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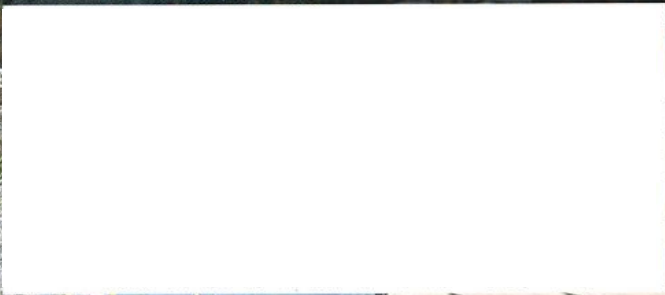
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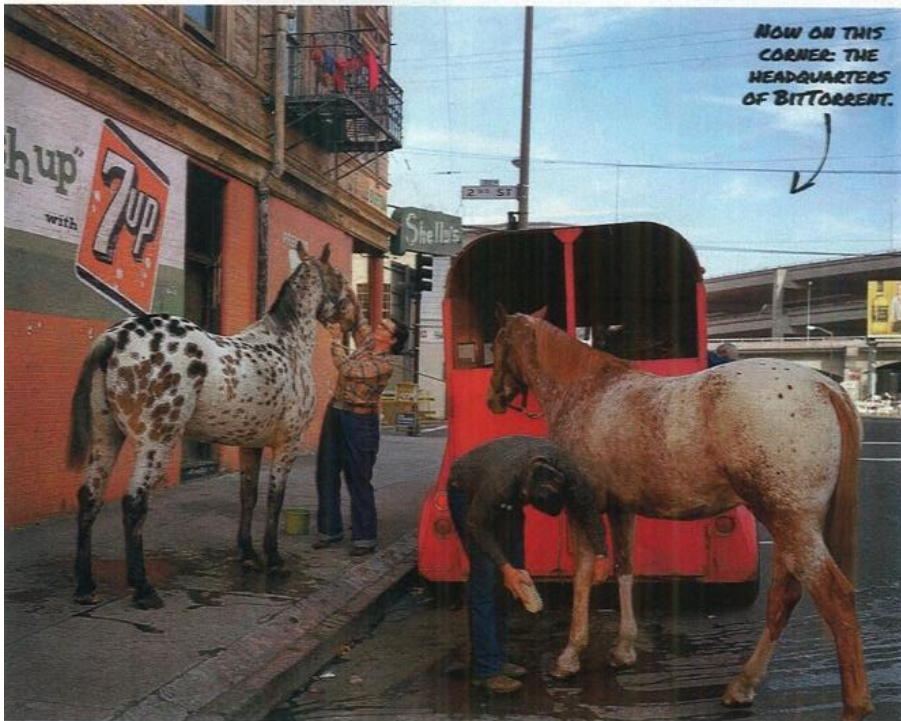
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Taken after a Veterans Day parade, this relic of San Francisco's Folsom Street, circa 1980, appears in *Janet Delaney: South of Market*, at the de Young Museum through July 19. \$10; deyoung.famsf.org.

BEST IMAGE

Rocky Mountain highs

Summer means it's time to head for the hills. Here are three hotels that'll help elevate your vacation—literally.



Hotel Jackson, Jackson, WY
 Channeling Deadwood by way of Downton Abbey, the new-this-month 58-room Hotel Jackson combines suede headboards with reclaimed barn siding. And, of course, even though it's in the center of town, it's also on the doorstep of the Grand Tetons. From \$399; hoteljackson.com.

Vasquez Creek Inn, Winter Park, CO
 Last fall, the people behind Devil's Thumb Ranch Resort & Spa, outside of town, opened this Alpine-y gasthaus for the ski crowd. But its 15 rooms put you within easy range of great mountain biking too, and Rocky Mountain National Park is an hour's drive north. From \$150; vasquezcreekinn.com.

The Lark, Bozeman, MT
 Open since April, The Lark's 38 rooms bring back some of our favorite (design) hits of the 1970s: platform beds, those molded plastic chairs we had in elementary school, an ever so casually draped sheepskin. Plus, Bozeman makes a terrific launching pad for Yellowstone adventuring. From \$189; larkbozeman.com.

WINE TIME

Melody Fuller, founder of the inaugural Oakland Wine Festival, spills the grapes.



There's no shortage of places to sip a casual glass in the Bay Area—or events that pair many sips and bites. But when was the last time you took a deep dive with a vintner at a wine festival? Former Oak-

land community-relations strategist (and now wine writer) Melody Fuller saw a need to be met. As she says, "When I travel, I get to meet with winemakers. Why shouldn't everybody else get that too?" The result: a gathering of hand-selected winemakers to be held at her alma mater, Mills College, on July 18.

Walk us through the day. I picked the winemakers I'd love to hear on a panel—from Napa Valley, Sonoma County, throughout California, and Italy and France—for the morning master classes and seminars. We're also doing intimate luncheons, where each vintner will be seated with seven people. In the afternoon, people will sit with a winemaker in groups of five, and they'll get 20 minutes to taste two wines. Then a series of receptions—our fabulous chefs from Oakland will be plating—and winemaker dinners.

Chefs—who? James Syhabout at Commis, Tanya Holland from Brown Sugar Kitchen, Paul Canales from Duende... do you want me to keep going? I call them our Oakland All-Stars.

And why Oakland? At Sonoma and Napa and Central Coast tasting rooms, a huge part of their business comes from Oakland-area zip codes. We would not get Smith-Madrone, Rombauer, Silverado, Opus One, Pride, and Hestan if the market weren't here. When people talk about the new Oakland, I say, "No, you are new to Oakland!" We've always had a deep, rich food history. When I was growing up, my parents took me down to Swan's Market and Housewives' Market. *That* was the first farm-to-table.

From \$220; oaklandwinefestival.com.

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