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Hundreds of volunteers on Saturday install the Pink Triangle on Twin Peaks in San Francisco. The symbol, used by Nazis in World War II to identify homosexuals, has become a symbol of pride.

Symbol's meaning is one of resilience

Pink triangle, once used to shame, unites LGBTQ community

By Danielle Echeverria

Thick fog hung over the top of San Francisco's Twin Peaks on Saturday morning, blanketing the peaks with moisture and obscuring the hilltop's city views into a dull gray wall.

But that didn't stop hundreds of volunteers from descending on the Twin Peaks slope at 7 a.m. on their yearly mission: installing the Pink Triangle on the side of the hill, where — on less foggy



Volunteers Luca Lin, from left, Morgan Riley and Richie Sander embrace for warmth during Saturday's annual commemoration ceremony.

days — it will be visible from across the city.

"It's slippery even without this moisture," said Chrissy Cronin, who has been volunteering to create the symbol for more than a decade. "People got a little muddier than planned," he added, gesturing to the several volunteers chatting in the area, their shirts and pants splattered in mud.

But the fog didn't put a damper on the morning, he said.

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New Catholic high school is S.F.'s first in years

By Sam Whiting

San Francisco's first new Catholic high school in nearly 25 years is gearing up to open in the fall — an ambitious project driven by parents in a parish that just a few years ago saw a grammar school close amid turmoil.

Nativity High School, in the Richmond District, is scheduled to open Aug. 21 with a freshman class of 20 and plans to grow to a total of 160 students over the next few years, according to its co-founders, Alex and Diana Adamson.

Its small size is a contrast with San Francisco's

major established Catholic high schools, including St. Ignatius College Preparatory, with 1,500 students, Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory (1,300) and Archbishop Riordan High (1,150).

"The Catholic high schools in San Francisco are incredible, with more

applications than they can accept every year," said Alex Adamson, Nativity's board president. "We think there is value in a small, intimate environment that allows you to build deep relationships with your teachers and your classmates."

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Tadich hit with suit, probe over workplace

Complaints tied to kitchen smoke latest controversies for restaurant

By Elena Kadvany

On Sept. 28, 2022, Channing Sheets, a senior safety engineer with the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, arrived at Tadich Grill in San Francisco to begin looking into allegations of unsafe working conditions. But employees were "scared to speak to me," Sheets recounted in a court document. "Most looked as if they had seen a ghost."

Sheets would spend several months investigating complaints that hazardous smoke from Tadich's charcoal grill — a fixture core to the identity of the famed 175-year-old restaurant — was causing health issues for employees. Workers said that when they complained to management of headaches, irritated lungs, shortness of breath and burning eyes, they were retaliated against.

One server told Sheets: "They tell you if you don't like it, there is the door, you can leave."

The Cal/OSHA investigation concluded that the restaurant had not only failed to protect workers from "harmful exposure" to grill exhaust due to a malfunctioning kitchen hood, it didn't protect them from retaliation. In December 2022, the agency cited Tadich Grill for six violations and handed down about \$4,700 in penalties, according to documents obtained by the Chronicle through a public records request.

After the Cal/OSHA investigation, in June 2023, three former Tadich employees sued the restaurant for retaliation and wrongful discharge, alleging that

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Searches fueled by AI may pose test for Google

By Chase DiFeliciano

Anyone watching Game 1 of the NBA Finals between the Dallas Mavericks and Boston Celtics on Thursday evening might have been slightly perplexed by an advertisement for something called Perplexity. But look closer and it could offer a glimpse into the future of how we find information online.

Perplexity is a San Francisco company valued at more than \$1 billion that has picked a fight with Google, worth more than \$2 trillion, to challenge its supremacy in internet search.

That would have seemed like a hopeless task before the release of powerful artificial intelligence programs able to produce and summarize text like a human — quickly and mostly accurately. The best known of those programs, OpenAI's ChatGPT, was released in November 2022. Perplexity was founded the following month.

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WARREN WINIARSKI 1928-2024

Winemaker's Cabernet triumphed over France

Famed 1976 Judgment of Paris victory led to transformation in Napa Valley

By Esther Mobley

Warren Winiarski, who put California wine on a global stage after winning a famous 1976 contest, and whose Stag's Leap Wine Cellars set a new standard of quality in modern Napa Valley, died on Friday of natural causes. He was 95 years old.

Winiarski will forever be remembered for his role in the 1976 Judgment of Paris, a competition that pitted

the most prestigious French wines against new efforts from California — then disregarded in Europe as little more than hill-billy juice. French wine experts, in the blind tasting, judged Winiarski's 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon superior to the Cabernets from Bordeaux. The event catapulted Napa Valley, and Stag's Leap in particular, to stardom.

A former humanities

professor, Winiarski often referred to the Judgment of Paris as a "Copernican revolution" — a turning point after which nothing in Napa Valley was the same.

His young winery would go on to become one of the marquee names in Napa Valley, a requisite stop for visitors traveling along the Silverado Trail. Eventually, in 2007, he sold the business to a joint venture of Italy's Marchese Piero Antinori and Washington state's Ste. Michelle Wine Estates, for \$185 million. (Antinori is now the sole owner.) Winiarski cited his

intention to retire as the reason for the sale, but he never retired completely. Through the end of his life he remained a farmer, growing grapes at the 85-acre Arcadia Vineyard in Napa's Coombsville area.

In his later years, Winiarski became a philanthropist, endowing a position for a curator of food and wine history at the Smithsonian Institution; donating to the UC Davis library collections; and funding a revision of the Winkler Index, a groundbreaking study of wine and

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Warren Winiarski was a world-renowned vintner who founded Stag's Leap Wine Cellars. He also was a teacher, philanthropist and conservationist.

