twenty minutes later, a security camera at a nearby

residence showed her stopping to chat with a neighbor while walking one of the family’s dogs.

When Chris arrived at 3:15 p.m., he found the back door open. Her cell phone, car keys, wallet, and handbag were on the kitchen counter.

The last known Hillyard sighting was discovered in a review of surveillance video by the Oakland Police Department, which showed her at 4:30 p.m. in the area of Dimond Park, near Lake Merritt, about two miles from their home. Volunteers and law enforcement agencies searched hiking trails around Dimond Canyon, along with other locations she frequented, but have been unable to find any sign of her.

Early reports about her disappearance indicated that she suffered from an

undisclosed medical condition. Chris Hillyard later clarified that Amy had been prescribed medication for depression and anxiety following the deaths of a close friend and one of their dogs. In an interview with the *San Francisco Chronicle*, he described her therapy appointment as part of work she was doing to recover and heal.

At a vigil held four days after her disappearance, Jen Bushman, a close friend of Hillyard’s, praised her as “a light in the community” who has “given so much to Oakland and to all of us who love her.”

Besides co-owning Farley’s Coffee shops, with locations on Grand Avenue near Broadway in Oakland and 18th Street in Potrero Hill, Hillyard was active in numerous community efforts, including serving as board president of the Piedmont East Bay Children’s Choir. She also ran Hillyard Consulting, which offered leadership and organizational development services, working with such clients as Gap, Salesforce, Walmart, and Yelp. Testimonials on the company website praise Hillyard’s skill and compassion.

Through a statement provided to KRON4, Oakland police said they have no evidence that foul play is involved. The case is classified as a “Missing Person At Risk.”

Last April, the family created a website, Bring Amy Home (www.bringamyhome.com), to provide updates on developments in the case and information about how to help. A post dated April 23rd noted that Hillyard is one of 80 open missing persons cases being investigated by the Oakland police, which represents about five percent of the 1,500 people reported lost annually in Oakland.

“With so many searches underway,” the post continued, “it often falls on the shoulders of family, friends, and volunteers to stay engaged and continue to push for answers.”

In May, the family increased the original \$10,000 reward to \$25,000 for information leading to Hillyard’s return. With the assistance of a GoFundMe campaign, they retained Steve Fischer of Search Investigations, LLC, to aid in the time-consuming process of evaluating leads, reviewing surveillance camera footage, and conducting extensive door-to-door interviews in the hopes of finding new clues.

Hillyard is white, five feet, four inches tall, and weighs 120 pounds, with blond hair and hazel eyes. At the time of her disappearance, she was wearing white sneakers with black stripes, a white short-sleeved shirt, and light jeans.

Anyone with helpful information should call the Oakland Police Department’s missing persons division: (510) 238-3641. 

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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 Wiener		415.557.1300	

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phdemclub.org

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Two Tuesdays in September at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St:

September 1, 7 p.m. District 10 Supervisor candidate debate, featuring DJ Brookter, Theo Ellington, and J.R. Eppler. Moderated by Mission Local’s Joe Eskenazi and followed by endorsement vote.

September 15, 6:30 p.m. Endorsement meeting for local ballot measures, with extremely informative pro and con speakers for every proposition. Also, **School Board and City College candidate forums**.

Please check our website for details, and to join our Club or mailing list. For more information: contact_us@phdemclub.org

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 attend meetings; you just need to care about what happens in Dogpatch. Monthly Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at The Dogpatch Hub.

At our next Monthly Meeting on **Tuesday, September 8th**, the **League of Women Voters San Francisco** will present a nonpartisan overview of the upcoming local and state ballot initiatives. We’ll also hear quick updates regarding the upcoming **Portola Festival** and the soft launch for **Elevation Skypark at Pier 70**.

Then, join us for our **Community Meet ‘n Clean on Sunday, September 13th** (12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at Progress Park) to help keep the neighborhood beautiful.

Friends of Jackson Park (FoJP)

friendsofjacksonpark.org

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend and the please join us for Coffee & Kids in Jackson Park on the **2nd Sunday this month**: Sept. 13th, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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Green Benefit District

GreenBenefit.org

Get involved with the Dogpatch and NW Potrero Hill Green Benefit District!

Join us for our **Monthly Board Meeting** on Wednesday, September 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dogpatch Hub (1278 Minnesota St.), where we will discuss all the great things we’re doing in the neighborhood. **Questions? Contact us at info@greenbenefit.org.**

Help make the Green Benefit District greener! Our next **GBD volunteer events** are our Vermont Greenway & Eco-Patch Workday on Saturday, September 19, and GBD’s 25th St. Sidewalk Garden Workday on Saturday, September 26. 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

Join us September 29th at 7 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House (953 De Haro Street) for a free, 90 minute **SF Ready Workshop on Disaster Preparedness** presented by the San Francisco Fire Department for Potrero Residents. All ages welcome but youth under 14 must have a guardian present. You will learn the basics to take care of yourself and others. SFFD and the Boosters want you to have skills to be prepared for emergencies big or small and get to know your neighbors to maximize resiliency after a disaster like a fire or earthquake. We will cover: Risk Awareness; Disaster supplies; Personal/Family Disaster Planning; NERT Overview; Disaster Pre-Planning — building community one block at a time.

The Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association serves to connect, advocate for, and inspire Potrero residents. Find out more and sign up on our website: potreroboosters.org

Starr King Open Space

StarrKingOpenSpace.org

Join our **monthly volunteer days** on the second Saturday of the month. This month it is **Saturday, September 12, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Donate to help keep Starr King Open Space wild, accessible, and well-maintained for our neighborhood.

For a \$225 annual fee (up to 150 words) or \$300 (151 to 200 words), your organization can be listed in Getting Involved. Contact production@potreroview.net

Potrero View Celebrates 56th Anniversary



Clockwise, from top:

In August, dozens gathered at Standard Deviant Brewery in Pier 70 to commemorate *The Potrero View's* 56th anniversary.

Byron Perry, founder and chief executive officer of *The Gazetteer*, speaks in front of an audience during the 56th anniversary of the recently acquired *Potrero View* newspaper.

At the *View's* 56th anniversary party a hardcover book titled *The Potrero View* containing archived copies of the newspaper drew interest.

Steven Moss, *Potrero View* editor.

PHOTOS: Thomas Hunter II

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History: Treasures of the Pharaohs
Egypt's pharaohs and their connection to a panoply of gods and the afterlife have long been a source of fascination. This enduring popularity is largely due to what they left behind: massive pyramids, the Sphinx, hidden crypts and mummies. One hundred and thirty remarkably preserved artifacts, some retaining the same bright colors from when they were created, are displayed. The exhibit would have benefited from a story line, or deeper reflection on the meaning that can be gleaned from spiritual and artistic items made thousands of years ago. Still, it's hard not to be impressed by the superlative craftsmanship that created objects that've lasted thousands of years and intense dedication to a worldview that's disappeared. Admission: \$20. adults; \$17. 65+; \$11 for students with valid identification; 17 and under and museum members, free. de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiware Tea Garden Drive. For more information: bit.ly/4g4RD3F

9/5 Saturday - 9/26 Saturday

Theater: West Coast Premiere of Manning
Crowded Fire Theater presents a meditation on masculinity, family, and the ways we search for connection after loss. Following the death of their wife and mother, a father and his two sons spread her ashes in their backyard garden. When a giant zucchini mysteriously appears overnight, each family member discovers a unique language for grief through their encounters with the supernatural vegetable. As the extraordinary takes root in the ordinary, they must determine whether they can also cultivate a shared vocabulary for healing together. Tickets: \$25 and up, sliding scale. Potrero Stage, 1695 18th Street. For more information: bit.ly/45zPUgv

9/10 Thursday

Community: Valencia Live Night Market
An all-ages monthly neighborhood celebration with live music, cocktails, restaurants, art, shopping. 5 to 10 p.m. Free attendance. Valencia Street between 18th and 21st streets. For more information: bit.ly/4cn2T9l

9/10 Thursday through 9/20 Sunday

Music: Flower Piano in Golden Gate Park
Flower Piano returns for its 11th year with 11 days of music, 12 pianos, and 130 performances. Participants are invited to explore and enjoy the Botanical Garden's plant collections as they seek out the pianos spread across 55-acres. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free for San Franciscans with valid identification. Opening night event on Thursday, September 10, 4 to 7:30 p.m.; separate ticket required. San Francisco Botanical Garden, 1199 Ninth Avenue. For more information: bit.ly/4wE6hDU

9/11 Friday through 9/13 Sunday

History: Pier 70 Time Machine Grand Opening
Potrero Hill and Dogpatch neighborhood history comes to life through exhibits that focus on Butchertown's stomach-churning past, the bustling Chinese shrimp shacks along the Hunters Point waterfront and the Grateful Dead's legendary gatherings, Friday 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information: bit.ly/3UFUgAk

9/12 Saturday

Festival: Kite by the Bay
Decorate a kite, learn to fish, and visit family activity tables from organizations such as Randall Museum and Exploratorium. Also on hand: DJ and a taco truck. 1 to 4 p.m. Free. Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, 400 Hunters Point Expressway. For more information: bit.ly/4zsQMBR

9/13 Sunday

Art: Noe Valley Art Festival
Painting demonstrations, kids' activities, and music, as well as photographs, drawings, multi-media, jewelry, ceramics, fabric art, digital art and sculpture from 22 artists. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Noe Valley Town Square, 24th and Sanchez streets. For more information: bit.ly/4xdlJbl

9/18 Friday

Art: San Francisco Open Studios Preview Exhibition
The Preview Exhibition features the

work of 300+ artists, all work on view is available for purchase with a portion of sales supporting the non-profit. Enjoy light bites and drinks. 7 to 10 p.m. General admission: \$25. VIP Hour 6 to 7 p.m. \$50 and up. SOMArts, 934 Brannan Street. For more information: bit.ly/4g1IUz8

9/19 Saturday

Music: Pier Play San Francisco
Pier Play is a waterfront festival at Elevation Sky Park, the new entertainment campus for live music, immersive cinema, art, wellness, and community programming. The event is headlined by BLOND:ISH, along with Darco, Nico De Andrea, Malas, and Admiral. 2 to 10 p.m. Tickets from \$72. to \$199. 21+ only. Elevation Sky Park San Francisco, Pier 70 (at the end of 22nd Street). For more information: bit.ly/4xMm6cr

9/19 Saturday and 9/20 Sunday

Culture: Autumn Moon Festival
A weekend of entertainment, mooncakes and other foods, kids activities, lion dancing, K-Pop dance contest, and more. Grant Avenue between California and Broadway streets. Pacific Avenue between Stockton and Kearny will be pedestrian-only. Saturday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors are strongly encouraged to take public transit. For more information: moonfestival.org

9/19 Saturday through 9/27 Sunday

Theater: Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra
San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's 44th season presents Antony and Cleopatra, a timeless tale of power, passion, and politics that examines the conflict between duty and desire, and the impact of personal relationships on political power. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Sue Bierman Park, Drumm Street at Washington Street. For more information: bit.ly/4xhoR5Y

9/20 Sunday

Community: Fiesta on the [Bernal] Hill
Cortland Avenue comes alive with seven blocks of music, food, vendors, and family-friendly fun. Presented by the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, approaching its 50th year of serving the community. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cortland Avenue between Bocana and Folsom streets. For more information: bernalfiesta.com

9/24 Thursday - 9/27 Sunday

Music: Portola Festival
Portola Music Festival returns to Pier 80 for its fifth year, along with more than 15 shows at San Francisco venues. The 5th Birthday DESPACIO

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9/29 Tuesday

Extravaganza — sound system designed by LCD Soundsystem’s James Murphy, Soulwax’s David and Stephen Dewaele, and engineer John Klett — opens at Pier 80 on Friday, September 25, from 5 to 11 p.m. The main festival continues at Pier 80 on Saturday and Sunday, with headliners Robyn, DOG BLOOD (Skrillex and Boys Noize), Swedish House Mafia, Zara Larsson, Tiësto, Four Tet, Tove Lo and Soulwax. Citywide venues — among them The Regency Ballroom, Public Works, The Midway, Great American Music Hall and The Great Northern — host Overmono, Fatboy Slim, 2manydjs, SG Lewis, Chloé Caillet, horsegiirL, Channel Tres, Groove Armada, Ben UFO, Parcels and more. Additional shows to be announced. For tickets and the full lineup, visit portolamusicfestival.com.

Community: Noe Valley Night Market
Noe Valley Town Square will host live music, retail and food vendors, and family-friendly fun. 5 to 8 p.m. Noe Valley Town Square, 24th and Sanchez streets. For more information: bit.ly/3Uf4Yha

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Boosters from front page

Kate Blumberg, a 22nd Street resident, is treasurer. The 501(c)(4) Boosters is working to recruit an internal vice president to serve as chief information officer and manage membership.

“The Boosters is in the process of identifying ourselves and who we want to serve for the next hundred years,” said Ryers. “The primary focus is “neighbor” with a capital “N.” We aim to serve the people who live here and their interests. That may include more social events.”

The Boosters have 70 members who pay an annual fee of \$30 for an individual, \$50 for a household or business.

In 2012, the Boosters formed a traffic calming team, which eventually became the Livable Streets Committee, a joint effort with the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association (DNA). The Committee works on issues relating to roads, parking and public transportation. Upwards of a dozen people typically attend monthly committee meetings.

In 2024, the Livable Streets Committee helped establish the 17th Street bike lane. Topics at recent meetings have included SFMTA’s budget and fiscal challenges, the implications of a possible parcel tax ballot measure, traffic calming proposals, and the siting of Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations.

The Boosters typically hold a monthly general membership meeting at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House (Nabe) or Dogpatch Hub. San Francisco Police Department Bayview Captain Bernadette Robinson gave a presentation at a recent gathering.

The Boosters’ budget is roughly \$3,000 a year, spent mostly on fees for meeting space rentals, snacks, community sponsorships, and an annual holiday party held in conjunction with DNA. The Boosters’ near-term goals include supporting rehabilitation of Jackson Park, which, according to Ryers, is at 75 percent of its fundraising goal.

“As (spots) like the Bernal Heights Playground continue to be rehabbed around the City, the Boosters will continue to elevate the importance of renovating Jackson Park as a community nexus, and connect the project to funding streams where possible,” said Ryers.

The Boosters have advocated for construction of the 22nd Street Steps between Texas and Connecticut streets. The project is split into two parts: steps from Texas to Missouri streets and trail steps from Missouri to Connecticut streets. The Texas to Missouri streets portion is part of an entitlement agreement with Align, developer of The Landing Apartments, located at 1395 22nd Street. The Missouri to Connecticut streets path will be built by Friends of Potrero Hill Recreation Center, fiscally sponsored by GBD.

“We have heard from Align that they are awaiting Public Works approval of the plans. They had a face-to-face with a Disability Access Coordinator. The work will take five months and could be built by end of year if Public Works approves the plans,” said Ryers.

The organization is working to make Illinois Street a “Safer Street” for bicyclists, pedestrians, and the roughly 31 percent of households that surround it that don’t own vehicles.

“The current bike lanes on Illinois Street are not safe topographically, with old rail tracks in some places. Also, bicyclists face dangers from large trucks frequently using the bike lanes as loading zones. We continue to lend our public support for this plan for a bi-directional protected bikeway which includes a four-foot buffer from being doored...this plan... could make all the difference in terms of



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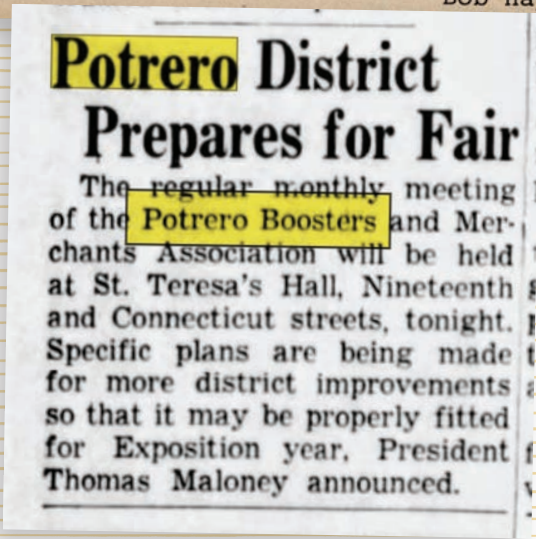


The Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants Association held its dinner installation of new officers at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House in May. Guest speaker Mayor George Morcone is seated far left at the main table in background.

President Robert Bradford happily announced that the dinner was a success.

Bob Hayes photo

▲ June 1978



▲ October 1938

safety and environmentally encouraging more people to bike versus drive in the neighborhood,” said Ryers.

The organization hopes to ensure that area infrastructure matches emerging development.

“On Potrero Hill alone, we have 425 studio units coming online next year at 300 De Haro. We have 1,700 homes under development with Rebuild Potrero/Bridge Housing rebuild of Potrero Terrace and Annex. We have 120 units proposed at 249 Pennsylvania. That is a lot of density on the horizon,” said Ryers. “Will these people have safe, protected paths of travel? Will these people have safe, functional parks and open space to connect to others and nature? Will these people have access to public transit that works for them? This is what we work to make happen by connecting needs with the agencies that can fulfill those needs and making those needs made clear.”

This year, the Boosters plans to take its gatherings “on the road.”

“We’ve hosted “History of Potrero Hill” and “Trees of Potrero Hill” walking tours, to connect neighbors to each other and the neighborhood. We also hold a monthly coffee meeting at Jackson Park on the first Sunday of the month, to meet with younger families and hear their concerns. This is on top of our regular monthly meeting,” said Ryers.

An emerging issue is increasing residential rents, partly due to development of the biotechnology cluster centered around the University of California, San Francisco’s Mission Bay campus, as well as the Artificial Intelligence (AI) boom.

“94107 has one of the fastest rising rents in the City. Friends who have lived here over 20 years, small business owners, and artists cannot pay the new rent dictated by a new owner when the property trades hands in the current rental bonanza. They have to move away from 94107,” said Ryers.

Ryers said there’s a concern about limited liability companies owning residential homes.

“When an LLC owns a residential home, there is often less engagement with the community at large, and they don’t live in the home full-time. They use the home primarily for work hubs for businesses and short-term rentals,” said Ryers.

Many homeowners place their primary residence into a single-member LLC for asset protection, estate planning, or personal privacy. These owners *do* live in the home full-time and engage normally with their neighbors.

Ryers added that the Boosters wants to make the neighborhood more equitable.

“We want to show (property owners) that where they’re buying or renting isn’t just real estate. They’re buying into a community,” said Ryers.

The Boosters’ 11-member development committee reviews proposals, meets with developers and municipal staff, and advocates for project improvements and community benefits, like funds for parks.

“Our current areas of focus include proposed amendments to the Pier 70 and Power Station Development Agreements, the proposed Amazon distribution center on Seventh Street, and the future of zoning in Showplace Square,” said Alison Heath, development committee chair and a member at large, a position that requires her to attend executive committee meetings and special sessions.

The committee doesn’t take formal positions.

“On the rare occasions when the organization does so, the decision is made by a vote of the general membership. As chair, I coordinate this work. I also help neighbors understand the planning process for smaller residential projects affecting adjoining properties,” said Heath.

“Being a part of the Boosters has

helped me learn how to advocate for residents and pull the levers that get things done in the City,” said San Bruno Avenue resident Steven Solomon, one of two auditors and a Livable Streets Committee member. “I think it’s a great way to get to know other people in the neighborhood who share similar values and care about our City.”

Blumberg joined the Boosters because she saw it as a powerful organization that’s improved the community.

“I wanted to be a part of that. I think it’s important to work with developers to make sure they provide community benefits like greenspace,” said Blumberg, who was particularly proud of her work to make 17th Street safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. “That’s a tremendous showcase for the work the Boosters have been doing as to transportation.”

Peter Linenthal, director of the Potrero Hill Archives Project, said the Boosters formed at a time when cities were promoting business.

“San Francisco was getting afraid that Los Angeles was getting all the attention, with Hollywood and its sunnier climate. Individuals that supported the City and talked about living and doing business here came to be known as “boosters,”” said Linenthal.

According to Linenthal, the Boosters may have started even earlier, in 1921.

“We see mention in local newspapers of the Golden Potrero Boosters ball, a dance and social event,” he said.

The Boosters originally launched as a residential and business association; the Potrero Boosters and Merchants Association. Area businesses split from the Boosters to form the Potrero Dogpatch Merchants Association in 1989.

“Everyone is welcome. It’s a good way to meet people and understand how we can all work together,” said Ryers. [D]

g. at the request of the King.

BOOSTERS ORGANIZE.

The Golden Potrero Boosters Club has been organized to assist in electing Joseph M. Golden to the office of justice of the peace. Louis Scharetg is president and Harold Martin is secretary.

Friday, June

CLUBS FAVOR AIR MAIL BASE AT CITY FIELD

Potrero Association Notifies Todd and Utilities Group of Resolution

STREET REPAIR URGED

Eureka Valley Organization Ask Appropriation for Work

BY HARVEY H. WING

Bringing pressure to bear on the air mail issue, a number of improvement clubs today were on record as favoring the San Francisco Municipal Airport as the terminus for mail planes.

Potrero Boosters and Merchants' association endorsed the proposal to dispatch and receive airmail at the local field in resolutions adopted this week. Study of the matter reveals this city furnishes 80 per cent of the entire bay area air mail business.

"San Francisco Airport can be reached from any part of the peninsula population center within 35 minutes," states the Potrero group's resolution, made public by Dr. Rider J. Manuel, president. Copies of the decision have been forwarded to the Public Utilities commission and Postmaster Harry L. Todd.

Members of the Central Council of Civic Clubs were to meet tonight in Santa Maria Hall, 150 Golden Gate ave., to hear Supervisor Jefferson Peyser discuss the airport's advantages as a mail terminal.

At its Wednesday election meeting, the central council named Manuel F. Sylvia chairman of its board of directors, and re-elected Mrs. T. R. Best secretary.

Proposed reconstruction of 18th st. between Market and Guerrero sts. was discussed at the Thursday meeting of the Eureka Valley Promotion association.

According to P. M. Schoaf, secretary, members are united in their approval of asking the Board of Supervisors for a special appropriation for the work. Recent dirt fills on the new thoroughfare have not settled properly and repairs are needed, it was decided.

Edward Everett Horton has been elected by the Breakfast Club to honorary membership. The actor will receive formal induction at a meeting June 8 in the Bellevue Hotel.

Geary Boulevard Merchants' association members witnessed the film, "The Triumph of America," as part of their luncheon meeting Thursday. The picture was shown through courtesy of Don Gilmore, who also acted as chairman.

▲ June 1932

▲ November 1922

New Row on Freeway for Potrero Hill

A new freeway fight — perhaps a portent of others to be waged when the city's Master Trafficways Plan is made public later this month—was waged before the City Planning Commission yesterday.

This was the battle of Potrero Hill.

Residents turned out in force to oppose a plan for linking the Embarcadero and Southern Freeways by chewing into the east side of Potrero Hill between 22nd and 19th streets.

It would wipe 64 properties, including 34 homes, from the tax rolls, along its 3.3 mile length.

The Potrero Hill route was one of three considered by the State Highway Department. It is the one recommended by Planning Director James R. McCarthy.

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He said it would "create the least visual nuisance" to adjacent properties, be single level most of the way, and give "the best possible traffic relief to the James Lick Freeway."

The favored eight-lane route would start just east of, and parallel to, Pennsylvania street, from Army north to Mariposa. It would continue nor, along the east side of Seventh street, and cross China Basin near Sixth. It would curve south of Berry street, reaching the Embarcadero at Townsend, and joining the Embarcadero Freeway at Howard street.

The other two routes are through industrial property, closer to the Bay, one was along Illinois and the other along Tennessee street. They would be double-decked most of the way.

OPPONENTS

The Potrero Boosters and Merchants Association, Assemblyman Phillip Burton, Mary C. Andrews of the Potrero Hill Citizens Committee, Ed Barlow of the Potrero Hill Homeowners Association, and E. F. Wilkens, administrator of the new Price Convalescent Hospital, 331 Berry street, were listed among the opponents.

The Down Town Association, San Francisco Port Authority, Western Pacific Railroad and the Bethlehem Steel company favor it.

District Highway Superintendent J. P. Sinclair said he would like a Planning Commission recommendation "as soon as possible."

The Commission took the matter under study.

▲ January 1961



▲ Kansas Street resident, Babette Drefke, front right, served as Boosters president late in the 20th Century. She carved the original wooden sign and planted the trees for "The Benches" mini-park, a public space next to the 18th Street pedestrian bridge over Highway 101. She died on March 9, 2013. The View welcomes readers to identify others in the photograph.

THOMAS A. MALONEY celebrates his forty-eighth birthday today. Attended local schools. Worked on the water front as a stevedore for several years. Served in the State Senate for eight years and served six years in the Assembly. He is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Woodmen of the World, Sunrise Breakfast Club, South of Market Boys, honorary member of the Italian Catholic Federation, president of the Potrero Boosters and Merchants' Association, Elks and Insurance Brokers' Exchange of San Francisco. He is married and has four children and a grandchild.

▲ May 1937

Publisher's View from page 2

genie vibe. When I opened the door for my nephew, Asa, he burst out laughing. Pretty soon he too was sporting a sparkly caftan. It looked good on him.

A couple of decades earlier, my wife Debbie, Sara, and I had spent several months in Kerala, India. The noisy streets burst with the smell of incense, tuk-tuk exhaust, and cow dung. Women hurried on their errands in a rainbow of distinctly hued saris, a swirl of color. We'd had a similar experience when we lived in Niger, West Africa, which featured even more vibrantly patterned boubous.

"Why are Americans so afraid of color?" Debbie asked me. "We're all browns and blacks. Look at this; it's awesome."

Even in San Francisco, a relative bastion of personal expression, we tend toward conformity. Tech bros wear plain, dark T-shirts and reasonable slacks. Women are similarly minimalist, with the daring outfitted in blazers over their Everlanes. It's the too-busy-solving-important-problems-to-think-about-clothes look. Pacific Heights soirees fashion is dominated by indiscernible shades of black.

Yet San Francisco makes ample room for body statements; wrap-around tattoos, piercings aplenty, jacked-up physiques with bicep veins popping. Fashion is about messaging meaningful transformation, related to identity, politics, or belonging to a clique. What's less acceptable are makeovers with no deep meaning; a

five-year-old in wings, dressing-up for the sheer joy of the costume.

The sight of two joyous children prancing through an international airport wearing butterfly wings, a dress, and a bathing suit was enchanting in part because it's so unusual, and so happy. These kids weren't posturing about anything; nothing virtuous was being signaled. They were just having their own kind of non-serious fun.

Harvey had wanted me to join him, to wear the caftan he'd picked out for me, on the airplane. I declined. Now I wish I hadn't. It would have added to the joy. **D**



At the Bay Area Discovery Museum, before heading to SFO.

IN THE DISTRICT

By BILL SIMONS

AROUND THE TOWN: Well, let's see now. To start out with, we'll call your attention to the annual charity **whist** party sponsored by the **Potrero Boosters** and Merchants' Association tonight in St. Teresa's Hall, Nineteenth and Connecticut streets. . . . If you play whist at all, you'll do a good turn by going to this game, for all funds raised will go toward making a happy Christmas for the needy children in that neighborhood. . . . The newest unit of the San Francisco Boys' Club is formally opened, and the fellows of the Haight-Ashbury district will certainly benefit by the finely equipped building out at the corner of Belvedere and Waller.

No doubt about it. "symphony"

▲ November 1941

OBITUARY

Philip De Andrade
August 23, 1943 to August 15, 2026

Philip “Phil” De Andrade died in his sleep on August 15, 2026, at the age of 83. It was fittingly the Assumption of Mary, his good friend, Sarah Davis, noted, the day Catholics believe that Mary, mother of Jesus, was taken up—body and soul — into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

As a young man De Andrade attended St. Patrick’s Seminary & University in Menlo Park, with the intention of becoming a Catholic priest. On the eve of taking his formal vow to commit to unending obedience to the Archbishop of San Francisco he decided to pursue a different path. In the late-1980s, he began a decades-long association with Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, working in her congressional offices in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., enthusiastically supporting her campaigns and career, deeply cherishing her and her husband’s friendship.

Perhaps his largest contribution to community was the co-founding of Goat Hill Pizza in 1975. He pooled his modest savings with four close friends—Joel and Loris Lipski, Ruthann Dickinson, and Karen Clark—to take over a burned-out barbecue joint at the corner of Connecticut and 18th streets. At a time when sit-down dining options were scarce on the Hill, the pizzeria quickly grew into the heart of the neighborhood.

Under De Andrade’s leadership, Goat Hill garnered a wide reputation for its signature three-day fermented sourdough crust and the family friendly “All You Can Eat Mondays,” at which he frequently, and charismatically, performed

as server and generous host. In the early years, the restaurant housed a live goat mascot, Hilda de Anchovy, in its back lot. Last fall, alongside hundreds of Potrero Hillians, he celebrated Goat Hill Pizza’s 50th anniversary by getting a tattoo of Hilda on his forearm.

De Andrade’s Portuguese roots were woven into Goat Hill’s menu, which features “The Portuguese” pizza topped with traditional *linguica*, a smoke-cured Portuguese pork sausage, black olives, scallions, and garlic. On rare special occasions he’d make *malasadas*, Portuguese donuts, which he claimed were superior to French *beignets*.

De Andrade offered the establishment as a place to hold countless civic meetings, including notably for the Potrero Dogpatch Merchants Association, for which he served as president for many years. He rarely declined a request to host a school fundraiser, local history night, neighborhood art show, or political gathering.

For many young Hill residents, a highlight of the year was to receive a mini slice of pizza from De Andrade on Halloween. Dressed resplendently in a costume he acquired from the San Francisco Opera’s used clothing sale, he’d whirl amongst the crowd of trick-or-treaters, recognizing friends, shouting acknowledgements, and dispensing cheesy joy.

In the 1980s, he ran for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, when the office was held “at-large,” rather than based on the present district system. Though he didn’t win the election, he maintained a steady interest in and contribution to local politics. In 2000, he was appointed chair of the Power Plant Citizens Advisory Task Force, helping to lead efforts to

successfully shutter the polluting Hunters Point and Potrero Power plants. Even here his pizzeria played a key role, with state energy regulators preferring to meet at the restaurant for easy access to the fresh fountain drinks.

For decades before moving to Alameda, De Andrade lived on a houseboat named *Moonlight*, anchored in Mission Creek Harbor, where he served as board president. He was a fashionable thread in San Francisco’s eclectic, beautifully eccentric fabric, often sporting a stylish Fedora. He claimed to be a bit of an introvert, but friends and strangers would never know it from his buoyant spirit and generous laugh.

De Andrade followed a simple philosophy: “Living in a community is what gives us our sense of individuality.”

He held together the many branches of the Rodrigues family: the Kilweins, Gordons, McTeers, Balbis, and the Rodrigues still in Portugal; in Lisbon and on the island of Madeira, where he spent long stretches of time, eventually acquiring citizenship in the country where his parents, Joseph and Mary De Andrade, were born.

He’ll be interred alongside his parents and grandparents, Edward and Frances Rodrigues. His love of family, continuity, and tradition—including customs in which he no longer believed—nourished his many attachments. His devotion to maintaining ties across generations and geography—and his gift for investing in those relationships with such charm and palpable happiness—made him a beloved presence in many lives.

In addition to Goat Hill Pizza’s co-founder, Joel Lipski, he leaves behind numerous friends and relatives, including his cousin, Jeff Burkholder, and Jeff’s daughter Alma, with whom he shared

a home; Mike Monley, a former seminary classmate and Goat Hill co-owner; Missouri Street residents and Goat Hill co-owners Kurt and Debbie Huysentruyt; and Sarah Davis, the pizzeria’s general manager and longtime harbor neighbor.

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Philip De Andrade was a friend. I met him after I launched San Francisco Community Power, which helped install energy efficiency measures at Goat Hill Pizza, a relationship that deepened when we served on the Power Plant Task Force together. I knew him as a thoughtfully buoyant person of faith, willing to question and explore Catholic dogma and enthusiastically debate the latest political happenings. He often wondered whether he was doing enough to fulfill his civic obligations, which he never defined, but they were weighty.

I accompanied him to a funeral mass – for Clint Reilly, with whom he went to seminary – less than two weeks before he died. As congregants lined up for the priestly blessing, he told me that he refused to take the Eucharist because he didn’t have faith that it was the body of Christ. “It’s not a metaphor,” he told me. “I can’t do something which I don’t believe.

Less than a week before he passed, we had a text exchange in which I told him that my mother-in-law had just been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and likely didn’t have long to live.

“OMG,” he responded “Is knowing a blessing or a curse?

“I think it might be better to just not wake up one morning...” 😊 xted back.

To which I received, 😊
Goodbye, Philip. You will be deeply missed.

– Steven J. Moss

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August 23, 1943 to August 15, 2026



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a 22nd Street door, where a full security station enables San Francisco Sheriff’s Department (SFSF) officers to monitor visitors with a metal detector.

The new configuration forces Smith, who has mobility issues, to travel an additional 250 feet. Once inside the building, she’s has to take the hallway back toward the front door, additional steps which she said are challenging to her ailing body.

A California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) investigation following the fatal stabbing determined that changes were necessary to meet safety standards. In their 38-page report, inspectors identified numerous problems, fining ZSFG \$273,200 for multiple violations, including a failure to ensure “... security staffing was sufficient to address the workplace violence hazards in Ward 86 and the Bridge Clinic” or “... to effectively address the sufficiency of security systems, including clams, emergency response, and security personnel availability during its annual reviews...”

Tara Moriarity, SFSF spokesperson, declined to comment about the new security measures and said in an email that they “are referring all inquiries on this matter to the City Attorney’s Office.”

Jen Kwart, communications officer for City Attorney David Chiu, thanked the *View* for reaching out, then added, “I believe DPH is going to send you some information about security.”

An email to the Department of Public Health was answered anonymously and included the following statement, with a directive to credit it to “the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH).”

“Day in and day out our frontline healthcare workers deliver critical, life-saving care under demanding conditions and they deserve to do so safely, with the protection and support they need. Following the tragic death of our colleague Alberto Rangel at Ward 86 at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital on December 4, 2025, the San Francisco Department of Public Health took immediate action.”

The statement outlines numerous such actions, such as convening a 100-person team of SFDPH and University of California San Francisco staff, who “made rapid improvements to better protect staff and patients, while also advancing long-term structural changes.”

In addition, the anonymous writer asserted, “(t)he department welcomed and fully cooperated with a thorough review from Cal/OSHA. The findings are in line with our own rigorous internal assessment. The vast majority of their findings to overall safety and security have been addressed, some within days of the incident. Countless additional security measures have been initiated or expedited to strengthen workplace safety, including enhanced physical security measures, expanded security staffing, increased crisis prevention and response training, and a fundamental change in security structure governance to better connect leadership to frontline staff and their concerns.”

These statements appear to be at odds, however, with the views of representatives from the University Professional and Technical Employees (UPTE). In the immediate aftermath of the stabbing, the union issued a statement that workers have repeatedly raised concerns about safety in the workplace, claiming that “a recent survey of campus behavioral health workers in UPTE, 90 percent reported having experienced some threat, assault, or intimidation while on the job. In over half of the cases where safety concerns were raised with management, the response was slow, unsatisfactory, or retaliatory. 71 percent of those surveyed said they have

considered leaving their jobs because of safety concerns.”

“The basic safety improvements being made at SFGH are long overdue,” a union spokesperson said in an email exchange with the *View*. “We appreciate that the City is taking responsibility for infrastructure changes and engaging in open dialogue with frontline workers. But a UCSF worker was killed, and more than six months later, UCSF has done nothing. They have failed to take responsibility for the safety of their employees or productively engage with city leaders and frontline staff to find a resolution. This negligence continues to put our workers’ lives and all San Francisco residents at risk, and we will continue to fight for the basic safety measures until every worker and every patient knows they will come home from SFGH safely.”

Concerns about the Sheriff’s Department’s handling of hospital security are longstanding. In 2013, patient Lynne Spalding went missing from SFGH for more than two weeks before she was found dead in a stairwell. A federal review found the search deputies conducted covered only half the building’s stairwells, despite staff having been instructed to look everywhere. Investigators also found deputies failed to follow up on an earlier report of someone lying in a stairwell. Transcripts revealed confusion between the department and hospital staff over Spalding’s description during the search. The episode prompted a staffing shake-up within the department’s hospital unit.

The number of sheriff’s deputies stationed at SFGH had been declining for years before Rangel’s death; from 45 in 2022 to 28 by the time of the attack, according to the San Francisco Deputy Sheriffs Association. The reduction stemmed from a Department of Public Health policy shift, driven by concerns about disproportionate use of force against the hospital’s patient population, that replaced sworn deputies with health department-employed security cadets and additional healthcare staff. In 2021 Labor representatives cautioned that the reduced security presence would eventually lead to a worker being seriously hurt or killed; a warning that was documented in an email from an SEIU steward to the Sheriff’s Department.

Meanwhile, Gail Smith has waged her own battle for reasonable access, through the hospital’s “Patient Experience” feedback system and calling 311 to register her complaints. Lack of progress on both fronts led her to contact the *View*.

An officer with Marina Security Services, one of the firms providing support to SFSF at ZSFG, told the *View* that an administrative request can be made for Smith to enter the building through the front entrance on Potrero Avenue.

When given this information, Smith said she’d already tried that and been told by a security supervisor that such accommodation wouldn’t be made, even with a letter of support from her cardiologist.

“I really think they should just move the clinic out of that building to the main hospital,” Gail said with a sigh. “That would solve the problem.”

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Across

- 1 Guitar licks
- 6 The snakes in Indiana Jones’ “Why do they have to be snakes?”
- 10 Ingredient in some kosher marshmallows
- 14 ___-proof (easy to operate)
- 15 Surf’s partner
- 16 ___ Goldberg machine
- 17 Local neighborhood assn. celebrating their 100 year anniversary
- 20 Final word?
- 21 Like 12-hour clocks
- 22 “If you ask me...”
- 23 Somber event in candlelight
- 25 Lover of Aphrodite
- 26 FAQ part
- 29 Tech workspace run by an AI insurance startup (where you sadly will not find short-legged dogs)
- 33 Posted on social media
- 35 Gossip that’s “spilled”
- 36 It’s not a good look
- 37 Fizzy prefix
- 38 12/
- 40 “Kinda sorta”
- 42 Cause of inflation
- 43 Oink & Oscar, for example
- 45 Itty bit
- 47 Pressed sandwich at Alimentari Aurora
- 49 Claude creator
- 52 Three-card hustle
- 53 Snopes.com subject
- 54 “Eww!”
- 56 Like a schlemiel
- 58 Lightbulb, in cartoons
- 59 Nickname for the Muni logo
- 63 Network fighting for car-free spaces, transit equity, and the end of car dominance
- 66 Madre’s hermanos
- 67 Squeezed (out)
- 68 Fleet Week adjective
- 69 Course that often follows Gen Chem
- 70 Tbsp. divisions
- 71 “Shiny Happy People” vocalist Michael

Down

- 1 Ready for picking
- 2 One on a pedastel
- 3 Is the perfect size
- 4 Word before young or stamp
- 5 Fr. holy woman
- 6 Teeny-tiny
- 7 Second story?
- 8 Ball in a gym, perhaps
- 9 Airport across the bay from OAK
- 10 Like the Castro Theatre and Coit Tower
- 11 “Wrong, but take another stab”
- 12 Introduction to magic?
- 13 OpenTable alternative
- 18 It may collect dust
- 19 iPhone speaker?
- 24 Carded, at Bottom of the Hill
- 25 Audibly shocked
- 26 Carne ___ at Papito
- 27 Luster
- 28 Personification of our marine layer
- 30 Outdoor gear co-op
- 31 Fire starter
- 32 Goosebump-inducing
- 34 Do a juice cleanse, say
- 39 Beret or beanie
- 41 Over-the-top performers
- 44 “Fingers crossed!”
- 46 Find inner strength
- 48 “Easy peasy!”
- 50 “Peanuts” expletive
- 51 Things to believe in
- 55 Dairy alternative at Linea
- 56 :
- 57 Mamdani’s mommy
- 58 Rubs the wrong way
- 60 Modern “Duh!”
- 61 Cut the mustard?
- 62 Somme srta.
- 64 Vietnamese Lunar New Year
- 65 TLC providers

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Fiction: Night Terrors

BY BENJAMIN LEE

“At last! I’ve finally finished it!” Franklin had wanted to be an author since he was an adolescent. He’d finally completed his first book, a collection of short stories based on the world’s strangest and scariest concepts: the end of the world, the demon realm, death. He checked his watch; 2 a.m. “Yikes! I should get to bed!” Exhausted from wrestling with demons, Franklin collapsed on his bed ready to fall asleep. But sleep did not find him. Instead, thoughts jostled within his mind; he perseverated about whether his book was missing something.

“Fall asleep. Fall asleep” he kept thinking to himself. Eventually, he lost consciousness. When he awoke the next morning, or what he thought was the next morning, his entire room was dark. “That’s odd,” he thought to himself. “Whenever I wake up, the sun usually is up.” “It will never come up,” a mysterious voice called from the darkness. “It will never come up again.” “This can’t be real,” he thought. “There is no way.” The voice made Franklin sweat. “The end of the world has come. The sun shall never rise again.” “This is what I just wrote about in my

book,” Franklin thought. “The demon realm has opened. No one will ever live again.” Franklin woke up, screaming. “I knew it wasn’t real,” he thought after he calmed down from his initial shock. Still exhausted, he fell back asleep, though his body fought against it. He arose from his bed again; his room was dark. “You can’t escape me,” The voice said. “For I now coexist within your imagination.” Franklin was worried. Would he have to deal with these nightmares for the rest of his life? “You don’t exist. You’re an imposter. You shan’t exist throughout my imagination. Wake up!” He thought. “Wake up.”

“You will never wake up. You are done for.” Suddenly, Franklin began to see a tiny ray of light. “Light always triumphs over darkness,” he said to the voice. More rays began to emerge. “No! I am done for!” the voice croaked. Franklin woke up, the sun shining bright light in his eyes. He got up, dressed himself, drank some coffee, went out the door with his manuscript, and headed to the publisher. Benjamin Lee is a seventh grader at La Scuola International School. He lives on Pennsylvania Street. [P]



In August beekeepers from Mission Gold Honey removed bee boxes from Thee Parkside’s roof. Although firm development plans have yet to be announced, the building is expected to be demolished before the end of the year. PHOTO: Thomas Hunter II

“We visited church after church, but once we entered Saint Teresa’s we knew we were home.”
- Edward and Rita



“In this house,
all are friends, all are loved,
all are helped, all are held dear.”
-ST TERESA OF AVILA

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A white van bearing 'Gateway Transportation, LLC' markings and a silver sedan collided at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and 20th Street on August 21, drawing a San Francisco Fire Department ambulance and multiple squad cars to the scene. PHOTO: Thomas Hunter II

Gardens from front page

years of leaded gas runoff into the soil; asphalt remnants can still be found in the gardens. Shaw tested many types of plants to see which would thrive. With potential soil contamination, edible plants were out of the question. Lack of easy access to water sources favored drought-tolerant plants. The gardens now boast more than 300 genera of plants which do well with rainwater, including agaves, aloe, and yuccas.

“We’ve really invested in striking a balance between native, drought resistant, and more exotic plants. Sustainable practices are also something we continually iterate, such as choosing not to use plastic weed barriers which compact the soil and would affect water needs,” said Shaw.

Like many community-based greening efforts, PSG was adversely affected by San Francisco Parks Alliance’s abrupt closure last year.

“There were some warning signs, with access to our funds becoming slower and slower,” Shaw said, “Questions from us and other park stewards went unanswered as well.”

PSG lost a significant amount of funds in the dissolution.

“Annie put out an open call in November last year, and the community sprang into action to help replace 80 percent of what we had lost,” volunteer Jennifer Benz noted, “But the most immediate need was to find another fiscal sponsor, an organization which could hold and manage funds, allowing us to operate as a 501(c)3 nonprofit, and provide necessary insurance.”

Benz helped secure a fiscal agreement with Greening Project, which sponsors several other parks and gardens in the City.

“We might think we are just focusing on creating green spaces where we can, but we are building a community of gardeners and stewards who are there to lift us up and inspire us,” a recent Greening Project statement reflected, “So, the next time you find yourself wondering how you can make a difference, remember this: you are part of a much larger, vibrant tapestry of gardeners across San Francisco.”

“We’ve very much been an ‘if you know, you know’ neighborhood gem,” Shaw said, “But expanding our formal connections within the community will expand necessary volunteer and financial capacity.”

The neighboring 249 Pennsylvania Avenue parcel, previously home to Center Hardware, has been vacant since the building was demolished in 2019, following the site’s sale by prior owner William Spencer Company. Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation acquired the land in 2023 through the Community Opportunity to Purchase Act. TNDC and Young Community Developers are jointly developing the parcel into a nine-story affordable housing complex with 124 residences.

The project was approved by the San Francisco Planning Department in April. The developers have worked through a multi-layered financing process

— including acquisition and predevelopment loans and a municipal Notice of Funding Availability — to assemble the multi-million-dollar funding needed to offset below-market-rate rents. Once built the structure will back directly onto the freeway, with plans to add trees and gardens along Pennsylvania Street.

“We do hope that the development will partner with us to maintain the current park and for us to contribute to the garden plans on the Minnesota-facing side, especially as it’s now just broken asphalt,” Shaw said.

Shaw stressed that gardening never ends. Plants die, are burned, or stolen. Weeds pop up, animal waste is left on paths despite installation of trash receptacles; unhoused encampments recur in pockets of the park. Volunteers have built paths, steps, and benches which need to be maintained and replaced due to human or natural causes. Sidewalks or brick buckle, gravel pathways erode in rain or other weather, graffiti covers signage and benches.

“We’ve been a wholly volunteer-led and run group since 2008 and have welcomed thousands of volunteers over the years. Since COVID, though, this base has waned.” Shaw said. “It’s always interesting to hear how folks find us, whether individuals or community associations or corporate teams.”

In July, One City Day brought dozens of volunteers to PSG, some veterans but many of them new.

“I was looking for something I could do which was hands on and came across PSG while browsing the list of projects,” Lauren noted, “So the chance to get down in the dirt was appealing, and it’s been so interesting to chat about what brought others out here and learn about the ethos of the garden.”

“It’s definitely different from getting together over a meal, and we’re looking forward to exploring the neighborhood more after this,” said another volunteer.

“It’s great stress relief to pull up weeds and make things nice for the neighborhood to enjoy – we know you come by! – but really, it’s a good way to stop staring at a screen and connect with my community,” said another.

“Community partnership and funds would go a long way to making the paths wider and more stable with rock and granite so they can handle more foot traffic,” Shaw said.

A huge agave at the corner of the Triangle Garden bloomed and died, prompting a redo of the area. DPW removed the agave stump, cleared dead brush, and put down mulch. The PSG team added native trees, plants, and rock, primarily through volunteer efforts, with plans to finish planting during the fall rainy season.

“The gardens are meant to be a neighborhood space,” Benz explained, “but we want the Triangle Garden especially to be a kind of welcome sign to those coming into Potrero.”

PSG has a small amount of funds in reserves, but with mounting responsibilities and dwindling volunteership, the organization is eager to restart fundraising and community awareness efforts. While there are several grants available to develop new gardens, monies to support maintenance is scarcer, with increased reliance on individual monetary or plant donations and volunteer time and expertise. Maintaining the garden costs roughly \$25,000 a year. Emergency or special projects, like replanting the Triangle Garden, can demand more than \$50,000 for materials alone.

“We’ve had nearly twenty years to stretch the resources we can get and make up the rest with grit!” Shaw quipped. 

Classified

Missed Connection

You wore a neon green bucket hat & let me hit your Strawberry Mango vape during Dom Dolla at Portola '25. Haven't stopped thinking about you. Let's meet again at Portola '26. [ilu \(i think\)](#).

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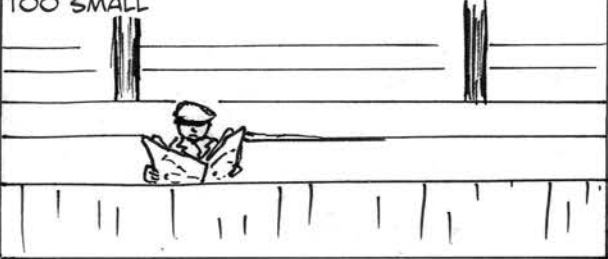
MCKINLEY PARK

BY SIMON STAHL

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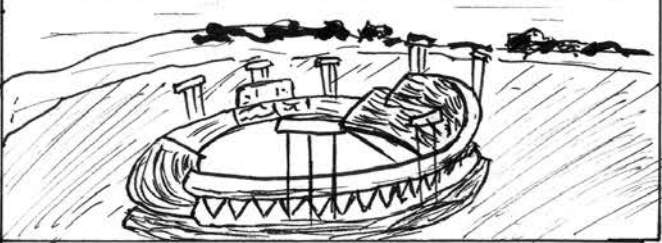
ONCE VOTERS APPROVED A \$5 MILLION BOND TO BUILD A STADIUM, MAYOR CHRISTOPHER BEGAN SHOPPING FOR A TEAM. THE NY GIANTS WERE LOOKING TO MOVE, BUT OWNER HORACE STONEHAM THOUGHT THE AMOUNT WAS MUCH TOO SMALL.



BYPASSING THE VOTERS, CHRISTOPHER CREATED THE NONPROFIT STADIUM INC. TO SECURE THE REST OF THE FUNDING. ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WERE MILLIONAIRE CONTRACTOR CHARLES HARNEY AND TWO OF HIS EMPLOYEES.



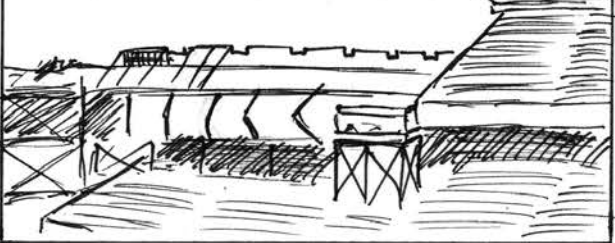
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THE GIANTS ARRIVED IN 1958 TO SELLOUT CROWDS, AND BEGAN PLAYING AT THE NEW CANDLESTICK PARK TWO SEASONS LATER. THE TEAM RAKED IN MILLIONS, WHILE CHRISTOPHER'S DAIRY FARM WAS AWARDED A LUCRATIVE CONTRACT FOR THE CONCESSIONS' MILK DEMANDS.



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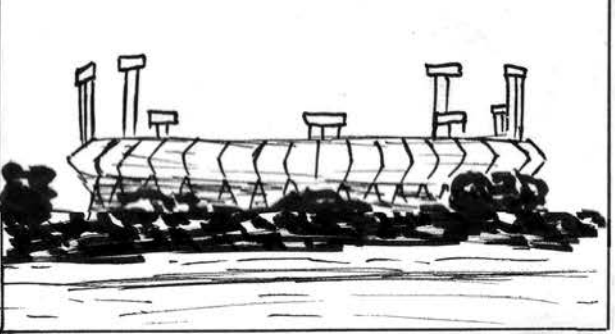


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