



NEWSLETTER
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS: New businesses continue to move into Union Street, and it is great to see. Other areas may have been affected by the pandemic, but not here. Many days, there is a lot of foot traffic and hustle and bustle ... So we are pleased to welcome wine bar Roaming Goat to 1830 Union. It features flavors from California, France, Armenia and Georgia (near Russia), the birthplace of viniculture. There is also a selection of light food such as cheese plates, and cake slices ... And now at 1809 Union is Chinese restaurant Dumpling Union. The stylish eatery spotlights Xiao Long Bao dumplings, but also includes dim sum, noodles and soups. See www.dumplingunionsf.kwickmenu.com ... Muesi cafe is popular. I stopped by one afternoon and the place was packed with people pounding away on laptops ... Preservation update: the beautiful Golden Gate Valley library on Green is now an historical landmark, proposed by neighbors and approved by the city. So too is Fillmore Street's Clay theater. Supervisor Stefani introduced conservancy legislation, which slowly wound its way through committees and was finally signed by Mayor Breed. The 100 year-old cinema cannot be altered.

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BY THE OLD PRESIDIO: After years of planning, the Presidio's "Tunnel Tops" finally opened. The park connects the Main Post to Crissy Field below, or actually, to Crissy Marsh and you can walk directly down. It is built over the tunnel expressway linking the Marina to the Golden Gate Bridge, and comprises 14 acres of scenic overlooks, trails, and picnic areas. At bottom is the Outpost, a large play area where children swing, crawl and climb on structures built from fallen tree trunks and other natural materials. I visited on opening day and there was a huge crowd of football-game sized proportions. This is great for the Presidio ... Don't

miss the large, highly detailed stone map of the Presidio, near the visitor center ... The park was designed by the esteemed firm behind New York City's High Line, which transformed an elevated train track into a promenade. It is an unqualified success.

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"I tell you when I play golf I get caught in more bad lies than I do on my tax return."

SPORTS DESK: My g.f. and I practiced on the putting green at the Presidio Golf Course last Saturday. It has returned to the way it was before Covid; the clubhouse and restaurant are again open. Golf's avian phraseology, however, still escapes me: I don't know the difference between a birdie or a bogey, and have never hit a double eagle ... Sports are banned from the Presidio's Main Post lawn. Numerous signs warn against athletic activity ... Indoor basketball has returned to city gyms. Unfortunately you have to wear a mask ... 49ers news: Trey Lance will start at quarterback this season. Star receiver Deebo Samuel signed for three more years ... And that's a wrap for this issue. Our next meeting will be in September. Stay healthy, everybody!

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