

Pacific Rod & Gun Club Threatened

RUMINATIONS OF A FORMER CITIZEN SUPERVISOR

by Quentin Kopp

For long-time San Franciscans certain institutions possess historical and cultural values which apparently command no respect, much less even understanding of history, by modern day zealots and architects of revision. One such example involves the storied Cow Palace, which began operation in 1941 and has been the venue of musical, sporting, artistic, social and other entertainment events and conventions for 67 years.

Another blazing example relates to ill-disguised efforts to terminate the Pacific Rod and Gun Club use of facilities at Lake Merced. As an honorary member of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club and its neighbor since 1973, I believe I can comment upon the benign and useful presence of my neighbor, which has leased from the City and operated for nearly three-quarters of a century a modest portion of the western side of Lake Merced. Although the scheme to destroy the Cow Palace receives rather constant publicity, as surely befits an institution attracting over 500,000 visitors per year, the sly aspiration of ill-motivated city government and allied interests to abolish the Pacific Rod and Gun Club escapes attention.

In early April, The San Francisco Chronicle showed good sense in alerting San Franciscans and other Bay Area residents to the ill-disguised attempt to eliminate my neighbor, the Rod and Gun Club. That was almost immediately met by protestation from three of the ambitious perpetrators, who, describing themselves as “long-time advocates of restoring Lake Merced...” professed to work “collaborately with members of the gun club and their affinity groups and respect their point of view.” Notice the last phrase, to wit, “respect their point of view.” While extolling in a self-serving fashion their alleged personal efforts to bring “good health” to Lake Merced, they degrade the use of the Club’s 14-acre leasehold and the number of persons using the premises for sport shooting and social events. The purpose, however, of such self-proclaimed servants of the public at large appears clear to this long-time neighbor and admirer of the Club.



Here’s a rapid summary of recent history: approximately four years ago the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission began a study of Lake Merced. The professed theme was maintenance and improvement of Lake Merced. A so-called “Lake Merced Task Force” was organized. People who rarely visited or used Lake Merced and don’t live in our neighborhood comprise “task force” members. Moreover, the task force consultant just happens to work for San Francisco State, an identified potential Club predator. As authors of the aforementioned expiating article, San Francisco Beautiful’s executive director, a Golden Gate Audubon Society Conservation Committee member and a California Trout Program Director condemn the Club with faint praise, but their “open forum” article in The Chronicle gives them away. They confess to examining such uses to replace the Club’s leasehold as a “launching facility for local high school and adult rowing programs; a facility for recreational boat rentals; a nature and environmental center; a children’s play area; a restoration site for dune and wetland habitats; and a youth fishing program.” They then declare that the “suggestion” from unidentified persons of “room for a compromise where the gun club would share the site with other

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Outer Sunset to Lose John’s Ocean Beach Cafe



After 30 years serving the neighborhood, John’s Ocean Beach Cafe will be demolished. At the Planning Commission hearing, neighbors expressed concerns about the development that will replace it as too large, and adding a greater burden to the parking problems that many in the area experience, especially on weekends.

Outer Sunset’s John’s Ocean Beach Cafe, a neighborhood landmark across from the Zoo will soon be a thing of the past. The question at the Planning Commission hearing on May 22nd was not about the fate of the business, so much as what would be taking its place. The proposed five story project found little encouragement from the neighbors who live around it.

Neighbors of the long-time business addressed the Appeal of the Negative Declaration for the proposed project at 2800 Sloat Blvd. filed by SPEAK, the Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee.

Planning Staff described the project as a mixed use building, consisting of 56 residential units above ground floor commercial with parking underground, and demolition of 3 commercial buildings and a service parking lot.

SPEAK’s appeal is based on the assertion that the development is out of character with existing neighborhood, parking, traffic, open space concerns.

Appellent: Mark Duffett, President of SPEAK said the appeal was meant to give immediate neighbors a chance to voice their concerns regarding the environmental impacts. Shortcomings of the project are, he said, the overwhelming massing of the Wawona façade, lack of attention to traffic flow around the site, and the demand for more parking. After several meetings with the project sponsors and planning staff, a 15 foot setback on Wawona, and better definition and separation of the three buildings were agreed upon as improvements. Meetings with MTA are also needed to make necessary improvements to traffic patterns and parking.

Margaret Lee, a second generation Outer Sunset resident for over 30 years, called the proposal an “excessive overdevelopment.” It should comply with the City’s zoning and planning codes, she said, presenting the Commission with a community petition with over 200 signatures requesting the developers to scale back the size of the project. She asked that the project meet code

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The Observer Mourns Passing of Billie Lowe

Our Ad Sales Director Led a Fascinating Life

by Phyllis Sherman

Billie Miner Southern, daughter of Elmer Thomas Southern and Agatha Gray Cummings, and sister of John Robert Southern and Galen Ward was born August 16, 1922. She was raised in San Francisco, graduated Poly Technical High School Class of 1940 and married Harry Shaw Lowe and had one son, Miner Grey Lowe.

She was an avid dancer and independent woman. In her youth she traveled to South America and then to Europe with the USO during WW2. She lived in Little Italy-Chinatown New York with her stage actor husband during the fifties. One would see the colorful redhead touring with her husband through Manhattan in the family’s MG with a boxer dog, Siamese cat and her son in the back of the sports car. In the sixties she spent a short time in Hollywood where her husband was acting in his last play, Flower Drum Song. She returned to San Francisco in 1963 after her husband’s death, and eventually she moved down the peninsula to Woodside.

Throughout her life Billie held direct sales positions including real estate and life insurance. Most recently she served as the senior ad sales director for this newspaper. Still working and driving at 85 Billie’s passion was dancing, and she would take dancing cruise ship-trips every year.

Billie died of heart failure with her grand children, Jessica, Bonnie, and Julian Lowe at her side May 13 in her son’s Balboa Terrace home. She had recently been hospitalized for breast cancer. She leaves her son and his wife, Miner and Hideko and their children Minika, Jessica, Bonnie and Julian behind.





DYING PATIENTS LOSE SPIRITUAL CARE AT LAGUNA HONDA

by Sister Miriam Walsh, Director, Pastoral Care Services. LHH

Over the past 20 years, the Hospice at Laguna Honda Hospital has cared for over 2,000 dying persons and many more bereaved loved ones. About 50% of our deaths occur in the home-like Hospice, a 25-bed ward with a lovely garden. Patients come from every San Francisco neighborhood with illnesses that range from AIDS to Alzheimer's. Laguna Honda has received heart-felt community thanks for its Hospice care.

I started Pastoral services on Hospice in 1988. Later, interfaith Chaplains were hired as Spiritual Care Coordinators to provide broader and more consistent support. I was shocked when our valued Hospice Chaplain who earns a mere \$26,000 yearly, got a layoff notice for July 1st! This amounts to 0.01% of the hospital's budget for 1500 employees, only 6 of whom were laid off. Of all the cutbacks, cutting the Hospice Chaplain is the worst. Compared to the hospital's expenses for remodeling offices and conference rooms, it's a pittance. Such small savings have big emotional costs. We have no substitute for this unique job. Now, dying patients, their families and friends face needless distress and spiritual isolation.

Doctors have acknowledged the role that spiritual support has on physical health and well-being. Pastoral or spiritual support is crucial to help our patients and loved ones cope with death and dying. Hospice without spiritual services is wrong. This is especially true at Laguna Honda where spiritual needs are enormous but resources are limited. Many here are burdened with

disabling illness, poverty and broken relationships. We try very hard to give them spiritual support at this time of their lives. From experience we have learned that dying patients need someone there as they approach the end of life, especially the elderly. And, that each death affects the entire community.

We have volunteer Chaplains, but the time they can spend with patients is limited. Counseling grieving relatives, and arranging for Memorial Services for 100 bereaved families a year is just part of the job of the Spiritual Care Coordinator. The heart of it is regularly visiting the dying, and staying with them through trials and sorrows, and supporting their faith. Without these services, there will be more suffering and grief. More will die in crisis.

Because the need is so great on Hospice, a full-time Chaplain must be available. Community support is urgently needed. If you would like to help the dying at Laguna Honda please contact Sister Miriam Walsh 415-292-3471 or John Farrell (Pastoral Care Volunteer LHH) 415-218-6337.



General Hospital Rebuild Questions Remain

By George Wooding

The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) has proposed a \$887.4 million General Obligation Bond measure for the rebuild of San Francisco General's Hospital and its Level 1 Trauma Center. The November 2008 hospital bond ballot measure will be almost three times larger than any other bond measure in San Francisco's history. The bond measure requires a two-thirds (66.67%) majority vote to pass.

But the City needs to rebuild SFGH responsibly.

The DPH's administration has already proven to be completely inept with the Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) rebuild. Good doctors are not necessarily good stewards of public funds or public planning. The DPH has a sad history of misleading the public, changing bond projects, creating enormous cost overruns, favoring special interest groups, and disrespecting the will of the San Francisco voters. In 1999, the DPH told San Francisco voters that LHH was going to be a 1,200-bed, long-term care health facility for the frail elderly and severely disabled. The nearly completed LHH will only be a 780-bed facility for 90-day stay, short-term rehabilitation patients. At last report, the LHH rebuild budget is at least \$152 million dollars over budget and they have not even completed two-thirds of the rebuild. After the LHH rebuild fiasco, it is difficult for voters to believe that DPH's administration can be trusted to do a good job with the SF General Hospital (SFGH) rebuild.

The actual costs of the SFGH rebuild are staggering. The City will spend \$30 million preparing for the bond. The general obligation bond will cost \$887.4 million. The hospital's furniture, fixtures and equipment will cost approximately another \$157 million. The debt service on the general obligation bond will cost an additional \$640.3 million. Providing there are no project cost overruns and everything is perfectly planned, the cost for the 284-bed facility will be approximately \$1.7 billion, at a minimum. Just based on the \$887.4 million bond figure, the average cost of each room will be \$3.1 million. Just four years ago, the Health Commission was told that the industry average was \$1 million per room, not \$3.1 million.

\$7 million will be spent on an art enrichment plan at SFGH

The costs of building the new 284-bed acute care facility and Level 1 Trauma Center will impose a substantial tax on San Francisco property owners and renters. The \$887.4 million bond will feature a 50% pass through to San Francisco tenants. No matter how the City sugarcoats this bond measure, the SFGH rebuild bond will consume a large portion of San Francisco's future property taxes and rent increases. The City is claiming that the property taxes that will pay for general obligation bonds will be capped at the fiscal year 2005-2006 annual gross property tax rate of 12.0%.

The City's current general hospital and trauma center was built to a high seismic safety standard in 1974,

but does not now comply with new California hospital seismic guidelines created in 1994 after the Northridge earthquake damaged hospitals in Southern California. The State's new seismic standards require California hospitals not only be able to survive an earthquake, but must also be able to operate after an earthquake. San Francisco General must either have the new hospital rebuilt by 2013, or file for a seven-year extension to complete the acute care rebuild by 2020. The DPH dragged its feet for 14 years planning the SFGH rebuild.

The City was not able to attract any qualified general contractors in 2007 when the SFGH rebuild project was first put out to bid. The City then began negotiations with Webcor, a local, general contractor which is 70% owned by the Obayashi Corporation, a Tokyo-based global construction holding company. In 2008, WebCor signed an interim agreement with the City and has since been participating in project meetings with its subcontractors and the design firm Fong & Chan Architects to arrive at project costs for the SFGH rebuild.

The SFGH rebuild costs are just the beginning of the indebtedness cost increases to City voters. The SFGH rebuild is just one of three hospital projects proposed under the SFGH Institutional Master Plan Update. Other projects include the medical helipad proposed on the rooftop of the main hospital (Wing C), and the proposed installation of emergency generators for backup power supply to the entire hospital campus. The generators have to conform to the same seismic timetable as the hospital rebuild and their replacement costs were not included in this bond.

If accountability to the voting public were an issue, the San Francisco Department of Public Health's administration would never be allowed to manage another dollar of a hospital bond rebuild. Only in government does failure lead to promotion.

Unlike private enterprise, there is no fiscal accountability nor fiscal responsibility at the DPH. So what if LHH is \$152 million over its rebuild budget — let's go to lunch. If DPH administrators had been fired or held responsible for what happened to the LHH rebuild bond, the public could begin to trust the DPH.

Instead of taking responsibility, the DPH has spent almost \$250 thousand over the last 12 months on public relations salaries and a "soft-branding" public relations campaigns.

The DPH administration has lost the trust and respect of the voters. If the DPH cannot take responsibility for its past failures and mismanagement of voter bond money, it is doomed to make the same failures with the \$1.7 billion SFGH bond measure.

San Francisco voters really need to ask themselves if it is wise to hand \$1.7-billion dollars to the same group of DPH administrators who orchestrated the biggest general obligation bond disaster in the history of San Francisco.

George Wooding lives in Midtown Terrace

Civic Advocacy in Action

The concept of civic advocacy was displayed all evening at the May meeting of the West of Twin Peaks Central Council. From the nominations of new officers, proposed cancellation of Muni routes, SF PUC fiscal accountability, multi person dwellings, and the development of the Presidio, discussions were lively with many attendees voicing their opinions and voting to initiate neighborhood-based responses to spur government action.

Community outreach between the WOTPCC and the SFPD was in focus as SAFPDP Sgt. Randall Young, the liaison between the Taraval station and the council reported on local robberies where a young man with a handgun held up construction workers at several homes where renovation work was being undertaken, escaping at gunpoint with several hundred dollars. In response, SFPD unmarked patrol cars have increased their patrols in the area. Officer Young asked the residents to "be aware of your surroundings and contact the Taraval station at 415-750-3100 if you see anything suspicious".

The issue of police station redistricting also was brought up, as there is a study being conduct by the SF Board of Supervisors and the Police Commission tp consider reducing the number of neighborhood police stations from 10 to 4 "super stations". The proposal is being studied as a way to reduce administrative positions and put more officers onto the street. At the present time a 130 page report on this has been prepared. Supervisor Elsbernd suggested that people can get up to date information at the city web site, SFGOV.org/police commission. He also said if anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of the report, please contact his office and one will be sent out.

With the approaching end of the "Council Term", a slate of proposed new officers was announced by Paul Conroy. Don Dutil and George Wooding have been nominated as President and Vice President respectively for the new term, while Carolyn Squeri and Rae Doyle secured nominations to continue in their current posts of Treasurer and Secretary. Nominations will continue to be open until voting takes place at the

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Letters to the Editor

Rita O'Hara stated in her op-ed piece extolling the virtues of Mary Mallen, that Judge Thomas Mellon (was) appointed by Pete Wilson many years ago, that when Mary Mallen's father died on the bench in 1992, that "she (decided she) was going to follow in his footsteps and become a judge", and that she was "sworn in (as a practicing attorney) in December of 1996."

I will stipulate that all of those statements are true, and when put together, they add up to the fact that Judge Thomas Mellon should be re-elected for another six years on the bench. Judge Mellon has served on the bench 14 years — two years longer that Mallen has been practicing the law. His other opponent has only three years of full-time experience under his belt as a Deputy Public Defender before being elected to the Board of Supervisors.

As for Mallen wanting to become a judge, I don't fault her that desire. However, in 90% of the cases judges are appointed, not elected. They go through a grueling application and rigorous review process and then must be approved by a three member panel (which includes the State Attorney General) before taking the bench.

Since 1998, first under Gray Davis and for the past five years under Governor Schwarzenegger, roughly a dozen judges have been appointed to the Superior Court in San Francisco. All were registered Democrats.

Several questions need to be asked of Ms. Mallen and Mr. Sandoval. Did either of you apply for the judiciary in the past ten years? If so, what were the reasons why you weren't appointed? If you didn't apply, why are you bypassing this important vetting process (particularly since a number of your Democrat colleagues have been appointed to the bench-without prejudice) and challenging a sitting judge, who has an exemplary record on the bench, barring the fact that he is a registered Republican?

The voters have the right to know before they vote on this important race.

Christopher L. Bowman, VC, Precinct Operations, San Francisco Republican Party



# Changes Planned for Stonestown Galleria

By Mitch Bull

Hard hats and cement mixers may join Nordstrom's and The Olive Garden at the Stonestown Galleria in the not too distant future.

In a presentation to the West Of Twin Peaks Central Council, on April 28th, several representatives for the mall's owner, General Growth Properties, outlined a plan to remodel the San Francisco shopping complex.

Richard Forster, Senior General Manager of the Mall, outlined the proposal which includes the addition of approximately 180,000 square feet of additional retail space, an expansion of the parking garage with better traffic flow, and the possibility of building a new 6-8 screen cinema complex within the mall to replace the older two screen theatre that is located at the rear of the property.

The new retail space, which is planned to include several new restaurants, will take up space in the parking area currently between 19th Avenue and the front entrance to the mall. The "lost" parking spaces in the front will be offset by an enlarged parking garage that is planned to not only replace those spaces in front, but will add an additional parking capacity of 10-12% over what exists today.

The garage expansion would be built on the rear of the mall, tying into the present underground parking structure and opening up the traffic corridor in a flow-through approach to allow entry and exiting from both the front and rear of the garage to better spread out the traffic flow. It is envisioned that the cinema complex would be built on top of the new garage, similar to the concept that was completed recently in San Bruno at The Shops at Tanforan.

Forster explained that General Growth Properties, or GGP, is an owner that has a "long term hold" strategy for Stonestown. "Our vision for the center is one that is long term, to work with the neighborhood groups to help create a retail experience that is oriented to the neighborhood, and has a lifestyle component involved, rather than just a commuter-based regional center". He added "We are planning to complete a remake of the front of the center with a a pedestrian walkthrough where 20th Avenue is currently. The exterior of the center at the end comprising Macy's North will also be redesigned."

To this end, the presentation team, consisting of Forster and design team members James Anderson



and Anne Hempel went on to show various elements of their proposal while answering questions from the audience.

One of the features of the proposal is to redevelop the outer building sites adjacent to the mall. New low rise buildings would replace older buildings, with the buildings being relocated to provide better space between them and the neighboring churches and schools. In addition, an element of the project is focused on the creation of more "park like" green space towards the rear of the property.

Questions from the audience centered mainly on the traffic concerns that increasing the retail space could cause. Several ideas were discussed, such as improved access from 19th Avenue, and the creation of a "Stonestown" shuttle bus to ferry shoppers to and from the center to local pick up points.

The GGP team agreed that traffic control and flow will be a major factor in the design of the project and that they would be working with the neighborhoods and the city of San Francisco to create a plan that can help to alleviate the bottleneck that currently exists during the peak holiday shopping seasons.

Other questions were raised about the vacant space in the center. Forster informed the group that his team is negotiating with several prospective tenants that would move into some of the space vacated by the former Good Guys, and Tower Records locations. He also added that the mall has inked a deal with the Trader Joe's specialty food group for a store that is expected to open later in the Fall of 2008.

The redevelopment project is expected to take the better part of the next 2-3 years, starting with the Environmental Impact Report over the next 12-15 months, followed by a year for design work. Forster and GGP expects the construction to start sometime in 2010. For those interested in the project, GGP will be developing a website over the next 1-2 months.

## On the Other Hand

### Prop. G's False Promises

#### Lennar's \$3.3 Million Chump-Change Financing May Yield Itself Billions

by Patrick Monette-Shaw

**Question:** What do you get when you stir into the soup \$3.3 million in various campaign financing by the powerful Lennar Corporation; mix in two nephews of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi; and season the mix with Newsom's "dream team" of political advisors?

**Answer:** You get Proposition G, boiled and bubbled onto the June 3 municipal ballot. Might you find potential conflicts of interest ladled into the mix?

#### Staff Admits Why Prop G Is on the Ballot

Michael Cohen employed in the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, has noted Prop G is on the ballot because "The only legal reason we are going to the voters is Monster Park."

If Prop G were only about overturning voters' previously-approved financing of a new stadium at Monster Park, the City could have sponsored such pared down legislation by placing it on the ballot without a signature petition drive, and without selling out Bayview Hunters Point in a lucrative deal for Lennar.

The real reasons behind Prop G is to authorize a swap of state park lands for new "parks" that will be flexed between "green" stadium parking surfaces for stadium events and also serve as "public playing fields" at other times. Will these new "parks" be constructed of green "Astroturf" that can flex to accommodate both parking and public soccer fields?

Why would Lennar report campaign spending of \$3.3 million on what is not a legally-binding agreement, but is instead a non-binding redevelopment measure — unless Lennar stood to gain a substantial return on its campaign financing investments? Prop G is obviously not just about Monster Park.

#### Follow the Yellow-Brick-Road Money

If the phrase "follow the money" ever applied to ballot measures, the \$3.3 million Lennar has reported through May 22 to convince voters to defeat this June's Prop F and to pass Prop G should be of great interest.

Lennar, with the backing of Newsom's political dream team, spent \$52,000 to gather enough signatures to place Prop G on the June ballot (at \$4. per signature). The SF Examiner, along with other major media outlets, has obscured the fact that Prop G got on the ballot at the last minute through a signature campaign—likely the largest amount ever spent to gather signatures to place a measure on any SF ballot. Greasing the wheels by spending \$52,000 to place a measure before voters worth billions is chump change to Lennar.

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## PHYLLIS' FINDINGS

By Phyllis Sherman

The story of the 55,000 dead in the Chinese earthquake is sickening. There are five million homeless people, most of them poor laborers who represent the muscle behind China's economic boom. Most of them come from poor remote villages and spend months or years separated from their children, who are often left behind in the care of their grandparents or other relatives. It was China's biggest quake in 3 decades and the work-site was full of laborers from Sichuan province...the construction site in suburban Beijing came to a standstill. The sad story continues that the male/female ratio in the home village is three-quarters men.They say women find it easier to get jobs in the city and this is a serious problem all across rural China, and it leaves men of a marrying age with very few options alone and frequently destitute.

In a moment of unusual levity, the story was recounted of a man in a village who last year took the step of actually buying a bride, because of the women shortage. He paid almost \$3,000, a huge sum, representing a half-decade of farm income...only to have his wife run away with the money soon after.

All of China has offered to adopt the many homeless children but there are many problems in



connection with this and there are also numerous offers of adoption from Americans but this is an even more insurmountable problem. Apparently, China refuses to allow American adoptions if the American is single, or obese or has any emotional problems. And because of the prevalence of the one-child rule in China, and the abortion of female fetuses, there are only boys available..but that's another story.

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I was happy to hear that the 400+ Polygamous children in Texas are being sent home. Something is wrong with a state that would separate young children from their parents...especially since there's scant evidence of wrong doing. According to one of the Mothers, when asked why she's willing to allow her husband to have several wives...she responded that "there's a shortage of men!" .Makes sense to me!

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And did you hear about that lost parrot in Japan that was taken to a vet and was able to recite his name and address so he could go home ...and in the interim, he sang songs to amuse his finders.

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ON THE ENTERTAINMENT FRONT: Alfred Hitchcock (who died in 1980) once said. "For me the cinema is not a slice of life, but a piece of cake." Occasionally I hear someone say that they rarely (if ever) go to the movies.. I believe there's something missing in their lives but they don't know it. It reminds me of the people who say, usually with an air of superiority or snobbishness."I never watch television!"

I usually try to check reviews before I'll see a film

myself and there were 2 excellent movies at the Stonestown Cinema recently. "FLAWLESS" is a hilarious French comedy which is currently at the Opera Plaza and "YOUNG AT HEART", an uplifting story about a group of singing seniors who perform in shows around the world is now playing at the Four Star Theater. Both worth a visit.

Theater-wise, try to get to the SF Playhouse for "BUG"...Read Annette Lust's column which will fill you in on this delightful play. "NO CHILD" at the Berkeley Rep has been held over...this one woman show is written and performed by Nilaja Sun and opened to enormous acclaim. A drama entitled "THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF GEORGE W. BUSH AND RICHARD B.CHENEY" had a short 3 weekend run but was fascinating. The audience was the Congress and we watched transfixed as the apparently incontrovertible evidence of Bush and Cheney's guilt piles up from witness after impassioned witness.The excellent actors played Bush, Cheney, George Tenet, Rumsfeld, Valerie Plame, Nancy Pelosi, and the rest of the ignominious crowd... intriguing theater.. Hopefully, it will play far and wide. On July 11th, "TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE" begins its run at ACT. This should be a knockout production!

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John’s Ocean Beach (Cont. from p. 1)

requirements before it can continue. It will adversely affect our community,” she said.

The variances in parking and rear yard requirements are unprecedented in the neighborhood, which is in an NC2 Small Scale Commercial zone. NC2 would allow for 43 units, not the 56 units developers seek, which is appropriate for a NC3 Moderate Scale Commercial zone.

Under the code, the rear yard requirements in NC2 is 8500 sq ft. for a development of this size, this project has none. The NC2 code would allow 3999 sq ft of non-residential use, project developers seek 23,000 sq ft of commercial space. “Introducing density of this size in a small residential community undermines the character of the neighborhood,” she said.

Developers fails to meet the minimum parking requirements for the project by 19 spaces. 19 spaces equates to the entire block of 46th Ave. between Vicente and Wawona St. Parking is already at a premium due to the visitors at the Zoo and Irish Cultural

Center several residents testified.

The new project will demand 274 parking spaces, by staff estimates. The plan provides for 93. a deficit of 181 parking spaces. Other neighbors spoke about the problems that already exist in the residential area, especially on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Other neighbors objected to the 5 stories, unlike any other building in the area, as inappropriate for the neighborhood.

Joel Schechter of Wawona St. request a full Environmental Impact Review, stating that the Negative Declaration is inadequate and insufficient. He said the erosion of the parking lot at Sloat and Great Highway, could greatly affect the parking crisis as the erosion continues, another major parking lot could be lost.

Marianne Miller of SPEAK, said that the Neg Dec needs more information, especially in the areas of visual quality, shadowing and massiveness which is out of scale. She complained that there was no comparison of the two-story height, compared to the five-story height and added that shadowing analysis should be simple to do.

Michael Jason, another neighbor said there is

“nothing else this high is out there.” He also complained that the MUNI does not serve the community in the area very well, so people depend on automobiles.

Several Commissioners were interested in alternatives as far as lower density and different configurations thought that a full EIR process would be helpful.

Newest Commissioner Miguel cited the unusual area, the presence of a major public entity, and that it is a large project by itself, in a small density area as well as the presence of the beach could call for an Expanded EIR.

Commissioner Antonini expressed concerns about the height, density and design. His motion to continue the item indefinitely to consider parking and traffic, as well as other alternatives and other concerns was unanimously accepted by the Planning Commission.

The EIR process, something that would take many months to complete, means that John’s Ocean Beach Cafe may be around for a while longer.

Lennar’s Prop B (Cont. from p.3)

Compare Lennar’s efforts to Prop F’s. The glut of deceptive Yes on G mailers hitting our mailboxes falsely assert that Supervisor Daly single-handedly put Prop F on the ballot. But that ignores the fact that it was community activists in the Bayview who initiated Prop. F by collecting the first 6,000 of the 11,000 signatures. Daly merely partnered with Bayview community activists, the same way that Newsom “partnered with” Lennar.

Lennar has paid \$106,000 to David Binder Research to conduct poll after poll, and focus groups, to gauge public opinion about Prop G.

Despite all the claims, there is nothing in the text of Prop G that guarantees any precise percentage of housing that will be designated as “affordable.” Lennar, under the non-binding Prop G, may end up building only market-rate housing in the “redevelopment” scheme.

The 750 acres affected by Prop G is likely valued at \$1 million per acre minimum, or \$750 million. But many of the acres along the waterfront are valued at much more, and the 750 acres — which Lennar will acquire free and clear if Prop G passes — are estimated to be worth several billion dollars.

San Francisco’s Two Costliest Ballot Measures

The highest amount spent on a ballot measure in SF’s history prior to Prop G is the \$2.7 million spearheaded by PG&E in the 2002 election cycle to defeat Prop D, a Charter amendment that would have made the PUC the primary provider of electric power to SF residents. Prop D was opposed by Supervisor Gavin Newsom, who is ever deep in PG&E’s back pocket.

Now, Newsom and his political allies are backing the Prop G transfer of City property to a private developer. According to disclosure statements on the Ethics

Commission’s web site, Lennar Homes of California, as an independent expenditure committee, has financed \$3.3 million to pass Prop G (\$2.26 million in independent expenditures) and to defeat Prop F (\$997 thousand between independent expenditures and non-monetary contributions), including a \$52,500 monetary contribution to the SF Democratic County Central Committee.

On May 20, Lennar filed a late Independent Expenditure Committee report suddenly announcing another \$186,150 in spending for Prop G, and a second late contribution of \$89,534 on behalf of the “Committee for Real Solutions for Housing – A Committee Opposed to Proposition F” and on May 22 filed additional disclosure statements bringing Lennar’s total spending to at least \$3.3 million. It is unknown how much more Lennar will spend between May 23 and June 3rd.

Campaign Finance Binge & an Incestuous Web

Carmen Policy, former president of the San Francisco 49er’s, has been paid \$40,915 in an effort to lure the 49er’s back to San Francisco. Fat chance.

Johnnie L. Carter, received \$26,896 to enlist support among black SF voters. He’s not the only African American working against the interests of Bayview residents, since five black ministers have been reported to have cut development deals with Lennar and A. Philip Randolph Institute has received funding from Lennar, too.

“Social justice” lawyer Roberta Achtenberg, a former SF supervisor has been paid \$20,569 by Lennar. Not uncoincidentally, her unsuccessful bid for SF mayor in 1995 was run by then newbie Eric Jaye, now Gavin Newsom’s chief political strategist.

But these three (Policy, Carter, and Achtenberg) are small fry among recipients of Lennar’s largesse. Four law firms have raked in \$343,138 for legal services.

At least \$1.1 million has been spent by Lennar on TV ads, e-mail and voice messaging, and print campaign materials, excluding another \$173,094 spent by subcontractors on the TV and print media ad campaign.

Add to that \$767,607 spent through May 22 on so-called “consulting services.” Feeding at the trough of Lennar’s spending is Newsom’s “dream team” consultants.

Jim Stearns, of Stearns Consulting, has received \$91,374 from Lennar, and another \$130,799 to Stearns’ firm for database creation, web site development, and campaign materials. Lennar has paid Eric Jaye’s political consulting firm, Storefront Political Media, \$152,767. Storefront Political Media received an additional \$492,949 for various subcontractors related to the \$1.1 million in television ads, e-mail and voice messaging, and campaign materials.

Doctor of all spin-doctors, Sam Singer, of Singer Associates, has also been paid \$108,597 by Lennar’s independent expenditure committee.

Another political consulting firm Terris, Barnes & Walters — has been paid \$176,733 by Lennar to provide even more consulting services, receiving an additional \$440,629 for various subcontractors related to the \$1.1 million in television ads, e-mail and voice messaging, and campaign materials.

Finally, Lennar has paid Mayor Newsom’s former Deputy Chief of Staff, Alex Tourk, \$83,366 in consulting fees for Tourk’s new start-up company, Ground Floor Public Affairs. Tourk’s group has also been paid another \$210,156 for various subcontractors.

As Sarah Phelan noted in “The corporation that ate San Francisco” (SF Bay Guardian, 5/12/07), the “incestuous web of political connections” involved in the

project range from Redevelopment Agency commissioners appointed by Newsom and his predecessor Willie Brown, to the nephews of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi: Newsom, Pelosi’s nephew by marriage, and, Laurence Pelosi, who used to be VP of acquisitions for Lennar and now works for Morgan Stanley Real Estate, which holds Lennar stock. Laurence Pelosi also used to be Newsom’s campaign treasurer.

Phelan noted both Newsom and Laurence Pelosi are connected to lobbyist Darius Anderson, who hosted a fundraiser to pay off Newsom’s campaign debts. Phelan reported in April 2007 that former mayor Willie Brown’s head of economic development was then Lennar Urban’s president Kofi Bonner, who while working “for the Redevelopment Agency recommended hiring KPMG Peat Marwick to choose between Catellus, Lennar, and Forest City for the Hunters Point project.” Redevelopment Commissioners ignored the consultant’s advice and awarded project to Lennar.

Labor’s Divided Endorsements

The San Francisco Labor Council announced on May 16 that it struck a deal with Lennar Urban to guarantee that 3,500 affordable homes will be constructed in the Hunters Point Shipyard – Candlestick Point areas, and throughout District 10. In addition Lennar agreed to commit \$27.3 million for “hundreds” more affordable homes throughout District 10; it is not yet known whether the additional hundreds of units will be placed off-site from the Bayview area, away from the gentrified upscale market-rate condo’s planned for Parcel A.

Remarkably, on May 20th, the Labor Council’s Executive Director, Tim Paulson said the new deal’s exact terms are still “being lawyered up,” just 14 days before the June 3 election.

Even more remarkably, the City Star reported May 21 that “in an emotional address,” Newsom claimed the new agreement with the Labor Council will make Lennar “legally bound to build what’s right,” despite the fact that Prop G is not a legally-binding agreement, it’s a non-binding redevelopment measure. But voters are not voting on a separate last-minute deal between the Labor Council and Lennar, which deal appears to still be being written. Voters are voting on the legal text of Prop G, and there is no language in Prop G specifying a precise percentage that will be dedicated to affordable homes. Lennar may eventually renege on its “deal” with Labor, just as they reneged on plans to build rental units on Parcel A.

Lennar’s Expected Lucrative Sales

Although the development plan for Parcel A had initially promised low-income rental units, Lennar single-handedly changed the composition of the first 1,600 units to be built. The first 1,600 will all be at market-rate—no low-income rental units.

These 1,600 units are expected to each sell for the SF median price of \$836,000, in 2008 dollars. Lennar stands to sell \$1.38 billion in homes and condos on Parcel A, with a commitment to build zero affordable housing or rental units among the first 1,600 units.

The text of Prop G waffles, vaguely claiming “between about 8,500 and 10,000 residential housing units” will be built, but Prop G doesn’t stipulate what percentage will be “affordable.”

An analysis prepared by the brokerage firm CB Richard Ellis (CBRE) for Newsom claims that 25 % of the planned 9,500 units will be affordable. Presumably

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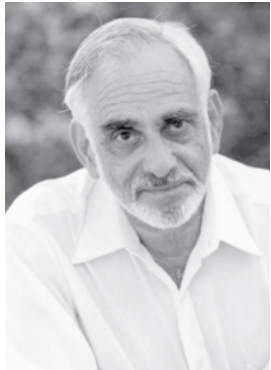
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## ON THE PLUS SIDE

### SOME OF US ARE TALLER THAN OTHERS

by Hank Basayne



It had been a delightful lunch—nothing fancy—just good company, lots of laughter, an interesting exchange of ideas, cheerful surroundings.

A bright day, there was no hint of near doom. After the warm good-byes, I waited on the curb for a green traffic light, then started to cross the street.

Halfway across, an over-large vehicle ran a red light and barreled across the intersection, coming very fast, bearing down on me. In that nanosecond the tangled threads of my mind included disbelief (this can't be happening to me), a sense of terror that this was it—the end of all my joys and sorrows, my plans and projects, as well as a flash of rage at the 30-something woman who was driving so recklessly.

Fortunately, my body didn't wait for my mind to decide what to do.

By itself, it executed a combination of lurch, leap and stumble that carried me past the SUV with barely any daylight between us.

Now if the names of C. Aubrey Smith, Sauter-Finnegan, Ernie Kovacks, or Joe Penner mean anything to you, then you, too, are in the Third Act of your life. (If they don't, you could surf the net or call your local library.) If you're like me, during the past few years you've had an occasional desire to simplify your life. Once in a while you've considered what—if anything—your years add up to, and you've been conscious of an urge toward tranquility.

We've all met "old souls", people who seem to know things they haven't been taught. Meeting such a person who exudes that mysterious wisdom, I sense that they see the larger picture. They operate from some marvelous combination of patience, tolerance, forgiveness, humility and compassion. The Dalai Lama says that Old Souls" abound with intuition. When I encounter someone like that I am awestruck and reminded once again that I have not yet achieved the level of growth and understanding that I hope for and that may be possible for me.

I suspect that the growth of our awareness and mental maturity is something like this: our consciousness is an apartment building. We can only see down. People on the fourth floor surely know that that others live below on the second and third floors. But the people on the third can't possibly see the fourth, and

those on the second may not know that the fourth even exists.

It seems almost obvious to say that we don't all grow at the same rate, but in day-to-day living, we often forget the obvious.

There are different perceptions of possibility, different kinds of intuition. Intuition is not about reasoning or emotion or sensing physical reality; it's what enables us to see beyond the facts of a situation. Sometimes it's a leap out of the dark in a sudden flash of understanding. Other times it's a slow dawning, a gradual coming together of notions we've had, possibly in daydreams, doing some repetitious task, or at the moment of falling asleep. We don't always credit it, but we've all had "hunches", hints of what's possible.

I've slowly learned that we don't all evolve at the same pace. Some of us amble, some of us gallop, some don't seem to have much forward motion at all. When I'm unsure of myself and my ego is tender, it's hard for me to forgive. When I'm angry or fearful, tolerance is out of my grasp. But intuitively I know that the harmony I seek lies in the direction of exercising whatever compassion I can muster.

In that awful near-death moment, with a speeding car coming straight at me—with real doubt about whether I would survive—compassion was not available to me. But when the shaking subsided and I had made it across the intersection safely, somehow still alive, I did remember that we don't all evolve at the same rate.

I don't know what the young woman who was driving was thinking about, why her mission was so urgent that she ran that red light and put my life at risk. But I know that I am no longer ever in such a hurry. It's senseless for me to stay angry when I remember that the person triggering my fury simply is still stuck on the second floor and can't possibly see the view from the floors above where I live.



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## EDUCATION & OTHER GOOD STUFF by Carol Kocivar

The headline on the billboard: "Your future is in Our Classroom."

Quite the story: The billboard is in San Diego. The classroom is in Fort Worth, Texas.

It's on the radio. It's in the newspapers. Other states are offering signing bonuses to California teachers who are being laid off. Yes. That's right. Signing bonuses.

Because of the budget crisis, thousands of teachers have been notified they may not have jobs next year and the human resource departments in other states have their eyes on them.

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It's not as if we don't know we have a teacher shortage. Studies indicate that about a third of California teachers are nearing retirement and that the state will need about 100,000 additional teachers within the next decade.

Hmm. Let's see. Don't give our schools enough money. Lay off teachers.

Let's do the math. It's really quite a simple equation:

Combine low salaries and cuts in support for education in the state budget and the Future of Our Teachers may indeed be in Texas or Nevada or Hawaii.

According to "Getting Down to Facts" ---the largest independent investigation ever of how California governs and funds public education:

"After adjusting for salary differences across states, Texas spends approximately 12 percent more than California; Florida, approximately 18 percent more; New York, approximately 75 percent more, and the rest of the country, approximately 30 percent more, on average..."\*


When the school doors close for summer vacation, let's make sure they do not slam shut on the future of some great teachers who are enticed away from the Golden State so they can make a down payment on a house or maybe even just buy a car.

Please continue to let your elected officials know that our children need more resources right now to have the best chance in school and the best chance in life.

It really is up to us to make sure our elected officials make the right decision for our schools and our children and the future of California.

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Lennar’s Prop B (Cont. from p.4)

the remaining 7,100 units will be sold at market rate of \$836,000 per home, \$5.94 billion.  
But Newsom’s office has not revealed that CBRE has been a partner financing many of Lennar’s deals around the country.

Elsewhere it has been reported that Lennar has entered into a deal with Scala Real Estate to potentially build 17,000 units of housing on the Bayview-Hunters Point sites, not the nebulous 8,500 to 10,000 housing units the legal text of Prop G claims will be built. If 17,000 units will be crammed into the Bayview in a Lennar/Scala financing deal, and assuming 25% will be “affordable,” 12,750 units could conceivably be sold at market rates. At the current median sales price, Lennar and its partner Scala, potentially stand to earn \$10.659 billion in market-rate sales.

Will Lennar Ever Clean Up the Shipyard?

Prop G’s tag line is “Clean Up the Shipyard.” But language in the legal text regarding clean up and remediation of the toxic Superfund site is limited to a single phrase in the “Policies” section stating the project’s clean up should be “fiscally prudent,” and “to the extent feasible, use state and federal funds to pay for environmental remediation on the Project site.” “Fiscally prudent” and “to the extent feasible” are buzz words; Prop G contains no guarantees that full remediation of the toxic Superfund site will ever occur to clean up the Shipyard to residential standards.

The shipyard remains on the National Priorities List, a list of the most polluted facilities in the nation, and is the only federal Superfund site in the City.

As Dr. Ahimsa Porter Sumchai, a medical doctor, noted in a presentation to UCSF medical students in February 2008 titled “Black Flight” (regarding the flight of African Americans from San Francisco), a 1995 study documented that the heavily polluted Bayview Hunters Point community had hospitalizations for chronic illnesses four times higher than the state average. This is due, in part, to the fact that although the district has less than 4% of the City’s residents, it has one third of the City’s hazardous waste sites, containing four times as many toxins as other City neighborhoods. The 1995 study documented that hospitalization rates for asthma, congestive heart failure, hypertension, diabetes, and emphysema were 138 cases per 10,000 in the Bayview, compared to the statewide average of 38 cases per 10,000, even after earlier SF Public Health studies had identified excessive rates of breast cancer, leukemia’s, childhood cancers, and cardio-respiratory diseases in the Bayview Hunters point areas. The incidence of infant mortality and birth defects in the Bayview also exceed citywide averages.

Handing Tax Increment Funds to the Redevelopment Agency

Dr. Sumchai also notes in “Black Flight” that tax increment financing (which Prop G is premised on), will directly impact San Francisco’s municipal budget by diverting City revenues to the Redevelopment Agency. The part of tax increments that would otherwise go into the City’s General Fund (averaging 12%), will be lost and can only be used by the Redevelopment Agency. Therefore, money to build malls and hotels will be permitted, but no new financing for basic City services, such as police, firefighters, nurses, or librarians, will be generated. Sumchai rightfully notes that cities cannot use redevelopment money to pay for salaries, public safety or maintenance, by far the largest share of municipal budgets.

Jeopardizing a State Park ... for a Promise of “Green Science and Technology”

There are serious environmental concerns regarding promises in Prop G that new parks will be built on other parcels in the Bayview in a land-swap for a state park that will be rebuilt to contain luxury condos. A major restoration effort to preserve the Yosemite Slough would be destroyed by trading parcels for replacement parks that don’t provide adequate habitat, particularly if Lennar’s plan to build a bridge over the Yosemite Slough proceeds.

There’s a reason that the Sierra Club and the SF League of Conservation Voters took out paid arguments in the voter guide against Prop G, it is a deceptively bad deal for the City’s Southeast parks and the environment, since it will place a nine-lane, \$60 million bridge over the Slough that will endanger a bird nesting restoration area that has taken years to plan, and \$11 million to create.

While Lennar’s recent mailers claim Prop F contains false promises, it may be Prop G itself that is riddled with false promises. Don’t be fooled: Six City supervisors, including Mirkarimi, Ammiano, McGoldrick, Sandoval, and Peskin, along with Supervisor Daly, have not endorsed Prop G. As prominent African American activist Espanola Jackson has noted: “I know a scam when I see one. Don’t buy their lies. Vote No on G!”

WOTPCC (Cont. From P. 2)

June 23 WOTPCC Annual Meeting.

The concept of “family” was a hot topic as Karen Breslin and Dan Liberthson briefed the attendees on an issue that was heard by the Planning Commission Board of Appeals and denied. The issue focuses on the number of inhabitants a house can legally have under the RH1 zoning ordinance. It seems that the ordinance is being bypassed by a building owner who is renting to 5 or six tenants in a single family neighborhood, by convincing the Board of Appeals that the six people are living in a “family-like” arrangement even though each has a room with a separate lock and separate keys. An interpretation by the SF City Attorney in 1996 appears to open the door to “no limit” on the number of people that can inhabit a single family dwelling if they fit the definition of “family” by “purchasing their food and preparing and consuming their food in a collective manner”. Supervisor Elsbernd commented that trying to define “family” is a “third rail” in most large cities, much less San Francisco. Following the discussion a motion was passed and seconded by the council to have a letter sent to the Board Of Appeals protesting the action of the denial of the RH1 appeal regarding the structure at 166 Incline. Council President Denise LaPointe will undertake the writing of the letter.

Another letter will be drafted following discussion, to Muni and the MTA based on their proposal to discontinue the service of the 36 Tercita and 66 Quintara lines. Liberthson led the discussion of how this action will isolate several neighborhoods and cause an extreme hardship to seniors and others who depend on the Muni route to travel downtown. Following the discussion, a resolution was read, a motion made and seconded, and voted on unanimously to have it detailed and sent downtown.

Other discussions during the lengthy meeting centered on a motion to send a letter to the SF Rec and Park Commission asking them to prioritize the monies needed to remove the hazardous trees within Stern Grove like the one that resulted in the tragic death of Kathleen Bolton (passed unanimously); a discussion about the need for a Public Ratepayer Advocate Process on the SF PUC, led by Joan Girardot; and a discussion of the large number of development projects, including the Disney Museum and the Fisher Art Collection Museum that are being planned for the Presidio. This discussion, brought to the group by Carola Shepard of the Pacific Heights Residents Association, involved trying to sort out the mandate of the National Parks Service, the Presidio Trust, and the control and intent that the various governmental groups have over our own unique urban park. As space permits the Observer will cover these stories with more in-depth coverage in upcoming editions.

As the meeting adjourned this writer was struck by the continued power of individual citizens who get involved when they believe that our elected officials and appointed commissions are not representing the best interests of the majority of the citizenry. Democracy in action. Win or lose, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson would be proud.

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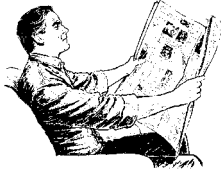
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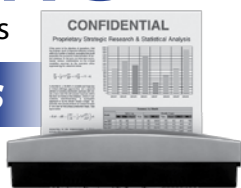
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05/16/08 | 8:57 pm | 31st Avenue and Quintara  
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Breaking News!

The Taraval Station Officers Wrote 1,071 Moving Traffic Citations in the Month of April, the second straight month where the officers have led all ten district stations in traffic enforcement. Congratulations to the officers. The safety of the people we serve is important to us.

Neighborhood Team Just Arrested Strongarm Robbers after Street Robberies on Ocean Avenue and on Plymouth at Holloway

Breaking News at 4:10PM On Tuesday, May 20, 2008--Three teenage victims were in McDonald's restaurant eating food when they were approached by three suspects, all very large, in fact one being 440 pounds. The three suspects hovered over the victims intimidating them, and went through their pockets taking their money, debit card and muni fast passes. The suspects then fled the restaurant in a vehicle. Officers Nelson Yu and Kevin Wong responded to the crime scene along with Sgt. Robert Padrones. Sgt. Padrones obtained a detailed description of the suspects and broadcast the information over the police radio. Shortly thereafter Officers Duane Elzey, Gregg Gotelli and Gregory Pak, members of the elite Taraval Neighborhood Enforcement Team were on patrol at Plymouth and Grafton when they heard the descriptions broadcast by Sgt. Padrones. At the same time they observed a young juvenile running on Plymouth with another person running away from him and jumping into a car. The officers knew something was amiss and followed the fleeing vehicle to 1090 Plymouth where the vehicle stopped. The officers approached and found three suspects in the vehicle, all matching the description of the robbers from McDonald's. They also made contact with the juvenile who stated that the man running to the vehicle had just robbed him by pushing him against a nearby wall and taking his Ipod. The officers conducted an investigation and determined that the three suspects were the robbers from McDonald's. The victims all identified the three suspects and property from the victims was



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found in possession of the suspects. The suspects, who live on the 2600 block of Folsom and the 100 block of Jules, were arrested on multiple counts of robbery and conspiracy. Case #080529569

This was outstanding police work that removed three predators from the streets.

Neighborhood Team Officers Execute Search Warrant At Notorious Address in the Oceanview-Merced-Ingleside Neighborhood And Arrest Four Suspects

05/21/08 | 8:54 pm | 100 block of Sadowa  
Due to numerous complaints of drug use and trafficking at an address on Sadowa, Taraval officers prepared and executed a search warrant at the premise. Sgt. Robert Padrones, and Officers Juan Gala, Duane Elzey, Gregg Gotelli, Gregory Pak, Justin Erb, Antonio Cacatian, Buddy Siguido, Tri Hoang, Amanda Cordoba, Aaron Lozada, Richard Soares and Darren Wong attempted to gain entry to the premises but entry was denied. They then used a battering ram to gain entry and searched the residence. A large quantity of suspected cocaine, packaging material and paraphernalia was located. Four suspects, who live on Sadowa and in San Jose, were arrested for narcotics, paraphernalia, parole violations, probation violations and a theft warrant. Case #080534869

Suspect detained, found in possession of a significant amount of methamphetamine

05/21/08 | 2:27 pm | 4200 block of Lincoln  
Captain Paul Chignell and Sgt. Steve Quon were on Lincoln Way observing a notorious house. The officers were waiting to see if the resident would emerge as he was wanted on a domestic violence case. When the suspect left his residence and got into his vehicle Chignell and Quon detained him and found the suspect in possession of a significant amount of methamphetamine. They arrested him for the domestic violence case and the narcotics. Chignell and Quon then requested that Officer Scott Biggs prepare a search warrant for the residence and asked Officers Ron Meyer, Justin Quintero and Saqib Aslam to "freeze" the residence until the search warrant was signed by a Judge. Sgt. Robert Padrones, his Taraval Neighborhood Team officers, and Officer Biggs then executed the search warrant and found a grenade, a tomahawk, a bullet proof vest and suspected heroin. Additional charges were placed on the suspect. Case #080533463

Free Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Course Begins June 9

Participants Will Learn How Proper Diet Can Help Them Prevent and Survive Cancer  
The Cancer Project, a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research, is offering a FREE, four-session cooking course designed to help San Francisco residents prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition.

"The single easiest and best thing most of us can do to prevent cancer or its recurrence is to eat right," says Jennifer Reilly, R.D., a senior nutritionist for The Cancer Project. "More than a third of all cancer deaths in this country are due to poor diet."

The Rx for better health? It's a low-fat vegetarian diet. Load up on fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, Reilly says; they're naturally low in fat, chock-full of fiber, and filled with cancer-fighting antioxidants and phytochemicals.

Cut down on fatty foods and added fats and oils, particularly saturated fats, which have been linked to an increased risk of breast, colon, and prostate cancer. Likewise, look for healthy substitutes for dairy products such as milk, cheese, and yogurt, which have been implicated in the occurrence of breast and colorectal cancers.

The challenge, Reilly acknowledges, is not only to teach people which foods are good for them, but also to show them how to make the foods taste good.

Each class centers on important cancer-nutrition topics as local cooking instructor Kristin Doyle guides students through the preparation of tasty and easy-to-prepare recipes.

The class lineup is as follows:

- June 9, 6 to 8 p.m., Favoring Fiber
- June 16, 6 to 8 p.m., Discovering Dairy Alternatives
- June 23, 6 to 8 p.m., Replacing Meat
- June 30, 6 to 8 p.m., Antioxidants and Phytochemicals

For more information about Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Classes, visit [www.CancerProject.org](http://www.CancerProject.org) or call 202-244-5038.

The Cancer Project is a nonprofit collaborative effort of physicians, researchers, and nutritionists who have joined together to educate the public about the benefits of a healthy diet for cancer prevention and survival. Based in Washington, D.C., The Cancer Project is an independently incorporated affiliate of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

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A Walk Through Chinatown

By Marjorie Leet Ford



Once upon a time, the upstairs apartments in Chinatown had no doors – just curtains – so the kids ran freely from one to another, like a family with a hundred members. The two lower stories were for men only. Each floor had 100 bachelors – and one bathroom, one kitchen. I was told this story by a man who grew up in one of the apartments. In the 1920s and ‘30s his father was a butler, his mother a maid, and like all Chinese they were only allowed to leave Chinatown when they were going to a job. As a boy, this man dared to cross Columbus Avenue into North Beach, and he was beaten up. Later he rose to the top of a Fortune 500 company, and he now lives in a big house in Seacliff. He likes to tell of the four principles that have made it possible for so many to make way in their new world: respect, family, education, and a surprising one – “swallow your anger.”

It was hard not to be mad. Chinese children weren’t allowed to go to the public schools. Lots of families earned their living by shrimp fishing, so shrimp fishing was outlawed. When the 1906 earthquake burned Chinatown to the ground, San Franciscans wanted to grab the location – moving the Chinese to a spot far

south. But lots of these infuriating stories have happy endings, and they didn’t come about by explosions of fury. On weekdays Christian women turned their churches into schoolhouses and taught for free. After the earthquake the mayor of Shanghai wrote that if the Chinese were moved from Chinatown, Shanghai would discontinue trade. So the Chinese stayed – and rebuilt a small world of bright-painted buildings, pagoda style roofs, decorated balconies and hanging lanterns. Tourists came, with money.

As a docent for the Chinese Culture Center, I lead groups of school children, diplomats, retirees and professors up the hills and down the alleys. – Did you know there are tunnels under the alleys, where sheep, cows, pigs and chickens used to be kept? – If you guessed that, you’d get a pretend gold star, blown like an air kiss. There are tiny mirrors mounted on walls, so evil spirits will bounce off. These mirrors are hard to spot, and every time find one, you get a star. There are plaques over doors saying Eng Family Association, Wong, Lim or Toy Family Association. Spotting one of these gets you another star. It restores my belief in innocence to see how some kids relish their imaginary stars. “I have fourteen.” “I have seventeen!” A few guess (or know) why the pagoda style roofs swoop up. (So the evil spirits will flip off.) One girl had an answer that got her three stars. She raised her hand and said, bashfully, “Because it’s beautiful. Evil spirits don’t like beautiful.”

In Chinatown I am known as Auntie Marjorie. If I were a man, kids would call me Uncle Ford. These titles are part of the first principle inculcated into Chinatown’s children: respect. The family associations are headquarters for the second principle that keeps the people strong – loyalty to family. I imagine these Family Association buildings are packed with hundred dollar bills. For more than a century members of the Eng and Wong families have given their associations money each month – to pay for medical care, help for the elderly, funerals, and scholarships. (Principle Number Three: education.)

It’s great to lope up the hills ahead of hoards who



huff and puff (“How can you stand it?”) But on the steep stairs up to the Tin How Temple, about 70 stairs, I let the others lead the way, so I can huff and puff in private. Sometimes a woman named Susan, who speaks English, tells of how incense is lit as a signal to God, how and where to kneel and pray, how to burn offerings in the fireplace, and even how to tell your own fortune by tossing a big cup of bamboo sticks.

The curious come by bus from all over the state – and by plane from Singapore, Baltimore, even Harvard – to see what there is to see: the fortune cookie factory, the music store, the markets where you can buy live frogs, turtles, fish, roosters and many birds; the world’s coolest playground, examples of China’s ancient art of puppetry, the barber who plays the erhu (a violin-like instrument); and the religious stores where you can buy gifts – everything from a tuxedo to a Mercedes Benz to a sixpack of beer, all made of paper – to burn for a loved one who’s died. (The Mercedes goes up in smoke, and your dear one can drive it around heaven.) You might want to look into the Heritage Walks offered by the Chinese Culture Center: 415-986-1822.

Quentin Kopp (Cont. from p. 1)

users raises serious questions.” (Emphasis added.) That’s the predicate for launching a diatribe urging that so long as “shooting continues to be the focus of the club’s program, only the rowing facility is even remotely likely to be compatible with it.” They exclaim that “safety around live shooting is a concern no one seems to be talking about” and invoke the imaginary allusion of a “small child enjoying the nature center” and being “accidentally shot.” Also highlighted are alleged issues of noise, residual impact from lead and broken clay targets that impact the birds and wildlife. . .” Use of inflammatory language by self-appointed experts about Lake Merced constitutes evidence of their true ambition and enterprise.

As a 35-year neighbor of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club and as an honorary member, I reject the fallacies of people who are not neighbors, who do not utilize Club premises, who probably do not use Harding Golf Course and have never fished in Lake Merced and who are not competent witnesses in any legal sense, but instead rely upon hearsay and speculation. These destroyers of the Club might turn their attention to the history of San Francisco Police Department youth fishing programs. Why don’t these critics of the Club restart one with all of their institutional resources and the tax and rate payer moneys of the Public Utilities Commission? Next, why don’t they resuscitate the boat rental operation which existed for more than 50 years at Lake Merced, an operation used by all three of my children during the 1960’s and 1970’s. If critics actually live near the Rod and Gun Club, they know that any noise from recreational skeet shooting is de minimus . I hear it occasionally; it is more than bearable. In fact, it signifies recreation and instruction to youth on the safe, proper operation of a weapon. In 35 years of membership in the Lakeshore Acres Improvement Club, I’ve heard no complaint about the Rod and Gun Club. To the contrary, Club members devote time and attention voluntarily to teaching young people (and adults) safe, proper skeet shooting. Its membership, which hasn’t just been “generous in allowing occasional use of the property by others”

(as attested by the “task force” members), has affirmatively opened the Club leasehold for regular use by others, including the marvelous barbeque and dining room facility. It’s a club which has, as a San Francisco Examiner reader observed in an April 28 letter, support from “preteen girls, disabled people, women, school teachers and others from all walks of life.”

And, if more evidence is needed then the hundreds of club supporters who appeared at an April “task force” public meeting, then the sinister intent of such “task force” aspiration to eradicate the club becomes more transparent. Contrary to the “task force” members who charge in The Chronicle that “things aren’t as simple as The Chronicle suggests”, thing are inescapably simple. Here’s the situation in a nutshell: The task force wants to cause closure of the Club and forfeiture of a relatively small portion of the 200-acre Lake Merced shoreline because task force members don’t like guns, even if used for recreational purposes.

As with most subtle and hidden attempts to change history and substitute heralded activity, vigilance to protect neighborhood history and the Club is required. Do not allow another San Francisco neighborhood tradition to be ruined by City Hall. The Rod and Gun Club today, the fly-casting pool and archery range in Golden Gate Park tomorrow.

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LADIES OF THE CAMELLIAS

San Francisco’s Off Broadway West Co, established in S.F. two years ago, presented award-winning playwright Lillian Groag’s European flavored farce, “Ladies of the Camellias” at the Phoenix Theatre in early May. It is inspired by La Dame aux Camelias by Alexandre Dumas Fils, adapted for the stage from his novel in 1852 and the subject of Verdi’s La Traviata in 1853, based on Dumas’ relationship with life long lover Marie Duplessis.

Under the guise of a “rollicking farce,” Groag’s play provides a glimpse of the 19th century behind the scenes theatre world and particularly that of the two greatest drama queens, the American idol Sarah Bernhardt and the great Italian actress Eleanora Duse in a make-believe confrontation over their very different interpretations of Dumas’ Dame aux Camelias performed by both actresses in Paris. A number of historical/literary references are made to Chekhov, d’ Annunzio, and other literary figures as these two “grandes dames” of the late 19th century face one another to play out their contrasting temperaments-Bernhardt living in an artistic dream world and the Duse reigning over the European stage from her Italian throne.

Beyond this confrontation of their histrionic temperaments, we are taken on a roller-coaster ride as a young Russian anarchist actor arrives to attempt to take the group as hostage in exchange for the freedom of one of his anarchist comrades.

Beyond being cleverly and elegantly directed by native San Franciscan Joyce Henderson, who makes good use of the intimate protruding Phoenix space (and also plays the role of an imposing Duse), the entire cast offers colorful characterizations of these theatrically eccentric characters. Barbara Michelson-Harder gracefully plays the temperamental Bernhardt; Richard Harder believably interprets the frustrated writer, Alexander Dumas, Fils; Graham Crowley as the elderly stage manager who flits about managing mostly the whims and eccentricities of the actors; Karen Anne Light is the ambitious young actress who disdains her role as servant; Vlad Sayenko plays the intense young anarchist, Randy Hurst and Nicholas Russell are the mannered male actors, and Chris Beale assumes the comic role of actor Benoit Constant Coquelin appearing as Cyrano de Bergerac.

Costumes (Hemihar) and scenic design (Ensemble,) with props and furniture kept to a minimum to gain playing space, evoke the rich ornamentation of the period.

Lilian Groag’s farcical French fantasy played by the Off Broadway West Theatre Company as a delightful light comedy is both entertaining and highly imaginative as this committed new company continues to present the best of actors, playwrights, and directors from the East and West coasts.

The Ladies plays through May 31 at the Phoenix Theattre. For information call 510-835-4205, reservations 800-838-3006 /visit [www.offbroadwaywest.org](http://www.offbroadwaywest.org)

BROOKLYN BOY

Pulitzer awardee Donald Margulies’ “Brooklyn Boy” at the Ross Valley Players delves into the cost of literary fame when it entails the renouncement of one’s faith and ethnicity. Here, after the Jewish author’s book achieves triumphal success that takes him to Hollywood to have his best seller filmed, receive big pay checks, experience glamour, and the admiration of a young female student, he remains indifferent to having become a star author. Rather he grows more and more troubled about his relationship with his dying father and his Jewish heritage that he feels he has been forced to abandon.

Attempting to portray this dramatic conflict within the main character, who remains introverted and unable to express his feelings overtly, is not an easy task. Matthew Lai as Eric Weiss rises to the

difficulty of expressing this dilemma physically and emotionally as best as he can.

Phoebe Moyer’s direction brings out this interior conflict in the introverted character of Eric through the use of several contrasting characters such as the outgoing typically Jewish Ira Zimmer (played by Timothy Beagley) and the exuberant Hollywood agent Melanie Fine (uproaringly played by Safiya Arnaout) along with young enthusiastic fan of the writer (Allison Porto-Yale), Eric’s wife Nina (Robin Steeves), and Tyler Shaw (Joseph Rende).

Sets by award-winning veteran Ross Valley set designer Ken Rowland are marvelously simple and practical, leaving considerable space for movement on the sparsely furnished stage.

Costume design by Michael Berg, that ranges from everyday modern to extravagant and exotic attire (Hollywood agent Melanie Fine), well suits each character.

In this thought provoking production, the challenge of expressing the inner struggle of the main character, that requires a special effort on the part of the director and actor to establish and exteriorize in order to communicate the play’s basic dramatic conflict, is taken up and well tackled by Moyer and Lai along with the rest of the cast and production crew.

“Brooklyn Boy “ runs through June 15. For information call 415-456-9555 or visit [www.rossvalley-players.com](http://www.rossvalley-players.com) Annette Lust

BUG

In a seedy motel room outside Oklahoma City, Agnes (Susi Damilano), a drug addicted cocktail waitress, is hiding from her ex-con, ex-husband, Jerry (John Flanagan). Her partying lesbian friend, R.C. (Zehra Berkman), introduces her to Peter, a handsome drifter (Gabe Marin), who might be an AWOL Gulf War veteran. They soon begin a relationship that takes place within the increasingly claustrophobic confines of her motel room. A hidden bug infestation problem has Peter believing it is the result of experiments conducted on him during his stay at an Army hospital. Their fears seem to escalate to paranoia, conspiracy theories and twisted psychological motives.

Marin and Damilano gracefully, smartly and delicately depict the degrees by which these two proud loners feed each other’s needs and bond together. Letts has a gift for plumbing human weakness. The pitfalls of codependency singe this dark romance from within.

Director Jon Tracy doesn’t flinch at the play’s shocks and gore. Agnes and Peter believe deep in their bones that someone is out to get them so they are willing to go all the way to root out the evil.

Letts sets the play in a seedy Oklahoma motel room with dingy windows and a pervasive sense of anonymity with its claustrophobia. The impressively detailed set by Bill English with its closed-in walls and a blasted out ceiling where patches of concrete give way to steel mesh, is perfect for Tracy’s staging.

“Bug” will really crawl into your psyche and take a bite out of your piece of mind. “Bug” plays at the SF Playhouse, Wednesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., plus Saturdays at 3 p.m. through June 14. SF Playhouse is located at 533 Sutter Street (one block off Union Square, between Powell and Mason). For tickets, contact the SF Playhouse box office at 415-677-9596 or go online at [TicketWeb.com](http://TicketWeb.com)

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Sharon the Health

By Sharon Caren

DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL WATER SHORTAGE ?

I remember as a child hearing, “Drink 8 glasses of water a day.” It’s kind of like hearing, “Stand up straight, stop slouching!” Blah, blah, blah, blah....it goes in one ear and out the other. I don’t remember anyone ever explaining what would happen to me if I didn’t do those things.

Now, working with hundreds of clients over the past 10 years, I’ve learned the telling signs of a body crying out for water. Our body is made up of 75% water.

When we are dehydrated, our miraculous body system actually steals water from the extremities (muscles and tissue) to hydrate the major organs; brain, heart, liver, etc. so we stay alive. We won’t die from dehydrated muscles but we may have a great deal of pain as a result. Have you ever tried to stretch shoe leather? Not very easily!

Preliminary research indicates that 8 to 10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.

Do you suffer from chronic headaches or migraines? This is a major sign of dehydration.

To get a bit graphic, urine holds many clues about health. Dark yellow urine is a sign to DRINK MORE WATER.

You ask, how much water do I need? Well, take your body weight, cut that number in half, and that’s the number of ounces of pure water for a normal day. If you exercise or do physical work and perspire, you’ll need more. Example: 150 pounds = 75 ounces.

Clients tell me, “I can’t drink that much water, I’ll have to spend all day in the bathroom!”

That is what happens when the body is re-hydrating, major run off. Have you tried pouring water over a patch of dry and cracked earth in the summer time? The water just rolls off. But as you keep soaking the dry earth over and over, eventually the water starts to sink in. When we take in more water, the body takes a while to absorb it back into the muscles and tissue so it’s not running off and out.

Be patient with this process. You can add years to your life, not to mention your health and vitality. Even mild dehydration will slow down the metabolism as much as 3%. We often mistake lack of water for being hungry. Most people in the U.S. are overweight so how about trying a glass of water instead of a candy bar next time and see what happens!

Clients ask me, “Does coke, coffee, or tea count in my number of ounces per day?”

Think about this – We get into the shower each day to wash (cleans) the outside of our body and wouldn’t think of showering and washing our hair in coke or coffee. Not only is the water hydrating all the cells of our body, it’s also cleansing the inside while ridding the body of harmful toxins in this very important process.

A tip to start – I measure out my ounces of water each morning and drink it throughout the day and before I drink anything else. Try drinking water first thing in the morning. I find it’s a good way to start the day.

A great book on the subject is YOUR BODY’S MANY CRIES FOR WATER by F. Batmanghelidj, M.D.

For an article with more information on “Water vs. Coke” go to [www.tpobserver.com](http://www.tpobserver.com) and Click on Columnists and then Sharon Caren/ Sharon the Health: June 2008: Water VS Coke.

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Please note: Sharon is a new columnist focusing on personal health and wellness. We would appreciate hearing your feedback to her column. Please send your comments to [tpobserver@aol.com](mailto:tpobserver@aol.com).





SECOND THOUGHTS

Just Between You and Me  
by Jack Kaye



I am not an English professor or a famous grammarian, but I was an excellent student of sixth grade English which included diagramming sentences. I learned about prepositions, nouns, adjectives and adverbs as well as subjects, objects and appropriate verb forms. I also studied Latin grammar in high school giving me a greater appreciation of the grammatical elements of our own language.

And while I know how busy we all are and that sometimes we lack the time to think about our use of English grammar, I cannot overlook some of the grossest forms of language abuse without writing something.

The most common error and one some think shows erudition, but doesn't, is the phrase "just between you and I." It is supposed to be "between you and me," because the word "me" is the object of the preposition. The word "I" is used only as a subject of a sentence or as a predicate pronoun as in "It is I."

Many people say "if I was you" or "I wish I was you." Since both phrases are conditional, they must be phrased in the conditional subjunctive "if I were you" or "I wish I were you."

Since the verb must agree with the subject, it is important to know which words are singular and which are plural. The word "criteria" is plural and so takes a plural verb like "are" or "were." The singular version is "criterion." (The same is true about the word "phenomenon.") The word "alumni" is masculine plural. The singular is "alumnus." The feminine versions are "alumna," singular and "alumnae," plural.

I also learned in the sixth grade that adjectives define or describe nouns. The words "male" and "female" are adjectives that describe nouns as in "a male suspect" or "a female impersonator." Police officers are male or female as are models or firefighters. Therefore it is incorrect to say "man police officer" or "man executive." It is also incorrect to say "woman firefighter" or "woman senator." Saying that he is a "man doctor" would mean that the doctor specializes in treating men and could actually be a woman.

This confusion began years ago because some

group decided that "female" was too male oriented. But actually, the word comes from the Latin femella, the diminutive form of femina, meaning woman, while "woman" has a male reference in it. The word "male" comes from old French male and masle and the Latin masculus.

Then there is the little-known rule that even journalists get wrong. The words "who" or "which" always relate to the noun that directly precedes them (even if the noun is in a prepositional phrase). A great New York Times journalist just wrote a column about a woman who took a lover. But she wrote "The woman married to the Duke who was seeing a commoner" meaning that the Duke was seeing the commoner.

I apologize for bringing all these common errors to your attention, but do so only to end the repetition of these abuses of our language. I never claimed to be an expert on the use of commas, they were covered in 7th grade English, so see if you can find some errors in this column. It would serve me right, wouldn't it?

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- 8:00 PM - Wow! Watched TV with the people! My favor ite thing!
- 11:00 PM - Sleeping on the bed! My favorite thing!

CAT DIARY

Day 983 of my captivity.

My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects.

They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while the other inmates and I are fed hash or some sort of dry nuggets. Although I make my contempt for the rations perfectly clear, I nevertheless must eat something in order to keep up my strength. The only thing that keeps me going is my dream of escape.

In an attempt to disgust them, I once again vomit on the carpet.

Today I decapitated a mouse and dropped its headless body at their feet. I had hoped this would strike fear into their hearts, since it clearly demonstrates what I am capable of. However, they merely made condescending comments about what a 'good little hunter' I am. Bastards!

There was some sort of assembly of their accomplices tonight. I was placed in solitary confinement for the duration of the event. However, I could hear the noises and smell the food. I overheard that my confinement was due to the power of 'allergies.' I must learn what this means, and how to use it to my advantage.

Today I was almost successful in an attempt to assassinate one of my tormentors by weaving around his feet as he was walking. I must try this again tomorrow -- but at the top of the stairs.

I am convinced that the other prisoners here are flunkies and snitches.

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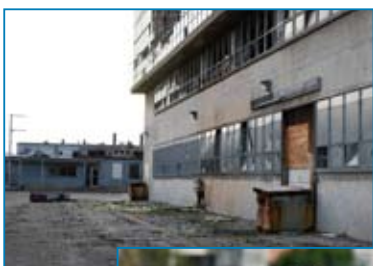
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This June you have the chance to help transform our neighborhood, the most neglected corner of our city. Since 1974 the Hunters Point Shipyard has been largely abandoned and the toxic clean up has been underfunded, moving at a snail's pace.



After ten years of planning and hundreds of community meetings there is a process in place to bring life to the Bayview – at no new cost to taxpayers.

Proposition G will help speed the long-awaited clean up of toxins at the Shipyard site. It will bring up to 10,000 homes, with an unprecedented 32% being entry level, affordable homes and apartments; 300 acres of parks and open space; and over 8,000 new jobs to our neighborhood.

**On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Join Senator Dianne Feinstein and Mayor Gavin Newsom and Help Us Transform Our Neighborhood**

# VOTE YES ON G

## Warning: Prop. F Will Take Away the Opportunity of a Lifetime

Supervisor Chris Daly says he has our best interests in mind. But did he ask? Prop. F was written with no input from the public and no community meetings.

The SF Chronicle called Prop. F "irresponsible and unrealistic" because it will completely undermine the economics of Prop. G.

The SF Examiner says, "Proposition F is a breathtakingly misleading poison pill that would effectively block any revitalization of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and Candlestick Point for decades to come."



## Stop the Chris Daly Scheme Vote No on Prop. F