

Upcoming Events at Michaan's!

Free Appraisal Event
Important Update - Fine Art appraisals are by appointment only, please call 510.227.2530 to schedule.
Wednesday, November 5th; 9 am - 12 pm
Wednesday, November 19th; 9 am - 12 pm

November Gallery Auction
Friday, November 14th; 10 am
Preview:
Sunday, November 9th; 10 am - 5 pm
Thursday, November 13th; noon - 5 pm
Friday, November 14th; 9 am - end of auction

November Annex Auction
Monday, November 10th; 9 am
Tuesday, November 11th; 9 am
Wednesday, November 12th; 9 am



Anirnik Oshuitaq
(Inuit, 1902-1983)
Image, Cape Dorset (Birds)

Pair of Chinese Famille Rose
Porcelain Vases

Michael Norris Graham Carved
Maple Free Form Sculpture

Turquoise, 14k Yellow Gold
Pendant Brooch Necklace

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San Francisco Chronicle

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Minerva University students, from left, Julia Schmidt Krul, 18, Marc Pijuan Ribot, 19, and Margaret Borst, 18, walk through the Tenderloin to the grocery store on Sept. 4 in San Francisco.

Photos by Gabrielle Lurie/S.F. Chronicle

Tenderloin housing for selective college

Students learn in tough neighborhood as part of global rotation



Borst shops at a grocery store in the Tenderloin. Minerva freshmen are housed in a dorm in the notoriously troubled neighborhood.

By Nanette Asimov
STAFF WRITER

Three teens emerged from a steel-gray building at 16 Turk St. in San Francisco and skirted six people lying together on the sidewalk. On this cool September evening, they passed playgrounds, people doubled over from fentanyl and countless street dogs. They ignored a grizzled denizen of Ellis Street who growled: “You’re behind enemy lines.” The smell of urine tainted the air.

The teens — Margaret Borst of Florida, Julia Schmidt Krul of Brazil and Marc Pijuan Ribot of Catalonia, Spain — are among 90 students spending their first

Minerva continues on A14

S.F. home sales are fastest of big cities

Demand sees turnaround as AI brings a wave of wealth

By Christian Leonard
STAFF WRITER

The San Francisco housing market spent much of the last two years seemingly stuck in the mud. Real estate agents lamented that homes that once sparked bidding wars were going unsold for a month or longer.

But not anymore. San Francisco homes are selling faster than they have in years — faster, in fact, than almost any of the 25 most-populous cities in the U.S. The median home sold in September found a buyer after just three weeks on the market. That’s more than a month faster than the national figure of 51 days.

San Francisco stands out sharply from other large U.S. cities, where prospective buyers appear reluctant to place bids amid a struggling job market and high mortgage rates. But the rise of artificial intelligence companies in San Francisco has brought a wave of workers

Homes continues on A15

Shasta County election skeptic overseeing vote

By Raheem Hosseini
STAFF WRITER

It was a typical appearance for one of California’s least typical election officials.

Two weeks before the Nov. 4 election, the first he will oversee, Shasta County Clerk and Registrar of Voters Clint Curtis stood inside an event space at Win-River Resort & Casino in Redding backdropped by signs opposing Proposition 50. Snowy-haired in a blue blazer and bright red tie, Curtis assailed Gov. Gavin Newsom’s response to re-districting grabs in Texas and other red states and stumped for a proposed Republican initiative that would require Californians to obtain new government documents to vote.

Curtis continues on A12

DID YOU REMEMBER?

Daylight saving time ended at 2 a.m. today. Did you remember to set your clocks back by one hour?

INSIDE
Time change brings health woes, disrupted sleep for some Americans. **A2**

Digital chess was his living, also may have been downfall

By Rachel Swan
STAFF WRITER

Hunched over a chessboard at the Western States Open in Reno, 13-year-old Daniel Naroditsky did something that seemed out of character.

For a split second, the young prodigy lost his cool.

It was October of 2009, and Naroditsky, a whip-smart kid from the Bay Area, was onstage playing an older mentor, Dana Mackenzie. The game was ruthless. Mackenzie had pressed hard early, taking risks “coffeehouse style” as the clock ticked.

Then Naroditsky made a

Chess continues on A10



Kelly Centrelli/Charlotte Chess Center/Associated Press
Chess grandmaster Daniel Naroditsky brought the game into a new streaming era, with sometimes toxic consequences.