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Dining Out in the Neighborhood

Last month, we mentioned some of the many gift stores in Eureka Valley/The Castro. Our neighborhood is also fortunate to have a splendid variety of restaurants that make dining a memorable experience.

Sumi, at 4243 18th Street near **DeLano's Supermarket**, is the most venerable of the neighborhood's fine restaurants, going strong after more than twenty years. The fusion French and Japanese cuisine is flawlessly executed in a quiet, understated rustic Kyoto-inspired environment. A regularly rotated collection of paintings for sale decorates the space. The special three course, \$25 per person menu, offered from 5:30PM to 7:00PM nightly, is a bargain.

Across the street from **Sumi** is **Bullshead Restaurant**, which specializes in steaks and hamburgers in a renovated, multi-storied Victorian building. The hamburgers and onion rings are sensational. The recently renovated **Harvey's**, on the corner of Castro and 18th Streets, has a lively bar and a popular restaurant serving both lunch and dinner. Specialties include salads and burgers, with traditional egg dishes offered for Saturday and Sunday brunch.

The garden ambiance at **Luna** at 558 Castro Street (near 19th) makes breakfast, lunch or dinner there enjoyable. The menu is primarily comfort food. Heat lamps and a retractable roof provide shelter when the weather is unpleasant. The bar specializes in Bellinis.

Fresh sea food, superbly cooked and elegantly presented in a stylish, sophisticated interior is what diners find at **Catch**, 2362 Market Street, near **Pottery Barn**. The sheltered patio, which faces Market Street, has a central Swedish fireplace and heat lamps. Lunch and dinner are served daily, with a special brunch menu on weekends. The lobster bisque, roasted salmon with risotto, salmon BLT sandwich are just some of the superbly executed dishes. Non-fish eaters can choose from excellent chicken and beef entrees. If you wish to nibble while having a drink at the beautiful bar, try the fried Greek olives with feta cheese, the addictive french fries, or fresh oysters. During the evening, a live pianist plays terrific music.

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How You Can Help with Halloween

Over the years, residents of The Castro/Eureka Valley have complained about the annual Halloween celebration in our neighborhood. What was once an enjoyable event has become an unmanageable and dangerous one. This year, Mayor **Gavin Newsom** and District 8 Supervisor **Bevan Dufty** have found an alternative location for San Francisco's official Halloween—on the waterfront, near AT&T Park. We are grateful to them for this decision.

Unfortunately, as Newsom and Dufty realize, people, including troublemakers, will still come to the Castro. It will take several years for that tradition to end. Hence, the city will provide extra police protection and other services to the neighborhood this year. Final plans are still being developed, but we, as residents, can help in making Halloween 2007 a safe event.

How? By asking local establishments to shut down early that day. Dufty is urging bar and restaurant owners, gas stations, and other merchants to put the welfare of the neighborhood ahead of profits. Several, including **Catch Restaurant**, owned by long-time EVPA Treasurer **David**

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The Café Responds to Neighborhood Issues

by Louis Caputo

It has recently come to my attention that The Café has been a contributing factor in the decline of the quality of life for some of you living in the Castro. As the General Manager of The Café, this is upsetting to me. Below is a list of a few of the complaints and grievances which some of you have presented to me.

1. Patrons urinating on residential property.
2. Patrons making excessive noise while returning to their vehicles that may have awoken some of you.
3. Excessive noise emitting from the Café after 10:00 PM also disturbing your sleep.
4. Unresponsive and evasive in handling complaints.

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Weiss, and **Café Flore**, have agreed to close down early on Halloween. As residents, we can help such exemplary neighbors by patronizing them more, especially in September and October.

If people coming to the Castro on Halloween find that nothing is going on—that bars, restaurants, liquor stores, markets, have closed down, that no one is out, it will reinforce the message that the party is elsewhere this year and there is nothing to do here. Because it will take years to change behavior, it is important that this Halloween begins a new tradition—one in which revelers find no reason to be in the Castro and, consequently, go to the waterfront, enjoy live entertainment, and spare our neighborhood from the annual trashing that we have endured for far too long.

So, please, stop at your favorite restaurant, bar, and other businesses, ask them what their plans are for Halloween, encourage them to do the right thing for our neighborhood, and, when they do, increase your patronage accordingly.



**A Note of Thanks
to the Eureka's Editor
by Frank Weiss (EVPA President)**

For the past year, the EVPA has had the good fortune to have Ken Wong in charge of editing the Eureka. In years past, Pauline Shaver and Drew Bertagnolli volunteered for this important task, but they both needed a break. When Ken volunteered to take over, I was very happy to put him in charge.

Ken was born and raised in San Francisco and has lived in the Eureka Valley since 1991. He currently works in the Peninsula as an engineer assisting with data center engineering/construction throughout the United States. We hope Ken will continue to keep editing the Eureka. He certainly is doing a fine job of it and we all appreciate it very much. Thanks, Ken!

If you have articles for the Eureka, please send them to eureka@evpa.org.

I would like to assure you that I have begun to take the necessary steps to limit if not to eliminate some of these incidences. Below are some of the procedures The Café has implemented in order to alleviate future disturbances.

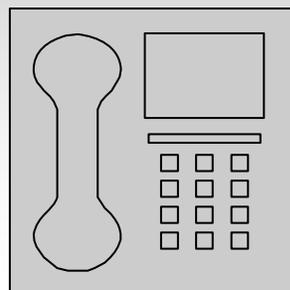
1. The Café has increased its security budget to provide 17th and Hartford Street with a patrol person between the hours of 11:00 PM and 2:30 AM Thursday, Friday and Saturday to control noise and disorderly conduct as Castro event goers return to their vehicles.
2. We have placed signs in visible locations inside and outside our venue to ask that patrons be courteous and quiet while returning to their vehicles.
3. Our staff has been instructed to make sure all windows and doors remain closed after 10:00 PM.
4. A limiter has been added to our sound system to regulate the volume of the music. Remote volume control knobs were also added to limit our DJs control on the volume as well.
5. We are currently in the process of commencing a monthly Café sponsored neighborhood group meeting to get to know our neighbors and receive feedback and ideas to improve the affect that the night time entertainment has on the neighborhood.

I will be attending the next EVPA meeting on July 19 to give an update and take your questions. In the mean time, please contact me at 415-861-3846 or thecafesf@aol.com. I would like to sincerely apologize for any inconveniences and disruption that our establishment may have contributed in the past. I have made it my primary focus to make The Café a positive entity in the Castro and to have you view us as a good neighbor.

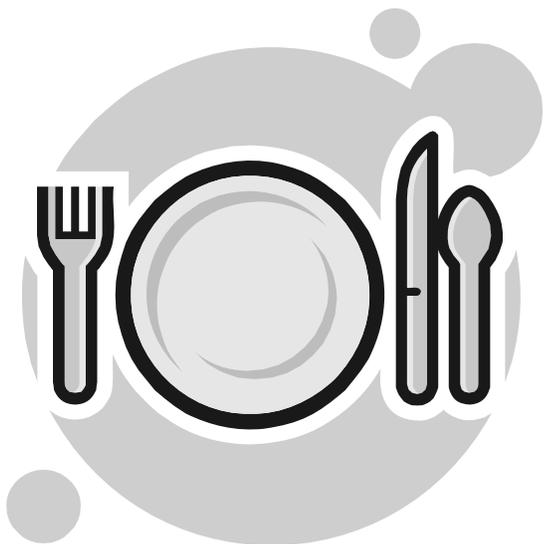
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- Frank Weiss** (President) 415-706-6597
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On the same side of Market Street, closer to Noe Street, is **Pasta Pomodoro**, which serves well-prepared Italian food at reasonable prices in a pleasant environment. Around the corner at 208 Noe Street is **La Mediterranee**, offering delicious Moroccan, Turkish, and Greek food, in a warm, friendly setting. Kitty-corner is the venerable **Café Flore**, 2298 Market Street, offering simple, well-prepared dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner in a pretty patio setting. **Blue**, 2337 Market Street, specializes in comfort food. Their macaroni and cheese, with or without chicken, is memorable. Irresistible small plates, including delicious mini grilled cheese sandwiches and tiny hamburgers, are served at **Lime**, 2247 Market



Street, which attracts a young, hip crowd and is jammed on weekends and evenings. The bar serves all kinds of drinks, including Cosmos. Next door, at 2251 Market Street, is **Barracuda**, an elegant restaurant serving classic Japanese cuisine, including superb sushi. Nearby is another long-time institution, **2223 Market Street**, offering excellent California cuisine in a large, light-filled space. The long bar fills up early. Brunch/lunch is served on weekends. Roast chicken is a speciality.

The deservedly popular **Home Restaurant** at 2100 Market Street near Church is a lively choice with excellent American style comfort food offered in a large, appealing setting. Reserve early for the weekend brunch, served on the attractive patio. **Chow**, at 215 Church Street, is regularly rated one of the best bargain restaurants in San Francisco for lunch and dinner. The pizzas and salads are excellent.

Back on 18th Street, the upscale **Eureka Restaurant and Lounge**, located at number 4063 near Hartford, serves superb dinners, including pasta and meat dishes, in a soothing, elegant venue. During the warm months, the heated patio provides a lovely setting for a memorable meal. Upstairs is the cocktail lounge and bar. Across

the street is **Ararat**, housed in a restored Edwardian building, and offering fine middle-eastern dishes, in large or small portions. It recently started brunch on weekends.

For casual lunches and dinners, **Firewood Café**, 4248 18th Street near Diamond Street, is another informal restaurant regularly earning high praise from the San Francisco Chronicle's food critics. The thin crust pizzas, also available for take out, are hard to beat. The roast chicken is another popular choice. The homey and venerable **Cove Cafe**, at 434 Castro Street, across from the theatre, has been a local institution since the days when working class Scandinavian families settled in the neighborhood. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served in a casual environment. Photos of regulars are shown on several big screens mounted on the walls. Former Manhattanites will love "A Taste of New York"—lox (smoked salmon), served with cream cheese, toasted bagel, sliced tomato and red onion. At least four home made soups, also available for take out, are offered daily.

This is only a partial listing of restaurants in the neighborhood. If you have favorites that we didn't mention, let us know. Meanwhile, as the late, great Julia Child used to say, "Bon appetite!"

General Membership Meeting Minutes June 2007

Upon motion made and seconded, the May, 2007 General Membership meeting minutes were approved.

Upcoming EVPA Meetings

EVPA meetings are back in the Eureka Valley Recreation Center Auditorium, 100 Collingwood (behind Cala Foods). See you there!

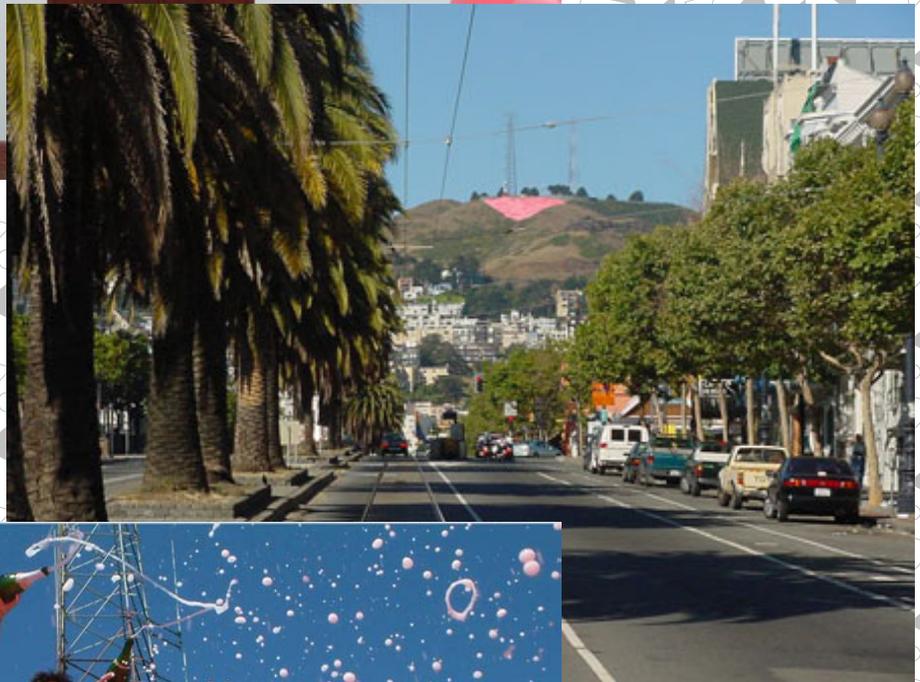
July 19

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September 20

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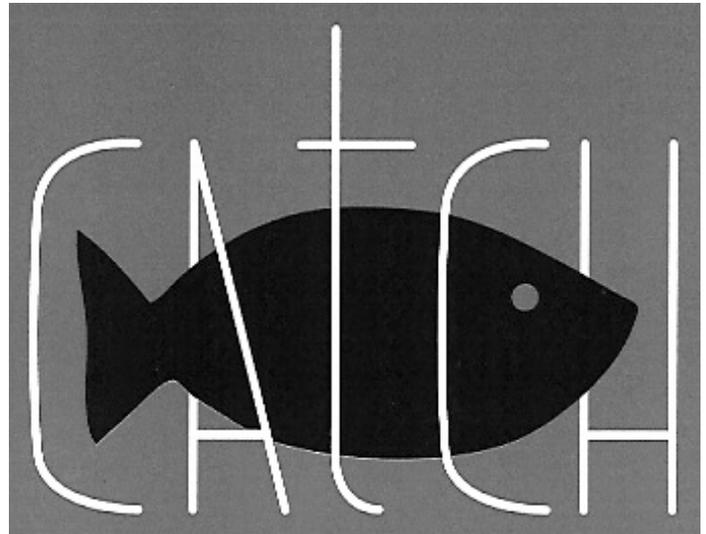
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City Planning/Zoning Transportation, Utilities & Neighborhood Commerce

Public Health/Safety Education/Recreation Membership & Promotion

Finance Internal Affairs Pink Triangle Park

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I wish to receive my copy of the Eureka! Via the internet rather than by US Mail

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General Membership Meeting
Thursday, July 19, 2007 @ 7:30PM
Eureka Valley Recreation Center
100 Collingwood St.

AGENDA:

1. Introductions
2. Approval of June, 2007 minutes (Action Item)
3. Committee Reports
Update on The Café
Update on the Castro Street Fair
Update on Proposed Ballot Initiative Regarding Off-street Parking
4. Update on Formation of 501 (c) (3) Non Profit Corporation
5. Special Guest: Beat Cop **Lisa Frazer**: Late Night Safety Issues
6. Special Guest: District 8 Supervisor **Bevan Dufty**