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Is San Francisco Dying?

by John Farrell

If you have an hour to spare I highly recommend a YouTube video called "Seattle is Dying." It asks the question "What if Seattle is dying and we don't even

know it." It is about people who are compassionate but no longer feel safe in their City, no longer feel they are being heard. It is about lost souls who wander the streets with no home or reality chasing a drug that, in turn, chases them. It is about the damage they instill on themselves and the fabric of their City. There is a seething, simmering anger that is boiling over into outrage. Property crimes are out of control. This story is about a beautiful jewel that was violated and in current crisis, and of people falling out of love for their home. Sound familiar?

Seattle is a place where people who grew up in it don't recognize. Numerous residents, business owners, and city employees talk about their disgust. Seattle police fear retaliation that could cost them their jobs and pensions if they speak out. One officer said "Yes, I am frustrated because I am ... told NOT to enforce the law." Another officer noted, "People come here because it's called Freeattle and, if they come here, they will get free food, medical treatment, mental health treatment, a free tent, free clothes and be free of prosecution for just about everything, and they are right." Another noted, "...it started with the legislature decriminalizing felonies and dumping convicts onto the streets." Sound familiar?

A concerned resident said Seattle is a different place from the one he grew up in and it is really sad. He is so embarrassed that he doesn't want friends to visit. While it is one of the most beautiful regions in the world but looks like sh—. He even started a Facebook site called, "Seattle Looks Like Sh--." It's not meant to be funny, it's meant to be sad. Check it out.

There is a disconnect between City of Seattle officials and the frustrations of residents and businesses. It's not legal to live on the sidewalk but it is allowed. How bad is the property crime rate in Seattle? It was ranked second per capita in our nation in 2017. Only one other City was higher, and that was our home, San Francisco.

I listen to friends and neighbors complaining about people shooting up on our streets, even shooting each other up. I have called the police numerous times on people sleeping on our City streets. Once a man was totally out cold and the officer on the phone asked me to go up to him to see if he was still alive.

My daughter called me when she came home to her apartment in the Castro and found a disturbed man on her stairs. She told a policeman on Market Street about him, but he said it was not his jurisdiction. I came over and we waited for him to leave.

I went to Safeway on Taraval Street and parked in the upper lot. There was a homeless man in a sleeping bag next to the stairs and elevator. When my wife drives up Santiago Street, she sees the same homeless woman there. I read on Nextdoor that a neighbor's car was broken into or a package taken. As I write this a neighbor's car was stolen last night. You never heard of anything like this on our side of town 5 years ago. I can go on.

I am rooting for our new mayor since she has her hands full and is trying to figure out who she can trust. We have an \$11 billion dollar budget but still MUNI is a mess, streets are congested and continuously being worked on and we need affordable housing. Further, the City continues to dump bond initiatives on our tax payers but it is never enough.

How do we protect our society at the same time showing compassion to those sick and struggling? That is the big question. We cannot ignore or arrest our way out of this. People are dying and there is something we can do.

Seattle, like San Francisco, struggles with the same problems, but an answer may have come from Providence, Rhode Island. It is called the "Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)" program. First thing they do is enforce their laws. Drug dealers and people who steal and commit crimes to get their drugs end up in a correction facility. Every day at the facility they line up to get their medicine. There are three opioid blockers (Methadone, Suboxone and Vivitrol) that are FDA approved and work to get people off heroin and save lives. The inmates choose what blocker they want to use. These blockers stabilize them



Is the Sunset Becoming an RV Park?

by Lou Barberini, CPA

irca 2003: As we departed Cha Cha Cha, Jennifer was there with her hand out. Not your typical angry, grunge Haight Street panhandler, but more of a Summer of Love flower child. Pretty, but tired. I creased a few singles and tried out a new line, "Can you hook me up with some chiba?" (San Francisco urban language for "heroin.") Jennifer responded, "Lets go." Since I was off-duty, I had to tap the brakes: "Here's my number. Hit me up tomorrow. I'm going away and want to re-up first."

dle, dropped off balloons, and then were off to service other customers. And coincidently, for a few days, each deliverer picked up an unmarked car trailing them until an eventual traffic stop was made by a black and white.

Jennifer confirmed my belief heroin purchases and arrests. in the prevalence of heroin in the

For several days, panhandling and homeless com- Chronicle column, Heather Knight Jennifer led me to her hookups. Non- munities. For the next several years, wrote: "A reader emailed me a photo

> Recently, there has been an for the San Francisco increasing flotilla of people residwith the slogan 'It ing in RV's and vans on the west doesn't get more S.F. side of the city. Living in vehicles These days, it seems it has become most prevalent on doesn't get more S.F. then stark displays of Sunset Boulevard near SF State."

able turn requests for money into class gets squeezed out entirely."

descript cars that circled the Panhan- many times my partner and I were the other day of a homeless man

slumped in a Muni bus shelter next to an ad the rich and the very poor as the middle

Homelessness is a complex In her April 7, 2019 San Francisco issue, yet Heather Knight's column

Time Is Running Out for Youth Guidance Center

by George Wooding

Do not close down SF's Youth Guidance Center (YGC).

an Francisco Supervisors Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, and Matt Haney are drafting legislation that would close the YGC by the end of 2021. It has 150 beds but typically has fewer than 50 youths held inside.

I do not want juveniles who com- with you comnit violent crimes to be placed in pletely that there must worse — criminals.

San Francisco should keep the YGC, and repurpose it by offering services to nonseparated violent juveniles.

facilities that can provide a humane and developmen-

their delinquent behaviors can be treated effectively.

Margaret Lemus, a concerned Miraloma Park resident, received this response from Supervisor Norman Yee's Legislative Aide Ivy Lee regarding the potential closure of the

halfway houses, nor do I want them informed and thoughtful development to be placed in adult prisons where of alternatives. It's very easy to simply they will learn to become better — or call for tearing something down – it's much more difficult to do the work

Although the United violent youth offenders while States still leads the industrialcontinuing to incarcerate ized world in the rate at which The relatively small num- we lock up young people, the ber of youths for whom con- youth confinement rate in the finement is justified need United States is rapidly declining."

tally-appropriate setting in which of examining the issue from all sides, determining what is in the best interest of both the youth in custody as well as the best interest of true public safety improvements, and then coming up with a concrete plan of action to execute an alternative."

Further, "Under state law, there are YGC, "Supervisor Yee is in agreement certain criminal charges that result in



mandatory detention or at least the possibility of detention in the interest of public safety. Without a brick-andmortar facility in the city and county, we would be forced to send youth

charged with certain crimes out of county. That's not an ideal outcome preventing recidivism... It is likely to be both more expensive as well as less effective..."

A change is underway in San Francisco's approach to dealing with young people who get in trouble with the law. Although the United States still leads the industri-

alized world in the rate at which we lock up young people, the youth confinement rate in the United States is rapidly declining.

In every year for which data are available, the overwhelming majority of confined youth are held for nonviolent offenses.

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Tough Contract Negotiations: Unions Wield Civil Disobedience to Disrupt Inequality

By Dr. Derek Kerr

n April 11th afternoon, some 400 Service Employees International Union (SEIU)-1021 and International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) Local 21 members staged a novel civil disobedience protest at City Hall. Some 2 dozen workers were arrested for blocking traffic by sitting on the Polk Street crosswalk. Demonstrations during arduous contract negotiations are nothing new. But this one tied contract demands to the theme: "Disrupt Inequality." Unions want City leaders to steer corporate wealth to the workers who keep the City functioning.

workers are being told in negotiations Taxation and Economic Policy shows that that the City can't afford to invest in the some of the largest and most profitable vital programs we provide or in allowing corporations pay no taxes. In 2018, US us to keep up with the skyrocketing cost corporate tax revenues fell by 31% accordof living. Meanwhile, multi-billion dol- ing to US Treasury records. Most corporalar corporations like Uber and Lyft get to tions use tax shelters and subsidiaries to play by their own rules and not have to shield their enormous revenues from taxa-

pay their fair vices that City like Uber and Lyft get to play by their to make up the workers provide."

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that City like Uber and Lyft get to play by their to make up the difference or bear public services.

Vice cuts. include appeals to City officials

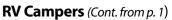
now that City workers provide."

According to Union statements, "City thrive. Recent data1 from the Institute on

tion. So workshare towards the public ser
...multi-billion dollar corporations businesses have

> Targeted by this demonstration were "uni-

to "take a stand to ensure that San Fran- corns" – privately-held start-up companies cisco is a city that works for everyone – not valued at \$1 billion or more. A handful of just the 1%." Instead of extracting more San Francisco-based unicorns are schedmoney from beleaguered taxpayers, the uled to go public through IPOs or Initial idea is to hold big corporations and their Public Offerings that could mint hundreds of new millionaires. This influx of wealth vices and infrastructure that allow them to could further widen income inequality,



oversimplifies the problem while persleeping is a bus stop shelter is the result motorhomes were parked consecutively

CEOs accountable for using the City ser-

of income inequalities. Ms. Knight might as well have attributed the homeless person's status to the Giants' dismal record, fewer fans attending games, and the reduced need for food service employees.

Beginning in January 2018, San Francisco Police Commander David Lazar has been addressing homeless problems through the Healthy Streets Operation Center (HSOC). The HSOC strategy is to coordinate a comprehensive response to homeless encampments between 40 SFPD officers assigned to HSOC, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Emergency Management, the Recreation and Parks Department, the Sheriff's Department, San Francisco Housing Services, and the

HSOC was designed as a single phone number (3-1-1) resource for the public and district station officers to call for specialized assistance to handle homeless encampments, with the intention that this will alleviate the station officer's workload so they can focus on other problems and

Department of Public Health.

only 5% of the San Francisco homeless Francisco is already scarce. The solution

populations are "victims" of economic issues. The remaining 95% are split somewhat evenly between people with alcohol/drug addiction problems and people with mental illness issues. The HSOC's own April 5, 2019 study similarly found that 41% of the homeless have an alcohol and/or a drug problem, 39% have psychiatric conditions,

The similar assessments coming from the streets refute Ms. Knight's misplaced claim income inequality causes homelessness.

Amongst the SF homeless population that HSOC deals with, there are differing degrees of living conditions ranging from those sleeping in doorways, to tent encampments, to motorhomes.

Recently, there has been an increasing flotilla of people residing in RV's and vans on the west side of the city. Living in

vehicles has become most prevalent on Sunset Boulevard near San Francisco State petuating a false conclusion that a person University. On one morning, 17 vans and

> along a three-tenthsof-a-mile stretch. The motorhomes overflow onto Winston Drive and are actually parked within Lowell High School's campus parking lot. Motorhomes and vans are even parked on Portola Drive adjacent

to Saint Francis Woods.

Per my SFPD sources, there are three segments of people residing in vehicles:

Homeless (frequently with bicycles attached to their vehicles). From a law enforcement prospective, not far behind this homeless segment is the narcotics trade and peripheral crimes.

Workers, who earn more money in San Francisco, and then return to their homes in lower-cost-of-living communities on the weekends. This isn't about income inequality; it's about people arbitraging earning income in expensive areas and spending their earnings in less expensive communities.

In extreme cases, recreational vehicle owners are renting out their parked vehicles on Craigslist in an Airbnb fashion.

It is difficult for SFPD to engage with people living in vehicles because the occu-I polled numerous SF police officers who pants are not compelled to open their unanimously agree that, at a maximum, doors to police officers. Parking in San

> for the problem of people living in vehicles cannot be piecemeal restrictive parking as some San Francisco districts, such as the Portola District, have achieved.

Uniform restrictive parking must be applied throughout the city, or the west side will continue to be the welcoming place of least resistance to the motorhomes and vans. A surge

and 31% have chronic health problems. in property crimes looms on the horizon, portending that every time we shop at the West Portal Walgreens, we will need to get a clerk to unlock the homeless-proof tubes of toothpaste.

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boost housing prices, increase homelessness and drive further displacement of long-time San Franciscans. Currently, many City workers can't afford to live in regular workers. the City and endure protracted, congested

ards of unicorn figures with messages like; "Fair Contracts for City Workers," "Safe and Healthy Communities," "Affordable Housing for All," "Dignity and Respect for All Workers." Chants of "We don't get no contract, you don't get no peace" resounded throughout Civic Center as workers marched down Polk Street waving signs and banners. That fervor was balanced by a demure minister from Grace Cathedral whose homily concluded with and predations, coupled with shortfalls an appeal; "Let justice roll down like a river in public services and household budgets, and let inequity wash away." No City officials participated.

Hundreds then charged to Uber headquarters on Market Street to shame the ride-sharing colossus for exploiting gigworkers and shielding its revenues from taxation. Union members see similarities between corporate gig-work and the 15%

of City employees who are retained as temporary rather than permanent employees. Temps lack the benefits and protections of

Upon returning to City Hall 24 City workers staged a sit-in across Polk Street Demonstrators displayed colorful plac- facing City Hall, forcing the SFPD to divert traffic. Monitoring the demonstrators were some 50 police officers plus 12 Sheriff's deputies who guarded the entrance to City Hall. The police respectfully warned that arrests were forthcoming. None of the 24 demonstrators budged. So the cops gently guided the demonstrators one at a time to stand up to be zip-tied and escorted into waiting paddy wagons.

> Apparently, rising corporate wealth portend more discontent, protests - and

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West Of Twin Peaks Central Council by Mitch Bull

he West of Twin Peaks Central Council in April featured a light turnout, with the lovely weather dampening the attendance figures. President Mark Scardina set the agenda to focus on the local \$500,000,000 Housing Bond Measure set for the November ballot; discussion on Senator Weiner's SB50 legislation; a presentation from Clean Power SF, and a discussion centering on the newly proposed criteria for membership for homeowner groups within the WOTPCC.

dina also took the roll, as Secretary Davis whether City Attorney Dennis Herrera Golden was absent. With 12 delegates of is looking into the "state vs local control" the 20 attendees, a quorum was reached issue. Yee stated that he did not know at and the minutes from the March meeting were approved. Treasurer Carolyn Squeri was also not in attendance at the meeting so there was not a treasurer's report.

Scardina started the officer's reports by giving a short president's report, detailing items on which he has been following up. hearings, and the WOTPCC subcommit-

tee that is revising the eligibility and membership processes associations wishing to join the WOTPCC.

He also asked for feedback from the delegates on the issues regardsecondary ing (ADU's) units and short-term rentals (STR's). The general feeling was that since these are not allowed under some neighbororganizahood CC&R's, really no one is doing much investigation into

them, and there Board President Norman Yee the regulations. As there are several pieces of legislation in Sacramento that would "legalize" and greatly expand ADU's the HOAs and WOTPCC. Will state law override local ordinances and CC&R's?

by President of the Board of Supervisors and District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee. He opened his discussion by addressing the land use issues and the "direction of SF" within (last year's) SB827 and the current revised legislation, SB50.

He posed the question of "How does the legislation affect the neighborhoods?" Members of the Board of Supervisors have opposed SB50 through a resolution but have not detailed why they oppose it and what amendments and changes would be acceptable to them. Yee would like to see a consortium of neighborhood groups also make legislation such as SB50 more acceptderivative will be approved by the legisla- "Dom-i-city" program.

ture. It is also his opinion that a state law such as SB50 would override city ordinances as well as CC&R's. Yee said that the full Board of Supervisors is not hearing from enough neighborhood groups on these types of legislation (including the ADU legislation) and that an organized effort may be needed. As it is today, there is not an existing Westside area plan for development. Jackie Randazzo from CleanPowerSF

It's catch as catch can.

the issues with creating huge amounts of housing without the infrastructure in place to support the growth. The infrastructure question is not being discussed

Opening the meeting at 7:35 PM, Scar- in Sacramento. A question was asked this time.

Next, President Mark Scardina and George Wooding discussed the proposed \$500,000,000 housing bond measure slated for the November ballot. Both Scardina and Wooding sat on 4 committees looking at: Public / Low-income housing; He started by reporting that he had attended Middle income housing; Preserving housa Supervisor's Session, 4 Bond Committee ing; and Senior Housing. Wooding spoke on the problems of having an Annual

> Median Income base that is a combination of citizens in San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin counties. Different sections and neighborhoods within SF have large differences in AMI, and this results in a family of 4 making an income \$80,000 \$140,000 being designated "poor', but qualifynot ing for housing programs.

Scardina shared that he sat on middleincome

has not been a recognized push against senior housing committees, and ideas discussed included down payment loan programs, and teacher housing programs. He also reminded everyone that the monthroughout the state, this is a topic that will ies from the proposed bond measure continue to be debated and questioned at can only be used for capital projects and expenditures.

He also spoke of a need for a "Sustain-More information was next presented ability of Income" program to prevent gentrification of units housing under 25 people, and suggested a plan of preapproved types of generic projects housing 5-15 units that could be placed within transit corridors. Such pre-approval could cut the time frames and costs for developers to build housing.

Senior housing was discussed across all of the housing sectors, as seniors can be in all classes: low-income, middle income, and those that are existing in a "houserich/ cash poor" situation. He detailed that there are virtually NO senior-citizen based housing alternatives West of Twin give feedback on what amendments would Peaks. In addition, there are no non-profit developers in the West of Twin Peaks areas able, as he believes that some sort of SB50 either. He concluded by speaking of the

Jackie Randazzo, of the SFPUC, spoke next on the PUC's CleanPowerSF gram, a CCA program that gives citizens an alternative to purchasing electricity from an investor-owned utility (in our case, PG&E). The program is an "opt-out" program that can allow residents to purchase power that is generated using 40% sources, renewable super-green power

using 100% renewable sources (at a pre-The Board President also spoke about mium price), or to "opt-out" and purchase your power from PG&E, as has been done in the past. (PG&E's power is from approximately 39% renewable sources), per the Cont. p. 4 Ruminations From a Former Supervisor by Quentin Kopp

. L. Mencken in *The American Mercury* in May 1930 declared: "The legislature, like the executive, has ceased to be even the creature of the people; it is the creature of pressure groups, and most of them, . . . are of dubious wisdom and even more dubious honesty. Laws are no longer made by a rational process of public discussion; they are made by a process of blackmail and intimidation . . . The typical law-

maker of today is a man wholly devoid of principle - a mere counter in a grotesque and knavish game . . . If the right pressure could be applied to him, he would be cheerfully in favor of chiropractic, astrology, or cannibalism." That applies to State Senator Scott Wiener, who aspires to destroy our historic Cow Palace.



tively a measure to ban gun shows in the circuses, ice hockey, basketball, track and Cow Palace. His bill emanated from pres-field, and boat shows. It now generates sure by people espousing gun control and rent from the traditional Grand National disdain of the Second Amendment. He was Rodeo, Horse and Stock Show, the Junior thwarted by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Livestock Show, 4H shows, the Great Dick-Jr., who vetoed his legislation, observing ens Fair, dog shows, a reptile show, flower that the Cow Palace Board of Directors is composed of people from the community, consisting of San Mateo County and San Francisco residents only. This year, the same politician introduced Senate Bill 281, not just to render gun shows illegal in destruction of the improved Cow Palace in the Cow Palace, but to abolish the Cow and surrounding animal stalls and space, Palace by transferring its valuable 68 acres Wiener's intent is to transfer it to wealthy to a "joint powers authority" composed land use developers under the guise of

City, Daly San payment to state "housing crisis." taxpayers for such real estate convey-

ance. All but two acres of the Cow Palace language is precatory, easily overcome by are in San Mateo County, which last month S.B. 281 despite entreaty by the Board of Supervisors member from Daly City, D. State Senate Government Organization Committee to require payment of market value by Daly City, San Francisco, and San Mateo County, one of whose supervisors observed to me that there isn't an acre of unimproved land in San Mateo County worth less than \$1,000,000!)

The legislative author has disseminated such falsehoods as "the bill is not controversial" and that the Cow Palace board members don't represent San Francisco or member resides in Daly City, which has always been involved with the Cow Palace. and "SWAT" team, plus the California Highway Patrol, the Muni, and American Medical Response all train at the Cow

23 county fairs and expositions. Ten years ago, the state budget, because of economic conditions, ceased funding agricultural districts. The Cow Palace, constructed under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and opened in 1941, had to generate enough revenue to cover operating expenses. It has done so brilliantly, now possessing over \$4,000,000 in cash

Last year, Wiener prosecuted legisla- reserve. It has hosted political conventions, shows, a circus, auto exhibitions, AIDS Lifecycle fundraising weekend, Salesforce and Facebook corporate events, and cannabis events.

Despite denial that his bill would result

solving the "hous-Francisco, Wiener's intent is to transfer ing crisis." Despite and San Mateo it to wealthy land use developers language in S.B. County. This land it to wealthy land use developers 281 which states grab contained no under the quise of solving the it isn't a precedent for other agricultural districts or county fairs, such

subsequent legislation grabbing other state declined to pass a resolution supporting and county agricultural exposition properties for developers. Except for the naked land grab, S.B. 281 is moot as to its origi-J. Canepa. (S.B. 281 was amended by the nal purpose: On April 16, 2019, the Cow Palace Board voted unanimously not to release the premises in 2020 to the gun show operator, whose lease expires December 31, 2019.

Those gun shows have never resulted in sale of a firearm used in a reported assault, much less a death, because state and federal laws control purchases, meaning scrupulous background checks and prevention of possession of a purchased gun at the Cow Palace for 30 days or more, without San Mateo County residents. In fact, one any physical transfer of a weapon at the Cow Palace.

Finally, the Cow Palace is engaged in Its police department, fire department, negotiations with an adjoining private property owner and Daly City to develop jointly approximately 15 acres west of the Geneva Avenue entrance for housing and a supermarket. Wiener's destructive A historical refresher needs recitation. approach, including another bill (S.B. 50) The Cow Palace constitutes California usurping local control over zoning ordi-Agricultural District 1A; there are 54 agri- nances by California cities, would abolish cultural districts in California and another a history of not just rodeos and 4H events, but availability of the acreage for emergency shelter and rescue after earthquakes and other physical disasters, as well as legendary appearances by President John F. Kennedy, the Reverent Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Beatles!

> Retired former Supervisor, State Senator and Judge Quentin Kopp lives in District 7

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= Commentary **New Blood, Same Old Feud**

by Steve Lawrence

wo new Commissioners join the SFPUC (water-sewer-power) governing Commission: Sophie Maxwell and Tim Paulson. There are five commissioners, so two may have quite an impact.

Paulson is the labor guy, serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trade Council, which represents 140 unions. Before that he was with the Labor Council. Sophie Maxwell served ten years on the Board of Supervisors representing District 10. She lives in Bayview. These appointments may not be good news for ratepayers. Labor typically is keen to maximize local jobs and salaries. Bayview, where the major sewer treatment plant is located and where much of the \$7 billion sewer program will be spent, typically extracts max for that community. A new community center is being built, and more.

with the state continue and progress well ratepayers rarely notice or squawk. regarding the Bay-Delta Plan (aka Water-Fix), which would double river flows and means less onerous. The state has been on this side of town, miniscule in number reluctant to accept steps to boost fisheries compared to the Eastside. Most commisother than more flow. SF will surely lose sioners seemed copacetic with overturning

Word is that settlement negotiations for highly competed general fund bucks;

At last the Planning Commission takes deprive SF of considerable mountain aim at the Westside and its single family water. SF seeks to invigorate fisheries by zoning. Too few new housing units are built

lacksquare ...settlement negotiations ... would double river flows and deprive SF of considerable mountain water ... The state has been refuctant to accept steps to boost fisheries other than more flow. SF will surely lose water. The question is how much."

water. The question is how much. Finding single-family zoning protection. replacement water is very hard, and costly.

one-tenth of its budget of about \$7 billion. Right out of the starting gate the largest project, Biosolids Digesters, has fallen one year behind. No budget adjustment is yet made. The reason given is underground water and utilities. Really? Those were not expected? When you dig sixty feet into city ground, what is expected?

SFPUC is a billion dollar plus City business that is growing rapidly. Financed by ratepayers, and exempt from the usual requirement to get voter approval before incurring debt, City pols increasingly find SFPUC a convenient vehicle. It has expanded its reach formally, taking over the firefighting water system and Lake Merced, as examples, and touches ever more of City life. Bioswales, greenways, community center, gardens, landscaping—no need

It's the shot heard 'round the Westside, is The sewer program (SSIP Sewer System it not? If Scott Weiner's SB50 fails to fly in Improvement Program) has spent about Sacramento, look for San Francisco's prohousing crew to zoom in on zoning.

> Internships for High Schoolers. SFPUC is growing about three times as fast as the economy at large. Doing an internship with SFPUC may give a high school student a leg up. The intern shows interest in practical, local matters while also learning and gaining experience about horticulture, environmental, and social justice issues. College resumes might do worse. Post-college the intern might find a job opportunity. Consider recommending to your high school student becoming a SFPUC intern this summer. Go to sfwater.org and type internship in the search box.

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A Tragic Death on Woodside Avenue

t the March 19 Health Commission meeting, Health Director Grant Colfax, MD announced the death of Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) employee Jose Manuel Haros Carrasco.

On the afternoon of March 1st, the 37 year old LHH porter was struck by a vehicle while crossing near 255 Woodside Avenue alongside the southern border of the LHH campus. Haros Carrasco was rushed to SFGH but died 3 days later, leaving a bereaved wife and Jose Carrasco relaxes with his two daughters

3 children in South San Francisco. The improvements that could prevent future police report of the collision.

Though Haros Carrasco had only worked at LHH since June 2017, he was quickly promoted for his diligence in keeping the premises in "impeccable condition" and for his upbeat attitude. Recognized as "one of the hardest working; always on time and always doing the utmost quality work", he "flashed a smile at every opportunity", thereby spreading much-appreciated cheer within the LHH community. The related accidents, including one pedes-Westside Observer extends its condolences trian. Despite SFMTA's well-crafted "Vision to his grieving family and co-workers.

Following this tragic event, LHH supervisors reinforced safety tips to staff traveling to and from work. Representatives from San Francisco's Vision Zero Task Force and the Municipal Transportation Agency visited the accident site to recommend street benefit his daughters.³



Westside Observer requested and awaits the injuries. The DPH Crisis Intervention Specialist Team has provided support to Haros Carrasco's family.

> Through March 2019, the City's Vision Zero1 program recorded 10 traffic deaths, including 6 pedestrians. Among these was 14 year old student, Madlen Koteva, who died days after she was struck by a vehicle while crossing near the 600 block of John Muir Drive along Lake Merced on March 15th. Another 3 people died in freeway-Zero Action Strategy"2, the 10 fatalities in just 3 months are alarming when compared to the 23 reported for all of 2018. Yet the stated goal is to reach 0 traffic deaths by 2024.

A Go Fund Me page has been set up to

- 1. 2 sfmta.com/eml/reports/vision-zero-action-strategy
- 1. 3 www.gofundme.com/f/jose-manuel-haros-carrasco

The Collapse of Insects

by Glenn Rogers

oday, it is estimated that 2-1/2% of our insect population is dying or suffering from extinction every year. This would mean in a century, insects could all vanish. Most importantly, it is the flying insects that are affected most. The explanation is said to be "death by a thousand cuts" or more specifically, no one reason is said to provide the total explanation.



habitat, e.g., this year 25 states have been insects?² flooded. Obviously, land underwater provides little habitat. Industrial farming, another form of loss of habitat results serious since 1/3 of our food supply is poltype are planted in monocultures. "Global Warming" or the temperature of the earth is getting hotter which can affect insects. Light pollution, another factor which attracts insects, seduces them into flying around and around, until they become weak and unable to find food. Lastly, pesticides must be improved to stop the killing of our beneficial insects.

MICROPLASTICS

Microplastics are found in the air we breathe¹—this is just recently discovered. Typically, plastic the size of 5 millimeters is considered microplastic but plastic can ics the temperature has been remarkably break down to even smaller particles the size of 10 nanometers (or 0.00001 millimeter). Since plastics are non-biodegradable, it is believed that microplastic can break down to increasingly smaller sizes with no limit. Scientists are looking at the effect of particles of plastic so small that they can pass through the lining of the intestine. Other concerns of scientists are what will happen when the smallest of microplastics migrate into the cell structure, passing

Source of Chart: Biological Conservation 232

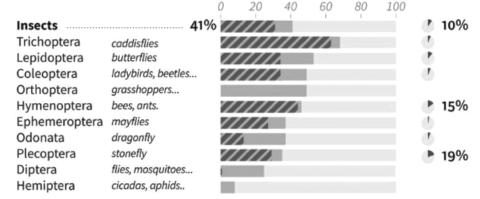
through the cell wall. Will there be dis-For many insects, their demise has said ruption of some kind? What impact does to have been caused by a reduction in microplastic have on the breathing of

THE IMPORTANCE OF INSECTS

The problem of insect collapse is very where acres and acres of crops of the same linated by insects. Insects are necessary for the removal of carcasses, so they do not linger in the open air rotting. With the extinction of insects, numerous birds, reptiles and amphibians will become extinct. Today, insects represent a biomass 17 times greater than that of humanity.3

COSTA RICA IS DIFFERENT

In Costa Rica there is a national park named La Selva. This park is protected from insecticides and other causes of insect collapse elsewhere. Here, there is only one factor responsible for the decline of insects: temperature rise. In the tropconstant for eons. Today, the tropical temperatures are 4 degrees warmer than it was previously. Unfortunately, tropical insects are unable to control their internal body heat and die. In Costa Rica the collapse of insects, could cause the rainforest to perish for all trees and shrubs that require pollination. Rainforests are critical to providing oxygen to the planet. Should our rainforests collapse⁴, this would be another environmental catastrophe.



... two times more than vertebrates

Vertebrates	22%	
Other mammals		
Birds		
Amphibians		

THE SOLUTION

insects? We must transform our present dens, i.e. Sisterhood Garden, in the Oceanchemically intense form of agriculture to view district, provides habitat for insects a form of ecological farming which protects the soil and water, and promotes Turning off unnecessary outdoor lighting, biodiversity. To that end, we must ban all can reduce insect loss, also. Lastly, we need insecticides that are harmful to bees and a good government policy to eliminate other pollinators. We need to support San Global Warming. Francisco's plan to charge 25 cent for the the amount plastic in the environment. We need to replace turf with California native

plants which provide sustenance to our What can we do to stop the collapse of local insects. Today, neighborhood garwith native plants and a pollinator garden.

Glenn Rogers, RLA is a landscape architect ost of plastic bags which would reduce living on the Westside. See his website at: alderlandscapearchitecture.com

1 www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2468584417300119

2 get-green-now.com/microplastics-health-guide/

 $3\,the guardian.com/environment/2019/feb/10/plummeting-insect-numbers-threaten-collapse-of-nature$ 4 news.co.cr/is-costa-rica-in-an-insect-apocalypse/78957/

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presentation. Each citizen is required to receive 4 postcards from CleanPowerSF during the sign-up phase of the program. You are automatically enrolled in the program but can "opt-out" if desired.

For additional information visit the website: CleanPowerSF@sfwater.org.

The next discussion focused on a set of proposed Eligibility and Membership Requirements for new HOAs wishing to join the WOTPCC. The delegates deliberated the new procedural process and after discussion voted to approve the new eligibility requirements and the process. The measure passed with a single vote against the adoption of the new requirements.

To close the evening, Scardina and the delegates discussed items to be added to future agendas: a Participatory Budgeting recap; having the SFPUC and SFPD address the issue surrounding the AWSS system; getting more information about the "Dom-i-city" project; a discussion of the proposed Board of Supervisors effort to close the JUVI facility; and a presentation and discussion on what is happening regarding the Cow Palace.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

The next meeting of the WOTPCC will be on Monday, May 20 at 7:30 PM at the historic Forest Hills Clubhouse. Please note that it is a week earlier due to the Memorial Day holiday. INFO: www.westoftwinpeaks.org).

 $^{1.\ 1\} visionzerosf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/03.2019Fatalities_MarSummaryMemo.pdf$

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THE REPORT FROM SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT MUELLER'S INVESTIGATION.

he eagerly awaited Report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation was finally released and cleared up the situation like a forty-pound dirtball dropped from the roof of a ten-story penthouse. Into a child's wading pool. With children in it. Imaginary children, of course.

short of a ream. Although both President the President committed a crime, it also Donald Trump and the Democratic Con- cannot exonerate him." Which is as far gress must be feeling like the full weight of from exoneration as can be accomplished a ream is banging them in the head. He, using the English language. for what it said, and they, for what it didn't.

Doritos, the release turns out to be as different from Attorney-General William Barr's 4 page summary of the Report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation as baby salamanders are from nuclear powered submarine biological waste disposal canisters.

At least the parts that weren't redacted. Barr's barren bars. Which barely barred us Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation is

The report was 448 pages long, only 52 "While this report cannot conclude that

Barr went on to echo "no obstruction" As surprising as a 420 run on ranch approximately 7,000 times when actually the Report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation says, and this is a direct quote: "If we had confidence after a thorough investigation of the facts that the president clearly did not commit obstruction of justice, we would so state." But so state, they do not.

In other words, if they thought he didn't Those little black bars covered about a do it, they'd tell us. But they're not telling tenth of the Report from Special Counsel us. Which might lead a normal person Robert Mueller's Investigation. Barr's bars. to conclude that the Report from Special

...turns out to be as different from Attorney-General William Barr's 4 page summary of the Report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation as baby salamanders are from nuclear powered submarine biological waste disposal canisters.

sels wanted bared.

Official Lapdog Barr's yapping mis-Mueller's Investigation was hard to hear due to the clicking of his toenails on the linoleum. The drool was also distracting. Records for gratuitous sycophancy have been shattered. This is what was expected from Jeff Sessions. Rudy Giuliani must be green with envy.

A less redacted version of the Report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation will be available to a limited number of members of Congress. The apparent goal is to give each and every American citizen their own version of the Report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation with individual redactions. Here's hoping there's a rainbow of stripes to go with the black bars.

The Attorney-General said the Report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation totally exonerated the president pretending the account didn't include

from seeing what the bard of special coun- saying the opposite. In its own sly way.

The Report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation described direction before the public unveiling of Moscow's attempts to undermine Hillthe Report from Special Counsel Robert ary Clinton's candidacy as "sweeping and systemic." And as everyone knows, Russia only helps Russia.

> The Report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation also referenced the justice department's policy not to prosecute a sitting president but mentioned that Congress could, or just wait till he's not president anymore.

> It's almost like the Report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Investigation proposed trying one or the other. Forcing democrats to ask themselves the tough question: "why not both?"

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Library Acquires 90,000 Historic Property Photos

The Assessor-Recorder's Office turned over 90,000 photos to the San Francisco Public Library. One of the photos, shown below, is the Adolph G. Sutro Residence, taken

in 1950. Sutro residence was designed by architect Harold Stoner on Mount Sutro and was later demolished for the transmission towers, including Sutro Tower. Assessor Carmen Chu, City Librarian Michael Lambert, City Archivist Susan Goldstein, and local historians Woody LaBounty. David Gallagher, Evelyn Rose and Amy O'Hair praised the decision. WSO join their voices.



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Award Winning News for the Neighborhood Society of Professional Journalists, Nor Cal Chapter

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Jack Kaye

John Winston Theodore Kaye

pohn, also known as Jack, has died on 3/29 of heart failure. He was 72 years old. He is survived by Suzanne Seymour Kaye, his wife of 41 years, his daughters Hilary and Jenny, his sister, Barbara Kaye Archibald and his loving dog, Miss Bubbha Mukti, or Bubbha for

John attended the McBurney School in New York City, Peekskill Military Academy, the University of Arizona, and San

Francisco State University, earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology/Philosophy and a Master's degree in Public Administration.

He was a longtime student of Kabbalah, Zen and Vedanta and developed level he addressed the City's homeless his own metaphysical system.

John retired as the Principal Administrative Analyst at the San Francisco Police Department. He was also a columnist at the Westside Observer1 for 10 years (his columns are still available-see below) and was a blogger at MonksMetaphysics @ blogspot.com. He wrote a novel which he called a modern metaphysical, murder mystery memoir, appearing to Reflections of a Freelance Monk.

He was involved in helping his beloved country and the city, where he lived since 1969, by making recommendations ranging from improving the Affordable

1. westsideobserver.com/columns/kaye2011.html



Care Act so that every American who wants or needs coverage would have it, to suggesting an income tax reform that would be simple and fair. On the local problem and the City's policy on parking

He was a gentleman who always acted with integrity.

He had a life-long affinity with classic cars, Bob Dylan, Yogi Berra quotes, neighborhood walks, talking to strangers who became friends and being out in the

Services were held at the Home of be an unauthorized autobiography, titled Peace in Colma on 4/2/2019 after being transported from Sinai Memorial at 1501 Divisadero at the northwest corner of

> "Emptyness filled with eternity" is written on his cemetary door space.

Irish Famine Memorial

Supervisors support of historic resolution by John O'Riordan

On Tuesday March 5th Supervisor Gordon Mar introduced a resolution supporting a memorial to honor the victims and survivors of the Irish Famine (An Gorta Mór). After two weeks, on March 19th, they were unanimously in support.

Supervisor Mar represents District 4, Sunset & Parkside Districts. He explained: "The Great Hunger was a sad and tragic event in Ireland with international consequences. In San Francisco today, more people can trace their ancestry to the Irish Famine than they can to the American Revolution. Consequently, the Irish Famine is a significant part of the history of the people of San Francisco. This Famine Memorial will educate the public on the contributing factors that lead to the Great Hunger and will remind us all of the devastating effects of famine which persist in many parts of the world to the present day.

The Irish Famine Memorial Committee (IFMC) represents a broad coalition of Irish organizations and friends of the Irish Community. Among other goals, the memorial is intended to connect the

Irish American community with their immigrant origins and recognize the contributions that the earliest Famine-era immigrants made.

Pat Uniacke, Chair of IFMC welcomed the resolution. "The committee has for some time been working with City officials and elected representatives articulating the need for a fitting Memorial. We are grateful to Supervisor Mar for being the Lead Sponsor of the resolution and humbled that all 11 supervisors have publicly proclaimed support for the memorial in San Francisco."

Diarmuid Philpott, former Deputy Chief SFPD also welcomed the result of the resolution vote. "The Memorial will serve to thank the State of California and City & County of San Francisco for the welcome and opportunities that were afforded the Irish upon their arrival and will revive the memory of that great tragedy and remind those of us living in great material comfort of our own obligations to the poor of the

John Riordan is the Chair of the Irish Caucus of the California Democratic Party.

Stay in touch with the progress of the San Francisco Famine Memorial Committee -Facebook.com/IrishMemorialSF



2015 Affordable Housing Bond Update

Affordable Housing That Wasn't

by Patrick Monette-Shaw

n November 2015 voters approved a \$310 million Affordable Housing Bond. The Westside Observer has reported on the bond several times. Now's a good time for another review, because the mayor is proposing a second affordable housing bond, even before the first one is finished.

\$300 million affordable housing bond planned for the November 2019 ballot by \$200 million—to \$500 million. Supervisor Matt Haney wants a \$1 billion bond.

The Supervisors have until mid-July to approve a bond measure for the ballot.

Problems With Bond Oversight

The slow pace of the 2015 housing bonds is troublesome. The Controller's Office confirmed that as of April 2019 just \$217.3 million — 70% — of the \$310 million bond has been issued so far. The first on the bond, several CGOBOC members tranche was issued on November 1, 2016 expressed the need to develop "metrics" for \$75.1 million; the second tranche was issued on May 23, 2018 for \$142.1 million, two-and-a-half years after voter approval.

Main Category

Low-Income Housing

Mission District Housing

Middle Income Housing

tranche — for \$92.5 million, representing 30% — will be issued in the Fall of 2019, four years after voters approved the bond in 2015. Why is it taking Public Housing so long?

The Citizen's General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee (CGOBOC) oversees spending of general obligation bonds. Currently \$4 billion across 12 bonds.

CGOBOC has done a terrible job so far Area Median Income (AMI) targets, num-

Mayor Breed wants to increase a new done little to reign in MOHCD. Why does planned spending keep shifting so often?

> When CGOBOC held its first hearing on the bond in January 2016 it had eight members, five are no longer there. Because the 2015 affordable housing bond is far from over, CGOBOC's institutional knowledge of bond spending will be severely compromised when the three remaining members are termed out.

Lack of Metrics to Evaluate Bond Spending

When CGOBOC held its first hearing to assess bond spending and whether the right allocation decisions had been made.

CGOBOC members in January 2016 MOHCD claims the remaining third suggested several metrics, including the

Jan

2017

408

757

143

320

Planned Number of Units

Jun

2017

389

730

144

249

Sep

2017

562

635

143

445

Shifting Unit Counts by Bond Main Categories

Jul

2016

390

371

110

495

Total Units 1,435 1,366 1,628 1,512 1,785

MOHCD Quarterly Bond Reports to CGOBOC. **Pink column pre-bond:** Board of Supervisors Budget Committee Hearing, June 23, 2015.

dollar amount allocated per project, the

are actually developed.

It now appears MOHCD's only metric is the number of units produced. To date, MOHCD hasn't provided CGOBOC members with a breakout on the number of new housing units produced versus existing units rehabilitated or preserved.

Changes in Bond Spending

In 2014 and 2015, prior to placing the

housing bond on the November 2015 ballot, successive docthe a \$17 million ing program, and a \$25 mil-

Dec

2018

517

457

273

275

Mar

2018

581

389

143

275

1,388

The November 2015 ballots to housing. That's uments from approve the bond explicitly stated the why the mid-Mayor's question being put before voters was housing cateoffice included whether the bond would include a gory was added pro-rams middle-income rental program. The to the bond. So, SF took the that were subse- legal text of the Affordable Housing lead, dedicating quently elimi- Bond clearly stated in the November \$80 million as nated, including a source a star million a local subsidy for Middle-Income would be used to create "Middle-middle-income Rental Hous- Income Rental Housing.

> Preservation category to preserve existing rental units. The two sub-categories were introduced to CGOBOC in January 2016 but were eliminated by July 2016.

The number of units planned in each of four main housing categories place in successive reports to CGOBOC shown in the table. Didn't CGOBOC

and-a-half years the drastic changes in planned bond uses?

Middle-Income Housing Cuts

Despite Mayor Lee's observation in *Time* magazine in January 2014 that everybody ing planned bond uses, and CGOBOC has veterans, teachers, families, etc.), and the assumed the middle-class were moving out

Supervisorial districts in which projects of San Francisco, uses of the 2015 bond to help middle-income residents have shrank in the number of planned units.

The Middle-Income Housing category planned for 519 units has now dropped to 275 units, a 47% percent change decline from June 2015 projections. And there's been a massive shift from rental units to ownership units.

There are no state or federal funding

middle-income housing.

The included

lion Expiring Regulations rental units in the Middle Income Housing main category — 85 in the Middle-Income Rental Program and 150 in the Expiring Regulations Preservation subcategories. The Expiring Regulations Preservation was intended to protect existing units with affordable rents from expiring and becoming market-rate units, displacing tenants.

The remaining 284 units — 34 downpayment assistance (DALP) loans and 250 Teacher Next Door loans — were for have bounced all over the middle-income ownership purchases, not rentals. Their drop to just 172 loans in 2018 presents a 39.4% change decline.

Although the 235 rental units were members notice during the past three- eliminated by July 2016, the main category still contains 103 rental units, 82 of which are reserved for teachers. Nevertheless, it represents a 56.2% change decline in the number of middle-income rental units.

How has the Middle-Income Rental

holding the Mayor's Office of Housing and ber of new units *constructed* vs. number of Community Development (MOHCD) existing housing units preserved, houseaccountable for the bond spending. Suc- hold size, demographics targeted (e.g., cessive updates from MOHCD keep shift- populations such as the homeless, seniors,

Jun

2015

206

460

250

519

mm Fare Prices as of July 1, 2019



Adult Single Ride Fare

(Cash & Limited Use Card)



Reduced Fare Single Ride

(Cash & Limited Use Card)



Adult Single Ride Fare

(Clipper® & MuniMobile®)



Discount Single Ride

(Clipper® & MuniMobile®)



\$40.00

Reduced Fare Monthly **Pass**

(Muni Only)





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MAY 2019

Playoff Madness is upon the Bay Area... with the onset of Spring, all of us in the Bay Area are being treated to a very special time. Even though we may take them for granted, the Golden State Warriors and the San Jose Sharks have excited their fans (and even bandwagon jumpers) with their "almost annual" springtime playoff pushes. The Warriors are locked in battle with the Houston Rockets in the second round of the NBA Playoffs, trying to be the first team in over 45 years to reach the NBA finals in 5 consecutive years. The Boston Celtics of the 1960's is the only other team to accomplish this. Meanwhile, the Sharks are also in the second round of the NHL playoffs after providing some of the most exciting hockey in the first round, including a remarkable, overtime win in game 7 of the first round. Enjoy these games now while you can, as playoff participation can be fleeting, as we have seen with the Giants and 49ers.

Remembering Jack Kaye...it is with great sadness that we recently learned of the passing of one of our long-time contributors, Jack Kaye. He provided us with a great wit and thoughtful reflections on the world. According to his daughter, Jenny, he adored writing for the Observer and valued the feedback that he received from our readers. I had the privilege of working with Jack for 10 years and valued his insights and contributions to each of us through his writings. A life well lived. Godspeed Jack to your next writing assignment.



Preparing for the Silver Tsunami...at last month's West of Twin Peaks Central Council meeting the topic of housing and land use was a prime topic. During the discussion the issue of a lack of housing for senior citizens of every income level was mentioned. Board of Supervisors President Norman Yee conducted a hearing on April 29 on the upcoming "silver tsunami" of seniors in need of affordable housing and assisted living resources.

A few key facts:

- Senior housing is only 12% of the city's pipeline for affordable housing.
- Seniors comprise 24% of all persons in the City who are under the poverty line.

Most seniors do not qualify for most of the affordable housing that's built by the City currently because of the disconnect between social security benefits — about \$1200-1300 per month — and the Average Median Income (AMI) needed to qualify for affordable housing is typically at 50% AMI (\$24,000 for an individual in the "very low income" bracket).

We all should be pressing our legislators to recognize these facts and plan accordingly for a rapidly aging populace.



Great Local Theatre @ 42nd Street Moon...San Francisco's 42nd Street Moon (Daren A.C. Carollo and Daniel Thomas, Co-Executive Directors) has announced the full cast and creative team for Moon's next production, the 8-Time Tony Award-nominated musical 110 In the Shade. Based N. Richard Nash's acclaimed 1954 play The Rainmaker (the basis for the 1956 film starring Burt Lancaster and Katharine Hepburn), 110 In the Shade features music by Harvey Schmidt and lyrics by Tom Jones (The Fantasticks), and a book by Nash adapted from his own play. 42nd Street Moon's production of 110 In the Shade runs from April 24 – May 12 and will perform at Gateway Theatre (215 Jackson St. Tickets range from \$30 - \$75 and can be purchased through the Box Office at (415) 255-8207 or online at www.42ndstmoon.org. Subscriptions and more information about 42nd Street Moon are available online at www.42ndstmoon.org.

At the Merced branch of the SFPL for May...

TechMobile: Pop-Up Makerspace – Wednesday, May 8, 3:30-5:30 pm - Come visit the TechMobile, a fully-equipped computer lab on wheels designed to help bring technology fluency to all San Francisco residents through digital literacy trainings. Experience the Pop-Up Makerspace and tinker with 3d printers, craft machines, circuitry, robots, and retro- arcade games. This program is for all ages and skill levels.

Merced Branch Library Open House – Wednesday, May 8, 5 to 8:30 pm - Come celebrate the 8th Anniversary of the Grand Reopening of the branch and to observe Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! From 5 to 6 pm, enjoy a scavenger hunt and light refreshments. From 5:15 to 6:15 pm, the talented Shoko Hikage will perform on the koto, a Japanese zither. From 6:30 to 8:30 P.M, noted music historian Richie Unterberger will present "Asian Rock 'n' Roll Rarities." Please join us for this special event. All are welcome!

Programs for Adults:

Merced Craft Night – Thursday, May 9, 6 to 7:30 pm - Join us for a fun night of crafting! Craft night is held on the second Thursday of each month. For ages 13 and up. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Sign up with a librarian or call (415) 355-2825. Sign up starts on the first day of the month.

Knitting Circle – Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 to 7:30 pm - All levels of knitters, please join us

with your knit projects and spread the inspiration! Practice supplies provided, but bring your own if you have a special project in mind. For ages 13 and up.

Film Showing: Crazy Rich Asians - Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 to 8:30 pm - New Yorker Rachel Chu (Constance Wu) agrees to accompany her longtime boyfriend, Nick Young (Henry Golding), to his best friend's wedding in Singapore. (Film length is 2 hours, and is rated PG-13) Light refreshments will be served.

Book-A-Librarian: Learn Basic Computer Skills - Choose a topic—searching library databases, setting up an email account, or surfing the Internet. Basic mouse and typing skills required. Sign up in-person or call to schedule a 45-minute one-on-one appointment.

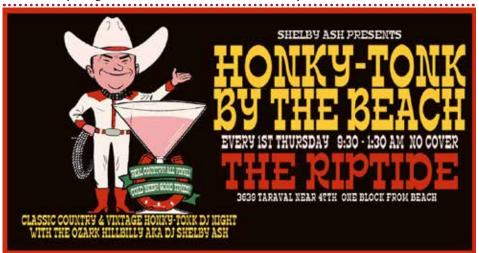
All Programs At The Library Are Free Merced Branch, SF Public Library 155 Winston Drive (at 19th Avenue) (415) 355-2825, www.sfpl.org

Registration open at City College... City College (CCSF) has now posted its class schedule for the upcoming 2019 Fall Semester, which introduces new academic degree programs and adds capacity to academic areas with high student demand. This new student-centric schedule places an emphasis on coursework that will lead to graduation and transfer, along with an increase in academic support services to help students achieve their academic goals in two years or less.

CCSF is the first community college in the state to offer an Associate Degree in LGBT Studies, and have now added additional Social Justice Studies Associate Degrees for Transfer in Gender Studies; Feminist, Queer, & Trans Studies; Latin American/Latino(a) Studies; Labor & Community Studies; and Ethnic Studies. All of the transfer degrees offer guaranteed admission to a California State University. The upcoming class schedule offers room for approximately 9,000 more students than were enrolled in the previous fall semester.

Free City will continue to be offered to San Francisco residents throughout the 2019-2020 academic year. Students can apply for the tuition waivers or subsidies by completing the one-page Free City Application, which is included within the online registration process. After registering, CCSF encourages students to complete either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a California DREAM Act Application.

Students can register for classes beginning May 1. For more information on Fall Semester registration, please visit the following website: https://www.ccsf.edu/en/student-services/admissions-and-registration/registration.html. More information about the Free City Program can be found at ccsf.edu/freecity.



Only 3 Dates left for Honky Tonk at the Beach! ... West Portal Avenue's own Shelby Ash (The Music Store) presents music reflecting the best of "new" bluegrass and Americana music. The first Thursday of May (May 2), June (June 6) and July (July4) Shelby will be spinning tunes and bringing country to the beach at the Riptide. Doors open at 9:30. info/tix: www.shelbyashpresents.net

For all Interior Design fans... The San Francisco Decorator Showcase has transformed the mansion at 3800 Washington Street in Presidio Heights, located between Maple and Cherry Streets near the Presidio. A collection of over 40 of the West Coast's top interior and landscape designers remade the 33 spaces in the 18,000 plus square-foot mansion known as "Le Petit Trianon." The San Francisco Decorator Showcase is a benefit for the San Francisco University High School Financial Aid Program and will take place from April 27 – May 27, 2019.

Get into the Garden... The Garden for the Environment folks at 7th Avenue and Lawton have the following workshops available during May. Give them a call or go online to register.

Regular Educational Volunteer Hours: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10am to 3pm Work alongside staff and fellow volunteers on a range of activities like composting, vegetable planting and harvesting, pruning, and weeding. The best way to learn is by doing, and we promise you'll learn a lot working in the garden with us. No registration needed — you can come and go at any time, and volunteering at GFE will always be free. Bring lunch and picnic with us at noon! More Information: bit.ly/GFEVolunteer Garden for the Environment • 7th Ave & Lawton St. • gardenfortheenvironment.org

Do you have an event, a neighborhood fact or an observation to share? Drop us a line at mitch@westsideobserver.com and share your ideas or just let us know what you think.

(415) 558-8246



— Taraval Station Community Meeting

Tuesday, May 21st • 6 pm - 7 pm at Taraval Police Station • taraval.org



he thing that burns me up the most about residential burglaries is that it is a total invasion into your privacy and personal living space. We all can rightfully expect to be secure in our homes and be in a place where we can relax and get some rest from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Although our numbers are looking pretty good as YTD in 2018 there were 157 reported burglaries as compared to 79 YTD in 2019 a 50% reduction there is more work to do. Recently the plainclothes



Taraval Neighborhood Team, TNT, took down a burglary crew Captain Nick Rainsford from the East Bay who were coming to San Francisco and posing as utility workers. Working together Crime Scene Investigations (CSI), TNT and the Burglary Unit developed investigative leads and followed up with search and arrest warrants which led to the recovery of items stolen in several home burglaries as well as the arrest of two suspects, job well done. The case now is with the District Attorney's Office. Let's hope for a good outcome in the courts that supports the community. I continue to monitor when and where burglaries are happening and this information is pushed out to all patrol Officers in a weekly intelligence report so they can focus on affected areas. Plainclothes Officers are also watching these areas so—criminals beware.

If someone shows up at your door, unscheduled, and says they are with a utility company such as PG&E, a cable company or another service, and that company has not been in prior contact with you, that could be a sign they are not who they say they are. Ask for ID, call the 800 number for the company or call the police. We can sort it out.

The other thing that really gets under my skin, is when burglaries are committed at residences under construction where a lot of high value power tools are stolen. There has been a rash of these types of burglaries lately, and my focus has turned to catching those responsible. These contractors, are hardworking people trying to make an honest living and they have the means by which they make that living stolen from them.

If you see something strange going on at a worksite—outside of normal business hours —give the police a call, again, we will sort it out. Additionally I would like to add to the message of "If you see something, say something." If you see something you can also "video that something." Most of us have cell phones handy and a video of criminal activity provides investigative leads we otherwise may not get.

In closing I wrote last month about safe driving and I want to give a reminder that traffic enforcement will be ongoing especially around our 5 areas with the most collisions which we call the "focus on the 5". Drive the speed limit, put your phone down and yield to pedestrians. I know I've said it before and I'll say it again, but it's not worth it if you are the cause of a collision for not being attentive to the road and the laws

Follow me on Twitter at @SFPDTaraval for some really interesting tweets and go to Taraval.org for much more information on crimes tips, traffic safety, home safety and much more.

Monday | April 1

Battery

7:06 am | Wawona St & 46th Ave

A MUNI Inspector said the suspect, who had been sleeping in front of a MUNI employee's bathroom punched him when he asked the suspect to move out of the way. The suspect angrily yelled and punched him twice in his face. Officers investigated and the suspect was cited.

Threats - Arrested

3:40 pm | 200 Vidal Dr

After officers responded the previous day to a report of a suspect and pointing a gun at the victim's head and threatening, he fled. TNT officers responded back to the home and arrested him without incident.

3:41 am | 1200 La Playa St

The victim said he entered a store when the suspect, a worker, started to yell at him. He left the store to avoid further confrontation but the suspect followed him out and continued to yell at him before spraying him with mace. The victim walked away and washed the mace off.

Tuesday | April 2

Theft

4:40 pm | 1400 35th Ave

A man said he saw the suspect walking away with his neighbor's packages and chased after him. After officers detained him, a search revealed that the suspect was in possession of three packages, stolen from the victim's front door. He was cited.

Battery

11:34 pm | 00 De Montfort Ave

The victim told the officers that he and the suspect, his roommate, had gotten into a verbal argument earlier. After the

victim turned on a table lamp, the suspect became angrier and punched the victim in his face. Responding officers arrived at the location and made contact with both parties. After further investigation, the suspect was arrested.

Wednesday | April 3

Traffic Violation - Cocaine for Sale

10:51 pm | 700 Font Blvd

When officers noticed a car without a front license plate, they conducted a traffic stop and observed marijuana on the gear shift. Then several empty bundles fell from the center console. A search found bundles packaged with marijuana or cocaine, scales and items for selling drugs. The suspect was arrested.

| Thursday | April 4

Theft from A Locked Vehicle

10:58 pm | 3900 Alemany Blvd

When a woman heard suspicious noises outside her garage and saw the suspect, through an open mail slot, break a window, she called for help and went outside to confront the suspect but he fled. She cleaned up the shattered glass and returned inside. About 20 minutes later she returned to the car and saw the same suspect inside. He tried to run, but her husband and her son detained hem. Interviewing the suspect, officers saw, through a mesh front pocket of his backpack, two prescription bottles in another name, and an empty narcotics bindle. He was arrested.

Assault - Warrant Arrest

10:04 am | 200 Lakeview Ave

A woman identified the suspect, who hit her with a rock and had a known history to the officers. Officers arrested him when a check revealed two warrants for his arrest out of San Mateo and he was on probation.

Friday | April 5

Battery

3:39 pm | 1000 Ocean Ave

Was eating a burger when a group of high school students started a fight with him. They punched him and fled.

Battery

5:49 pm | 1500 Sloat Blvd

A woman was driving her car in a parking lot when another car blocked her. She told the suspect, sitting in the passenger seat to move but he suddenly threw a half filled plastic water bottle at her face, hitting her glasses, then drove away.

Battery

2:10 pm | Ocean Ave & Plymouth Ave

A man with impaired vision was getting on a MUNI when the suspect tried to y push past him. He told him to stop pushing but he began yelling at him, grabbed his arm and threw him down, then fled.

Saturday | April 6

Vehicle Burglary

1:59 am | 200 Dorantes Ave

A man became suspicious when he heard sounds from the front of his house and went to investigate. He saw the suspect in the front seat of the car. He began videoing as he confronted the suspect, who confessed to the crime on tape. Officers located three other cars nearby that had Battery also been broken into. He was arrested after a search revealed methamphetamine.

Sunday | April 7

Robbery

10:22 am | 34th Ave & Ortega St

A woman came to Taraval Station to report that a suspect run up from behind her, grabbed her hand bag and fled.

Throwing Trash - Resisting

9:21 am | 19th Ave & Lincoln Way

A witness said the suspect was acting erratically, then took glass bottles from trash cans and breaking them on the street. The suspect was detained despite a refusal to stop and attempted to flee. A victim said his car was hit by a thrown bottle. The suspect was cited.

Monday | April 8

Brandishing Weapon

3:27 pm | 1100 Ocean Ave

When a witness reported that a man was waving a knife in the air but did not directly threaten anyone. A check revealed a warrant for his arrest. He was arrested.

Wednesday | April 10

Attempted Robbery

10:50 pm | 00 Westgate Dr

A suspect shoved a man was sitting on his bicycle, reading his phone, off his bike. The other suspect looked like he pointed a gun at the cyclist's head. When he refused to let go, the suspects walked away.

Robbery

11:50 pm | 800 Junipero Serra Blvd

A student at SF State said he was sitting in front of the library when two suspects walked up from behind him and demanded his property. When he refused, they punch him on the nose. Fearing more abuse, the student them some money, but they took the rest of his belongings and fled.

Thursday | April 11

Robbery

11:46 am | Judah St & 25th Ave

A woman was waiting on a MUNI platform when a car pulled up and the passenger got out, then wordlessly pepper sprayed the her and took her grocery bags away from her before fleeing.

Battery

12:31 pm | 00 West Portal Ave

A woman said the suspect had been walking by and suddenly pushed her husband down. Officers detained the suspect but the victim declined to press charges.

Carjacking - Assault

4:46 pm | West Portal Ave & Vicente St

A man who was double parked in front of Starbucks waiting for someone when the suspect brandished a hypodermic needle at him, demanding his car. The driver prevented the suspect from entering his car. Officers arrested the suspect.

Friday | April 12

8:39 pm | 3000 Taraval St

When a store employee refused to give a package to a suspect whose ID did not match the name on the package, the suspect angrily pushed him and tried to go behind the counter to get the package. When that failed, the suspect left.

Arson

2:33 am | 00 Geneva Ave

After a fire was successfully extinguished by SFFD, officers determined that a fence had been intentionally set on fire.

Arson

2:15am | 200 Geneva Ave

After another fire was successfully extinguished by SFFD, officers determined that a trash can was intentionally set on fire.

Suspended License - Marijuana for sale

7:00 pm | 1500 Sloat Blvd

TNT officers on patrol saw a suspicious car. Once it was determined that the occupants were selling marijuana they were cited for selling marijuana and for driving with a suspended driver's license.

Stolen Vehicle

5:53 pm | 2200 Taraval St

TNT officers officers located the stolen car which was being tracked and detained the occupants. A search found burglary tools inside a backpack. The suspect said his friend loaned him the car for \$60 so he could pick up his girlfriend. He was arrested.

Saturday | April 13

Driving While Under the Influence

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Earthday and you - What can li'l ol' you do to save the earth?

arthday held its 50th anniversary celebration last month. From its birth in the '70s Earth Day has provided an opportunity for people to participate in local, national and international events devoted to protecting our environment. Legislation has been passed, lawsuits filed, petitions signed, and articles written on the topic 'save the earth' (over 1.4 billion Google search results).

1. 1 www.thesimpledollar.com/the-light-bulb-showdown-leds-vs-cfls-vs-incandescent-bulbs-whats-the-best-deal-now-and-in-the-future/

Even in the face of overwhelming evidence that the CARS FIGURED LARGE, UBER AND LYFT ALSO "Drive less. can find inspiration and ideas about what each one of us bus a little more than you would have." (Vicky Hoover) can do to take a small step towards shrinking our own 'ecological footprint' (25 million search results.)

To find out what local environmentally-oriented folks were doing, I put out a request to members of the Conservation Committee of the SF Group of the Sierra Club. These volunteers are all working to enact environmentally beneficial policies and practices, but they also try to use them in their daily lives. Here are some of their ideas:

ONE SMALL CHANGE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE "Change out your light bulbs to LED's. You'll reduce your carbon footprint and save money, too. " (John Rizzo)

There are over 21 million search results on 'incandescent vs. LED bulb comparisons, but we'll make it easy. The simple dollar website1 has basic charts on how

much energy can be saved by upgrading your light bulbs.

Lake the bus as much as you can fuels. More than 2 gallons One incandescent bulb might use 60 watts; a compact fluo
Muni uses less than 2 percent of all of diesel were not burned and the state of the state rescent lamp (CFL) might energy expended on transportation in SF." and spewed into the atmouse 14 watts. Compare this to an LED that gives the same

amount of illumination but uses 10 watts. Now go around **CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT - GAIN A NEW COMPANION** your home, count the number of bulbs, and multiply by 50 watts (savings over incandescent) per bulb. Not only will you save energy, but also, even with the higher purchase price of the LED's factored in, you will save money over the life of the bulbs. LED's last a very, very long time. LED's are often subsidized by the government - look for rebates and special offers.

BIG PICTURE "Make a contribution to any one of the candidates running for president who supports the 'Green New Deal' (110 million search result.) Due to game-changing advances in clean energy, addressing climate change is now almost entirely a political problem, not an economic burden. Early money is the most important money, and the race for next President of the United States will be critically important in making the slingshot maneuver needed to give our children hope for prosperity." (Hunter Cutting)

world is going to hell in a human-woven hand basket, we
That includes in Ubers or the like. Walk, bike or take the

"... walk, bicycle, or take the bus as much as you can leave your car in the garage and certainly don't call for an Uber or a Lyft. In fact Muni uses less than 2 percent of all energy expended on transportation in SF." (Sue Vaughan)

"If you have a car, think about how you might travel occasionally without it. For a meeting in S. San Francisco last weekend my choices were 60 minutes of driving to cover the 40 miles there and back home. Or, take public transit which would take three times as long. I always bring reading materials and also enjoy looking out the window while leaving the driving to someone else. If you like to go to malls, the 122 line starts at Stonestown and stops at Westlake and Sierra Monte Shopping Centers - \$1 for seniors. "Keep it in the ground" is a popular phrase in the

environmental movement sphere with just this one trip." (Barry Hermanson)

"We've just rescued 2 animals (a puppy and a kitten) from the SPCA, and we are trying to incorporate every environmentally friendly product that comes with having indoor pets. Thus far, we have: Biodegradable puppy potty-training pads; Biodegradable kitty litter; Pet toys made from recycled materials; Recyclable/reusable pet food containers." (Kim-Shree Maufas)

Other pet hints -- keep your cat healthy and non-avianhomicidal by keeping her/him indoors. (According to a 2013 study, cats in the continental U.S. kill 1.4 to 3.7 million birds a year². They also run into all kinds of trouble AND MOST POETIC "Walk in a forest or along the shore, outdoors.) Spay or neuter your cat to cut down on the over-population, and for heaven's sake, don't dump pets in the wild - take them to a no-kill shelter. Otherwise, they suffer and so do all of the other critters out there from these introduced, non-native predators.

ALWAYS GOOD - PLANT A TREE "If you have the space

With Kathy Howard

- plant a tree, or many trees. Preferably an organically grown sapling. Trees sequester carbon dioxide, provide habitat for a host of other species, and help regulate water flows among their many ecological benefits. Some day, if I have the time and money, I dream of acquiring a tract of degraded land somewhere and planting a forest." (Rupa

AN EASY WAY TO SAVE WATER "... A practical recommendation to save water is to use your washing machine on the 'express' or 'delicate' setting, which is half the time for a usual load (save water, save money, save time) - same for a dishwasher (for those who have one- use 'quick time' setting)." (Linda Weiner)

Do you run the water in the sink to get it hot? Put the excess in a pitcher and use it to water plants.

GO AFTER THOSE PESKY PLASTIC BAGS As we learned in a prior interview, only 9% of plastic bags are recycled worldwide. Look around and see what you can do. Plastic bags at farmers' markets? Tsk. Tsk. Take your own cloth bags. Catalogs that arrive encased in "recyclable" plastic? Write a quick note to the publisher. And my favorite buga-boo — The SF Chronicle arriving in a plastic bag every day, 365 days a year - even on sunny days. Call them and ask, "Please do NOT use a plastic bag, unless it is raining. Please use a rubber band instead." (It prevents blowing around.) 415-777-7000. Warning: It may take a few calls to get the message transmitted to the people who do the actual delivery work. Persevere! (Author)

AFTER WORKING HARD TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT, TAKE A BREAK AND " . . . try to replenish your spirit every day by exposure to nature - even if it's five minutes walking by a park (not only is it peaceful, but studies have shown it reduces depression). " (Linda Weiner)

a reminder of what we're working to save." (Becky Evans)

Meet these folks in person, along with other members of the SF Group. Meetings are at 6 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Locations alternate between Park Police and Mission Police Stations. Go online to learn more about the SF Group³. Click on About Us/Leader Resources/Chapter Leadership/ San Francisco Group and voila!

Youth Guidance Center (Cont. from p. 1)

1. 3 www.sierraclub.org/san-francisco-bay/

The current YGC rebuild was completed in 2007 at a cost of \$45.9 million — at least \$9 million over budget. It was designed to house 150 minors.

1. 2 www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/01/29/cats-wild-birds-mammals-study/1873871/

Work on the new juvenile hall on Woodside Avenue began in 2003, paid for partly with a \$15.1 million state grant. The old hall then located next door was more than 50 years old and still housed youths. It was considered so outmoded and rundown that a civil grand jury once called it "unfit to house the city's children."

The old YGC had 104 beds and today's YGC has 150 beds, another source of controversy in a city where youth advocates want fewer juvenile delinquents locked up and more sent to alternative programs within the community.

"I don't intend to fill the beds in the new facility at all," said former Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Bill Siffermann, who was appointed to the job in 2005 by Mayor Newsom based on Siffermann's efforts to reform juvenile programs in Chicago and reduce the kids in lock-up.

Mayor Newsom and Sifferman wanted to house more than 78 juveniles at any time in the new YGC.

Now we have three City supervisors basing legislation on the difference between 150 beds and the number of beds currently being used.

Perhaps the Supervisors should work with the Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS), a Department of Public Health division, to help promote wellness among San Francisco's children. CBHS provides mental health prevention and early intervention through partnerships with community-based agencies, schools, health centers, shelters, child care centers and family care providers. Services may include outreach, assessment, child/classroom observation, screening, clinical/program consultation, individual/family therapy, parent support groups and other related activities and training. This would be time well spent.

"Nothing humbles you more than a tragic loss or when something doesn't go as expected. But my experience at YGC was quite humbling, for the better," said an anonymous former YGC member, who was 12 years old and stayed at the facility for one month.

"Growing up as an angry misguided youth, I was caught up in the wrong crowd, making bad choices. My time in YGC was very short lived but fortunately it taught me to learn from my mistakes. It wasn't exactly the environment I

wanted to be in, but it was well needed, meeting a few other kids who had gone through nearly the same situation I have and learning their motives as to why they were at YGC. I tried to look at their stories from both perspectives. I can remember the food wasn't the worst."

Further, "The worst thing I remember is when a fight broke out for some reason I can't recall. I made a few friends there, but I've never kept in touch after that. All in all, my experience at YGC was one of my wake-up calls and my opinion on why YGC should not be closed, but rather transformed into a youth center so that kids can learn how to deal with their problems in a more positive and beneficial

"They [YGC] should open up programs such as cooking classes, movie nights, video game lounges, study halls, health and wellness classes, psychological evaluations with counselors and licensed therapists. Just anything that will benefit the youth and keep them out of the streets."

There are two other reasons the City might want to close the YGC. The Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YGC budget is \$40.4M. This would be a large sum to hijack for other budgetary uses.

The YGC is built on Laguna Honda Hospital property. Will the city demolish, remodel or refurbish the fairly new building and build and/or fund a new housing project that may feature homelessness-, mental health-, or lowincome housing?

Alan Nance, the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer at YGC said, "In accordance with your [city] priorities with this funding, the Department and Commission have engaged in conversations to create up to three dedicated beds in an appropriate psychiatric setting for this vulnerable population."

Nance added, "The [city] Policy staff and the Department of Public Health should explore flexible opportunities to provide dedicated beds for youth requiring acute psychiatric care in custody of the Juvenile Probation Department, but whose needs cannot be met within the secure facility of the Department."

I question the Supervisors' and City Hall's motives for getting rid of the YGC. Their legislation should be thoroughly vetted by the neighborhoods, and their good intentions should be questioned.

Let's keep the YGC.

George Wooding, Coalition For SF Neighborhoods

Affordable Housing? (Cont. from p. 6)

Program Vanished?

The November 2015 ballots to approve the bond explicitly stated the question being put before voters was whether the bond would include a middle-income rental program. The legal text of the Affordable Housing Bond clearly stated in the November 2015 voter guide a portion of the bond would be used to create "Middle-Income Rental Housing."

CGOBOC members should have known the legal text and question posed to voters mandated the Middle-Income Rental program. And they should have noticed that the Middle-Income Rental program presented to it in January 2016 when they assumed oversight of bond spending was suddenly eliminated seven months later in July 2016. But CGOBOC's meeting minutes never reported any discussion about why the category vanished.

Given the temporal proximity in time, some wondered whether MOHCD may have decided that after Prop C passed in June 2016 that MOHCD could remove the Middle-Income Rental program from the Affordable Housing Bond a month later. It's ludicrous. The inclusionary aspects of Prop C didn't solve or achieve affordable rents designed to be addressed through the Middle-Income Rental program.

When asked to comment about whether Prop C's passage had contributed to MOHCD's decision to eliminate the Middle-Income Rental program, MOHCD's director Kate Hartley indicated on April 23, 2019 "We did not conclude that Proposition C's tiered income eligibility approach solved the middle-income housing need."

Dialing for Middle-Income Dollars

Successive MOHCD reports to CGOBOC have documented drastic shifts in spending within the Middle-Income Housing category budget.

In June 2015 and January 2016, MOHCD reported to CGOBOC that between the DALP and Teacher Next Door loan ownership programs, a combined \$15 million would comprise about 26% of the Middle-Income Housing budget. The Middle-Income Rental and Expiring Regulations Preservation categories — both rental programs — were expected to be awarded a combined \$42 million, comprising 74% of the Middle-Income budget.

Between January 2016 and December 2018, the DALP

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Sun May 19 | 8 am | Main Street & Howard Street to Ocean Beach | A testament to San Francisco's uniqueness and audacity. Each year - a giant wave of athleticism, fun, frivolity, and determination flows across the City from the Bay to the Pacific Ocean — one of the largest footraces in the world with 50,000 +participants and 100,000 + spectators annually. As the race grew in size it even set a Guinness Book worldrecord, with 110,000 participants in 1986 and consistently attracts world-class competitors. But, it isn't just a race for the serious runner—it's a celebration for everyone. Thousands of costumed participants join with families, weekend runners, and walkers, cheered on by thousands of spectators lining the route. baytobreakers.com

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EVERY SUNDAY • FARMERS MARKET

Farmers Market | Every Sun | 9 am-1 pm | Fresh fruits and vegetables stars in this popular market, rear parking lot: Stonestown (19th Ave @ Winston).

EVERY SUNDAY • VICTORIAN TOUR

Sundays | 2 pm | Victorian era architecture Lafayette Square. SF's illustrious history, steep streets & fabulous views! 1801 Bush St. garden. Donations MUNI 1. 3. Check out many tours of SF: INFO: sfcityguides.org

SUNDAYS • FREE COMMUNITY YOGA

yoga at Playland at 43rd Ave. All classes are FREE Cancellations: Playland Yoga Facebook Page.

EVERY TUES • QUE SYRAH HAPPY HOUR

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EVERY THURS • NIGHTLIFE

Every Thu | 6–10 pm | The Academy of Sciences brings live music, science, mingling and coctails. GG Park \$12 (\$10 Members). calacademy.org/nightlife.

EVERY THURS • DIGITAL DEVICE DROP-IN

Thu | 4-5 pm | Patient tech-savvy help in getting to know your digital device. Please have your device Sat May 4-5 | 10 am - 6 pm | 14th annual family friendpasswords. Main Library, 100 Larkin St.

FRIDAYS • TEEN COMPUTER CORPS

Fri | 4-5:30 pm | Trouble with Technology? We can help with kindles, email, laptops, tablets, cell phones and other electronic gadgets at the Parkside Mon May 6 | 7 pm | Miracle Creek Branch, 1200 Taraval. Info: 415-355-5770.

FRI • OFF THE GRID - FOOD TRUCKS

Every Fri | 5-10 pm | The largest food truck gathering in the country, brings delicious food to the public with free sides of music, craft, and soul. Fort Mason Center 2 Marina Blvd. Free—\$25, offthegridsf.com

SATURDAYS • FREE ART MUSEUM DAY

to the de Young and Legion of Honor will be free every Sat May 4-5 | 10 am - 2 pm | Annual Plant Sale is a fundlicense or postmarked envelope

SATURDAYS • COMPUTER HELP

Sat | 1-4 pm | Drop-in help with a teen tech savvy volunteer! Bring your laptop, eReaders, gadgets, digital learn how to use it. West Portal Branch, 190 Lenox.

THU • OUTER SUNSET/PARKSIDE

Thu May 16 | 6:30 pm | Residents from the Outer Sunset and Outer Parkside (west of Sunset) discuss key issues in the neighborhood. Outer Sunset Parkside Residents Assn (OSPRA). Ortega Branch, 3223 Ortega St. mediasusan2@gmail.com (Every 3rd Thu)

FRI-FRI • BAY AREA DANCE WEEK

Daily, thru-May 5 | Various S.F. venues, Times | 10day celebration of dance featuring 400 free performances, classes, and workshops featuring over 700 groups, artists, and the wildly popular Kick-Off event. Free, 415-920-9181, bayareadance.org

SAT • AUTHOR MAPPIE JOHNSON

Sat May 4 | 2-5 pm | One day Pickles, the pig becomes very sick. His only hope? One big sow with an even bigger heart...



How Tickles Saved Pickles (Children's Book Week). Bookshop WP, 80 W Portal Ave.



Sat May 4, 2019 | 12-1 pm | In 1916, anticipating Wed May 8 | 5 - 8:30 pm | Celebrate the 8th Anniver-Every Tue Happy Hour | 4–8 pm | Que Syrah Wine will show early images of the first 100 years of the Merced Branch, 155 Winston Dr. neighborhood. West Portal Branch 190 Lenox Way

SUN • FREE DAY / ASIAN ART MUSEUM

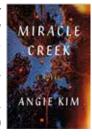
Sun May 5 | 10 am - 5 pm | The Asian Art Museum houses one of the most comprehensive Asian art collections in the world, with more than 18,000 works of art in its permanent collection, some as much as 6,000 years old. 200 Larkins St.

SAT-SUN • CINCO PE MAYO

fully charged and know your sign-in information and ly Cinco de Mayo on the Mission's new trendy Valencia Street between 21st & 24th. A diverse array of Mexican and Latino foods, music, dance and artistry. Beer garden - live entertainment.

|MON • AUTHOR ANGIE KIM

is a thoroughly contemporary take on the courtroom drama, drawing on the author's own life as a Korean immigrant, former trial lawyer, and mother. (in conversation with Julie Lythcott-Haims) Bookshop West Portal, 80 W Portal.



Every Sat | 10 am-5 pm | For SF residents, admission | SAF-SUN • BOTANICAL GARDENS PLANT SALE

Saturday to their permanent collection galleries and raiser, free to enter. The Bay Area's largest plant sale with special exhibitions. may be redeemed with a driver's over 20,000 plants representing 2,500 different varieties, many rare, hard to find, and thrive in dry conditions. SF Botanical Gardens, GG Park at 9th & Lincoln.

TUE • FREE DAY / DEYOUNG MUSEUM

Tue May 7 | 9:30 am - 5 pm | Art from 17th-20th cencameras, tablets or cell phones and we can help you turies, native Americas, Africa, & Pacific. 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, GG Park. Free first Tuesdays.

TUE • FREE DAY / JEWISH MUSEUM

Tue May 7 | 11 am - 5 pm | Contemporary Jewish Museum showcases art, music, film, and more that speaks to the Jewish experience and identity. First Tues of month FREE. 736 Mission St.

TUE • FREE DAY / CRAFT & DESIGN MUSEUM

Tue May 7 | 11 am - 6 pm | Museum of Craft and Design dedicated to the celebration of craft, 2569 3rd St Free Day is first Tuesday.

TUE • FREE DAY / YERBA BUENA ARTS

Tue May 7 | 11 am - 6 pm | Yerba Buena Center features | Mon May 13 | 7 pm | Ghost Work High contemporary visual art, performances, films and tech piecework flagging X-rated concommunity programs that celebrate innovation and tent, proofreading, designing engine experimentation. 701 Mission St. First Tuesday free.

TUE • FREE DAY / LEGION OF HONOR

Tue May 7 | 9:30 am - 5 pm | See over 4,000 years of ancient and European art in SF's Lincoln Park. Legion of Honor, 100 34th Ave. Free day/first Tuesday.

WED • MERCED BRANCH OPEN HOUSE



We are pleased to announce the introduction of what will become a treasured Cliff House tradition.

The Zinc Bar Happy Hour

Please Join Us!

Monday - Friday | 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm | Zinc Bar & Balcony Lounge

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the Twin Peaks streetcar tunnel, developer Fernando sary of the Grand Reopening and observe Asian Pacific Every Sun | 10 am | Bring Your Own Mat for outdoor Nelson built the first house in what he named "West American Heritage Month! Enjoy a scavenger hunt and Portal Park." High-end houses, the new development light refreshments from 5-6 pm. At 5:15 to 6:15 pm, the and DROP IN. (Rain cancels.) 1360 43rd Ave & Judah. became the commercial hub for West of Twin Peaks Shoko Hikage will perform on the koto, a Japanese zithneighborhoods, such as St. Francis Wood and Forest er. From 6:30 to 8:30 pm noted music historian Richie Hill. As part of it's 80th anniversary, Woody LaBounty Unterberger will present "Asian Rock 'n' Roll Rarities."

WED • FREE DAY / LGBT MUSEUM

Wed May 8 | 11 am - 6 pm | GLBT History Museum collects, preserves, exhibits and promotes understanding of LGBTQ history, culture and arts in all their diversity. 4127 18th St.



Thu May 9 | SF hosts one of the biggest Bike to Work events in the country. Energizer Stations will be open during morning commute along commute routes for refreshments, giveaways and some will also be open during the evening commute.

THU • HOSPITALITY HOUSE ART AUCTION

Thu May 9 | 6-9 pm | 34th Art Auction at Midway, 900 Marin St. to raise funds for programs, including the art studio and gallery for artists who otherwise have no art materials and resources to learn, create, develop, exhibit, and sell their work. TIX: \$50-75. hospitalityhouse.com

SAT • TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL-FILM

Sat May 11 | 1:30 - 4 pm | Gerontologist Ellyn Bloomfield will lead discussion on aging issues as portrayed in the Oscar winning film (1986) starring Geraldine Page. Ellyn has been a guest lecturer on aging and film at SF State. West Portal Branch, 190 Lenox Way.

SUN • MOTHER'S DAY ROSE

Sun May 12 | 2:30 - 4 pm The SF Rose Society features gorgeous and unique garden roses grown by our members. Hall of Flowers,1199 9th Ave@ Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park. Show roses available after 4 pm.



GHOST

WORK

SUN • FREE DAY / EXPLORATORIUM

Sun May 12 | 10 am - 5 pm | Community Mother's Day is free at The Exploratorium, a beloved institution dedicated to science and discovery. Pier 15, The Embarcadero.

MON • AUTHOR DR. MARY GRAY

parts,—an estimated 8% of Americans are part of "ghost economy." Low wages, no health benefits, and they can be fired at any time for no reason. Bookshop WP, 80 West Portal Ave.

SAT • SF'S FIRST WORLD FAIR

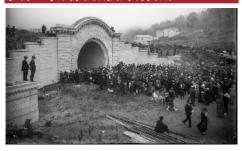
Tue May 14 | 7:30 pm | San Francisco's first world's fair



The Midwinter Fair, took place in Golden Gate Park, from Jan 27 to Jul 4, 1894. The only remaining features in the park from the fair are the Japanese Tea Garden and a few pieces of sculpture. Roosevelt

Middle School, 460 Arguello Blvd. Parking - enter from Palm Ave. SF Museum & Hist. Society members Free/\$10 gen /\$5.

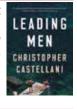
WED • WEST PORTAL HISTORY



Wed May 15 | 6-7 pm | Woody LaBounty will show early images of West Portal Avenue's creation and commemorate the first 100 years of the iconic neighborhood. Q&A to follow with light bites and wine. at BarbCo Real Estate 45 West Portal. Free - must RSVP outsidelands.org

THU • AUTHOR CHRISTOPHER CASTELLANI

Thu May 16 | 7 pm | An almost epic novel about male authors and the men who loved them. The book, Leading Men features real people - Tennessee Williams, Frank Merlo, Truman Capote, Jack Burns, among others -Bookshop West Portal, 80 West Portal Ave



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BESTSELL-



- 1. The Island of Sea Women Lisa See *
- 2. The American Agent Jacqueline Winspear * 3. Becoming Michelle Obama
- 4. An Elegant Defense: The Extraordinary New Science of
- the Immune System: A Tale in Four Lives Matt Richtel* 5. Where the Crawdads Sing Delia Owens
- 6. Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup John Carryrou 7. The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life
- David Sloan Wilson * 8. Educated: A Memoir Tara Westover
- 9. Normal People Sally Rooney
- 10. Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir Ruth Reichl
- 11. Unto Us a Son is Given Donna Leon
- 12. Maybe You Should Talk to Someone Lori Gottlieb
- 13. The Library Book Susan Orlean
- 14. There There Tommy Orange
- 15. The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming David
- Spoke at BookShop West Portal; signed copies available



WHAT ARE YOU READING?



SFMOMA is one of the largest museums of modern and contemporary art in the US. Discover work by artists from around the world, including Frida Kahlo, Gerhard Richter, Andy Warhol, and Julie Mehretu. Stroll through our outdoor sculpture garden, experience the thirty-foot living wall and take in incredible views — all right in the heart of the city. Free admission to 45,000 square feet of art-filled public spaces — no ticket required. There are a number of artworks on Floors 1 and 2 (and some surprises just outside) that offer a great introduction to the art for our time. 151 Third Street

THU • THE WAY OF TEA

Thu May 16 | 4:30 - 6 pm | A special Japanese Tea Ceremony! Instructors will illustrate an authentic tea gathering and then help each participant to whisk their own bowl of tea. Limit 25 people. RSVP: 415 355-5615.0cean View Branch, 345 Randolph St.

| FRI • AUTHOR SARAH BLAKE

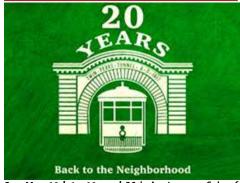
Fri May 17 | 7 pm | The untold secrets we inherit and pass on echo our parents and grandparents. The Guest Book tells the story of a family and a country that buries its past in quiet, until the present calls forth a reckoning. Bookshop West Portal, 8 West Portal



TUE • COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING

Tue May 21 | 6-7 pm | Meet with Captain Nick Rainsford at Taraval Station. Taraval Community Relations Forum Meeting: 2345 24th Ave. (Every 3rd Tues.)

SAT • WESTERN NEIGHBORHOODS / 20TH



Sun May 19 | 6 - 10 pm | 20th Anniversary Gala of WN Project. Guest of Honor: Peter Hartlaub, reporter, writer, critic, and lover of local history from the SF Chronicle. The Clubhouse at Presidio Golf Course, 300 Finley Info/Tix: outsidelands.org/gala/9.

VED • CRAZY RICH ASIANS - FILM



Wed May 22 | 6:30 pm | Follow native New Yorker Rachel Chu accompanies her longtime boyfriend, Nick Young, to his best friend's wedding in Singapore. Turns out he is the scion of one of the country's wealthiest families. Jealous socialites and Nick's own mother take aim at her. Merced Branch, 155 Winston.

THU • OMI NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

Thu May 23 | 7 pm | OMI-NIA General Meeting, the 4th Thurs of the month. Temple UMC, 65 Beverly.

THU • SITA SINGS THE BLUES-FILM

Thu May 23 | 4 - 6 pm | Animation artist Nina Paley's award-winning musical comedy-drama of the epic Indian tale of Ramayana is presented in several styles. English/subtitles. Ocean View Branch, 345 Randolph.

SAT/SUN • CARNIVAL / GRANDE PARADE



Sat/Sun May 25-26 | 9:30 am - 6 pm | 41st annual Carnaval SF! The 2019 Grand Parade, a brilliant procession of beautifully adorned floats depict rich multicultural themes with performers who engage crowds. 2-day festival on Harrison Street between 16th and 24th St.

|MON • MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION



Mon May 27 | 10:30 -2 pm | Dating back to the establishment of the national day of remembrance in 1868, the ceremony honors the one million Americans killed in the armed forces and the commitment and sacrifices made by military personnel, veterans, and their families. Additional events will take place throughout the day.

Parade with Veterans: 10:30 am | Beginning at Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue

Formal Ceremony: 11 am to Noon | Veteran Speakers, and Live Music. National Cemetery at the Presidio

21-Gun Salute: Noon | By the U.S. Army's Pacific Division 75th Training Command. Pershing Sq. Main Post

Community Picnic: Noon to 2 pm | Bring a picnic or enjoy food available for purchase. Main Parade Ground

MON • CENTRAL COUNCIL

Mon May 27 | 7 pm | West of Twin Peaks Central Council meets to discuss local topics on the 4th Mon each month. Forest Hills Clubhouse, 381 Magellan Ave. westoftwinpeaks.org

SUN • AVEDIS CHAMBER MUSIC

Sun May 26 | 2 pm | After the enthusiastic response to Claude Bolling's Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio last year, Avedis is pleased to present Bolling's Picnic Suite after Francesco Molino's Trio Op. 45 and Erwin Schulhoff's – Concertino—the final program in the series. Legion of Honor | 100 34th Ave. TIX: avidisconcerts.org or 415 392-4400 Gen: \$28-Sen/stu: \$18.

SAT • PINEHURST SPRING FESTIVAL



Sat Jun 1 | Noon-4 pm | A boutique with vintage clothing, jewelry, housewares, books and baked goods, etc to profit the Womans Auxilliary of the Salvation Army, that helps Women in Rehabilitation with life skills, discipline, counseling. 30th &Wawona.

THU • PEOPLE OF PARKSIDE

Thu Jun 6 | 7 pm | POPS meeting is the first Thursday of the month at the Taraval Station, 2345 24th Ave.

Local event? Priority for Westside events

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MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019

PRESIDIO NATIONAL CEMETERY 11AM GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL CEMETERY 11AM

PRESIDIO KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL 1PM

GOLDEN GATE PARK GROVE OF HEROES

John Kennedy Drive, near 8th Ave. **3PM**

VETERANS GALLERY



War Memorial Veterans Building 401 Van Ness, San Francisco March 6 - June 30, 2019 1pm - 8 pm Wednesday - Sunday

Veterans of Foreign Wars Community Service Project

San Francisco, NOT the country's greenest city

an Francisco is at the forefront of the environmental movement. We have banned plastic bags, plastic straws, made efforts to reduce carbon emissions, and pioneered the use of separate bins for compost and recycling. We have made pledges to reduce waste to zero by 20201. We started a program, Clean Power SF, in which at least 40% of our power will come from renewable sources of energy, such as solar and wind power.² When cities across the US think of a prime example of a green city, surely San Francisco is the shining example, right?

Wrong.

waste, and needles pollute our sidewalks. there's no moral fortitude to deal with it. Streets choked with vehicles at a standstill, emitting carbon monoxide, particulate matter, and nitrogen oxides, all of which have adverse health effects. We have a sec-

ond rate transit system that is | slow, unreliable, sometimes unsafe, and nowhere near as extensive as it needs to be.

The city's stance has long been to discourage car use by eliminating parking and Stephan Martin-Pinto with Supervisor would have a more notice-traffic lanes. The board of Norman Yee at neighborhood clean-up able, immediate, and real

supervisors recently signed legislation positive effect on the environment. They to eliminate parking minimums for new construction⁴. But what transportation alternative have they given us? None. So, ride-sharing becomes more popular. But this creates even more traffic, which uses more fossil fuels and creates more pollutis clunky, like let's say, oh...MUNI and BART.⁵ This added congestion slows down vehicles and any MUNI line which uses surface routes. Congratulations SFMTA, through poor planning, you've made traffic even worse, which has a negative effect on the environment.

If we truly want to be green, we need to focus on the basics. Clean streets, clean waterways, clean beaches, and clean parks. We do this by enforcing the law. We must have zero tolerance for litter, for open air I hope so. drug use and discarded needles. Zero tolerance for human waste on the sidewalks. Enforce the law unequivocally and absolutely every time. Think that's too tough?

Being permissive invites more litter blow-Take a look at our streets. Litter, human ing the ocean. All this simply because

We need to expand our MUNI. Fast efficient people-movers are the best way to get people out of cars and onto public transportation. And wouldn't that make

for a greener city?

Yet nobody is talking about this. They are overlooking the basics such as litter pickup and enforcing anti-dumping laws which

are not thinking long-term, but rather are being extremely short-sighted when reducing parking minimums, which will only drive people into ride-sharing which has a worse negative effect on the environment. They are not making realistic ants. Furthermore, ride-sharing services assumptions about people's behaviors, lure people away from public transit, thinking if they make driving torturous, especially if their public transit system then that will get people out of cars, not realizing that traffic slows down MUNI buses also, and that some people actually NEED to drive, because that is essential for their job, and that traffic that flows is traffic that pollutes less.

If our city were truly green, it would make those hard choices for the future. It would take real steps to change what it can and accept what it cannot. It would plan for a future city that minimizes impacts on the environment. Is our city up to the task?

Stephen Martin-Pinto, President of Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn. and Commissioner, SF Veteran's Affairs Commission



Medicare: The Robin Hood Syndrome

y articles are objective and apolitical, but Medicare is an important issue for seniors and other recipients as well as its role in the 2020 presidential election and candidates' position statement.

in good conscience cast a vote for a candidate that is running on such incompetency. Anyone running on this bill has not read it or is a devout socialist intent on completing the fundamental transformation of the United States of America, destroying the U.S. economy and shredding our constitution once and for all."

"If we are to secure our blessings of liberty, we must identify and vote against any candidate that supports this Medicare for

I equate Medicare for All to Robin Hood Syndrome. Dr. Held refers to MFA as a Utopian scheme that must be paid for.

Enrolling in Medicare is not optional. When you reach age 65 you receive a Medicare card. If you are receiving Social Security benefits you are automatically enrolled and the premium is deducted from benefits disbursement each month. You do not have the option of paying by check or automatic deduction from your checking account.

Insurance coverage for people under age 65 includes: COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act); employee or union; TROCARE (for active-duty service member, active-duty family member, retired service members and their families); Health Insurance Marketplace; health savings accounts (HSAs).

Advocates are encouraging Medicare for All. It is not enough that San Francisco has Healthy San Francisco. Now San Francisco wants Medicare for All!

Remember the Affordable Care Act that was supposed to address health insurance coverage for all.

SENIORS UNITE. PROTECT MEDICARE.

Contact your district supervisor and share your stories and the importance of protecting Original Medicare.

San Francisco supervisors are supporting Medicare for All.

District 4 Supervisor Gordon Mar ("Affordable Housing Crisis," Sunset Beacon, April 2019) said: "We joined SF Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer for a rally and resolution in support of the Medicare for All Act, to say loudly and clearly that the City and County of San Francisco believes healthcare is a human right, not a privilege."

Advocates encouraging an Improved Medicare for All: Barry Hermanson, Member of a statewide coalition formed to advocate for an Improved Medicare for All, HealthyCA.org; Gov. Gavin Newsom (Calif.); two San Francisco assemblymen; a Calif. senator;² presidential candidates.

MEDICARE Medicare is federally financed. Established under the Social Security Act. Administered by the Health Care Financing Administration of the Health and Human Services Department. Medicare does not cover all expenses.⁵

The Parts of Medicare⁶ Part A (Hospital Insurance). Helps cover: inpatient care in hospitals; skilled nursing facility care; hospital care; home health care.

Part B (Medical Insurance). Helps cover: services from doctors and other health care providers; outpatient care; home health care; durable medical equipment (e.g., wheelchairs, walkers and hospital beds, and other equipment and supplies); many preventive services (e.g., screenings, shots, and yearly "Wellness" visits).

Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage). Helps cover: cost of prescription drugs. Part D plans are run by private insurance companies that follow rules set by Medicare.

Medicare also administers its own managed care plan.7

Eligibility Requirements⁸ Any citizen or long-term U.S. resident who is 65 or over and has worked long enough (or is the spouse of someone who has worked long enough) to qualify for Social Security retirement benefits.

People under 65 who are disabled and

To quote Kristin S. Held, M.D.: "No one have been entitled to Social Security disability payments for 24 months or those of any age who require dialysis treatment or kidney transplants are entitled to Medicare hospital coverage. Wives, husbands and children of Medicare beneficiaries who require dialysis or kidney transplants.

People who have reached 65 but have not worked long enough to be eligible for Social Security benefits may purchase Medicare hospital coverage.

The State of Medicare Will become insolvent in 2026. Its giant trust fund for inpatient care will not be able to fully cover projected medical bills starting at that point.

Medicare provides health insurance for about 60 million people, most of whom are age 65 or older.

To fully understand Medicare and the negative implications of Medicare for All, I respectfully recommend you request a copy of Medicare & You for information describing the Medicare program. Visit Medicare.gov, call (800) 633-4227 or write U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244 to get the most current

The State of Social Security⁴ Social Security will become insolvent by 2034.

MEDICAID9

Medicaid is intended to provide basic medical and health services for low-income individuals and families.

It is authorized under the Social Security Act. Jointly funded by federal and state governments. States have the option of joining the program or refusing to participate.

The federal government establishes basic guidelines and requires that certain services be provided free of charge, but each state administers its own program.

Eligibility Requirements Categories of eligibility: 1) Categorically needy – includes individuals and families receiving some form of federally subsidized welfare payment. 2) Medically needy - individuals or families who are ineligible for welfare but lack the funds to pay for medical care.

*Medi-Cal in California. OVERVIEW: Medicare for All Act of 2019 - H.R.1384

Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) and over 100 cosponsors introduced the Act.¹⁰

OBJECTIVE: Improves and expands Medicare program, so that every person living in the United States is guaranteed access to healthcare with comprehensive benefits.11

SUMMARY12: Comprehensive Benefits and Freedom of Choice. 1) Comprehensive health care coverage including all primary care, hospital and outpatient services, dental, vision, audiology, women's reproductive health services, maternity and newborn care, long-term services and supports, prescription drugs, mental health and substance abuse treatment, laboratory and diagnostic services, ambulatory services, and more. 3) Patients will have complete freedom to choose doctors, hospitals, and other providers they wish to see.

[REBUTTAL: #2 resembles the Affordable Care Act marketing.]

No Private Insurance Premiums, Co-Pays, or Deductibles. Enrollment would not require any private insurance premiums or deductibles. Upon receiving care patients would not be charged any co-pays or other out-of-pocket costs.

Long-Term Services and Supports for People with Disabilities and Older Americans. Recipients of all ages and disabilities will receive long-term services and supports through home and community based services unless the individual chooses otherwise.

Reducing Health Care Spending and Improving Care. Would: 1) simplify the

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Do you have a pinched nerve? We can help.

Dear friend,

Last year more Americans were killed by and 160,000 were when the drugs were

prescription drugs than by guns, AIDS, suicides and terrorists combined ... But we'll get to that in a minute.

Let me start by explaining the photo in this letter. You know when I meet people in town they usually say, "Oh yeah, I know you, you are Doctor Meakim. You have been on the corner of Beach and Jones for years"...(and we just moved to our

me. I'm also the woman hugging her niece at the Jersey Shore in the picture.

Seventeen years ago something happened that changed my life forever. I was a young woman living in Philadelphia when it happened. I was driving with a friend when she missed a stop sign and rammed into the side of another car. We were all shaken up. The police were called and we all went to the hospital. No one was bleeding, so the doctors took some x-rays of our neck, gave us pain meds and sent us on our way. The next day I woke up with pain everywhere and it just kept getting worse. For years I tried everything that I could find. For an escape from the pain, I went to medical doctors, physical therapists, acupuncturists, I tried special pillows, and anything I thought might help. I spent a lot of time and money. Along the way I had two more car accidents and the pain kept getting worse and worse. I had developed fibromyalgia, neck pain, midback pain and low-back pain with tingling and numbness down my right arm and leg. I was scared that something was really wrong with me. This could not be normal. I was only 33 years old and felt like I was 100. That is when someone told me about a chiropractor that they thought could help. As a matter of fact, after the first person told me about him, two more people did that same week. So I made an appointment with the chiropractor. Thank goodness that they took the time to help me! I went to his office where he asked me about my problems, did an exam, and took some x-rays of my head and back. After that he pointed out where my nerves were pinched and adjusted them. The adjustment was so light I barely felt it. I began crying as I felt the pain leave my body for the first time in years. It may sound strange, but I was so happy and grateful for the relief that I still thank him every day! After that, I knew what I had to do. I had to become a chiropractor, and that's how it happened!

I have adjusted many children within the first 15 minutes after birth. They obviously didn't complain of neck pain or back pain; I adjust them to keep them healthy... as with all the hundreds of children I care for in my office.

You see, it's not normal for kids to get ear infections, asthma, allergies or a number of other illnesses we see clear up in our office everyday.

When the nervous system is working correctly your internal resistance and healing powers are enhanced.

A healthy family does NOT rely on medication to make it well. My family does not turn to medication to seek health and we don't have a "medicine chest" in our home. Due to years of advertising saturation from the pharmaceutical companies most Americans do seek health from outside in and most families have a "medicine chest" filled with an average of 16 different medications.

In an average year, the World Health Organization (WHO) reports over 1.5 million hospitalizations due to medication.

Last year the WHO reported 350,000 It's hard to believe, I know, but it's true. deaths due to medication people took...

> prescribed correctly. More people died last year from medication than at Pearl Harbor and Vietnam. Amazing huh?

If drugs make people well, then those who take the most should be the healthiest, but this simply isn't the case.

Many people are beginning to understand that health comes from within. This is why chiropractic helps so many people. You see, your

new office on Clement Street). Well, that's body can heal itself. Your body doesn't need any help; it just can't have any interference. With chiropractic, we don't add anything to the body or take anything from it. We find interference in the nervous system and remove it, thus enhancing the healing capacities of the body.

We get tremendous results ... it really is as simple as that.

For the past eight years, people from San Francisco and the surrounding area have come to see me with their pinched nerve problems.

- Headaches
- Migraines
- Chronic Pain
- Neck pain
- Shoulder/arm pain
- Whiplash from car accidents
- Backaches
- Numbness in limbs
- Athletic injuries, just to name a few. Here is what some of your neighbors have said:

"I had back pain for 15 plus years and two back operations. Now I play tennis, sit at my computer and enjoy an active pain free life! Thank you Dr. Meakim!" — A. McGrath

"All possible medicines and doctors, you made a miracle taking away my pain!! I am a happy wife and mother again!" — L Igudesman

"I have had chronic neck, shoulder and arm pain for the last 4 years. After seeing Dr. Meakim I can now twist off caps, button/zip my own pants and there is no longer a need for me to ice my arm in the morning and night! I feel more energetic, and can move my arm and neck pain free!" — C. Brubaker

My qualifications:

I am a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic, I have published articles in leading chiropractic journals and taught chiropractic to chiropractors! I've been helping your neighbors in San Francisco since 2004. I've been entrusted to take care of tiny babies to athletes that you may

My assistants are Miranda and Nancy and they are friendly and helpful and ready to assist you to set up an evaluation. Our clinic is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home. We have wonderful service at an exceptional fee. Our clinic is called Healthy Life Chiropractic and it is at 101 Clement Street (at the corner of Clement St. and 2nd Avenue). Our phone number is 415-751-7071. Call today for an appointment. We can help you.

Thank you.—Dr. Christina Meakim D.C. P.S. When accompanied by the first family member, I am also offering the second family member this same examination for only \$17.

P.P.S. Can you imagine not having to wait at a doctor's office? Well, your time is as valuable as mine. That's why we have a no-wait policy. You will be seen within minutes of your appointment.

P.P.P.S. Of course, all people respond differently to care.



Celebrating the L-Line's 100th Birthday!

L Line Streetcar 170 and White Brand Motor Street to the Ferry Building. Coach Possibly From 2 Ocean Bus Line at 48th Avenue and Taraval Street | May 15, 1925

The L Taraval is one of the SF Municipal Railway's original "letter" lines. The L line began as a streetcar and was converted to light rail as a part of the Muni Metro subway project, with Muni Metro opening for full operation in 1982. Prior to the Muni Metro subway, the J-K-L-M-N (and many other Muni streetcar routes) traveled on the surface of Market

Today's L Taraval travels from the Muni Metro Embarcadero station through the Twin Peaks Tunnel, and then to the San Francisco Zoo in the Outer Sunset via Taraval Street.

Beginning operation in 1919, the L started as a streetcar that ran just from West Portal to Taraval at 33rd Avenue. In 1923, the line was extended through the Twin Peaks Tunnel to the Ferry Building and out into the Outer Sunset to Taraval at 48th portation Agency.

Avenue. By 1937 the line had been extended all the way to the zoo and the popular Fleishhacker Pool.

Along with the other Muni Metro lines, the route was converted to light rail in a several-phase process that took from the 1970s until 1982.

More information on the origins of Muni routes can be found in the book "Inside Muni" by John McKane and Anthony Perles.

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Senior Smarts (Cont. from p. 12)

healthcare system by moving to a single-payor model; 2) prevent healthcare corporations from overcharging for the costs of their services and profiting off illness and injury; 3) provide global budgets.

Reducing the Cost of Prescription Drugs. 1) Would allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices. 2) Authorizes Medicare to issue compulsory licenses to allow generic production if a pharmaceutical company refuses to negotiate a reasonable price.

[REBUTTAL: Medicare has Part D Copay Tiers. Tier 1 - Preferred Generic. Tier 2 - Generic. Tier 3 - Preferred Brand. Tier 4 - Non-Preferred Drug. Tier 5 - Specialty Tier. (Source: SCAN Classic (HMO) 2018 Medicare Advantage.) Or, Tier 1 - Generic. Tier 2 - Preferred. Tier 3 - Non-preferred. Tier 4 - Specialty. (Source: www. mymedicarematters.org/costs/part-d/)]

Transition. 1) One year after the date of enactment, persons over the age of 55 and under the age of 19 would be eligible. 2) Two years after the date of enactment all people living in the U.S. would be eligible.

Healthcare for Veterans and Native Americans. 1) Preserves the ability of veterans to receive their medical benefits and services through the Veterans Administration. 2) Native Americans to receive their medical benefits and services through the Indian Health Service.

[REBUTTAL: Veterans' benefits: You may join a Medicare drug plan, but if you do, you can't use both types of coverage for the same prescription at the same time. For more information visit va.gov, or call the VA at (800) 827-1000.¹³ Indian Health Services: If you're getting care through an IHS or tribal health facility or program without being charged, you can continue to do so for some or all of your care. Getting Medicare doesn't affect your ability to get services through IHS and tribal health facilities.14

ESTIMATED COSTS Costs to Federal Government¹⁵

Sen. Bernie Sanders (during 2016 Presidential campaign): About \$14T over a decade.

Committee for Responsible Fiscal Budget: \$28T through 2026.

Economist Kenneth Thorpe: \$24.7T through 2026, mation Technician, and writer of reference books for excluding long-term care benefits (likely about \$3T)

Urban Institute: \$32T through 2026 including longterm care benefits.

Center for Health and Economy (American Action lycos. Forum): \$36T through 2029.

Sen. Bernie Sanders proposed 2017 legislation...: \$27.7T through 2028 assuming steep provider cuts and \$32T assuming no provider cuts.

TAX INCREASES Debt impact would depend not only on the cost to the federal government but also on any funds the government might choose to raise through premiums, taxes or both.

NB: Enacting this type of Medicare for All would mean increasing federal spending by about 60% (excluding A suspect, who had a previous history of assaulting store equivalent of tripling payroll taxes or more than doubling all other taxes.16

legislation.

Groups Backing the Legislation

Some of the many groups backing this "groundbreaking" legislation: Healthcare - Now, Labor Campaign for Single Payor, National Nurses United and Our The victim was asleep when the suspect suddenly started "Revolution.17

COMMENTARY Freebies are called "charity."

Individual(s) make a monetary donation which in turn enables the charitable organization or company to provide in-kind support and/or in-kind services.

Nothing in life is free! Even when it is stolen. The victim paid for the item(s) the thief takes.

RESOURCES Medicare: The Cost of Aging by Anise J. Matteson, Westside Observer, July 2018. http://westsideobserver.com/health.html#jul18.

...Series to be continued...

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SF Dying? (Cont. from p. 1)

physically to handle the emotional work needed to address the disease of drug addiction. The MAT program provides counselors to help them return to the outside. Many inmates were thankful for being arrested. It has saved lives.

What if we built a specialized facility where doctors, counselors and caseworkers were available along with the treatments that we know work, where sick people could be provided job training and therapy in one place. Eventually they might be able to cope with their addiction.

In December I proposed a

would provide that a small portion of the Candlestick Park site for a larger Navigation Complex, and a temporary parking lot for 500 RV's to offer respite from life on the street and providing room and board while case managers work to connect them to relatives, income, public benefits, health services, shelter and housing. The temporary RV parking lot would house about 1,100 people. This would result in a higher quality of life in our City by providing safer and cleaner streets, and substantially reduce the costs of City services, including Police, Fire,

resolution to tackle our crisis that Public Works, and Public Health.

Homeless and Supportive Housing's (DHSH) 2017 Point-In-Time count reported that 7,499 people experience homelessness on any given night. Of those 4,353 are living on the streets. Further, the Director estimates that 500 RV's are parked on our streets every night with 1,100 people living in them up from 387 per the homeless count in January 2017.

We are all broken at some time in our lives. Luckily, many have had someone to pick them up. Our obligation and compassion to care for the mentally ill and drug addicted, Cont. p. 15

Police Report (Cont. from p. 8)

2:51 am | 19th Ave & Ulloa St

When officers saw a car making a U-turn, despite numerous signs prohibiting it, they noticed that the driver exhibited signs of being intoxicated and failed a field sobriety test. After further investigation, the driver was arrested.

Sunday | April 14

Shoplifting - Assault - Warrant Arrest

9:50 pm | 1500 Sloat Blvd

A security officer said she was informed that a shoplifter was trying to walk out of the store with a bottle of wine. She confronted the suspect and attempted to detain her but the suspect swung a tote bag at the victim. The bottle of wine flew out during the incident and broke against the floor and cut the officer's hands. Officers arrested the suspect when a check revealed three arrest warrants.

Shoplifting - Possession of Burglary Tools

11:40 am | 200 Winston Dr

A witness at Target saw a man had stealing approximately \$900 worth of merchandise and detained the suspect. Officers arrested him when a check revealed that he was on probation for burglary and two warrants for his arrest.

Tuesday | April 16

Theft from a Vehicle

5:18 pm | Golden Gate Park

TNT officers located a suspect in Golden Gate park who was involved in an auto break-in incident in the Park district. The suspect was arrested.

Wednesday | April 17

Robbery

11:44am | 700 Taraval St

After a shoplifter pushed a man aside who attempted to stop him and fled with with two six packs of wine. Officers located the suspect, who was asleep with the missing merchandise in his possession. He was arrested.

Breaking Window - Graffiti - Probation Violation

7:37 am | 3900 San Jose Ave

interest) and financing a \$30T program would require the employees, was seen attempting to open the front door. When the door failed to open, the suspect cracked the glass possibly by using knife to break in. Officers located Commentary: There is not sufficient funding for this the suspect and after further investigation, he was arrested.

| Saturday | April 20

Battery

7:55 pm | 3700 Kirkham St

punching him. The suspect confirmed that he had hit him because he had not been paying his share of the rent and constantly destroys house. The suspect was cited.

Battery

3:12 am | 800 Santiago St

An Uber driver dropped off the intoxicated suspect at the requested location when he suddenly punched him in the face. He denied any wrong doing but he was cited.

Sunday | April 21

Robbery

11:55 pm | Arballo Dr & Pinto Ave

A woman said she had just finished visiting with an acquaintance when the suspect suddenly exited their vehicle and stole her property after punching and kicking her. Then Fleeing. The victim said the suspect was known to the acquaintance she had just visited and that the victim only knew of the suspect through social media.

NOTE this is an abridged version of the complete Police Report that is available at: taraval.org

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By Julie Casson



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Money Matters By Brandon Miller

Act Now to Reduce Your 2019 Tax Bill

artoonists often depict unpleasant shock by drawing the character with their eyes comically popping out of their face. That image keeps coming to mind when I hear many people's reaction to their tax bill this year.

can actually work in your favor.

from blowing out of your ears over 2019's

Put Your Money in the Right Savings Bucket Where your assets are located can have a big impact on your taxes. Whenever possible, consider maxing out contributions to retirement accounts, including employerprovided plans—such as 401(k), 403(b), 457(b) and other deferred compensations written off too! plans—as well as personal retirement accounts, such as IRAs. These can help reduce your taxable income.

Investing in municipal bonds is another great tax reducer. "Munis" are issued by works projects. Considered a safe investment, their rate of return is relatively low.

So you may not get rich, but the amount you have a second home, think about mak-

Well, at least now you know what you're expensive one you've always wanted—a dealing with. And some of the new laws special printer, card stock, ink and more. And promoting your new venture might So let's look at some ways to keep steam require business cards and ads. These are now business expenses, which you may be able to write off.

> So if you spend \$5,000 for supplies and earn \$9,000, great. You get to deduct eligible expenses and make a couple of thousand dollars extra. But what if that's reversed and you spend \$9,000, but only earn \$5,000? Good news: Losses can be

> But wait, it gets even better. Because Section 199A of the new tax code means you might be able to write off 20% of your qualified income from this new business. Now that's a tax cut!

state and local governments to fund public **Rent Out a Room** Here's more good news: Rental property is one of those businesses that might qualify for Section 199A. So if

But what if ... you spend \$9,000, but only earn \$5,000? Good news: Losses can be written off too! "

taxes. In many cases, such as if you live in the state issuing the bond, your state and local taxes may be exempt too. So a bond paying 1.5% for example, may yield closer to 2% with this tax benefit. Then there's the cherry on top, which is that interest income is generally tax-exempt. It's about as close to a tax-free investment as you can get. (My lawyer wants me to remind you that there are exceptions that you should consider before investing.)

Other types of investments that can help reduce your taxable income include annuities, Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and 529s for education.

And if you are self-employed, you have a lot of acronyms you can choose among to fund your retirement and save on taxes at the same time. Options include Solo 401(k)s, SEP IRAs, Simple IRAs, and Traditional and Roth IRAs.

Turn Your Hobby Into a Side Hustle Speaking of self-employed, some of the new laws make this highly attractive. I'm not talking about quitting your current job and putting everything you have into that thing you've always dreamed about. Just something small that you can do to earn extra money. Or not. Let me explain.

Say your hobby is photography. You decide to start a business putting your work on notecards and selling them on Etsy. Think of all the things your new business needs. Perhaps a new camera—that really

you invest will be exempt from federal ing it a vacation rental. Or lease a spare room in your house to a traveling nurse who wants a short-term rental. Better yet, rent out your whole flat during Oracle-World or Dreamforce.

> Give to Charity My last tax-reduction tip is to be smart about your charitable giving. That might mean bunching all your charitable donations into one tax year to get you over the standard deduction. Or reducing your taxable income by setting up a Charitable Remainder Trust-an irrevocable trust that can pay you income and give the assets left after you're gone to your charity(s). And for anyone over 70½ taking required minimum distributions, if you give part of that away as a qualified charitable distribution, your donation amount won't count as taxable income.

> As always, you should consult with a tax professional when implementing any of these strategies to make sure they work for you. But with a little planning and creativity, next year's tax return can be less eye-popping and more ear-to-ear grin-inducing.

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What's Happening to Charter Schools?

ince 1992, when charter schools were first created in California, the laws have been revised and updated many times. This year's legislative debate over charter schools has sparked lots of emotion, with hundreds of advocates clogging the capitol to speak for and against new charter school rules.

important political context. The future of schools that have negatively impacted stucharter schools was a big issue in the 2018 dents attending neighborhood public schools. election for both the offices of Superinten-

supporting candidates that lost. The candi- for their students. Placing decision-making dates that won, Tony Thurmond and Gavin powers back in the hands of local commu-Newsom, were strongly supported by the nities will mean more accountability and teachers' unions. An additional political better outcomes for all of our students. The element in the debate is the impact of the California Teachers Assn. and California Fedteacher strikes in Los Angeles and Oak- eration of Teachers land. Part of their message was to draw attention to the fact that growth of charter charter schools are running a package of legrhetoric about charter school policy.

Elections Count

a different perspective. He started his term The California Charter School Association with two swift actions: a charter school task A Closer Look at the Proposed Legislation force and an accountability bill.

convene a group of experts to closely examage a charter school. ine the impact of charter school growth on district budgets. He also signed SB 126 of charter schools at the state/local level. which requires board members of charter schools, an entity that manages a charter ter school to locate outside the jurisdiction school, and a school district have similar or geographic boundaries of the chartering accountability, transparency, and conflict school district. of interest policies.

ple Disagree on how

County Superintendents to the California tive Analyst's office to evaluate the effects. School Boards Association identify dys- The charter school moratorium would function in the system and make differ- be enacted only if the changes to the law ing recommendations to fix this. Now we reflected in the bills above are not adopted. have four major bills in the legislature with suggested fixes. These bills look at charter contrast in each side's view of changes.

lawmakers, educators, administrators, civil in the bills. right organizations and classified personnel have come together to address many of the issues surrounding California charter

These intense disagreements have an schools by fixing the laws governing charter

These common-sense measures will dent of Public Instruction and Governor. empower local communities to decide Charter school advocates spent millions whether charter schools are the right choice

Opponents say: "Organizations hostile to schools adds to the financial strains facing islation that would fundamentally gut the school districts. Taken together, the elec- charter schools act. These bills would create tion and the strikes have intensified the an effective moratorium on charter public schools by removing appeal rights, severely limiting new schools, and allowing school California's prior Governor, Jerry Brown, districts to close successful schools that are was a big supporter of charter schools and serving hundreds of thousands of students resisted attempts to put more restrictions statewide for any reason. Charter schools are on these schools. Governor Newsom has not the problem, we are part of the solution."

AB 1505 gives more power to local He requested Superintendent Thurmond school districts to decide whether to grant

AB 1506 establishes a cap on the number

AB 1507 deletes the authority of a char-

SB 756 creates a moratorium on new Charter School Law Needs Fixing: Peo- charter schools to provide time to reconsider whether our regulatory framework A multitude of reports, from the Little for charter schools is working and reflec-Hoover Commission to the California tive of our values. It would ask the Legisla-

What's Next?

These bills will be debated in the Assemschool caps, moratoriums, and increasing bly and the Senate and if passed will then the power of local school districts to decide go to the Governor for his final decision. whether to permit them. There is a clear During that time, the Charter School Task Force will present its report. Watch to see Proponents say: A concerned group of if the report influences the final language

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SF Dying? (Cont. from p. 13)

our veterans, our seniors, our disabled, and our homeless youth who are nearly 50% LGBTQ and 13% HIV positive. Further, 2100 students in our public schools are homeless, and nearly 400 homeless people died on our streets in the past three years. It is inhumane to continue allowing this.

"Is San Francisco Dying?" No. Our City has come to that proverbial fork in the

road and we are in crisis mode. I have seen changes over the years, but nothing like it is now. It is time for all of us to look at the problem straight on. The future of our City and posterity depends on it.

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PROPERTY OWNERS: Turn In Your Required ABE Form TODAY!

The Department of Building Inspection (DBI) is reminding property owners to comply with the Accessible Business Entrance (ABE) program, which requires existing buildings with a place of "public accommodation" to have all primary entrances from the public way accessible for people with disabilities. If you own commercial storefront(s), this Program applies to you.

TAKE THIS IMPORTANT STEP! To comply, property owners are required to submone of the following: Pre-Screening, Waiver or Category Checklist Compliance form to DBI.	it
To read about the Program's requirements and you next steps, visit sfdbi.org/businessentrance	ur

Tier	Category Description	Submit form or compliance checklist and specify compliance option
1	In Compliance	1/1/19
2	No Steps but barriers	1/1/19
3	One Step with other barriers	6/1/19
4	1+ Steps with other barriers	12/1/19

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Real Travel By Sergio Nibbi

The Sadness of it All

Zero" that is recognized as the center of Paris. The marker is always covered with small coins and surrounded by hundreds of tourists, like us, taking endless photos before turning the camera on the façade of Norte Dame Cathedral. The Plaza in front of the Cathedral is always crowded but not to the point where the people are obnoxious. To me the beauty of this marvelous structure is best seen from the side were one can marvel at the flying buttresses that seem to embrace the entire building like a mother caressing a child.

e stood innocently by a three-foot concrete pad known as "Point"



esthetically, especially at night, they represent what Paris is all about. Yes, there is the well imagine the shock and sadness when Eifel Tower with its rotating beacon and the bridges, buildings, monuments and riverboats but this marvelous structure is what truly makes Paris "The City of Light."



We've been fortunate to have visited Paris a couple of times in the last few years

Structurally, they hold up the building, and will always cherish the sights and sounds of this beautiful city, so you can we heard about this devastating fire.

On our last visit, we stayed at the Hotel Brighton rue de Rivoli, where our corner room was directly across from the Tuile-Gardens



and provided us with a postcard view that stretched from the towers of Notre Dame to the Eiffel Tower and beyond.

So many fond memories and so much sadness that this grand cathedral has been sadly wounded, but it appears that not only the French but the entire world is set on rebuilding this glorious structure to its original grandeur. In the mean-time, we'll hope and pray for its full and speedy recovery while we hold on to all those fond memories of visiting Notre Dame, admiring all the artifacts, listening to the priests' sermons in French, not understanding a word, while never forgetting to light a candle on the way out. May that light shine

Sergio gets around—the world.



Affordable Housing (Cont. from p. 9) budget for middle-income ownership units jumped by \$24.4 million — from \$10 to \$34.4 million. By December 2018, the DALP and Teacher Next Door loan production. ownership programs totaled \$39.4 million between the two ownership purchase programs, representing 49% of the \$80 million Middle-Income Housing budget, a 23% increase.

By December 2018, the remaining \$39 million in the Middle-Income category that may be for rental projects represented 49% of the budget, a drop from 74%.

Caveat Emptor

City Hall needs to abandon the belief that the middle-class are fleeing the City, and needs to dedicate more local funding for middle-class rental housing

An expanded version of this article with additional discussion, is available at stopL-HHdownsize.com.

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OCEAN AVENUE ASSOCIATION MAY 2019 EVENTS

Saturday, May 11, 2019 | 10am - 6pm

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019 10AM to 6PM

Shop from local artists and vendors along Ocean Avenue between Harold Avenue and Manor Drive







Saturday, May 11, 2019 | 10:30am - 12:30pm

A Cleaner Ingleside Poster Making Workshop

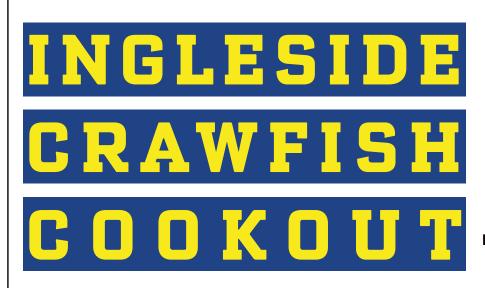
Ingleside Library Community Room (1298 Ocean Ave.)

Bring your children to this fun filled poster making workshop to help address litter in our neighborhood. This workshop will inspire children to use their imagination to design an educational and vibrant poster for a cleaner Ingleside community. Supplies will be provided. Children of all ages are welcomed to attend. Hosted by the Ocean Avenue Association.

Saturday, May 18, 2019 | 12 - 3pm



Monday, May 27, 2019 | 12 - 5pm



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