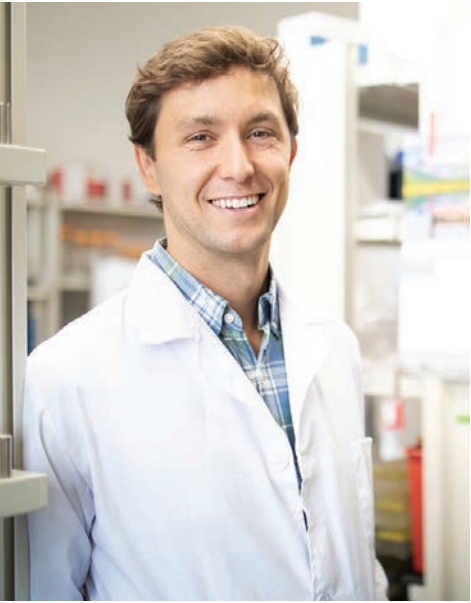




THE POTRERO VIEW

BY LORI HIGA

Ever since Eve and Adam were banished from the Garden of Eden, human-kind has been obsessed with finding the fountain of youth and ways to live forever.



Revel Pharmaceuticals CEO Aaron Cravens. Courtesy of Revel Pharmaceuticals

Western Judeo-Christian creation myths aside, scientists at local longevity startup, Revel Pharmaceuticals, have invented a method that turns back the clock on human aging at the molecular level. It's the first proof that such an outcome is even possible *in vivo*; in a living organism, rather than *in vitro*, confined to cells or tissue in a lab dish.

Revel announced its breakthrough – conducted in an industry-academic collaboration with Calico Life Sciences and the University of Colorado – in a July paper published in *Nature Communications*. The document described how Revel created a novel enzyme, “CMLase,” in the laboratory through a process called “directed evolution.”

Directed evolution mimics natural selection in the lab. Scientists start with a gene for an enzyme, introduce random mutations to create a large, varied pool of versions, then screen or select for variants that best perform the desired task. The cycle is repeated over many rounds, steadily “evolving” an enzyme with

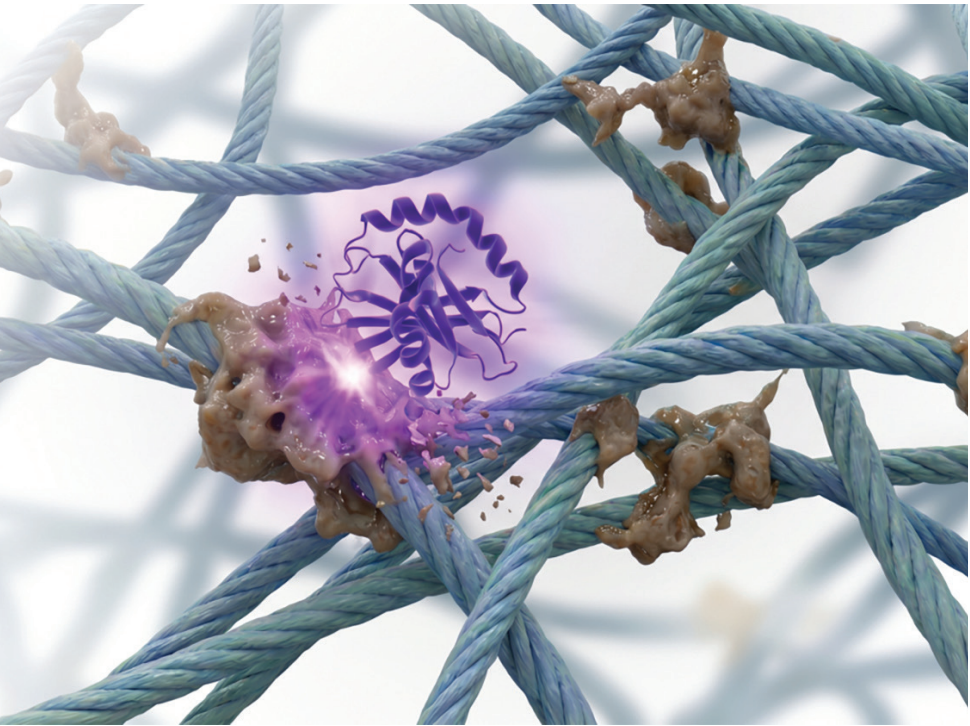


Illustration of the lab-formulated enzyme, “CMLase” (in purple), which reverses the build-up of damaging biological compounds that accumulate over decades in the aging body. Courtesy of Revel Pharmaceuticals

properties that don't exist in nature. Revel then tested CMLase on human tissue. The enzyme successfully reversed build-up of damaging biological compounds that accumulate over decades in the aging body. CMLase also repaired and eliminated the injury these compounds cause.

The discovery opens the door to new medicines that target inflammatory conditions associated with aging, such as heart and kidney disease, stiffening skin, gout, arthritis and cataracts.

The *View* sat down with Chief

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Potrero Hill Democratic Club Nurtures Activism

BY REBEKAH MOAN

Just as political movements ebb and flow, so too has the Potrero Hill Democratic Club. First founded in 1987, community members were galvanized by Hill resident, and Assembly member, Art Agnos' successful campaign for mayor, a race he won in part due to strong support from neighborhood activists in collaboration with progressive groups.

When the Club first formed it hosted speakers, held candidate forums, and sponsored debates about ballot propositions. In 1990, the Club had the highest endorsement success rate of any organization in the City. Then things changed; by 2000 the Club had become moribund.

In 2007, residents gathered at Farley's to rejuvenate the organization, appointing Pennsylvania Street resident Joni Eisen to lead the effort.

“I went out with a clipboard and got a bunch of names of people interested,” she said. “I knew San Francisco was a Democratic town. I thought that as a Democratic club president, I'd have more access to City leaders; at the time, specifically to push for clean elections or publicly financed campaigns.”

Unlike many political organizations

that accept campaign contributions or charge “slate card” fees, the Potrero Hill Democratic Club operates under a self-imposed policy prohibiting payments from endorsed candidates or ballot measures. The Club sustains its operations through membership dues—\$25 annually for Potrero Hill or Dogpatch residents—and a yearly “Shop Local” fundraiser, which features live jazz, food from local chefs, and a silent auction of items donated by neighborhood merchants and artists. All proceeds are used to support production and volunteer distribution of the club's election slate cards.

“We educate people and encourage participation in democracy,” said Eisen, who presently serves as second vice president of political action, organizing candidate forums and endorsement meetings. “We show people the possibilities of what they can do and how they can get involved.”

“I feel like right now, with the political time we're in, I'm extremely frustrated, and there's very little impact I can make on a national level,” said Jacky Morales Ferrand, who joined the club about a year ago. “But on a local level, there's a lot of impact I can have. I wanted to be engaged

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District 10 Is Changing. Can City Services — and Its Next Supervisor — Keep Up?

BY DANNY PHAM

District 10 was first defined in 1977, as part of a successful ballot initiative to shift from citywide to district elections. Today it consists of a dozen neighborhoods, including Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, Mission Bay, which shifts to and Bayview-Hunters Point.

While few Hill residents visit Hunters Point, the politically connected communities are increasingly knit together by destination businesses and parks – such as Crane Cove and Indian Basin Waterfront – as well as new housing that would benefit from coordinated infrastructure investments.

Longtime Dogpatch resident, Jason Buttorf, who was elected to the Dogpatch & Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District board in 2025, remembers when much of Mission Bay was weeds, wetlands, and vacant lots. Today it's chockful of housing, University of California, San Francisco facilities, and entertainment venues.

“We've seen an approximate sixfold increase in residences,” he said.

That growth is reshaping demand for transportation, open space, and grocery stores. To serve the new population, Mission Bay School began offering pre-, transitional-, and kindergarten in August, and is slated to grow into a TK to fifth grade elementary facility by 2032.

“District 10 is huge,” Buttorf said. “Dogpatch, Potrero, Mission Bay are only a small piece of it.”

The next District 10 Supervisor, he said, will need to advocate for the entire jurisdiction while paying attention to each neighborhood's distinct character and perspectives.

Ten candidates are running to succeed termed-out Supervisor Shamann Walton. Three have emerged as frontrunners, as measured by money raised, endorsements and media attention.

Theo Ellington, 37, is a third-generation

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PUBLISHER’S VIEW

BY STEVEN J. MOSS

Supervisor

The politician with whom we tend to have the closest connection is our district supervisor. They might be a neighbor, someone we recognize seeing at Farley’s or The Good Life Grocery, or a community activist who is part of the civic fabric, appearing in neighborhood newspaper articles and on park cleanup days. Yet choosing from a group of well-meaning, sort-of-familiar newbie candidates can be far more difficult than deciding who to vote for President.

The challenge is that while most never-before-elected contenders are sincere do-gooders, almost nothing in their background fully illuminates how well they’ll perform, or carry through with their stated values, once inside the fight club called the legislative branch. Before she was elected District 10 Supervisor in 2000, Sophie Maxwell, possibly the most successful in that role in the past 25 years, was a union electrician. Yet she helped close

two polluting power plants, ushered in the Muni T-Third light-rail line, and was generally seen as transparent and constituent friendly. Timing may have mattered – the tides of history had turned against the generating stations – as did being raised as the daughter of Enola Maxwell, a clever, charismatic civic leader.

Supervisors with middling talents are still able to use the office to get to a higher branch of government, courtesy of name recognition combined with City Hall’s access to great wealth and connections. Gavin Newsom, Fiona Ma, Scott Weiner, Malia Cohen, and Matt Haney are just the latest crop of former supervisors made good. Some of these higher officeholders have proven themselves to be adeptly thoughtful politicians and public servants. Others, not so much, adding an extra burden of responsibility to voters

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Short Cuts

Data Debacle

District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton proposed a 45-day moratorium on expansion of new data centers in San Francisco while officials investigate the facilities’ environmental impacts.

If passed by the Board of Supervisors, the suspension could be extended up to roughly 22 months if the San Francisco Planning Commission determines that the City’s 15 existing regional data-center campuses pose a threat to residents. NOVVA, a 7.5-acre, soon-to-be-36-megawatt facility tucked into Bayview’s industrial corridor on 400 Paul Avenue, was approved by the Commission in 2016. The facility launched its first phase, which brought nine megawatts of power online, last summer; further expansion would potentially be stalled by the freeze. Across the street, at 200 Paul Avenue, Digital Realty operates another data center...

Data centers are a physical embodiment of artificial intelligence, the present focus of apocalyptic terrors even as reliance on the tool rapidly increases. No doubt siting and operation of these facilities should be carefully evaluated, particularly associated with their bottomless needed for fossil fuel backup generators and consequences to grid affordability. There should also be mindfulness of the Southeast Waterfront’s role as San Francisco’s industrial powerhouse, home to intensive shipbuilding, manufacturing, and electricity generating stations. Maybe this time the necessary post-industrial infrastructure can be proudly built without creating long-lingering environmental and employment problems.

Noisy Neighborhood

Residents of Potrero Hill’s south-east slope are increasingly beset by noise. Recently, a Caltrain departed the Fourth Street Station around 3 a.m. sounding its horn continuously as it moved slowly toward the Mariposa Street tunnel. More broadly, while electric trains roll quietly, federal regulations require their horns to blast between 96 and 110 decibels, a shrill sound that’s amplified because Caltrain relocated the horn units 14 feet into the air on top of the train cabs. The elevated scream is aimed directly at the open crossing at 16th Street, where it collides with the massive, newly constructed concrete San Francisco Flower Market parking garage. Dense concrete acts as an acoustic mirror; the 100-plus decibel warning blasts ricochet off the structure’s flat face and funnel southward, bombarding nearby residential windows with augmented echoes...

In addition to trains, the Flower Market receives deliveries between 2 and 4 a.m., which results in a cacophony of semi-trucks and their backup beepers, with loud alarms every time they raise and lower the delivery bay doors. Ah, city living...

Air Bricks

Airbnb is leasing the historic Takahashi Building at 200 Rhode Island Street, a 100,000-square-foot brick warehouse built on a triangular lot. It’s made of heavy timber, with an unusual trapezoidal shape, and was previously the home of a Japanese import business. The Takahashi

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Ballot Box Blues

There are 14 state propositions on this November’s ballot. That’s more proposals than spiders have legs, King Henry VIII had wives, or a cat has proverbial lives. These include nine citizen-initiated measures and five that were processed by the California State Legislature.

Among these are Proposition 40, the so-called “Billionaire Tax,” which places a one-time duty on individuals residing in California with humongous net worth, the proceeds of which would be directed to healthcare, public education, and food assistance; Proposition 3, to make permanent the state’s existing income tax surcharge on top-bracket earners; and Proposition 43, which would raise voter approval required for citizen-proposed local special taxes from a simple majority to a two-thirds supermajority.

The *View* recommends readers look to CalMatters, a nonpartisan, nonprofit newsroom, for information and insights into what’s on the state ballot. Below is our take on local measures.

Proposition A, Charter Update, removes references to municipal departments, offices, and programs that’ve been deactivated, closed, or consolidated over the years. It’d also repeal mandates that bind City workers to obsolete filing equipment or paper record systems, clearing the

path for standardized digital management. **Yes!**

Proposition B, Public Bank, is an attempt to refocus municipal finance and investment strategies towards community projects and small business initiatives. Presently, billions of dollars in tax revenues and operating cash are mostly parked in large banks, which can deploy deposits to finance such activities as fossil fuel extraction and luxury real estate. A public bank would enable the city to hold its own sums and issue loans to local projects or affordable housing developers. While the concept is popular globally no American local governments maintain a public bank, though there’s a state-owned entity, the Bank of North Dakota. The Democratic County Central Committee voted overwhelmingly to endorse Proposition B. The League of Women Voters SF sees it as a risky, multi-million-dollar bureaucratic experiment. The *View* would tend to agree.

Proposition C, Housing Trust Fund (HTF), a charter amendment to more than double HTF subsidies, an annual budget set-aside established by voters in 2012. Beginning in 2028, the General Fund’s annual HTF contribution would have to be the greater of two amounts: growth in property tax revenue, or growth in

discretionary revenue. Compounding calculations would repeat until the annual contribution gets to at least \$125 million. The approach contrasts with Proposition I, which’d immediately redirect \$120 million in real estate transfer taxes from the General Fund. Upwards of 250 additional affordable units could be constructed annually if Proposition C passes. The *View* doesn’t love General Fund set asides, which limit elected officials’ ability to shift expenditures where they’re needed most. The extra roughly \$65 million a year would pay for Public Work’s annual street sweeping and trash removal budget or the San Francisco Public Library’s yearly expenditures. It’s hard to be against creating more affordable housing, but further

embedding this obligation into the charter seems like a bad idea. The mayor and/or Board of Supervisors can decide to invest additional taxpayer funds into accommodations without this initiative. **No.**

Proposition D, Ballot Rules, would raise the signature threshold for initiatives from two to eight percent of registered voters and require a full vote by the Board of Supervisors to place a measure on the ballot. It’s tempting to favor a proposition that’d reduce the number of future propositions voters would need to study, but, given the wealthy’s already massive influence, it seems like the wrong time to erect

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State Senator Scott Wiener	415.557.1300

GETTING INVOLVED

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dabasf.org
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- Add your voice to the conversation at our monthly **DABA General Meeting: October 7th, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at 550 20th Street**
- Join us at the upcoming **Dogpatch Design Tour: Inside the Minnesota Street Project on October 8th, 4 to 6 p.m.** Grab a ticket on Eventbrite.com
- Help develop/maintain our wayfinding map (linktr.ee/exploredogpatch)
- Help build our online business community platform
- Join as a supporting member

Potrero Hill Democratic Club
phdemclub.org
Your neighborhood Democratic club encourages active participation in the electoral process by organizing and engaging residents of Potrero Hill and Dogpatch around people and issues affecting the neighborhood, the City and the world beyond. The meetings are free, and everyone is welcome.

It’s October and voting starts soon for the November 3rd election! Check out the Club’s endorsements so far on our web site. Join us this month:

Tues October 6, 7 p.m.: The rest of the ballot. Six more local ballot measures, plus a couple more candidate races. Endorsed candidates & campaigns stop by to say a few words. Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

Sat October 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: PHDC booth at

the 51st annual Potrero Hill R & B Festival on 20th Street.

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 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. @ The Dogpatch Hub.

At our next Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, Bay Padel will share a quick update on their outdoor expansion, and Paul Chasan from the Port will present updates on upcoming Warm Water Cove renovations. Plus, Donovan Lacy, co-Chair of the Joint Livable Streets Committee of the DNA and PBNA, will discuss upcoming neighborhood streetscape changes and improvements.

Also, join us for our Community Meet ‘n Clean on Sunday, October 11th (12:00 to 1:30 PM at Esprit Park) to help keep the neighborhood beautiful..

Friends of Jackson Park (FoJP)
friendsofjacksonpark.org
Exciting News! Our funding gap is down to \$6M. Donate today to get shovels in the ground in 2027!

Let’s talk about this and more at **Coffee & Kids in Jackson Park**, Sunday, Oct. 4th, 9:30 to 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, October 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm 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, October 17. 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
Please join us at our next community meeting **Tuesday October 27th at 7 p.m.** at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House located at 953 De Haro Street. **All neighbors welcome.**

Our agenda includes the Streetworks Lab Project discussing **Community Corners project opportunities to transform our empty street corners into green spaces**; SFCTA presenting **Vision Zero Freeway Ramp Updates**, Donovan Lacy (GBD) gives updates on the **22nd Street Steps**, and the Department of Animal Care and Control will share **coyote policy and strategies** with us.

The Potrero Boosters seeks to inform, empower, and connect neighbors in our community to create and maintain a vibrant neighborhood.

Starr King Open Space
StarrKingOpenSpace.org
Join our **monthly volunteer days** on the second Saturday of the month. This month it is **Saturday, October 10, 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

Dogpatch Resident Dennis Herrera Retires After a Quarter-Century City Career

BY JESSICA ZIMMER

At the end of the year, Dennis Herrera will step down as San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) general manager, marking the end of a 25-year career working for the City.

Appointed to the lead SFPUC by former Mayor London Breed, Herrera previously served as San Francisco’s elected City Attorney from 2002 to 2021.

“My career with the City has been unbelievably rewarding. It’s time to take the next step in my journey,” Herrera said.

Under his leadership, the SFPUC finalized its 10-year Capital Improvement Plan, made progress toward securing regional water availability agreements, and advanced efforts to value Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s assets as part of a multi-year attempt to municipalize the for-profit utility’s San Francisco infrastructure.

Herrera attributes much of his management capabilities to his two decades leading the City Attorney’s Office.

“That experience taught me how to think strategically and understand things from a manager’s perspective. A big part of success is motivating your workforce to carry out the plan,” Herrera reflected.

Herrera, who has Colombian and Italian roots, grew up in Glen Cove on Long Island, New York. After graduating from George Washington University Law School, he arrived in San Francisco in 1987, quickly joining the North by Northwest Democratic club and volunteering on local campaigns. In 1990, future

Supervisor Carole Migden appointed him to the Waterfront Plan Advisory Board as her representative, taking advantage of a selection structure that allowed both sitting officials and supervisorial candidates on the ballot to nominate members.

In 1993, Herrera bought a home on Tennessee Street in an area real estate agents then pitched as “lower Potrero Hill”— known today as Dogpatch. That same year, the Clinton administration appointed him to the U.S. Maritime Administration in Washington, D.C. He returned to San Francisco in 1996 to become a partner at the maritime law firm Kelly, Gill, Sherburne & Herrera.

Then-Mayor Willie Brown appointed Herrera to the San Francisco Transportation Commission in 1996, and to the Police Commission in 2000, where Herrera was elected president after just one year of service.

In 2001, Herrera became the first Latino elected as San Francisco’s City Attorney. He would be reelected five times.

A highlight of Herrera’s career was his fierce legal defense of same-sex marriage licenses, a battle sparked in 2004 when then-Mayor Gavin Newsom ordered the City to issue them. Herrera argued that California’s marriage laws were unconstitutional. His office built the foundational evidentiary record outlining the harms of marriage discrimination through years of California court trails. This extensive legislative and factual groundwork paved the legal pathway for the landmark 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which legalized same-sex

marriage nationwide.

“Dennis went in to defend the Mayor and the City where there was no legal precedent for the City to act,” recalled Therese Stewart, presiding justice of Division Two of the 1st District Court of Appeal of California, who served as Herrera’s chief deputy City Attorney during that period. “We pushed hard against legal boundaries to change the law through the courts... Dennis got it. I could see and feel how much this battle mattered to him.”

Herrera’s office consistently picked high-profile national fights. In 2017, he successfully sued the Trump Administration over Executive Order 13768, which attempted to withhold federal funding from sanctuary cities. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in San Francisco’s favor, declaring the order unconstitutional. That same year, Herrera sued Equifax for failing to protect the data of 15 million state residents, filed multiple lawsuits against the National Rifle Association (NRA) over gun regulations, and sued five major oil conglomerates—including BP and Chevron—demanding billions to fortify local infrastructure against climate-induced sea-level rise.

The Equifax data breach lawsuit eventually contributed to a \$700 million multi-state consumer settlement that established stringent new data security mandates for the credit reporting giant. His litigation forced the NRA to disband its unpermitted corporate-sponsored insurance program, “Carry Guard,” inside the state of California. The groundbreaking 2017 public nuisance climate change suit against Big Oil survived years of jurisdiction battles. It set a legal precedent when both the U.S. Supreme Court and local appellate courts cleared the way for the cities’ cases to proceed in state courts, laying the structural groundwork for subsequent climate accountability lawsuits across the country.

Between 2005 and 2010 Herrera lent his legal weight to a grassroots battle to decommission the Potrero Generating Station, which shuttered in 2011.

“He worked with the community for years to get rid of the power plant, taking

on a leadership role,” said former Mayor Art Agnos, who served from 1988 to 1992, noting that the southeastern waterfront had long been treated as a dumping ground.

Potrero Hill native Kimiko Burton, whom Herrera hired in 2003 to run the Children and Family Services team, remembers meeting him on Russian Hill years before becoming his neighbor.

“He is the consummate professional, but also a kind and caring person,” Burton said, praising Herrera’s focus on breaking down institutional silos.

Susan Eslick, who has lived across the street from Herrera for more than 30 years, called him a “straight shooter” who was accessible to southeastern residents even after rising to municipal power.

Dames Shouman, owner of Reno’s Liquors on 22nd Street, echoed the sentiment.

“I’ve seen him talking and listening to Hill and Dogpatch residents but also take the time to clean up litter outside,” Shouman said.

“I raised my son here. I saw the progression of Piccino from a little corner coffee shop to a burgeoning empire,” Herrera said.

He’s a fan of local improvements, including the Green Benefit District’s revitalization of Angel Alley and recent renovations to Esprit Park. Recently, he switched from relying on his car to get around to depending on the Third Street light rail and local public transit.

“At first, no one knew where Dogpatch was. It was an outlier neighborhood,” Herrera said. “Now it’s become a mature, recognized neighborhood... That’s mirrored my progression as a person and a professional. I closed my career right when the neighborhood became an exciting place to live.”

While he’s retiring from public office, Herrera plans to stay active through part-time consulting and helping local nonprofits.

“Make contacts early and keep in touch,” Herrera advised. “That friendliness, that transparency, benefits everyone.”

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Mice!

BY ANDREW DAVIES

We’ve had a mouse infestation. It’s caused me serious moral and ethical problems.

I’ve always believed, and even now continue to believe, that every living creature has at least as much right to be here as I do. Rather than smashing mosquitoes against the wall, I try to coax them from the room. When Western Black Widow spiders misguidedly appear in our bathroom or kitchen, I trap them under a shot glass and liberate them into our welcoming garden, where they can be beautiful, play, weave, and prey on lesser beings to their hearts’ content.

But the presence of mice brings a serious health hazard into our home and, in addition to mouse shit everywhere, the smell of their pee makes me gag.

We tried to coax them from the house by setting humane traps. These consisted of little boxes that have an ingenious pivoting mechanism that traps the mouse as soon as it investigates the bait within. Once captured, we’d relocate the creature to Golden Gate Park, where they’d have a chance of a fulfilling life free from predators like us.

The mice weren’t buying it. They scoffed at the humane traps and continued their little lives untroubled by our efforts to get rid of them. They mated and produced thriving families with visions of outliving the Trump Administration. I’d fall asleep each night imagining the little

mousey middle-fingers being raised in my direction.

Then we discovered that they’d stole central chunks from all (yes all) of our winter overcoats for nesting material. War was declared.

We invested in the traditional, horrific snap traps that kill the mouse as soon as it shows any interest what-so-ever in the peanut butter bait.

We caught and killed twenty-two mice of varying sizes within two months. And still they kept showing up.

The town of Hamelin came to mind. It was difficult not to take this personally.

I’d sit at my computer desk late at night and become aware of a mouse rave going on in the kitchen. Dexter, our parrot, was clearly in on the game, feeding the little buggers with his dropped food morsels and intolerably squalid habits. Rufus, our dog, who caught a mouse in Golden Gate Park last week, is oblivious to their presence in our home, and chooses to eat only about 80 percent of his dinner, leaving the rest to whomever might need it.

It was time to bring in the big guns. We contacted a self-described “family company” with the chilling name of Terminix.

“No problem” they said. “We deal with this all the time. We’ll send some-one round.”

James Terminix, kind of hunky, but we had other things on our minds – actually seriously hunky, but ditto – arrived and gave our home an intrusive going-over.

“Well,” he said, “You have so many opportunities for mice to come and go. We’ll send Esteban and Bobby to take care of it.”

We threw ourselves at his feet. In thanks; feet have never been my thing, paid the jaw-dropping fee, and hoped for the best.

Esteban Terminix arrived the next day. Quite sweet, he blocked up holes in our walls, most of which we’d been unaware, and vowed to come back the next day with reinforcements to finish the job. Which he did. While remaining sweet, he also struck fear into our hearts with information about the reproduction rate enjoyed by our little squatters.

The following day brought Bobby Terminix to our door. Also quite sweet, he placed gruesome glue-traps everywhere, designed to catch the mice in a sticky hell from which escape would be impossible or, at least, pointless. The mice weren’t buying this either. Somewhere in their ancestry, these sticky traps had been met before, and the mouse DNA had been upgraded with the latest operating system recommending avoidance at all costs.

Bobby Terminix mentioned that peppermint oil is distasteful to mice. I purchased a bottle, doused cotton balls with it, and dotted them around the house. Our home now perpetually smells as if someone just cleaned his teeth really well.

The night-time rave in our kitchen continued unabated. Dexter and Rufus now only eat when supervised. At other times their food bowls are

placed out of reach of every living being. This pisses off Dexter royally. He retaliates with full-volume smoke-alarm sounds that cause my husband’s online colleagues to assume that I’m a terrible cook. This in turn pisses me off, although I’m still examining exactly why their opinion is of importance. They live in New Jersey for heaven’s sake.

Being mindful of leaving Rufus’s food bowl unattended, I brought it into the living room while I watched *The Tudors*, in which humans were being decapitated in the Tower of London or burned at the stake for startlingly insufficient reasons. Suddenly I became aware of a darling, daring little furry creature peering over the edge of Rufus’s bowl, eyeing the leftover kibble with a lust that was clearly inspired by extreme hunger. The urge was almost overwhelming to offer unrestricted kibble-access followed perhaps by some Brie, and maybe



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10/3 Saturday

Sports: Bay Padel Dogpatch Outdoors Soft Opening

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10/3 Saturday & 10/4 Sunday

Art: 1890 Bryant Street Fall Open Studios

Three floors of artists in one historic building. Meet painters, potters, printmakers, fabric artists, jewelers, photographers and more. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1890 Bryant Street. For more information: www.1890bryant.com

10/5 Monday

Politics: District 10 Candidate Forum

Meet the candidates running for San Francisco District 10 Supervisor. Ask questions; size up the contenders side by side. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Providence Baptist Church, 1601 Mckinnon Avenue. For more information and to RSVP: bit.ly/4ixP4IX

10/6 Tuesday

Design: Made in SF

Presented in partnership with the Dogpatch Art & Business Association (DABA), join for a behind-the-scenes tour of two innovative businesses. Visit Rickshaw Bagworks, where skilled craftspeople design and sew durable bags by hand, and Wildtype, a pioneering food company using cutting-edge technology to cultivate seafood from cells. The tour explores the breadth of modern manufacturing; from time-honored craftsmanship to groundbreaking food science. 4 to 5:45 p.m. Free. Woods Yard Park, 22nd and Minnesota streets. For more information: bit.ly/4rmBWJ4

10/8 Thursday

Art: Dogpatch Design Tour

DABA, along with the Minnesota Street Project, present the second installment of the Dogpatch Design Tour. Visit select galleries for in-depth conversations with curators and artists about their exhibitions, including the brand-new Ruth Asawa Lanier, Inc. gallery, where Henry Weverka, Ruth Asawa’s grandson and president of Ruth Asawa Lanier, Inc., will serve as host. The afternoon will conclude with refreshments at the new 1275 Café inside Minnesota Street Project. Space is limited; advance registration required. 4 to 6 p.m. \$20. Minnesota Street Project, 1275 Minnesota Street. For more information: bit.ly/4xuXBzZ

10/10 Saturday

Food: Golden State Pie Competition Potrero Hill

Bakers compete for Best Pie in San Francisco, judged by a panel of bakers and community members. Sample pies made by home bakers bringing their

flakiest crusts and luscious fillings. Attendees can vote for the People’s Choice Award; judges will award Best in Show. 1 to 4 p.m. Adults: \$20 (admission and three pie tastings). Ages 10 to 17: \$12 (admission and one pie tasting). Kids under 10: free (admission, no tasting ticket). Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro Street. For more information: bit.ly/46ChkD1

10/9 Friday & 10/10 Saturday 10/16 Friday & 10/17 Saturday

Art: “CRANE”

Light, sound, and community history on the historic Shipyard crane. CRANE is a large-scale public art performance that brings the historic gantry crane — a massive industrial landmark — at Hunters Point Shipyard alive after dark with projection, lighting, an original score, and live performance. Presented as a free live stream on all four nights. On October 16 and 17, an audience can watch from the grounds of Building 101; tickets: from \$10. For more information: bit.ly/3VCVQU6

10/15 Thursday

Halloween: Tiny Pumpkin Party

Celebrate the season by decorating tiny pumpkins! ARCH will provide pumpkins, you provide creativity. Bring your own art supplies and a project to work on or follow our prompt and sample various art materials. Enjoy making art in a chill, uninstructed, communal setting. Make one for your own

enjoyment or enter the contest to win a \$50 ARCH gift card! Each attendee will receive a \$10 ARCH gift card, making the event effectively free (no-shows forfeit their gift card). Adults only. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$10. ARCH, 1490 17th Street. For more information: bit.ly/476jV8p

10/17 Saturday

Community: Potrero Hill Rhythm & Blues Festival

In its 51st year, the annual Potrero Hill Rhythm & Blues Festival benefits Daniel Webster and Starr King elementary schools, as well as the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, a multi-purpose, multi-generation non-profit located in a building designed by Julia Morgan that’s been operating for more than a century. This year’s festival features live music, art, face painting, food, petting zoo, and more. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free admission. 20th Street between Wisconsin and Missouri streets. For more information: www.potrerofestival.com

10/17 Saturday and 10/18 Sunday

Art: Shipyard Open Studios

More than 130 artists, food, beer garden, and live music. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free to attend. Hunters Point Shipyard, 451 Galvez Avenue. For more information: bit.ly/4hdfuxn

10/24 Saturday

Art: Forty-Fourth Annual Sandcastle Classic on the Beach

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10/25 Sunday

Halloween: Bark at Spark Howl-O-Ween

Howl-O-Ween is a celebration of pups, people, and community. Meet fellow dog lovers and let your four-legged bestie make new friends while enjoying a day of festive activities and tail-wagging fun. Featuring vendors, a pup cup race, costume contest, pup parade, breed meetups. All pups must remain on leash. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Spark Social, 601 Mission Bay Boulevard North. For more information: bit.ly/4hdkG43

10/25 Sunday

Food: World of Dumplings

In its third year, World of Dumplings features 25+ restaurant vendors serving dumplings from around the globe. Expect familiar favorites alongside dumplings you may not have tried before, with Chinese wontons, Japanese gyoza, Nepalese momos, Turkish Manti, Italian ravioli and Spanish empanadas. Come hungry; there’ll be eating contests, cooking demonstrations, dumpling trivia and a beer garden, with live music, family activities, and raffle prizes throughout the day. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. San Francisco Ferry Building, 1 Ferry Building. For more information: bit.ly/4hwQL8t

10/30 Friday

Nature: City Creatures

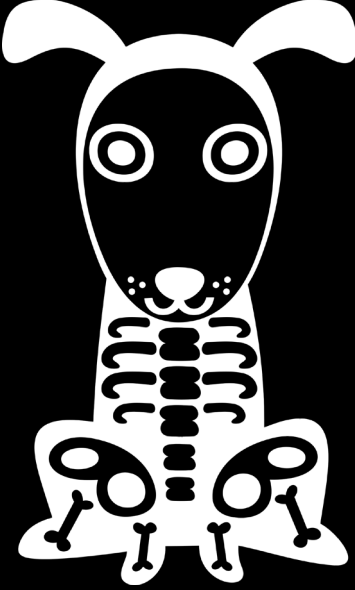
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10/31 Saturday

Halloween: “Halloween Hoopla” Kids’ Festival

Family-friendly delights for kids under 10 and their adults. This year’s festivities feature performers from Circus Bella accompanied by live music from the Circus Bella All-Star Trio. Pirates, ghosts, goblins; all kids are welcome to join in with their frightful or playful Halloween looks. 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Children’s Garden, Yerba Buena Gardens, 799 Howard Street. For more information: tinyurl.com/3fzwbe6m

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who placed them on their path.

There’s no doubt that this cycle’s leading supervisorial candidates, Theo Ellington, J.R. Eppler, Dion-Jay “DJ” Brookter, and Shawn M. Richard are earnest in their quest to represent the district. Each has demonstrated dedication to community improvements. At first blush it’s hard to tell their policy priorities apart; all four say they want more housing, safer streets, and economic opportunity for community members. Who doesn’t want those things? If they were easy to get, we’d have them.

The contenders have evident experience with at least one of this year’s crop of identified priorities, though as former Chief Executive Officer of Young Community Developers Inc. Brookter arguably has the most background in fully subsidized housing. Market rate residences are most likely to materialize if construction proposals aren’t blocked or slowed. Safer streets might best be approached block by block, with supervisorial advocacy for lighting, speed bumps, bike lanes, and proper signage. Economic opportunities can be fostered by more thoughtful approaches to grants offered Third Street enterprises, and a tighter focus on trade-related apprenticeships and training programs. However, requiring higher wages and less experienced workers on residential construction projects would likely slow the pace of development, Catch-22.

Charismatic and engaging, Ellington is almost certainly the frontrunner. He’s been widely endorsed, by “progressives” and “moderates,” including Congressional candidate Scott Weiner, and has deep roots in the Bayview while appealing to other District 10

neighborhoods. The fact that he garnered a large donation from a San Francisco oligarch – as well as the mayor’s endorsement – indicates that the establishment believes it can work with him and sees him as the likely winner.

Eppler has been doggedly helping to fix municipal planning issues on behalf of Dogpatch and Potrero Hill for more than a decade, mostly as Potrero Boosters president. He’s the latest in a series of white Hill supervisorial aspirants, including Tony Kelly – himself a former Booster president – and me. He’s endorsed as a first choice mostly by Dogpatch and Hill civic leaders, which doesn’t mean he wouldn’t be a good supervisor so much as his campaign hasn’t yet been able to break out of his native geography.

Dion-Jay “DJ” Brookter is District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton’s preferred successor. So far, he doesn’t appear to have run as effective a campaign as Ellington. He’s backed by progressive local officials, including Congressional candidate Connie Chan and former supervisor Aaron Peskin.

Shawn M. Richard is Executive Director of Brothers Against Guns, a community nonprofit dedicated to youth mentorship, anti-violence advocacy, and crime prevention, which he founded in 1995 following the loss of his brother to gun violence. Given his low name recognition, he’s unlikely to break double digits in terms of vote percentages. As a result, a vote for Richard is more likely a vote for the supporter’s second or third pick candidate.

While the choice may be challenging, it’s also, in its own way, thrilling. Without an incumbent, voters have an opportunity to reboot their representation. Perhaps as important, they’ll change at least one individual’s life: the winning candidate’s. 

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District 10 from front page

San Franciscan and Bayview native with a master’s in urban affairs. He directs the Ruth Williams Bayview Opera House, works as a policy director at the firm Brownstein, and has served as a city commissioner under three mayors. He finished third in the 2018 District 10 race. His priorities are siting housing near transit, municipal efficiency, and public safety.

J.R. Eppler, a Hill attorney and Board of Appeals commissioner, led the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association for a dozen years, supporting residential development at Pier 70 and the Potrero Power Station. His campaign emphasizes neighborhood-level fixes: cleaner transit stops, safer streets and support for small businesses.

Dion-Jay “DJ” Brookter, a community organizer and former San Francisco Police Commissioner, until this spring led Young Community Developers, a Bayview non-profit focused on job training, education and housing services. Endorsed by Walton, he stresses connecting the district’s neighborhoods, reviving commercial corridors and putting residents to work.

All three agree that District 10 is on the cusp of what Ellington calls “unprecedented growth,” and that provision of municipal services has lagged behind. Roughly 20,000 residences have been approved in the area but not yet built. The candidates differ on how aggressively the City should move to get them constructed.

This type of development has been emblematic in the district; roughly 24,000 new housing units have been constructed in the South-of-Marketing planning district, which includes Dogpatch, Mission Bay, Potrero Hill, and South Beach, over the past 15 years.

Ellington casts himself as the strongest housing advocate, pledging to launch a community and economic development

planning process in his first month and to steer new homes toward transit. His platform focuses on reforming bureaucratic delays with project “shot clocks,” and steering middle-income workforce housing onto long-neglected transit corridors like Third Street and Bayshore Avenue.

Eppler points to his record helping shepherd large projects through Potrero Hill and Dogpatch while favoring a collaborative, neighborhood-by-neighborhood approach; critics on the pro-development side question whether his appeals record matches his rhetoric.

Brookter frames growth as an equity issue, pressing for local hiring and community resources as the district grows.

As a result of new developments, combined with road infrastructure that originally emerged largely to carry industrial circulation, District 10 has elevated traffic risks. Bayview-Hunters Point is one of five San Francisco neighborhoods that together account for roughly 40 percent of traffic-injury crashes. Several of the district’s corridors — including stretches of Third Street — are on the High Injury Network; the 13 percent of streets where 74 percent of severe and fatal smashes occur.

One of the three brothers who own Kansas Street Market, at Kansas and 23rd streets, said drivers speed through the rehabilitated 23rd Street overcrossing above U.S. 101. He called for a speed bump before the stop sign and noted that the cross-street sign was never replaced after the bridge work.

“Please, we need that sign up to help guide people,” he said.

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management and improved street safety run through all three campaigns, from different angles. Brookter has made infrastructure repair a centerpiece of his campaign, arguing that crumbling roads isolate District 10’s neighborhoods from one another and that the area’s workforce training programs have been too “diced and sliced” to effectively serve families.

Eppler demands immediate, visible street improvements alongside localized micro-transit options to quickly bridge the gap while long-term Muni infrastructure catches up.

Ellington ties reliable transit to housing and commercial vitality, especially along Third Street.

The candidates agree that the district’s toughest problems concentrate in Bayview-Hunters Point: pollution, aging public housing and a long history of underinvestment. At a September debate at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, Eppler told the largely Hill crowd that their Bayview neighbors deserve “safe drinking water, safe housing, safe air.”

Ellington argues the southeast should get the “same energy, investment, and resources as the rest of the City.”

Brookter, citing his nonprofit’s job-training work, wants development to deliver jobs and community benefits, not just buildings.

By early September, Ellington’s campaign had raised about \$472,000, Eppler’s roughly \$151,000 and Brookter’s approximately \$129,000. That month Chris Larsen, co-founder of the cryptocurrency company Ripple, contributed \$500,000 to an independent committee supporting Ellington, an unusually large sum for a supervisor race that drew criticism from his opponents, who have questioned his backing from tech and real-estate interests. Ellington has been endorsed by the San Francisco Democratic Party, labor organizations, environmental groups and numerous elected officials.

The large contribution underscores an emerging tension. The growth of artificial intelligence and technology companies could widen wealth disparities across the district.

Buttorf wants a city “where AI companies and the citizens have a mindset of giving back,” he said, “and not just consuming or taking.”

The candidate elected next month will cope with a district where development, infrastructure, transportation and economic growth are increasingly intertwined. For residents and businesses, though, the task is more specific: helping to make sure a local intersection is safe, and kids can get to school on accessible transit. □

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Revel from front page

Executive Officer Aaron Cravens at Revel’s American Industrial Center (AIC) headquarters. A University of Rochester graduate, with a PhD in bioengineering from Stanford, Cravens came up with the idea for his company at an incubator supported by Mission Bay Capital (MBC) in 2020 in Mission Bay.

A charming and self-assured 33-year-old, Illinois-raised Cravens radiates Midwestern level-headedness with millennial moxie and smarts. He fell in love with the area and chose to build Revel’s lab inside the former can factory in 2022.

“Dogpatch is a neighborhood that has an interesting entrepreneurial edge to it,” Cravens said. “You can go get coffee at Piccino, see and meet people walking out and about.”

He contrasted the community’s vibe to the “soulless skyscrapers” that’ve popped up everywhere.

“I love that AIC is still a family-owned building,” he remarked.

Cravens also appreciated AIC’s neighborhood in-a-box spirit, noting it has “everything from a climbing gym, bakery, cafe, galleries and even a hair salon.”

He’s inspired by the complex’s “collective, cool, collegiate energy” and marvels at the variety of builders, artists and creators housed there, pointing to “innovators making artificial salmon, sustainable skincare products and a guitar-making shop at AIC. These are people with passion. They do what they do every day, not for money but because they love it.”

It’s an orientation Cravens likens to “what good science” is all about and to which Revel Pharmaceuticals aspires.

Humans are composed mostly of water, up to 60 percent, with cells, tissue, blood and bone. Seventy percent of our bodies consist of structural tissue; the scaffold that holds everything together, such

as collagen, elastin and eye lens proteins, known as the extra-cellular matrix (ECM). Most age-related damage accumulates in the ECM. It’s what drives aging-associated conditions, such as neuro-degeneration, heart disease, skin wrinkling, arthritis and gout.

“This is big,” commented Karl Pfleger, a longevity advocate and investor. “Revel solved a problem long considered unsolvable. Many in the anti-aging field believe rejuvenation is impossible. Even with technologies to make all cells young again, science hadn’t yet devised a way to make the extracellular matrix young again. In human tissue, Revel’s enzyme cleared more than 70 percent of the damage from an aged human artery wall and turned elderly skin back to the level of a 30-year-old’s.”

“The simplest way to put it is: the chemistry that browns toast is happening inside your body, just slower,” Pfleger clarified. “Heat turns bread golden and stiff, and you can’t turn toast back into soft bread again. The same chemical reaction runs in us over decades, blood sugars fuse to the proteins that hold our skin and arteries together, stiffening tissue in a way thought irreversible since the 1980s. That stiffening is what makes skin less elastic with age, hardens blood vessel walls, drives up blood pressure as arteries lose their flexibility. The body reads the damage as an alarm and keeps the immune system switched on; the slow-burn inflammation behind heart disease, diabetes and failing kidneys.”

“What they did is very clever. Ingenious really,” said Dr. Vincent Monnier, Case Western University professor, a pioneer in anti-aging biochemistry and scientific advisory board member to Revel Pharmaceuticals. “They used directed evolution to produce an enzyme that undoes the biochemical damage caused by substances inside the human

body’s extracellular structures as we age, a phenomenon long thought irreversible.”

Twenty-six years ago, Monnier tried to do the same thing in his lab but was unable to achieve Revel’s results because the tools didn’t exist. There was no artificial intelligence. Revel employed the software AlphaFold to analyze DNA sequences of more than 50,000 microbes and compute the enzyme structures that each genetic code would create, narrowing results. AlphaFold helped Revel’s team screen 500 million enzyme variants to settle on one, which became CMLase.

Cravens compared human aging to what happens to cars.

“You can take good care of your car, put premium gas in it, avoid potholes, never take it to the shop,” he said. “After driving 200,000 miles though, your car will have undergone stress, accumulate damage and start to rust. Just like cars that rust, our bodies ‘rust.’ We can’t do anything to stop the molecular damage that happens in our bodies as we age. What we did at Revel is develop a tool to de-rust things like collagen and proteins that make up our body’s cellular infrastructure. CMLase repairs and cleans up the damage in the structures our cells live in. It’s like taking your body to the repair shop, the same way you would do for your car. Hopefully, getting your car fixed helps your car drive longer. Ultimately our work is the foundation to make medicines that help us live longer, healthier lives.”

In the next 18 months Revel hopes to take its discovery to human trial. After that, Revel intends to make therapies for specific conditions first, such as age-related eye diseases – like glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy, – kidney disease, gout and arthritis.

It’s a striking glimpse into the future of medicine, suggesting a longer, healthier human lifespan driven by insights once considered unimaginable.

Revel’s work is supported in part by the National Institute of Health’s National Institute on Aging. The company receives funding from German-based Kizoo Technology Ventures and Starbloom Capital, among others.

All have a deep commitment to “transformative,” longevity science, Cravens emphasized, and “biology-first approaches to age-related disease.”

Democratic Club from front page

in a group educating and organizing around local issues, so it seemed natural to join the Potrero Hill Democratic Club.”

The club is active year-round, holding panel discussions on such topics as Black Lives Matter, redistricting, and neighborhood development.

“There are always things going on that people need to know about,” Eisen said. “Policymakers are making policy all the time. We want to consult with them and have them come in, give ongoing reports, and answer questions. We’re not just a club for endorsements.”

In its heyday the Club swelled to upwards of 100 active members, which has more recently dropped to half that number.

“We’re getting a new membership chair, and one of the things on the table is how do we get more younger people involved? Through the Club, people become educated and know who’s running and where they stand on the issues, which is important,” said Morales Ferrand.

In September more than 120 people attended a Club-sponsored District 10 Supervisor candidate debate.

“Democracy is under attack,” Eisen said. “We should all care about it, and this is one way to be engaged, involved, and to know your neighbors more. You can really learn and understand what’s happening in the local community and how it impacts our national community as well.”



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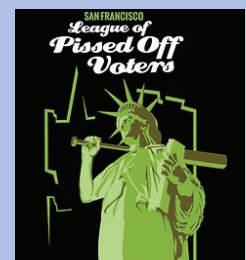
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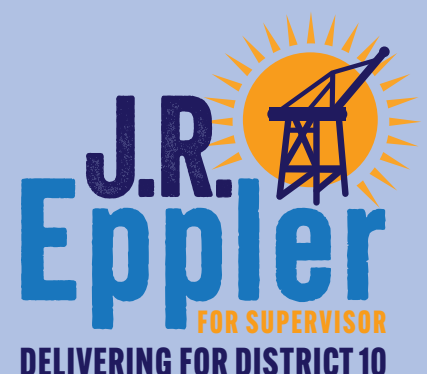


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BY DENA R. VERKUIL

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

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Across

- 1 Evade
- 6 This sucks!
- 11 Pros at CPMC
- 14 It's spineless
- 15 Video game company whose name is a Go term
- 16 Sound heard at the Kabuki Spa
- 17 *Siblings at the SPCA
- 19 Sanskrit honorific
- 20 Teeny-weeny
- 21 Got off the fence
- 22 Tend to risotto
- 23 Milk alternative at Farley's
- 25 "Piece of cake"
- 27 Flowers related to tobacco
- 32 Harry Potter's lightning bolt, e.g.
- 33 "Why, there oughta be a ___!"
- 34 Quechua speaker
- 36 Organ-ic pieces?
- 39 "Washington Black" novelist Edugyan
- 40 Like this year's election, with a hint to the answers of the starred clues
- 42 "Will Venmo later" letters
- 43 Flummoxed
- 45 Summer camp craft
- 46 Nancy, in Nancy
- 47 1 on the Mohs scale
- 49 "That's true, but..."
- 51 Prep for Bay to Breakers
- 54 French vineyard designation
- 55 "Who ___ it better?"
- 56 "Caveman" diet
- 59 Spring break in Tahoe?
- 63 Music to rave about
- 64 *It was a graveyard smash!
- 66 Meadow
- 67 Gather little by little
- 68 Where the Peacock Throne was built
- 69 Zoning unit
- 70 Sicily neighbor
- 71 Doohickey at the end of a shoelace

Down

- 1 Alimentari Aurora, for one
- 2 Last words?
- 3 Apt rhyme for "spots"
- 4 "Heard"
- 5 Verb that sounds like a shriek
- 6 City Lights purchase
- 7 French state
- 8 Unlike leftovers
- 9 Words to live by
- 10 He/him/___
- 11 *Code-breaking game that inspired Wordle
- 12 Snarky classmate of Beavis and Butt-Head
- 13 T or V-neck
- 18 Relative of fusilli
- 22 Influence a swing voter
- 24 Lions and tigers and bears, e.g
- 26 Spread at Boichik
- 27 "Guilty" or "not guilty"
- 28 The right way to Oakland?
- 29 *Game surface where you may need to put your foot (or hand) down
- 30 Rock band with a slash
- 31 Skewered dish at Rasa Rasa
- 35 Hawaiian honker
- 37 Time for a bygone Tuesday siren
- 38 Wrestling in a dohyo
- 41 "Sesame Street" actor Orman
- 44 Freedom from worry
- 48 Sentinel Building aka "Coppola's ___"
- 50 Pumpkin Spice Latte spice
- 51 Modern home magazine based in San Francisco
- 52 Grand National event at Cow Palace
- 53 "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" group
- 57 Exam for an aspiring esq.
- 58 Sicilian smoker
- 60 Word after "city" or "study"
- 61 "Off the Court" autobiographer
- 62 Scintilla
- 64 Grand opening?
- 65 _ecommended _aily _llowance

Solution on page 17.



Seeking Our Next Editor-in-Chief

The Potrero View is seeking an editor-in-chief for San Francisco’s longest-running neighborhood newspaper.

This part-time contract position will lead coverage of San Francisco’s most economically and socially dynamic neighborhoods: Potrero Hill, Dogpatch, Mission Bay, and South-of-Market.

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- Write and publish weekly digital newsletter rounding up neighborhood news from the neighborhoods.
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- Assign and edit stories from freelancers to be published in monthly print newspaper and online.
- Coordinate with design staff on print production of newspaper.
- Act as the View’s lead editorial representative.

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- Excellent writing, reporting, and editing skills.
- Great wit and strong voice.
- Outstanding news judgment and journalistic ethics.
- A passion for local news and shedding light on important neighborhood stories.
- Creativity and differentiation, with the ability to ideate and produce stories that stand out.
- Local knowledge of people, politics, and businesses of Potrero Hill, the Dogpatch, Mission Bay, and SOMA; preference for neighborhood resident.

ABOUT THE POTRERO VIEW

The Potrero View is San Francisco’s longest running neighborhood newspaper and has covered Potrero Hill, the Dogpatch, Mission Bay, and SOMA since 1970.

We publish about 12,000 copies of the free newspaper monthly, which are distributed to homes, businesses, and gathering spaces throughout the area.

In March 2026, *The Potrero View* was acquired by *Gazetteer*.

Apply by sending your résumé to: info@gazetteer.co with subject “Potrero View Editor-in-Chief.”





Top: Pier 70 Time Machine opens. PHOTO: Courtesy of Peter Linenthal



Pey-Ning of Music Together leads children and caregivers in a Mandarin music and movement class at Mandarin Playgroup's September 13 gathering at Jackson Playground. The event marked Music Together's first class offered in Mandarin. PHOTO: Courtesy of Leeyen Rogers, Mandarin Playgroup



Bottom: A man holds a camera while two sit on a wall behind the Y Combinator sign, a tradition of startups funded by the incubator. PHOTO: Thomas Hunter II

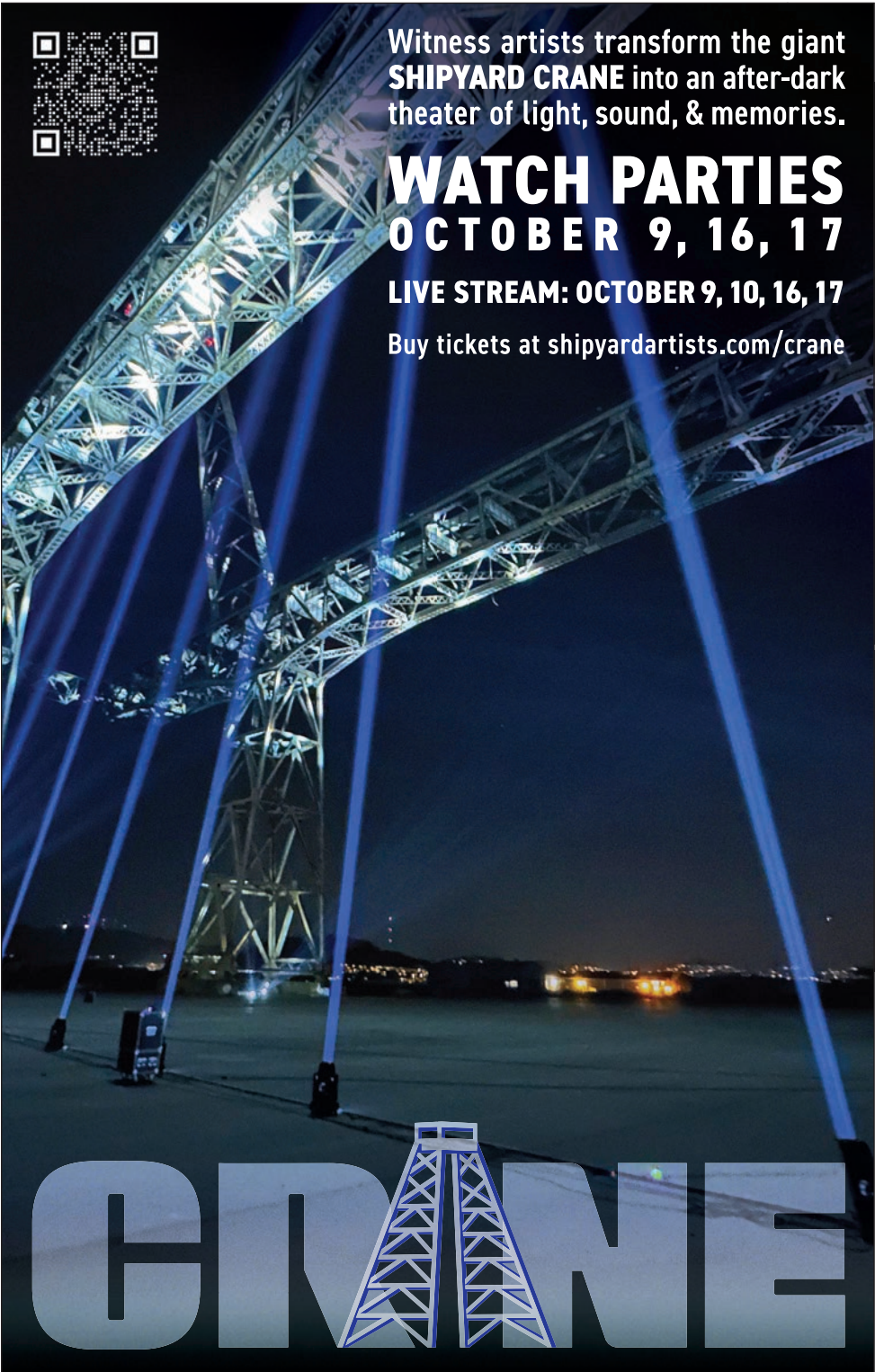


Families gather at Jackson Playground for a Mandarin music class organized by Mandarin Playgroup, a free, parent-led community that creates opportunities for Bay Area children to hear and use Mandarin through play. PHOTO: Courtesy of Leeyen Rogers, Mandarin Playgroup



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name is still displayed prominently on the property, which was originally constructed in 1912 and is composed of multiple structures that’re largely zoned for production, distribution and repair PDR uses.

Money Makes Money

Steph Curry’s abandoned San Francisco headquarters project, at Illinois and 20th streets, has sold for \$11 million, two years after he bought the vacant Dogpatch industrial building for \$8.5 million. The deal delivers a swift profit on a property for which many observers thought he’d overpaid. Curry’s company, Thirty Ink, had planned to turn the site near Pier 70 into a flagship hub for his business empire. It scrapped the project last year amid a dispute with the Carpenters Union over construction labor. The buyer is listed as **Dane Reinsurance Inc.**, a Utah corporation that appears linked to Corgi, a fast-growing artificial intelligence insurance startup. The sale adds to a string of real estate moves by Curry and his wife Ayesha, including the sale of an Atherton estate and a Four Seasons condo in San Francisco.

Fair Warning

Southeastern San Francisco residents will ultimately have to navigate months of traffic closures when repairs to a 76-year-old drawbridge along Third Street finally begin. The \$102 million overhaul, overseen by **San Francisco Public Works**, will replace the Islais Creek Bridge with a fixed structure consisting of a 24-foot-wide light-rail track in the center, two 11-foot car lanes in each direction, and shared pedestrian and bicycle paths on the eastern and western sides. The effort, slated to begin in fall 2028, is expected to last 24 months, during which vehicles won’t be able to access the bridge and be detoured to other streets. Public transportation will also be disrupted.

Artful Mayor

Last month **Mayor Daniel Lurie** proposed to name part of Embarcadero Park for former Mayor and Potrero Hill resident **Art Agnos**, whose decision to remove the Embarcadero Freeway following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake revitalized the waterfront. As part of planned renovations to Embarcadero Plaza and Sue Bierman Park, the future park’s southern half would be called Art Agnos Plaza, with the northern half known as Sue Bierman Commons.

Mental Health

Practice, which offers mental health services to children, teenagers, young adults, and parents, has opened an office at 1796 18th Street, at the intersection of 18th and Carolina streets. Established in 2017, the group provides psychological evaluations and educational programs, with additional locations in Cow Hollow, Noe Valley and Mill Valley. 

Ballot Box Blues from page 3

higher barriers for grassroots and community-led initiatives. **No.**

Proposition E, City Administration, would centralize procurement under the City Administrator, and extend the Administrator’s term from five to ten years. Municipal procurement is an expensive, slow, and likely corrupt mess. This isn’t a perfect solution – it critically depends

on an excellent, ethical, on-the-ball City Administrator – but it’s better than the status quo. **Yes.**

Proposition F, Executive Management, would give the mayor direct hire/fire power over most department heads, authority to reorganize departments, and let the Mayor or Board remove their own commissioners. The last change is unfortunate, in that it degrades the ability of citizen-commissioners to be fully independent, and counter undue executive branch actions. On the other hand, maybe that’s a good thing. **Yes.**

Proposition G, Great Highway, would reopen the Upper Great Highway to cars from 4 a.m. Mondays to 6 p.m. Fridays, keeping Sunset Dunes a diminished weekend park. The measure is the latest in a fierce political battle waged by nearby residents, who rightfully point to worsening traffic as a result of the 2024 closing: Chain of Lakes Drive carries about 2,000 more vehicles per day than pre-closure, the Lower Great Highway about 700 more daily, roughly one extra car per minute at peak hour. The *View* feels their home rule pain. However, Sunset Dunes has proven to be quite popular, drawing more than 1.7 million visits in its first year, half of which occurred on weekdays. Plus, according to the City Controller reopening the road could cost up to \$20 million over five years to dismantle the park and restore traffic elements. **Nope.**

Proposition H, Transit Tax, imposes a parcel tax, in effect for 15 years, to fund San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency operations, with base rates of about \$129/year for single-family homes, \$249 for multifamily apartments, and \$799 for commercial properties, scaled by property size. This would be on top of the roughly \$850 a single-family homeowner already pays in parcel taxes to support public teacher salaries and school facilities, community college, and Bay restoration. And that’s in addition to state property taxes, which can easily top off at another \$9,000 or more a year. Proposition H is related to the Regional Transit Measure, which’d raise revenue through a sales tax, a duty that tends to impose more burdens on lower-income people than property taxes. A decent public transportation system is essential for a city. How to raise sufficient funds is a delicate question, alongside the need for fiscal discipline and affordability. Perhaps split the difference, and vote in favor of either H or the Regional measure...?

Proposition I, Property Tax, dedicates transfer tax revenue, garnered from real estate transactions greater than \$10 million to affordable housing, about \$120 million a year that presently goes to the General Fund. Similar budgeting issues as Proposition C, different tax. **No.**

Proposition J, Foreclosure Tax, would make large foreclosure and “deed-in-lieu-of-foreclosure” property transfers pay the transfer tax for which they’re currently largely exempt. Maintains a partial exemption for residential/mixed-use buildings with fewer than five units. Tax would be based on fair market value, not the unpaid debt. This is reasonable policy. **Yes.**

Regional Transit Measure, a 14-year regional sales tax, with a one percent assessment in San Francisco. If passed it’d raise roughly \$1 billion a year to support BART, Muni, Caltrain, SamTrans, VTA, and AC Transit. San Francisco’s current combined sales tax rate is 8.625 percent, which is in the upper middle compared to

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other jurisdictions, such as Chicago, about 10.25 percent; Philadelphia, eight percent, and Portland, which doesn’t impose a sales tax. See Proposition H above. 

Mice! from page 7

a little vanilla mousse to finish. However, I knew the reception that my obligatory confession would evoke, and I resisted.

That resistance cost me a night of tossing and turning. My mind inevitably circled around what life must have been like in the Warsaw Ghetto. I considered that my actions qualify me to add Goebbels to my name.

Bobby Terminix wasn’t responding to anguished texts. Finally, he swung by, with apologies involving a colleague on “family leave” and being overwhelmed with the extra work. More sticky traps were set. One poor little creature was dispensed from one of them. Still the nightly raves continue.

These little guys are so cute as they go about their business. If only they could realize that the humane traps are the way to go, we’d all be happy. They’d be in Golden Gate Park, snacking on ticks, enjoying the sunshine and easily, with their proven and documented skills, avoiding the hawks, raccoons and coyotes. And we’d be mouse-free.

Alas, it seems it’s not meant to be. Bobby Terminix listened with a stony gaze to my tale of Brie and vanilla mousse.

“You have to develop a heart of steel” were his words.

I do Yoga every morning now, partly because I have an insanely adorable yoga instructor, but partly because I, too, wish to outlive the Trump Administration, preferably with a somewhat reduced waistline. The mice, however, are generating a level of stress that’s incompatible with “Down Dog” and the “Warrior” stretches.

Vote Mike Trouble Lin

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Seeking Creative Youths!

The *View* invites those under 18 to submit any creative work suitable for publication, including drawings, short stories (fewer than 150 words), photographs, comic strips, jokes, before the 20th of the month. Winning entries will receive a \$20 prize. Please send submissions to editor@potreroview.net

Write Your Own Obituary

We're all going to die; why leave the writing of your obit to someone else? Whether you believe the end is imminent or just something you contemplate idly whilst taking a shower, you can control your own destiny, or at least how it's reported. Or, after examining your life story and finding it lacking, add to it! Up to six people in three two-hour sessions, \$150. Interested parties should contact editor@potreroview.net

Seeking Tennis Partner

Sixty-something male intermediate tennis player looking for (semi) regular rally or game partner. Email editor@potreroview.net

While my conviction is firm that every living creature has at least as much right to be here as I do, I’m reluctantly coming to accept that this right doesn’t extend to my kitchen.

Andrew Davies has lived on Missouri Street since 1996. 



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D10 supervisor candidate debate last month between DJ Brooker, Theo Ellington, and J.R. Eppler, at the Neighborhood House in Potrero Hill. PHOTO: Thomas Hunter II

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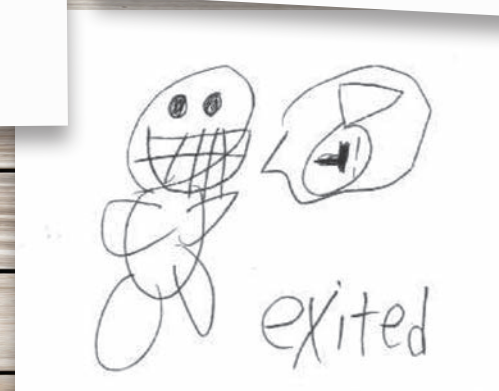
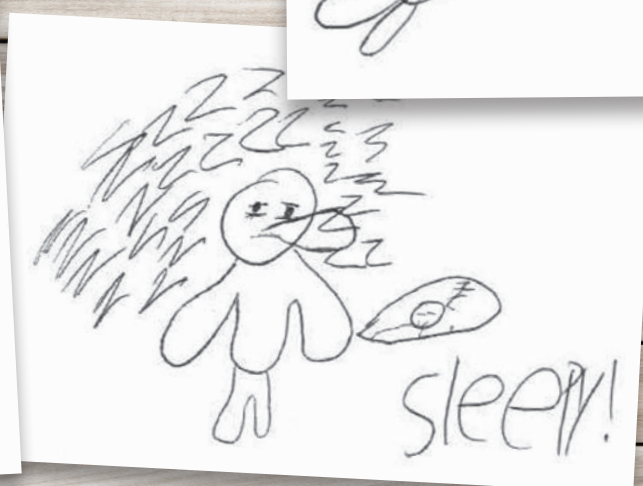


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