

THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

A Noe Valley History Lesson In Pictures

Another Look Back Through The Eyes of *Noe Valley Voice* Photographers

By Jack Tipple

In April, we promised we'd share more of our favorite photos culled from the *Noe Valley Voice* archives spanning 36 years. Early on, the *Voice* distinguished itself by investing in and featuring exceptional photography. We're grateful for the skill of the many visual artists who contributed to our pages. As luck would have it, the *Voice* can now enjoy a look back at the creative record. We hope you like it too. See our photos on pages 9 through 13 of this edition. Maybe you'll find a photo of your younger self. We hope to see you in September, as we start our summer vacation now. Your next deadline is Aug. 15. But if you want to buy a display ad we grant more time. Call Pat Rose at 415-608-7634. Thank you for your support.



Scottish Country Dancing enlivened the upstairs of the Noe Valley Ministry on Sanchez Street for many years, until the building closed in 2010. The group can now be found at the Polish Club, 3040 22nd St. 1990 Photo by Tom Wachs



Twin Time 21 Years Ago. Doubly blessed Noe families gathered on Church Street at 27th Street for a group portrait in front of What's for Dessert, a cafe that closed in 1999. Shown from left are Mark and Denise Capra Young (seated in front of her husband) with Emily and William; Angela and Jim Beem, with Joanna and Andrew; Cathy Neto (seated), holding Ariana and Gabriel; Richard and Darla Radcliffe with Ben and Nick; and Miriam Gac and Patricio Ascui, with Sebastian and Matias (in stroller) and older brother Gabriel.

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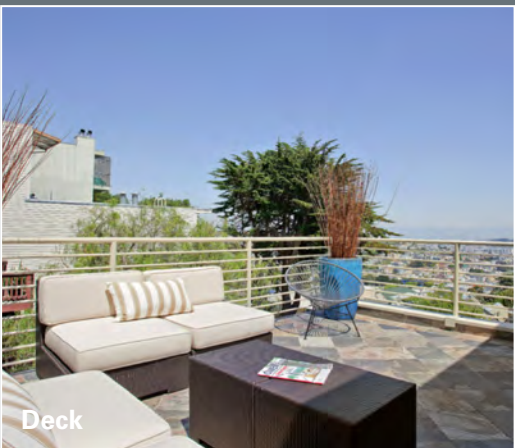
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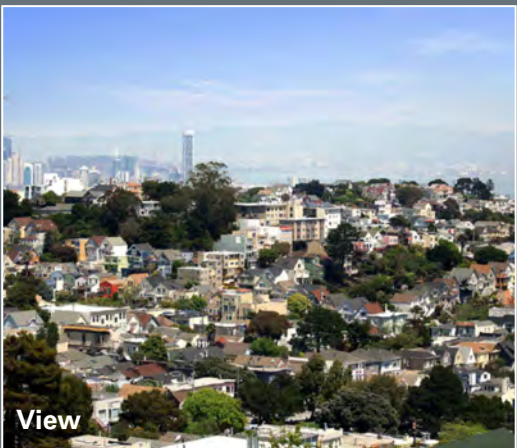
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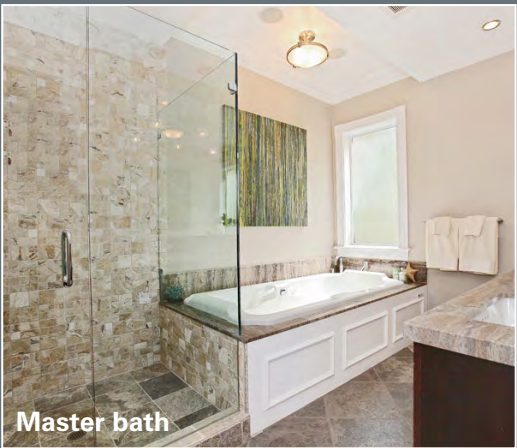
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LETTERS 46¢

'Ear-acle' on 24th Street

Editor:
I am one of the founders of the Community Benefit District (CBD), which has been in Noe Valley since 2006. So I anticipated many of the changes 24th Street would see in the following years. But I never conceived of the amazing consequence the CBD would have for me personally.

My 87-year-old mother came to visit in June, to meet her newest great-grandson. One day, she walked down to 24th Street from Alvarado Street where we live, to meet the family for coffee at La Boulange, after which she accompanied our granddaughter to the Umpqua Bank, Starbucks, and Radio Shack. Then she made her way back to my shop, Small Frys, several hours later. Next, she joined my daughter for lunch at Savor.

I picked her up afterwards in my convertible, with the top down, and brought her back up the hill to Alvarado with the usual summer wind in our faces. When we got home, she realized she had lost one of her hearing aids!

We immediately tore the car apart,

called all the places she had visited, and with my husband Bill she walked back down 24th Street, retracing her steps. No luck.

Then Bill suggested I alert the CBD cleaning crew in case they might come across the hearing aid. In my mind, it was like looking for a needle in a haystack and I had resigned myself to my mother being out of pocket hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars to replace it when she got home.

The next morning, I picked up my phone and there was a text at 8:30 from Steve at Curb Appeal saying that Paul, one of our wonderful sidewalk cleaners, had found her hearing aid! Paul had just started that morning to clean up at the Just for Fun parklet near where the kids paint, and saw it lying on the ground. Even more amazing was that it was in perfect working order. My mom had tears in her eyes when I told her.

A few hours later, we ran into Paul to thank him. After the thank-you's, my mother and Paul exchanged pleasantries, including how they were both from Oregon and both shared Scottish last names starting with "Mc." My mom concluded it was indeed a miracle on 24th Street.

Carol Yenne
Alvarado Street

me, sir—that fruit tart is crawling with bugs." He stared at me uncomprehendingly, completely unsure of what to do.

After about 15 seconds, I ventured, "That tart right there, facing all of the customers—it is covered in bugs." He nodded vigorously, leaned into the case with tongs, pulled it out, put it on the back counter, and walked away. All of the bugs, meanwhile, flew off and colonized the fruit tart immediately behind it in the case. Yech.

Our appetite gone, my husband and I decided to seek lunch elsewhere.

Rachel Seftel
24th Street

Wrong Call for Maud's

Editor:
The article "Your Movie Pass for Elizabeth, Maud's and Kink" (June 2013) states that the film *Last Call at Maud's* is a "documentary about the long-running lesbian bar on Valencia Street."

Maud's was on Cole Street (937 Cole St.). Amelia's was the lesbian bar on Valencia Street (647 Valencia, where the Elbo Room is now). Both were owned by Rikki Streicher. Maud's closed in 1989, after a 23-year run. Amelia's closed in 1991.

The old Noe Valley bar Finnegan's Wake moved to Maud's location in Cole Valley, where it still operates.

Kim Kubik
San Jose Avenue

Editor's Note: The Voice stands corrected. The producers of the Frameline37 film festival provided the incorrect information about Maud's location. Unfortunately, our institutional memory failed to kick in and we too missed the error.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

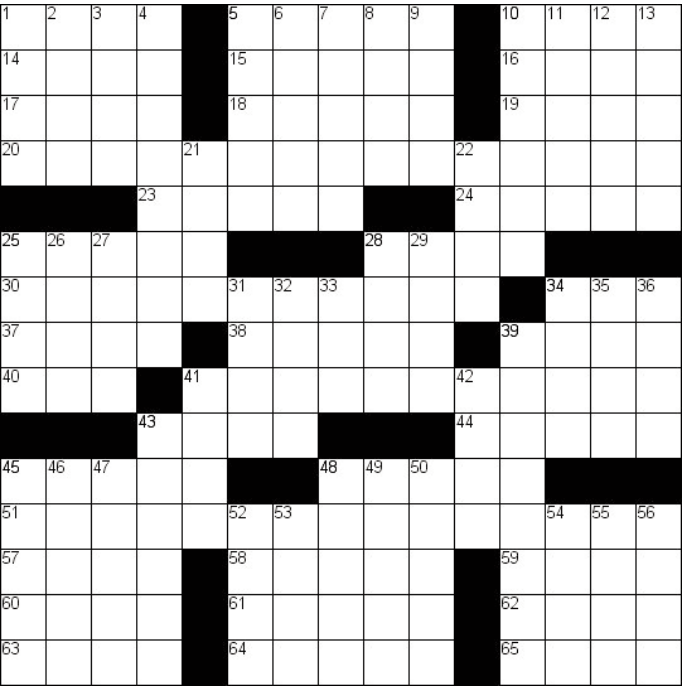
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Entertainers' Lesser-Known Twins

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1. Fiance's purchase at Gallery of Jewels
5. Like the lagoon at Crissy Field
10. Klinger's TV show
14. In ____ of (substituting for)
15. *All My Children* vixen Kane
16. Leave ____ Beaver
17. Jamie's *Mythbusters* partner
18. Put on TV
19. Killed, biblically
20. Twin of singer-actress working at Heads Up Hair Care?
23. Like some eyebrows
24. Like winds on the Bay, often
25. Word before Dhara or India in SF restaurants
28. Cambodian neighbor
30. Singer's twin who does alterations at Danny's Cleaners?
34. Nuke
37. Kind of test
38. "I ____ idea!"
39. Donated
40. Castro Computer specialty
41. "Denise Huxtable" portrayer's twin who can find you a Noe Valley apartment?
43. Leopold and ____ (1920s murder case)
44. Rolls' auto partner
45. Asimov or Stern
48. Syrian leader
51. Twin of *Star Trek's* "Bones" working at the French Tulip?
57. "At Last" singer James



58. "See you, Henri"
59. Pakistan's language
60. Cain's bane
61. Replacement part at Noe Valley Cyclery
62. Corkscrew
63. Vega's constellation
64. Detect, as a rat
65. Joint below the femur

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1. Blurt out
 2. Opera that debuted in Cairo
 3. Close by
 4. Purely Physical Fitness free weight
 5. Eye drops?
 6. Like the Dubliner bar
 7. Like Eastwood's Harry
 8. Dell competitor
 9. Take on cargo
 10. Wife, with "the"

11. Geographical reference
12. Tube used to keep an artery open
13. Cowboy's greeting
21. Mark replacement
22. Gershwin's "____ Rhythm"
25. Using as a perch
26. Chagall or Antony
27. Prejudice
28. J-Church or N-Judah
29. Get an ____ effort (try hard)
31. Former South Korean president Syngman
32. Volvo competitor
33. Part of wpm: Abbr.
34. Like the Marx Brothers
35. Paris preposition
36. Eponym of a 24th Street dry cleaner
39. "Hope that works for you"

41. Kooky
42. Hillside near a loch
43. "I'm not listening! I'm not listening!"
45. Just perfect
46. Save for future use
47. Last word in some fairy tales
48. Actor's whisper
49. Speedy baseballer's move
50. Crossbones' partner
52. Emulates Eminem
53. "Ibid" cousin, in footnotes
54. Hubbard of Scientology
55. *Desperate Housewives* role
56. Holiday season

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NOTE: The current *Voice* Crossword and all past puzzles can be found at www.noevalleyvoice.com.

The Buzz About La Boulange

Editor:
I echo the comments made in the letter in the May *Voice* about the decline in service at the Noe Valley La Boulange. While I agree with the letter that the customer service has taken a nosedive since Starbucks took over, on May 27 the cafe reached such new depths that I will not be returning. Not only are the employees unfamiliar with basic customer service, they are also apparently unfamiliar with basic food hygiene.

As I stood in line to place my order, I noticed that a fruit tart in the front of the display case was literally crawling with bugs (I counted at least five winged insects on it). As one of the employees behind the counter passed, I said, "Excuse

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Dolores Park, with its spectacular view of the city, was one of Barbara Brenner's favorite destinations on her "roll and strolls" around the neighborhood. Photo courtesy Suzanne Lampert

Farewell to a Tenacious, Loving Activist

Barbara Brenner, Advocate for Women with Breast Cancer

By Laura McHale Holland

Longtime 23rd Street resident and healthcare activist Barbara Brenner succumbed to complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) on May 10, 2013, but the campaigns she inspired and the debates she shaped remain very much alive.

A breast cancer survivor, Brenner left her law practice in 1995 to become the first executive director of Breast Cancer Action. During her 15-year tenure, BCA grew from a local organization with a 3,500 mailing list to a national force with 50,000 members.

Brenner focused on research into the causes and prevention of cancer, instead of just building awareness of the disease, and refused funding from corporations that profited from cancer or polluted the environment. One example of her handiwork was BCA's 2002 "Think Before You Pink" campaign, which exposed companies that used pink ribbons in marketing to boost their sales while selling products that could harm women's health. Another was BCA's decision to become a co-plaintiff in the ACLU lawsuit before the U.S. Supreme Court that successfully challenged human-gene patents.

Brenner often sported a "Cancer Sucks" button while on her way to such spots as Chloe's Cafe, Video Wave, or Henry's Hunan Restaurant. Suzanne Lampert, her partner of 38 years, said that whenever someone commented on the button, "she would engage them in conversation about it and offer them the button."

Lampert and Brenner were drawn to Noe Valley in 1976 because of the neighborhood's weather, character, and location. "In 2010, after Barbara was diagnosed with ALS, we considered moving into an apartment or condominium building with an elevator, but didn't want to leave the neighborhood we both loved, and so we undertook one more major remodel to make the house accessible to a person in a wheelchair," Lampert said.

They adapted in other ways, too, taking "roll and strolls" along 24th Street instead of hiking up Kite Hill.

ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease affecting nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. In her last years, Brenner lost the ability to eat, speak, or walk. However, Brenner emphasized that she was living with ALS, not dying of it, and she continued her activism until just days before her death, at age 61. In her final blog post at www.barbarabrenner.net, Brenner wrote, "Everyone I have come in contact with has had something unique to offer the world.... What I know about all of these people is that I have been blessed to know them, and that they will succeed at what they set their hearts and minds to do."

Lampert credits the longevity of her romance with Brenner to their ability to allow one another "the freedom to be who we were." The couple also kept their word. "I'd always promised Barbara that her obituary would say she died after a long battle with the breast cancer industry," Lampert said. Humor in the face of adversity was part of Brenner's legacy as well. ■

The life and remarkable achievements of Barbara Brenner were memorialized in numerous publications, including the New York Times, Washington Post, and Los Angeles Times. Friends, family, and colleagues gathered to speak at funeral services led by Rabbi Margaret Holub, of the Mendocino Coast Jewish Community, on May 13 at Sinai Memorial Chapel in San Francisco. Contributions may be made to the Barbara Brenner Rapid Response Fund at Breast Cancer Action, 55 Montgomery St., Suite 323, San Francisco, CA 94105 (www.bcaction.org).

Bernie's Manager Julian Rodriguez Dies

'Light and Life' of Coffee Shop

By Steve Steinberg

Julian Rodriguez, the popular, vibrant manager of Bernie's Coffee on 24th Street, has died. Rodriguez, who was only 36, passed away on May 30 of AIDS-related complications.

Rodriguez's death came as a shock to Bernie's customers and staff. "It came out of nowhere...it doesn't seem real," said Jessica Fount, who'd been coming to Bernie's for the past three years. "I loved seeing him here," she added. "I loved his energy and honesty and the way he helped create a sense of community at the café." Fount said she'd become good friends with Rodriguez, even inviting him to her baby shower.

Ohla Coleman, a longtime Bernie's staffer, said she was "really hurt" by his passing. "I had never had the experience of a close co-worker passing away." She described Rodriguez as "fun to work with." He was, she said, "sassy, honest, and a good friend." Coleman had previously worked with Rodriguez when he was a manager at Tully's Coffee, which occupied the café's 3966 24th St. location until Bernie's took over in the fall of 2007.

Rodriguez had been diagnosed with HIV approximately seven years ago, according to Bernie's owner Bernadette Hanifin. But in a decision that would have tragic consequences, Rodriguez stopped taking his HIV medications several months ago. He did so, said Hanifin, because he felt humiliated and "judged" during visits to San Francisco General Hospital, where he went to pick up his meds. "Going to San Francisco General Hospital for his meds was a terrible experience for him," she said.

Rodriguez eventually went back on his medications, but it was too late. Hanifin noted that in the six weeks leading up to his death Rodriguez began losing weight and showed other signs that the disease was taking its toll. "He looked so frail and sick," she said. "He had no energy." Hospitalized with pneumonia in the latter part of May, Rodriguez developed a blood clot that ultimately led to his death.

Rodriguez was born and raised in San Jose, Calif. His parents divorced when he was a young child, and his mother soon remarried. Both his mother and stepfather died within a few months of each other eight years ago. Norma Negrete, of Folsom, Calif., his aunt, said that in recent years his visits with family were infrequent. "He was afraid he wouldn't be accepted as a gay man by his family, but, of course, I told him that he was accepted," said Negrete. She expressed regret that she hadn't known how very sick he was.

Rodriguez was a cheerleader at Yerba Buena High School in San Jose, graduating in 1995. His cheerleading experience translated into a passion for dance as an adult. "He would go dancing five nights a week," said Hanifin.

Soon after graduation he moved to San Francisco to begin a career in retail, which suited him well, according to those



Julian Rodriguez posted this shot on his Facebook page as a souvenir from a spring birthday trip to New York City. His T-shirt reads, "Whistle While U Work!"

who knew him. "He had a magnetic personality and was outgoing and witty. Retail was perfect for him," said Negrete.

Hanifin, who had been friends with Rodriguez for the past nine years, hired him to work at Bernie's Coffee four years ago. He was an instant hit with customers. "He was the light and life of Bernie's," said Hanifin, who described herself as "devastated" by his loss. "There's no replacing him."

Earlier this year, Hanifin promoted Rodriguez to run her new coffee shop in San Francisco's downtown Crocker Galleria. But as his health began to decline, Rodriguez asked if he could come back to Noe Valley to work. "He felt Noe Valley provided him with a warmer experience," Hanifin said. Rodriguez was a Daly City resident at the time of his death.

Two hundred friends, family, and members of the Bernie's community celebrated Rodriguez's life at a memorial service at Duggan's Funeral Service on 17th Street on June 13.

"There was an overwhelming outpouring of shared grief for Julian," said Hanifin.

One Bernie's customer, she added, offered to set up a fundraiser to pay for his cremation and the rental of a boat that will ferry mourners out to sea, where his ashes will be scattered. Within 48 hours of the start of the fundraiser, more than \$10,000 had been raised, Hanifin said.

The president of Rodriguez's high school class had also contacted her, saying the class wanted to donate money in Rodriguez's name to whatever charity friends and family deemed appropriate. Hanifin said that any money left over after funeral expenses would go to HIV/AIDS-related causes.

A date for the scattering of Rodriguez's ashes has not yet been determined, said Hanifin.

Besides his aunt and her husband Gerard, Rodriguez is survived by an older brother, Gilbert Rodriguez, of San Francisco; two half-sisters, Christina, 17, and Veronica, 15, both of Folsom; and an uncle and aunt, David and Kathy Guzman, of Santa Clara, Calif. ■

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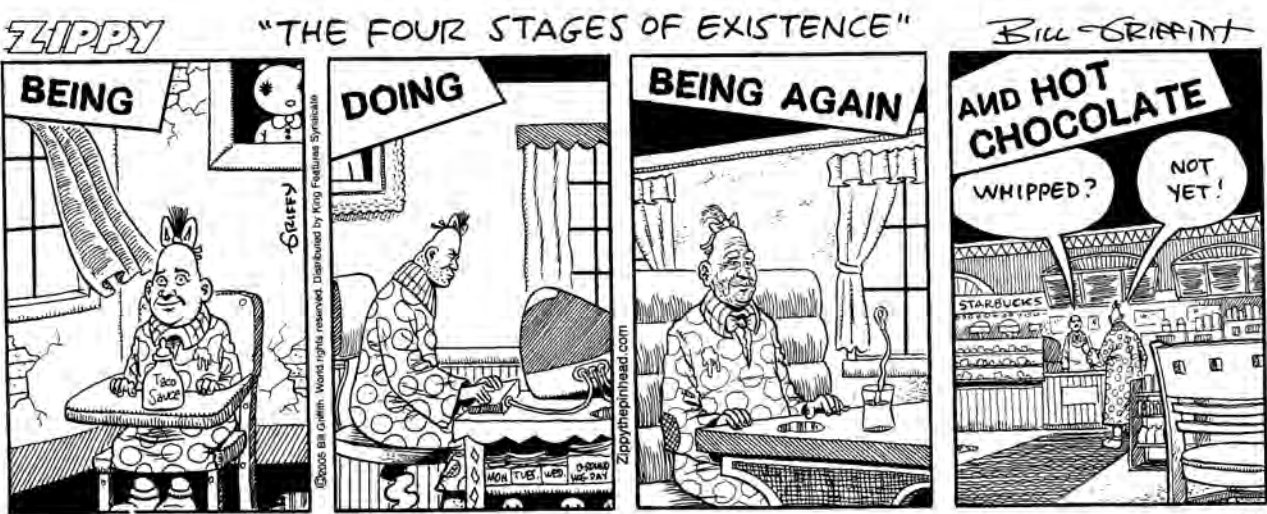


Above: **Clearing** the lot that once was home to the Second Spanish Baptist Church, heavy equipment dominates 24th Street in this 1996 photo by Charles Kennard.

Left: **Palm trees** are the signature of the eastern boundary of Noe Valley that is Dolores Street. 1997 photo by Beverly Tharp.

Bottom: **Reunited** after a stop at Walgreens on Castro near 24th Street this pooch and his human pal exchange an embrace in this 1997 photo by Leo Holub.





Top Left: **Zippy the Pinhead**, a comic strip penned by former Noe Valley resident Bill Griffith, appeared regularly in the pages of the Voice in the 1970s and '80s.

Top Right: **Madonna and Child** outside St. Paul's Church. 1992 photo by Ed Buryn.

Left: **True aim** shows this youngster owning the outdoor courts at James Lick Middle School on a summer day in 1985. Photo by Tom Wachs.

Bottom: **NEPO** was just another word for "more coffee?" in the era before Starbucks took up residence on 24th Street. 1989 photo by Charles Kennard.



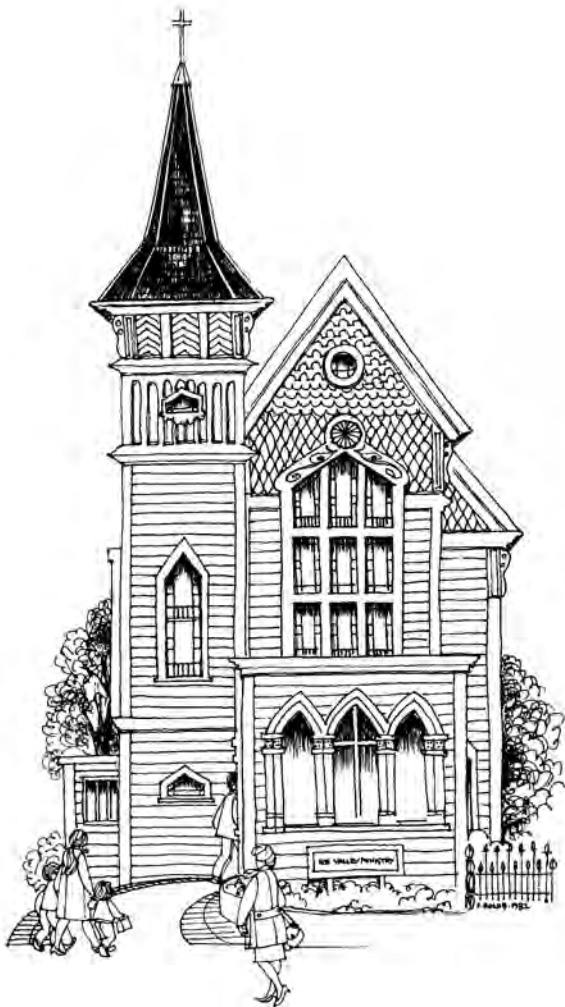


Above: **\$2.50** bought a pint of Budweiser at the Peaks bar in 1997. Photo by Najib Joe Hakim.

Left: **Curious?** A feline makes an alert reconnoiter of the outside world in this 1999 photo by Najib Joe Hakim.

Bottom: **Defying** gravity in this 1988 photo in a laundromat on Castro near 24th Street is a young Lenny Lesser. Photo by Ed Buryn.

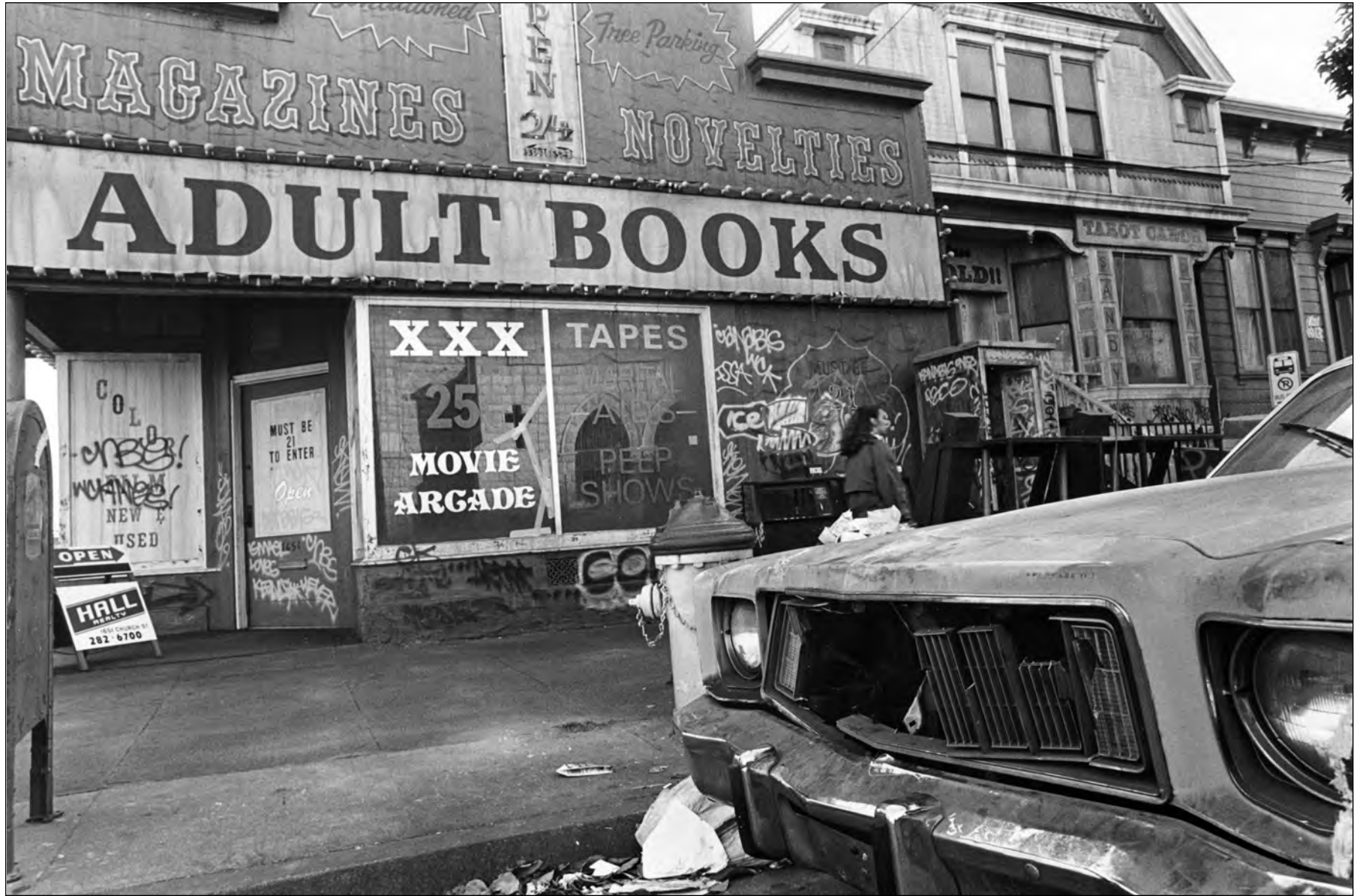




Above: **The Noe Valley Ministry** on Sanchez Street as it appeared to *Voice* columnist Florence Holub in this 1991 sketch.

Left: **Elmer and Elmira** graced the front window of Tuggey's Hardware on 24th Street in many poses such as this 1996 photo by Charles Kennard.

Bottom: **Bleak** was the view of upper Church Street after it had been refashioned for the Disney movie *Sister Act*, starring Whoopi Goldberg in 1991. Photo by Beverly Tharp.





Above: “**Can you** hear me now?” Cell phone coverage was spotty in those days as our May 2002 story discovered. Photo by Pamela Gerard.



Left: **Flown.** Noe Valley’s famed pigeon lady Anna Muru sold her home here and returned to her native Estonia in 1997. Neighbor and Voice illustrator Karol Barske created this drawing as a stage of Karol’s grief process.

Right: **Her following.** Pigeons loved Muru’s feedings, but her human neighbors did not. 1995 photo by Najib Joe Hakim.



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Noe Court, Singular?

Roughly 40 neighbors came to a June 10 meeting at St. Philip's to discuss the future of Noe Courts, the tiny park at 24th and Douglass streets. Presented for their review were three remodeling designs, sketched out by city planners.

Meeting participants favored the two proposals that removed the park's run-down tennis court, leaving a much larger swath of green to be divided between a basketball court, a de facto dog run, and a cleaner patch of grass for people. (The children's playground will not be affected by the work.)

The park is on a hill, and neighbors discussed the merits of keeping the dogs on the slope and of moving the basketball court to the present site of the tennis court. Many suggested separating people from dogs by using greenery, like shrubs.

The money for the project comes from a 2008 bond measure, and includes funds to update the bathrooms at Noe Courts. The new bathrooms, which were presented in detail at a May meeting, require an ADA-accessible path. Neighbors weighed in on the three options for the path, which must make its way from the children's playground at the low end of the park to the bathrooms at the top. Most seemed to prefer a loop, which would be useful for children learning how to ride bicycles.

The designs all included improved drainage and additional seating, upgrades made possible by neighbors Justine Sears and Laura Norman, who won a \$246,000 grant from the bond's Community Opportunity Fund in 2011.

Park lovers are encouraged to review the proposals and make comments by visiting the project's webpage at www.sfrecpark.org. Click on Park Improvements, Current Projects. The designs can be seen in the PowerPoint for Community Meeting #2.

A final plan will be presented Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond St. Day-care will be provided. If there are no delays, Project Manager Marvin Yee said he expects the plan to go before the Recreation and Park Commission on Sept. 19. Construction would begin in May of 2014 and end in August.

Local Director in Jewish Film Festival

The 33rd San Francisco Jewish Film Festival runs July 25 to Aug. 12, and among this year's 74 dramatic, documentary, experimental, and animated films and shorts will be *50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. & Mrs. Kraus*, directed by Noe Valley's Steven Pressman.

Using historical footage, personal photographs, and on-camera interviews, Pressman tells the wartime story of Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus, a Philadelphia couple who traveled to Nazi-occupied Austria in 1939 to bring 50 children back to America. Pressman traced the nine surviving children—now adults living across the United States and in Israel—and fleshed out the story based on a record of the rescue written by Mrs. Kraus, who was his wife's grandmother.

50 Children's San Francisco screening will be on Aug. 4 at 1:40 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, 3200 California St.

The festival opens Thursday, July 25, at the Castro Theater, 429 Castro St., with *The Zig Zag Kid*, a detective story and

coming-of-age tale about a 13-year-old boy on the brink of his bar mitzvah. The 6:30 p.m. showing is followed by a 9 p.m. party in the Swedish American Hall, 2174 Market St., with live music from local band La Pêche Quintet and a spread of food from upscale eateries.

The festival's run at the Castro Theater closes Aug. 1 with an 8:30 p.m. screening of *Rue Mandar*, a French film about the way three Sephardic Jewish siblings deal with their widowed mother's death. A \$100 dinner will precede the film.

Besides the JCC and the Castro, and Rayko Photo Center in San Francisco, films will also be shown in venues in Palo Alto, San Rafael, Oakland, and Berkeley. The festival also includes panels about Jewish history, culture, and identity.

Theatergoers can buy individual tickets, a discounted 10-film voucher pack, or a festival pass. Those under 35 can buy a Young Adult Pass for \$30. For more information, visit www.sfjff.org.

Matrilineal Dissent

What do you get when you put a 77-year-old mother, her writer daughter, and her 16-year-old granddaughter in one house? Certainly not the restorative interlude of multi-generational harmony envisioned by Noe Valley journalist Katie Hafner, whose memoir *Mother Daughter Me* will be published by Random House this month.

"As it turned out, I wasn't over my feelings about my childhood," said Hafner, who moved her mother into her San Francisco home in 2009.

Though she has written five books of nonfiction, Hafner said she hadn't intended to write about her own living arrangement, but the troubling emotions and fraught interactions that arose drove her to the page. The book asks what obligations children owe their aging parents, particularly if their childhood was less than ideal, she said.

Hafner will read passages from her book and have copies to sell and sign at Cliché Noe Gift Store, 4175 24th St., Wednesday, July 10, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The book is also for sale at Phoenix Books, 3957 24th St.

It's Tree Planting Season

Friends of the Urban Forest will host another communal tree planting in Noe Valley on Saturday, Aug. 24, and neighbors interested in setting down roots in front of their own homes have until



Neighbors will pitch in to plant trees in Noe Valley on Saturday, Aug. 24, under the guidance of Friends of the Urban Forest.

Photo courtesy FUF

July 18 to stake a claim.

For \$135, FUF obtains the necessary permits, identifies underground utilities, removes the concrete, and creates a hole. Homeowners—or renters who have the homeowner's permission—join their neighbors, FUF staff, and volunteers to pitch in to plant the tree. Tools are provided. The day is capped by a community potluck. (The cost also includes two follow-up visits to check on the tree's health.)

The Noe Valley planting area is bounded roughly by Fairmount and Laidley streets, 21st Street, Guerrero Street and Market.

Participants are asked to send two forms to FUF: a letter of agreement and a tree-planting application from DPW, both of which are available on the FUF's website at www.fuf.net. For more information, contact Caitlin@fuf.net or call 415-268-0772.

The Village People

San Francisco Village, a neighborhood-based network of services for seniors, is thinking about opening a Noe Valley chapter. To see if residents are interested, the group will hold an open house Sunday, July 14, 1 p.m., in the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library, 451 Jersey St.

Already set up in about 20 neighborhoods across the city, San Francisco Village costs about \$50 a month for services that help people over age 60 "age in place" in their homes.

Members have access to volunteers who help with transportation, chores, computer problems, and grocery shopping, for example. Villagers meet regularly for book clubs, coffees, hikes, and other social activities. The nonprofit also organizes workshops on issues like alternative health options, financial planning, and home safety.

"San Francisco Village has become a trusted advocate in helping hundreds of older San Franciscans navigate the transitions of getting older," says Kate Hoepke, the group's executive director. "We're excited to begin organizing in the Noe Valley neighborhood."

Everyone is invited to the open house, including people interested in volunteer opportunities. Refreshments will be served. The Noe Valley Library is located at 451 Jersey St. between Castro and Diamond.

To find out more about the organization, visit www.sfvillage.org.

Therapist Gives Directions

From *Lost to Found* is Noe Valley psychotherapist Ginny Pizzardi's second book about dealing with loss, but this time she's found a new audience: the losers themselves.

Losers, of course, being all of us, because loss is not just the death of a spouse or a divorce, explains Pizzardi, M.S., M.F.T.

"Loss is everything in our lives," said the Noe Valley resident, who set up shop on 24th Street in 1995. "We all have something in our childhoods—I'm just saying take a peek."

The idea isn't to wallow in your sorrows, however, said Pizzardi, whose areas of expertise include adoption issues, childhood abuse, addiction, couples therapy, and domestic violence.

Back chapters cover tools people can use to acknowledge the pain and work through it using mindfulness techniques, breathing work, and talking to friends, for example.

Pizzardi's first book, *Lessons in Loss: What Every Therapist Needs to Know*, was geared toward her peers. Both books can be bought on www.amazon.com, and *Lost and Found* will be available for Kindle.

How to Get 'Obamacare'

With the historic Affordable Care Act set to become fully operational in a matter of months, the Noe Valley Democratic Club will host a forum Wednesday, July 17, explaining how residents can take advantage of the new law.

The roundtable will feature two people well versed in the health reform measure, which President Barack Obama championed and signed into law three years ago.

They are Bonnie Preston, an outreach and policy specialist with the federal Department of Health and Human Services, and Ellen Shaffer, a prominent lecturer and blogger with EQUAL Health Network, a San Francisco health advocacy organization. A third speaker may also be added to the agenda.

The law, whose major provisions take effect Jan. 1, requires all U.S. residents to have health insurance. It also compels businesses with 50 or more fulltime workers to provide employees with insurance coverage. Further, it prevents insurance companies from denying coverage to those with pre-existing conditions.

The Democratic Club co-sponsored a similar discussion last year that provided a policy overview of the healthcare overhaul.

"And now, with implementation so close, a program having more direct relevance to individuals is in order," said Molly Fleischman, the club's vice president. "This is meant to provide practical and useful info for our members and neighbors, their friends and relatives."

The meeting, which will include a Q&A session, is free and open to all. The event starts at 7 p.m. at St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond St. Email info@noevalleydems.org for more information.

—Corrie M. Anders

Keep Off the Grass...Please

As June came to a close, Upper Douglass Dog Park at 27th and Douglass streets was receiving a healthy new lawn—the final phase of its \$100,000 overhaul.

At the same time, park lovers and their canine pals were receiving a friendly reminder: the park is still closed.

Since the area was fenced off in April, work crews have dug trenches, installed a new irrigation system, and backfilled and graded the land. They've also replaced underground pipes near the drinking fountain. But last month, contractors noticed someone had vandalized a portion of the fence and tossed balls for their dog, potentially damaging the grounds.

While the sod is the last step in the process, it is also a long and delicate operation, said Marien Coss, the Recreation and Park Department's project manager for the improvements.

"It does look finished, and if you didn't know it needs a few months for the roots to re-grow, you'd think it was done."

Walking on the new lawn compresses the soil and crushes new growth, leaving depressions from which it cannot recover, she said.

At best, the park will not reopen until October, she said. If trampling trespassers return, the date could be later.

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Local Astrologer Takes Time to Make Predictions

By Heidi Anderson

In an era when we consult a weather app on our phones before getting dressed and when a drop in the stock market can darken the nation’s mood for weeks, astrologer Yvonne Walker prefers to predict the future based on what the sun, moon, and planets are doing.

From her home office in Noe Valley, she spends hours constructing horoscopes, then describing to clients what the movements of planets might mean in their lives.

Walker says she was hooked on astrology at an early age while growing up in Chicago.

“For my 16th birthday, a friend dragged me to an astrologer,” says Walker. “I had visions of a witch doctor.” The first visit was agonizing, she recalls. “The guy was incredibly old, and he moved so slowly while figuring out my chart,” that Walker doubted he could forecast a sunrise.

“But everything he said would happen to me came true,” she says. The reading predicted, among several other things, that her dad and stepmom would separate and Walker would have to move.

When that came to pass, she knew she had to delve deeper into this ancient belief system.

Walker went off to college, managed a bookstore, and worked as an accountant. But she kept up her hobby as an astrologer, doing charts for herself and others. At one point, she moved to Los Angeles. However, she wound up hating the city. On the plane ride back to Chicago, she stopped in San Francisco to see a friend.

“I got off the plane at SFO, and there was this kind of electricity inside me. I knew I needed to find out what that was all about.” And she did.

Forty years later, Walker, now in her 50s, is living in a flat on Clipper Street with a sweeping view of the city. The apartment is her second home in Noe Valley since she moved to the neighborhood in 1984. Fortunately, she says, the stars have aligned so she can retire her accounting business and devote full time to her career as an astrologer.

Early Days = More Math

For Walker, making a horoscope, or an astrological chart, requires hours of attention even before she meets a client in person.

“A horoscope is created from the date, place, and time of your birth,” says Walker. “This is how astrologers set up the 12 houses, and we place those planets within the circle,” she says, pointing to a diagram filled with symbols denot-



A practitioner of astrology for over 35 years, Yvonne Walker hopes the horoscopes she reads for her clients will bring harmony and understanding.

Photo by Heidi Anderson

ing an array of celestial objects. (See the chart she prepared for Noe Valley below.)

Back in the 1970s, Walker had to do all this the old-fashioned way, calculating everything with pencil and paper. Luckily, as a budding accountant, she didn’t let herself get intimidated. “But it still took three to four hours just to do the math!”

Today, Walker pulls out her iPad and allows programs such as Time Passages to do the work in just a few minutes. This leaves her more time to interpret the charts.

“When I work with clients, I look at where planets have moved since they were born, and then what path they have taken, and then we look at what is opening up for them in particular” along their life’s journey.

She throws in a little coaching as well.

“I’ve seen the Jupiter influence in some clients [known for its “feel-good” traits] and it can make them lazy, so I push people to pay attention to what’s about to happen to them so they won’t be.”

Pluto Looming

Walker—whose own sign is Gemini—has done a chart for the United States, using July 4, 1776, as its birth date. Here’s what she sees for the country.

“Uranus is a big influence on the U.S,” she says. “It’s individualistic, valuing creativity over status quo, and insisting on basic freedoms.”

But according to her chart, too much of Uranus is soon to be threatened by other planets’ movements, especially Pluto, known for its need for power and control.

“We have planets aligning as they did in the 1850s.” She makes a prediction. “In 2031, we have a potential for another civil war.”

But most of the time Walker keeps tabs on humans.

Her clients are from neighborhoods like Pacific Heights and Potrero Hill, as well as from business owners in San Francisco. She charges \$125 an hour for readings, and up to \$250 for more in-depth sessions.

First meetings usually last an hour and a half. She tells her clients what their horoscopes reveal to her. Then they discuss the lessons that might be learned.

Doors Will Open

A lot of Walker’s clients come to her in what she calls a “time shift.”

“There’s a lot of unhappiness out there,” she says. “Some clients will make an appointment to talk about their life path in general, but when we sit down for a full reading, I learn they are thinking about leaving their spouse.”

Clients often fall into two categories: those who want to learn more about themselves, and those who want to solve a problem, says Walker.

said. “Doors will open. Don’t quit your day job.”

Fit for Kings

Asked what she thinks of daily horoscopes in newspapers or on the Web, Walker sighs.

“The daily horoscope killed astrology. It’s not *real* astrology. What I do is work with the time and place an individual was born,” not just their simple sign on the zodiac. “Everyone has their own path.”

She insists that what you read in newspapers and magazines is just for entertainment. The one-size-fits-all horoscopes have led most people to think astrology is, in her words, “crap.”

“When I get asked about the validity of the work I do, which is not at all meant to be entertainment,” says Walker, “I remind them that the oldest writings in the world mention astrology. All the kings had astrologers.”

Key to her work as an astrologer is a compassionate approach, she says.

“It’s what I bring to clients in my readings. I want to help, not to judge.” ■

Yvonne Walker writes a blog at her website www.helpfulastrology.com. She also does tarot readings, meditation counseling, and healing circles.

Noe Valley a Born Innovator

What Sign Is Noe? The Voice asked astrologer Yvonne Walker to create a horoscope for Noe Valley based on a proposed “birth date” for the neighborhood of April 14, 1854. That was the day hundreds of 1- to 20-acre lots that were once part of Jose de Jesus Noe’s rancho were offered for sale by developer John Meirs Horner, often called the “Father of Noe Valley.” Walker was gracious enough to do the chart, as well as to provide her forecast for Noe Valley in the coming year. Overall, the view is encouraging. Here’s her reading:

April 14, 1854: The Noe Valley community was born an Aries, the first sign of the zodiac, and is therefore a natural-born leader and trendsetter. Noe Valley will always be vibrant and full of energy. The sun sits in the 10th house of career, which makes the neighborhood a stellar place for entrepreneurs, for successful people, and for new ideas welling up from its residents. Noe will always renew itself because Aries is fire, and it’s always burning for a new challenge.

Contrary to that, Noe has Cancer rising, or the first house, which makes it love home and family. It cares about community. But the first house is empty, meaning it is always reinventing itself in terms of family and community and trying on new hats, giving it another edge on new ideas. The heart of the neighborhood is kindly. It has a warm feeling to it, and people subconsciously feel that. It’s “homey.”

Jupiter is in the 7th house. The planet of good luck and abundance is in the house of partnership, personal and business. It’s a place that nurtures partnerships and helps them succeed and expand. There is a love of the arts, and an inherent idealism by nature. Yet Noe can be conservative when making decisions—it weighs the pros and cons.

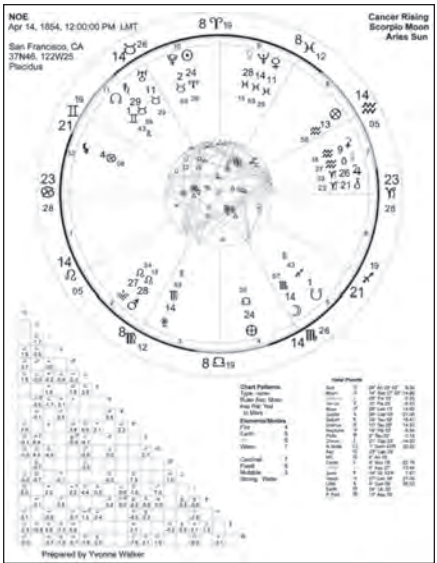
Venus and Neptune are conjunct in the 9th house of higher education and spirituality, meaning the neighborhood is spiritual by nature, and since Neptune rules spirituality, it is a sincere belief, not a passing fancy or a glib experiment. Noe has a good heart.

Finally, the more interesting aspect is Uranus, the planet of change and unexpected events. It is in the 11th house of friendships, hopes and wishes. This means Noe is populated with “characters” who march to a different drummer. People here are unique and not followers. They can be quirky and brilliant or flaky and irritating, but never boring. But also in this house is Saturn, the planet of discipline, which negates some of the flakiness and makes people more stable while still being unique. Saturn is in Taurus, which makes it fixed and stubborn, so it can also be hard to change people’s minds because they are fixed in their beliefs. So quirky and fixed are the feelings at play here, giving Noe yet another unique characteristic.

It’s a vibrant, active, smart, loving and caring community. Aren’t we lucky to live here!

FORECAST: The characteristics of Noe Valley set the mood for the neighborhood. From now until September, there are many positive aspects for good times and celebration: times of fun, spiritual understanding, sharing with others. Overall, a fun celebratory summer. August is especially good for self-transformation. Look within and find answers and peace. The whole year sets the tone for inward exploration and spiritual epiphanies. Reflect on the deeper purpose of your life. You can find the answers you need. Next spring, Jupiter moves into Noe’s first house, so look out. Everyone will feel more confident, ready to tackle the world with a better understanding of who they are and how to make their mark. Lots of new businesses, development, and action for a year starting in the spring of 2014.

—Yvonne Walker, info@helpfulastrology.com



Yvonne Walker’s chart for Noe Valley has Cancer rising and Jupiter in the seventh house. For an explanation, see box at right.

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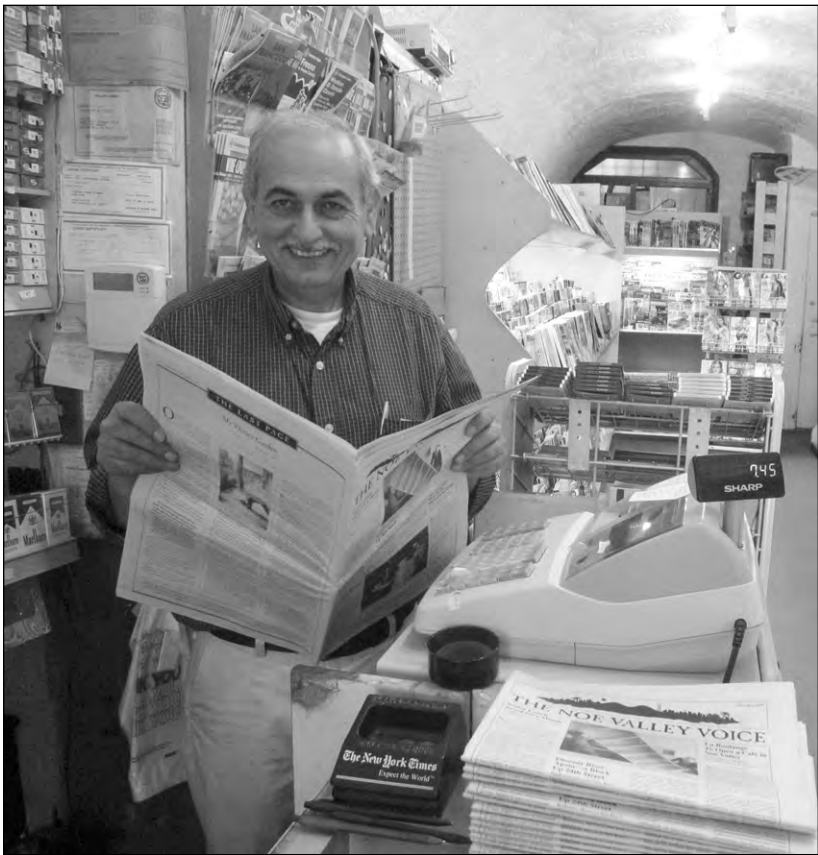


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The Cost of Living in Noe

The Curse of Popularity

By Corrie M. Anders

If you are looking for an apartment to rent in Noe Valley this summer, good luck. There aren't many vacancies, and those that are available cost as much as a European vacation.

"Noe Valley is hot, hot, hot," said J.J. Panzer, president of Real Management Company, a Castro Street firm that lists and manages apartments. "This is the place where everybody wants to be."

And prospective tenants—just like eager homebuyers in the neighborhood—appear willing to open their wallets wider than ever.

Panzer says rents have jumped at least 10 percent in the past year, and as much as 20 to 30 percent in some spots in Noe Valley. How much are people willing to pay? His company in June leased a one-bedroom apartment on 24th Street for \$2,900 a month, he said.

That number is only slightly higher than the average for one-bedrooms in the *Voice's* own survey of rentals on Craigslist.com (see Rents table below). The average among the 23 one-bedrooms listed from June 3 to 14 was \$2,851 per month, compared to \$2,530 in June of last year.

Now You See It, Now You Don't

Two new online rental search firms in San Francisco also confirm Noe Valley's persistent popularity.

According to Zumper.com, a site launched last September, the median price for a one-bedroom unit jumped to \$2,775 a month in May from \$2,600 in February, a nearly 7 percent increase in only three months.

Another apartment search startup, Lovely, which aggregates information from more than a dozen sources, showed

landlords in May were asking an average of \$2,365 for a one-bedroom apartment in the neighborhood—about \$250 less than Craigslist's average. However, the rents were rising.

"Not only are prices steep in Noe Valley, but rental listings move very quickly, making competition fierce in the neighborhood," said Lovely's marketing manager, Elizabeth Pietrzak, who has firsthand knowledge of the local race, having moved into an apartment on 24th Street in 2012.

She said one-bedroom apartments in May were rented within 16 days of a "for rent sign" going up. Noe Valley studios and two-bedrooms in Lovely's listings were vacant only 13 to 14 days.

Her best advice to renters was to keep a constant watch for openings and to act fast.

Lower Vacancy Rate

RMC's Panzer said the vacancy rate in June in his inventory of Noe Valley rentals had dropped below 1 percent, meaning that only one in 100 apartments was vacant and ready for a new tenant to move in.

The cause of the crunch may be a surge of new employees in San Francisco, said Panzer, pointing to an economic report that stated the city had attracted 25,000 workers in the past year while approving fewer than 2,600 new housing units.

The newcomers, especially young tech workers, are attracted to the urban village style of Noe Valley, its quick commuter access to downtown and Silicon Valley, and the bonus of restaurants and nightlife on nearby Valencia and Mission streets, the report said.

With all that competition, apartment hunters cannot expect the crowds to die down before late fall, Panzer said. Still, summer is the busiest time of the year for rentals turnover.

House Prices Up 33 Percent

Spring homebuyers also found themselves in a frenetic marketplace. Intense bidding wars pushed up the average price of a single-family detached home to nearly \$2 million in May—up 33 percent from a year earlier.

Buyers purchased nine homes in May,

compared to 17 in April and 13 in May a year ago, according to data supplied to the *Noe Valley Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate. But they typically paid 12 percent more than the seller's asking price, contrasted with last May, when they offered 5 percent over asking.

Randall Kostick, Zephyr's general manager, said seven of this year's properties sold for more than the asking price, one at the list price, and one for less than what the owners wanted.

A newly constructed home with a cottage in the rear was the most expensive property sold in May. Buyers paid \$3,525,000—10 percent more than the

asking price—for the home, a contemporary dwelling in the 600 block of Douglass Street between 22nd and 23rd streets. The new residence and cottage had a combined five bedrooms, five baths, 3,600 square feet of space, and garage space for three cars.

Twelve condominiums sold in May, compared to 6 in April and 10 a year earlier. The most expensive was a three-bedroom, two-bath unit with one-car parking in the 500 block of 27th Street between Noe and Castro streets. The 1,500-square-foot unit, with panoramic views of downtown, sold for \$1,307,000—13 percent over the list price.

Noe Valley Home Sales*

Total Sales	No.	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price as % of List Price
Single-family homes						
May 2013	9	\$1,198,000	\$3,525,000	\$1,903,889	30	112%
April 2013	17	\$1,050,000	\$3,575,000	\$2,001,765	41	112%
May 2012	13	\$902,000	\$2,600,000	\$1,427,538	33	105%
Condominiums						
May 2013	12	\$752,500	\$1,307,000	\$969,792	42	109%
April 2013	6	\$810,000	\$1,710,000	\$1,185,258	24	113%
May 2012	10	\$540,000	\$1,505,000	\$1,043,850	36	110%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
May 2013	2	\$1,225,000	\$1,680,000	\$1,452,500	19	108%
April 2013	3	\$1,358,000	\$2,100,000	\$1,702,333	29	111%
May 2012	4	\$1,049,000	\$1,660,000	\$1,249,750	68	97%
5+-unit buildings						
May 2013	0	—	—	—	—	—
April 2013	0	—	—	—	—	—
May 2012	0	—	—	—	—	—

* Sales include all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley in this survey is defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The *Voice* thanks Zephyr Real Estate (www.zephyrsf.com) for providing sales data.

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Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range June 2013	Average June 2013	Average May 2013	Average June 2012
Studio	6	\$1,600 – \$1,950	\$1,828 / mo.	\$1,748 / mo.	\$1,695 / mo.
1-bdrm	23	\$1,600 – \$4,500	\$2,851 / mo.	\$2,613 / mo.	\$2,530 / mo.
2-bdrm	25	\$2,799 – \$5,950	\$4,025 / mo.	\$3,975 / mo.	\$3,527 / mo.
3-bdrm	17	\$3,450 – \$8,500	\$5,218 / mo.	\$5,498 / mo.	\$5,485 / mo.
4+-bdrm	5	\$6,000 – \$11,900	\$9,289 / mo.	\$7,889 / mo.	\$6,010 / mo.

** This survey is based on a sample of 76 Noe Valley apartment listings appearing on Craigslist.org from June 3 to 14, 2013.

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The Noe Valley Voice thanks Officer Lorraine Lombardo for this month's log of incidents reported to Mission Police Station during May 2013. Her tally includes most but not all incidents occurring in the area bordered by Grand View, 20th, Guerrero, and Cesar Chavez streets. To contact Officer Lombardo, call Mission Station at 558-5400. To receive the Mission Police District newsletter, write SFPD.mission.station@sfgov.org.

Incidents Reported to Mission Station

May 3, 12:38 p.m., 4300 block of Cesar Chavez, Mental Health Detention: The manager of an apartment building called police about a resident whose behavior had become a safety concern. The manager reported the resident had written to the Federal Bureau of Prisons demanding the release of the Boston bombing suspect, had threatened to "make good on his missile attack," and had written a manifesto to other tenants in the building that said, "You shall be subject to a shoot-to-kill assignment by the special operation forces." When police responded, as they detained the resident, he said, "Call the Secret Service and the president.... I will die where you are taking me." The resident told police he hadn't been home in five days and that his father might have put an explosive device in his apartment to kill him. Asked why his father would do that, he replied, "Because he's a terrorist." That statement led police to declare the building a possible crime scene and call in the EOD (bomb squad) to search for explosive devices. Multiple police and SFPD personnel arrived to evacuate residents on Cesar Chavez Street. EOD conducted a search and found no hazardous devices. The resident was taken to SF General Hospital for a 72-hour detention for psychiatric evaluation. The apartment manager began the legal process to have the resident evicted. #130362063

May 6, 9:29 a.m., 1000 block of Diamond, Burglary, Residence, and Forcible Entry: A neighbor called police after seeing two suspects carry two boxes out of an estate home. No suspect description was provided. The executor of the estate responded to the home and reported

that a black .38 Smith & Wesson firearm and an antique revolver had been stolen. A rear corner window of the front door was found broken. #130371177

May 11, 8:15 p.m., 4000 block of 24th, Malicious Mischief, Vandalism: A man purchased an item from a merchant, then began yelling. When he was asked to leave, he became irate. He walked outside the store, grabbed a display sign, and threw it at the front door of the business, cracking the glass door. The suspect was described as a white male, 5'8", 150 pounds, with gray hair and wearing a gray jacket and blue jeans. #130388417

May 11, 3 p.m., 600 block of Alvarado, Theft from a Building: A resident reported his bicycle and lock were stolen from the shared garage area of his apartment building. Taken was a black and blue \$1,300 27-speed Trek mountain bike with Shimano clipless pedals. #130408548

May 12, 3:15 p.m., 4200 block of 22nd, Miscellaneous Investigation: A resident walking to the bus stop at 22nd and Eureka reported that a yellow-beige pit-bull or boxer charged out of the front door of a nearby residence. He said the dog snarled at him "in an extremely violent and vicious manner" and chased him for two blocks. He thought he was going to be mauled but was not bitten. The dog became distracted and eventually ended the chase. The walker reported he saw two persons standing on the front porch who made no attempt to control the dog. #130397327

May 13, 8:40 a.m., 4400 block of 24th, Residential Burglary, Attempted Forcible Entry: Police responded to a residential security alarm call and found damage to the front door where someone attempted to break in. The owner, who responded also, reported damage to the door, frame, and lock totaling \$7,000. #130392258

May 16, 4:04 a.m., 3800 block of 24th, Robbery with Force: A man was walking on the sidewalk when a suspect approached him from behind, grabbed his backpack, punched him once in the face, and said, "Give me the backpack!" Fearing for his life, the victim gave up the backpack, which contained clothing and a credit card. The suspect ran and got into an older white Subaru. There was a female sitting in the passenger seat and a male driver. At 4:30 a.m., the credit card was used to buy \$50 worth of gas in the Taraval District by a man in a white Subaru, according to a Shell employee. #130401417

May 16, 2:38 p.m., 20th and Eureka, Street Robbery with Force, Conspiracy: A man was walking when a suspect came up from behind and attempted to forcibly take his laptop case. As they struggled for the bag, the victim fell to the ground and his iPhone fell out of his pocket. The suspect grabbed the phone and fled in a vehicle. Witnesses heard someone screaming for help and saw the suspect run and get into a vehicle with a female driver. They provided the vehicle description and license number. Police were able to locate the vehicle through DMV registration files and iPhone tracking. The suspects were positively identified and arrested. #130402841

May 16, 9 p.m., 400 block of Jersey, Burglary of a Residence: A resident reported someone got into his garage and stole his bicycles. They were described as a red Specialized S-Works road bike valued at \$3,800 and a green Miyata crisscross bike valued at \$1,000. #130405221

May 17, 2 p.m., 4000 block of 24th, Fraudulent Use of ATM Card: A woman made a transaction at the ATM machine. A tall man began using the ATM next to her. While she was typing in her PIN number, she noticed him looking at her transaction. After she left, the man immediately moved over to her machine. Then she saw a shorter man approach the same machine and take over for the tall man. She did not completely close out the transaction before

leaving, and the suspects were able to continue the transaction with her PIN number. The victim noticed a \$400 and \$100 dollar withdrawal that were both made shortly after she left the machine. #130428035

May 20, 3:10 p.m., 24th and Fair Oaks, Attempted Robbery of an Elder: A 70-year-old woman was walking on the sidewalk texting when two men approached and one said, "I need that phone." The suspect pulled out a small black firearm and pointed it at her. Terrified, she shrieked at the top of her lungs and moved away from them. The suspects ran off. A witness said he heard a female scream. As he approached, the victim yelled, "They've got a gun." As the witness ran after them, one of them said, "Don't be a hero." The witness then stopped and they got away. Possible suspects were detained by police; however, the victim and witnesses were unable to identify them. The suspects were described as Hispanic males 18 to 20 years old; one was 5'7", 165 pounds, wearing a white polo shirt with dark stripes, and gray pants. The other wore all black and had a wispy moustache. #130415305

May 22, 1 p.m., 1100 block of Church, Theft from a Salon: A receptionist reported her \$649 iPhone 5, 16 GB with a matte black and pink case, was stolen from her salon. She said that while she was outside paying for parking, a man was inside the salon asking a co-worker about hair extensions while a woman was looking at products near the receptionist desk. When she came back, her phone was missing. There was no one else in the shop at the time. The male was African American, 6', 170 pounds, wearing a blue plaid T-shirt and blue jeans, and described as "flamboyant." The female was 5'8", 250 pounds, with multiple tattoos on her body, and a "bulbous" forehead. #130421493

May 30, 7:25 p.m., 4300 24th, Warrant Arrest, En Route to Probation: Officer Faynshteyn and Buckner responded to a

call of a man exposing himself at "Noe Valley Playground" (Noe Courts). A witness told police the man had been approaching and annoying people at the playground but had left. Police later found the man walking down 24th Street and detained him. The suspect said he had never been arrested in SF and was not currently on probation. A computer search revealed that he was on probation and had an outstanding "no bail" warrant. The warrant was confirmed and the suspect was booked at Mission Station. #130446861

Note: Six vehicles were stolen in Noe Valley (north of Cesar Chavez Street) during the month of May. Five were recovered.

REPORT FROM INGLESIDE STATION

The Ingleside police blotter covers incidents reported May 1–31, 2013, in Upper Noe Valley—the area roughly bounded by Cesar Chavez, Guerrero, 30th, and Diamond streets. Incidents were culled from newsletters produced by Ingleside Police Station. The Voice log may not include all events reported during the month. To contact Ingleside Station or receive its newsletter, call 404-4000 or email SFPDInglesideStation@sfgov.org.

Incidents Reported to Ingleside Station

May 1, 12:56 p.m., 29th and Diamond, Recovered Vehicle

May 2, 1:30 a.m., first block of Tiffany, Weapon: Officers Carrasco and Dominguez were dispatched to investigate a report of a man with a knife being chased down the street by another man with his dog. The dispatcher told the officers that a man had walked into a nearby bar and pulled out a knife, which led to the chase by the bar's

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Police Borders

Noe Valley falls under the jurisdiction of two police districts—Mission and Ingleside. The Mission Police District covers the northern half of the neighborhood, while Ingleside covers the area south of Cesar Chavez Street. Both districts publish digital newsletters and hold monthly community meetings. Mission Police District holds its meetings on the last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., at Mission Station, 630 Valencia St. Ingleside's community meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at Ingleside Station, 1 Sgt. John V. Young Lane.

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bouncer. The officers responded to the vicinity and soon discovered Ingleside Officers Lustenberger and Chew had detained both men at the intersection of Godeus and Tiffany streets. While Lustenberger was talking to the man with the knife, Officer Chew talked to the bar employee, who became increasingly angry and threatening toward the bar patron. He refused to obey Officer Chew's commands and, after a brief struggle, was handcuffed. Both officers continued talking to both men and decided to arrest the patron for brandishing a weapon and released the bar employee because he was a crime victim. #130358034

May 7, 7 p.m., 900 block of San Jose Ave., Burglary

May 8, 12:30 a.m., 1400 block of Dolores, Burglary

May 8, 9:39 a.m., Castro at 30th, Traffic Collision

May 12, 8:45 p.m., San Jose Ave. and 29th, Assault: Officers Esson and Paras were dispatched to an argument taking place outside a laundromat. When they arrived they spoke to all three victims, who happened to be young teenagers. They said they were doing laundry and had gathered their clothing and belongings and were getting ready to leave. As they walked out, they were confronted by man who started accusing them of stealing his clothes out of the machines. The victims said the suspect yelled and screamed obscenities at them and they noticed he was drunk. The suspect blocked their path and kept shoving the laundry cart back at the victims, preventing them from leaving. The victims said

they felt scared, as the suspect looked menacing. The victims told the officers that the suspect was still nearby, sitting on a bench around the corner from the laundromat. The officers went to look and found the suspect slumped over. He told the officers that the victims were trying to steal his clothes. The officer asked him if he in fact saw them stealing his clothes, to which he replied, "No." A computer check revealed the suspect had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was taken to Ingleside Station and booked on a battery as well as the warrants. The victims were not hurt. #130390973

May 13, 2:15 a.m., 800 block of San Jose Ave., Burglary: Suspect: light-skinned black male with a heavy build, between 20 and 40 years old, 5'10" in height, 200 pounds, last seen wearing a Giants cap and a dark hooded sweatshirt with "Nor Cal" on front. Items taken: one scanner and one security camera.

May 14, 8 a.m., San Jose Ave. at 30th, Traffic Collision

May 15, 7:57 a.m., 300 block of 30th, Stolen Vehicle

May 15, 2:37 p.m., San Jose Ave. and 30th, D.U.I.: Officers Villaruel and Walsh as well as several other Ingleside units responded to a traffic collision with possible injuries at San Jose and 30th streets. Fire personnel responded as well and had to extract one of the parties from their vehicle. When they extracted the driver, fire and medical personnel could immediately smell alcohol on his breath. According to the other party involved (victim) and several witnesses, the suspect driver ran a red light at the intersection and collided with the victim. The suspect then tried to flee the scene and headed southbound on San Jose Avenue at a high rate of speed. The suspect then jumped the center concrete median and into oncoming traffic, driving southbound in the northbound lanes. The driver then returned back over to the southbound side before crossing over again and finally

colliding into a Muni power pole. Medics transported the suspect to the local hospital for injuries he sustained in the accident. Officer Villaruel went to the hospital to speak with the suspect, but could not because he had thick and very slurred speech. After an investigation, it was concluded that the suspect was driving under the influence of alcohol and was arrested. He was booked for the D.U.I. as well as other traffic violations. #130399533

May 15, 7:05 p.m., 200 block of 30th, Burglary

May 16, 9 a.m., 200 block of 28th, Burglary: Suspect: black male with a scruffy beard, between 35 and 40 years old, 6 feet in height, 250 pounds, bald, last seen wearing a white jacket with a pocket on the left side of the chest area, blue jeans, and white tennis shoes. Items taken: money, laptop computer, iPhone, watch, and miscellaneous documents.

May 17, 6:05 p.m., Randall at Church, hit and run

May 18, 10:30 p.m., 400 block of 30th, Hot Prowl: Officers Baldovino and Marino were dispatched to a burglary. They met with the victim, who told them she went to bed and secured all the windows and doors in the home. She woke up in the morning and found the front door open and several items missing. The officers were unable to locate any damage to the home or any sign of forced entry. The officers searched the area for any surveillance cameras, to no avail. CSI was contacted and advised they would not be responding due to the lack of physical evidence. #130408178

May 21, 1:30 a.m., 1000 block of San Jose Ave., Attempted Robbery: Officer Busalacchi and several other Ingleside officers were dispatched to an attempted robbery. They met with the victim, who told them that he was entering a store with some friends when a male outside asked him for money. The victim gave him a dollar and

the man insisted he wanted more money. The victim attempted to ignore him, but the suspect followed him, pulled out a gun, and racked the slide. The victim ran away and called the police. The victim was not injured and said he could identify the suspect if he saw him again. Shortly thereafter, Ingleside officers located and detained an individual matching the suspect description provided by the victim. They transported the victim to the area where the suspect was detained. The victim identified the suspect as the person who had pulled a gun on him. The officers had the victim and his friends write statements regarding the incident. The suspect was transported to Ingleside Station, where he was booked at the instruction of Sgt. Deshong. No gun was recovered. #130416886

May 22, 6:05 p.m., 600 block of 29th, Recovered Vehicle

May 25, 10:40 a.m., Valley at Church, Stolen Vehicle

May 27, 6:40 p.m., Sanchez at 27th, Traffic Arrest

May 30, 9 a.m., 300 block of 30th, Fraud

May 30, 11 p.m., 300 block of Duncan, Auto Boost

May 31, 9 a.m., 600 block of 28th, Burglary

May 31, 4:30 p.m., 1600 block of Noe, Theft from Building

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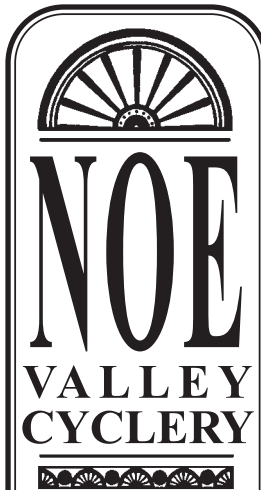
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July 1: John Sundstrom discusses *Lark: Cooking Against the Grain* at OMNIVORE BOOKS. 6-7 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 1-14: Gallery of Jewels hosts a bridal JEWELRY showcase, “Endless Love.” 4089 24th. 285-0626.

July 1-Aug. 7: Creativity Explored exhibits the ART works of four young studio artists. Mon & Tues., 10 am-3 pm; Wed.-Fri., 10 am-7 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

July 1-Aug. 31: Noe Valley OVER-EATERS Anonymous meets Mon.-Sat., 7 am, at St. Aidan’s Church, 101 Gold Mine Drive. oasf.org.

July 1-Aug. 31: 30th Street SENIOR CENTER serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays. Noon and 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

July 2: Sophie Maletsky leads a CRAFT workshop for ages 4 to 9. 11 am-noon. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: The Eureka Valley Library offers its TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

July 2 & Aug. 6: The de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park has FREE ADMISSION on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

July 2-Aug. 27: Larkin Street Youth Services gives free HIV TESTS for youth under 25. Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. 1800 Market. 673-0911; sfcenter.org.

July 2-Aug. 27: A Tuesday PUPPY SOCIAL offers canine interaction. 7-8 pm. K9 Scrub Club, 1734 Church. Online registration required: k9scrubclub.com.

July 2-Aug. 31: Meet under the rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro and Market) for a City Guides walking tour of the CASTRO. Sat., Sun. & Tues., 11 am. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

JULY/AUGUST 2013

July 3-21: ARTZONE 461 Gallery exhibits abstract works by Miranda Putman and Randy Beckelheimer. Wed.-Sun., noon-6 pm. 461 Valencia. 441-8680; artzone461.com.

July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31: Eureka Valley Library’s Wednesday BABY RHYME & PLAYTIME, for infants to 18 months, starts at 1:30 pm. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

July 3 & Aug. 7: The GLBT HISTORY MUSEUM has a free day on the first Wednesday of the month. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107.

July 3-Aug. 28: The Castro Farmers’ Market has fresh PRODUCE on Wednesdays. 4-8 pm. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

July 3-Aug. 28: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip’s Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

July 3-Aug. 28: Chris Sequeira conducts free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1-3 pm at the Bernal Heights Rec Center, 500 Moultrie. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.

July 4: The SF MIME TROUPE opens the season with a performance of “Oil and Water,” two new one-act musical productions, *Crude Intentions* and *Deal with the Devil*. 2 pm. Dolores Park, 18th and Dolores. sfmt.org.

July 4: “Exercise Your Inalienable Right to a Revolutionary JULY 4 BBQ” to benefit the Freedom Socialist Party; games and a feminist raffle scheduled. 2-5 pm. 549 Chenery. 864-1278; socialism.com.

July 4 & 18; Aug. 1 & 15: The Noe Valley Merchants ADA COMMITTEE meets on first and third Thursdays to discuss accessibility issues. 9:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. info@noevalleymERCHANTS.com.

July 4-Aug. 29: Paxton Gate offers a Thursday STORY TIME at its Curiosities for Kids location. Noon-1 pm. 766 Valencia. 252-9990.

July 5-Aug. 30: The Friday-night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett with artists Don Prell, Jimmy Ryan, and the Third Quartet. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

July 5-Aug. 30: Call out “BINGO!” at St. Paul’s on Friday nights at 7 pm (doors open at 5 pm). St. Paul’s Parish Hall, 221 Valley. 648-7538.

July 5-Aug. 30: Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday-night MUSIC and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936; doloresparkcafe.org.

July 6: The first Saturday of the month SF CHIHUAUA MEETUP in Stern Grove Dog Park features an early bird dog walk at 11:30 am. Noon to 2 pm. meetup.com/sfchihuahualevents/110762072.

July 6 & 27: OPERA for the People features *Orpheus in the Underworld* by Jacques Offenbach on July 6, and *Orlando* by George Frideric Handel on July 27. 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 6-Aug. 31: The Noe Valley FARMERS’ MARKET brings you fresh produce and live musicians from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

July 7, 14 & 21: The Amazing Bubble Man performs *The World’s Funniest BUBBLE SHOW* Sundays at the Marsh. 11 am. 1062 Valencia. 271-3256; themarsh.org.

July 7 & 21; Aug. 4 & 18: SF City Guides leads a free WALKING TOUR of Noe Valley on first and third Sundays at 1:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

July 7-Aug. 25: The Glen Park Vil-

lage FARMERS’ MARKET is open Sundays, 10 am to 2 pm. Glen Park BART parking lot, Bosworth and Arlington.

July 7-Aug. 25: Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am for a City Guides walking tour of the MISSION DOLORES area. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

July 8: Kung Pao Kosher Comedy presents COMEDY at El Rio by Sammy Obeid, Eve Meyer, Johan Miranda, Kate Willett, and Lisa Geduldig. 8 pm. 3158 Mission. 522-3737; elriosf.com.

July 9: Local SFFD FIREFIGHTERS bring a fire engine to the Noe Valley Library, for ages 2 through 7, with parents/caregivers. 10:30-11 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 9: The SF Museum and Historical Society hosts a lecture by Mike Phipps, “An Audacious Venture: The Herbert FLEISHHACKER SWIMMING POOL.” 7:30 pm. Mission and Fifth. SFhistory.org.

July 10: Author KATIE HAFNER reads from her memoir *Mother Daughter Me* at Cliché Noe. 5-7:30 pm. 4175 24th. 282-5416.

July 10: Neuroscientist and food writer Darya Pino Rose introduces *FOODIST: Using Real Foods and Real Science to Lose Weight Without Dieting*. 6-7 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 10: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group at the Noe Valley Library discusses John Dewey’s “Habits and Will.” 6:15-8:15 pm. 451 Jersey. 387-2125; sfpl.org.

July 10: UPPER NOE NEIGHBORS discuss AT&T U-verse boxes in Noe Valley. 7:30 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center, Day and Sanchez. 285-0473; president@uppernoeneighbors.com.

July 11: The Phoenix Books BOOK CLUB features *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers. 7 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477.

July 11 & Aug. 8: The LGBT SENIOR discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

July 12: The Noe Valley Library hosts screenings of FILMS based on books; *Evil Under the Sun* (starring Peter Ustinov and Maggie Smith) was based on an Agatha Christie novel. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 13: City cleanup campaign GIANT SWEEP needs volunteers to take on Dolores Park. 9-11 am. sfgiantsweep.org.

July 13: A community meeting discusses RENOVATIONS to Glen Canyon Park Recreation Center. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Glen Canyon Park Rec Center, near Elk and Chenery. 575-5601; sfrecpark.org/project/glen-canyon-park-2012-bond.

July 13: Paxton Gate hosts a PIRATE EXTRAVAGANZA for kids, from 1 to 3 pm. 766 Valencia. 252-9990.

July 13: A guitarist from the SF Conservatory of Music performs at the Noe Valley Library’s GARDEN PARTY. 2-3:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 13: Marcy, Nikiko, and David Mas Masumoto describe *The Perfect Peach: Recipes and Stories from the Masumoto FAMILY FARM*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 13 & Aug. 10: San Francisco Flex Academy, an online high school, holds an OPEN HOUSE for prospective students. 10 am-noon. 555 Post. 762-8800.

July 13 & Aug. 10: Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.



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Jour 22: Feature Writing 3.0 units

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Jour 24: Newspaper Laboratory 3.0 units

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Jour 26: Fundamentals of Public Relations 3.0 units

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Jour 29: Magazine Editing & Production 3.0 units

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To register for courses go to: www.ccsf.edu/schedule

CALENDAR

July 14: San Francisco Village, a network of seniors and volunteers, hosts an OPEN HOUSE to discuss opening a chapter in Noe Valley. 1 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. sfvillage.com.

July 14 & Aug. 11: The monthly PFLAG support group runs from 2 to 4:15 pm. St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church near Market. 921-8850; pflagsf@aol.com.

July 16: Triskela Harp's "The Enchanted Bus Ride" offers MUSIC and fun for children of all ages. 11-11:45 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 16: SOMArts Cultural Center hosts "Feast of Words: A Literary Potluck," addressing the theme "Convergence." 7:30-9 pm. 934 Brannan. feastofwords.somarts.org.

July 17: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group's choice is *The End of Your Life Book* by Will Schwalbe. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 17: The Noe Valley Democratic Club meeting features a discussion of the AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, with three speakers addressing the law's practical applications. 7:30 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond; info@noevalleydems.org.

July 18: Deadline to request a TREE in front of your property from Friends of the Urban Forest, who will subsidize 75 percent of the cost; planting scheduled for Sat., Aug. 24. 268-0772; caitlin@fuf.net.

July 18: Merola OPERA Program performs a summer concert at the Everett Middle School Auditorium. 7:30-10:30 pm. 450 Church. 565-6427; merola.org.

July 19: LITQUAKE'S Lit Tease fundraiser features author/comedian Zahra Noorbakhsh as emcee, and performers The Day My Nipple Fell Off, AfroSurreal, Global Poetry in Translation, Hyphen, and A Strange Object. Swedish American Hall, 2174 Market. litquake.org.

July 20: The Noe Valley Library screens the George Lucas FILM *American Graffiti*. 3-5 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey, 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 20: Kevin West discusses *Saving the Season: A Cook's Guide to HOME CANNING, Pickling, and Preserving*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 20 & Aug. 17: Rocket DOG RESCUE brings some good dogs to a mobile adoption at Muddpuppys, 536 Castro. 1-5 pm. rocketdogrescue.org.

July 23: FILMS for preschoolers will be shown from 10:15 to 10:45 am, and 11 to 11:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 24: Historian Jacquie Proctor discusses the work of ARCHITECT Harold Stoner and the "City Beautiful Movement." 6:30-7:30 pm. Glen Park Library, 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

July 25: Nicole Wong brings armloads of HULA HOOPS and child-friendly music to the Noe Valley Library. 1:30-2:30. 451 Jersey. Space is limited; register at 355-5707; sfpl.org.

July 25: Pam Williams introduces *Raising the Bar: The Future of Fine CHOCOLATE*. 6-7 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 25-Aug. 12: The 33rd annual SF JEWISH FILM Festival screens at venues throughout the city and Berkeley. For information, 621-0523; sfjff.org.

July 26: The Manring Kassin Darter trio performs a CONCERT at SF Live Arts at St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 8 pm. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

July 26: The Porchlight STORY-TELLING Series celebrates its 11-year anniversary. 8 pm. Verdi Club, 2424 Mariposa. porchlightsf.com.

July 27: The Glen Park Library hosts a screening of the FILM *Time After Time*, featuring Malcolm McDowell as H.G. Wells. 3-4:30 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

July 28: Charlie Varon leads a WRITING WORKSHOP, "Say What You Mean Before You Die!" at the Marsh. 11 am-5 pm. 1062 Valencia. 271-3256; themarsh.org.

July 29, Aug. 5, 12 & 19: ImagiKnit offers a FINGERLESS GLOVES knitting class. 7-9 pm. 3897 18th. 621-6642.

July 30: Mike Phipps discusses *Watermusic in the Track: The Halcyon Days of Cable Cars in S.F.* at the monthly meeting of the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

July 31: Franny Stephens and Andrew Feinberg of Franny's Brooklyn sign *Franny's Simple Seasonal Italian* and serve CROSTINI and cocktails. 8-11 pm. Tartine Afterhours, 600 Guerrero. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

July 31 & Aug. 28: The Noe Valley MERCHANTS and Professionals Association meets the last Wednesday of the month at Bank of America, 4098 24th, 9 am. (In May and September, the group meets at Noe's Nest, 1257 Guerrero, 10 am.) 641-8687; noevalleymerchants.com.

July 31 & Aug. 28: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its regular community meeting, beginning at 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

Aug 2-14: Gallery of Jewels hosts a trunk show of JEWELRY by Carolyn Hunter. 4089 24th. 285-0626.

Aug. 3: Omnivore Books hosts a FRUIT PIE CONTEST, free to entrants, \$5 for tasters. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Aug. 3: Klez X performs a concert of KLEZMER, jazz, and world music at 8 pm. SF Live Arts at St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Aug. 10: SF Live Arts hosts an EVENING OF SONG, featuring Merle Kessler and 25 singers, backed by Joshua Brody's Experimental Love Orchestra. 8 pm. St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Aug. 11: OPERA for the People features *Don Giovanni* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 14: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group at the Noe Valley Library discusses *Happiness* by Mary Lavin. 6:15-8:15 pm. 451 Jersey. 387-2125; sfpl.org.

Aug. 14: Doug Patterson, founder of Catalyst Health & Benefits, discusses the Affordable Care Act. 6:30-7:30 pm. Glen Park Library, 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Aug. 17: A SOURDOUGH Starter workshop is led by "Breaducator" Cat Shimizu. 1:30-2:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 387-2125; sfpl.org.

Aug. 19: Pamela Frydman, founding rabbi of the Or Shalom Jewish community, reads from her book *Calling on God* at the ODD MONDAYS series. 6 pm; no-host supper, 5 pm (RSVP jlsender@webtv.net). Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. 821-2090; oddmondays.com.

Aug. 21: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group's choice is *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by

Edmund de Waal. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Aug. 24: The Glen Park Library hosts a screening of the FILM *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town*. 3-5 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Aug. 27: Jon Voss talks about Historypin.org, a public history-sharing project, at the monthly meeting of the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

Sept. 2: The SF MIME TROUPE gives the final performance of "Oil and Water," two new one-act musical productions, *Crude Intentions* and *Deal with the Devil*. 2 pm. Dolores Park, 18th and Dolores. sfmt.org.

Sept. 5: Learn SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING at a free introductory lesson; five-class starter session begins Sept. 12. 8-10 pm. The Polish Club of SF, 3040 22nd. 333-9372; sf-scottishdancers.org.

Sept. 5: Neighbors meet to approve the final plan for NOE COURTS park renovation. 10:30 am-noon. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. sfrecpark.org.

Sept. 7: CINCO DE NOE celebrates the fifth anniversary of the remodeling of the Upper Noe Rec Center with live music, food, and children's art activities. Noon-4 pm. 295 Day. noevalleyreccenter.com.

September Already?

We're on vacation for a month! The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the **September 2013** issue, distributed the first week of September. The deadline for items is **Aug. 15**. You may email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com or write Calendar, *Noe Valley Voice*, P.O. Box 460249, SF, CA 94146. Events in Noe Valley may receive priority. Thank you.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT OMNIVORE BOOKS

MON JULY 1	JOHN SUNDSTROM • LARK: COOKING AGAINST THE GRAIN • 6-7 P.M. FREE • Chef John Sundstrom's new book is an exploration of all the ingredients the Northwest has to offer.
WED JULY 10	DARYA PINO ROSE • FOODIST • 6-7 P.M. FREE • Darya Pino Rose delivers a savvy, practical guide to ending the diet cycle and discovering lasting weight-loss through the love of food and the fundamentals of science.
SAT JULY 13	MARCY, NIKIKO & DAVID MAS MASUMOTO • THE PERFECT PEACH: RECIPES AND STORIES FROM THE MASUMOTO FAMILY FARM • 3-4 P.M. FREE • The Masumoto family's amazing heirloom peaches are widely considered the best peaches in the world.
SAT JULY 20	KEVIN WEST • SAVING THE SEASON: A COOK'S GUIDE TO HOME CANNING, PICKLING AND PRESERVING • 3-4 P.M. FREE • Strawberry jam. Pickled beets. Homegrown tomatoes. These are the tastes of Kevin West's Southern childhood.
THR JULY 25	PAM WILLIAMS • RAISING THE BAR: THE FUTURE OF FINE CHOCOLATE • 6-7 P.M. FREE • Covering everything from before the bean to after the bar—genetics, farming, manufacturing, and bonbons.
WED JULY 31	FRANNY'S • CROSTINI EXTRAVAGANZA AND BOOK SIGNING AT TARTINE AFTER HOURS • 600 Guerrero St., corner of 18th St., San Francisco. 8-11 p.m. \$65 with book; \$35 without book. To buy tickets: http://frannysattartine.eventbrite.com
SAT AUG 3	FRUIT PIE CONTEST • 3-4 P.M. FREE TO ENTRANTS • \$5 TASTERS-ONLY • for contest details visit www.omnivorebooks.com/events
SUN AUG 18	DAVID GEORGE GORDON • THE EAT-A-BUG COOKBOOK, REVISED: 40 WAYS TO COOK CRICKETS, GRASSHOPPERS, ANTS, WATER BUGS, SPIDERS, CENTIPEDES, AND THEIR KIN • 3-4 P.M. FREE
MON AUG 19	ERIN COOPEY • THE KITCHEN PANTRY COOKBOOK: MAKE YOUR OWN CONDIMENTS AND ESSENTIALS • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE DEMO
WED AUG 21	MICHAEL PATERNITI • THE TELLING ROOM: A TALE OF LOVE, BETRAYAL, REVENGE, AND THE WORLD'S GREATEST PIECE OF CHEESE • 6-7 P.M. FREE • In the fall of 1991, while working at a gourmet deli in Ann Arbor, Michael Paterniti encountered a piece of rare and expensive cheese...and a mystery unfolds.
WED AUG 28	TARA DUGGAN • ROOT TO STALK COOKING: THE ART OF USING THE WHOLE VEGETABLE • 6:30-7:30. FREE • A cookbook featuring more than 65 recipes that make use of the parts of vegetables that typically get thrown away, including stalks, tops, ribs, fronds, and stems.

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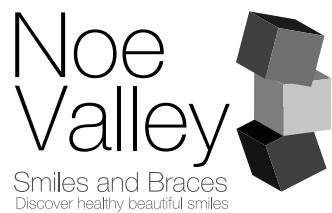
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For a complete schedule, including open gym and auditorium room hours, visit www.noevalleyreccenter.com. For more information, call 415-970-8061 or drop by the center at 295 Day St. near Sanchez. The rec center’s hours are Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Joby’s Dog Run, at the Church Street end of the park, is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

UPPER NOE REC CENTER CLASSES

Baby & Me (18 mths-3 yrs old)	Mon., 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Tot Tennis (4-6 yrs old)	Mon., 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Petite Bakers (3-6 yrs old)	Tues., 10:15-11:45 a.m.
Tennis (8-13 yrs old)	Tues., 3:30-5 p.m.
Junior Giants Baseball (5-7 yrs old)	Tues., 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Junior Giants Baseball (8-10 yrs old)	Tues., 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Junior Giants Baseball (8-10 yrs old)	Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Tennis (adult intermediate)	Tues., 6-7 p.m.
Yoga (adult)	Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Boot Camp (adult)	Tues., 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Pilates (adult)	Wed., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Karate Kidz: Little Kickers (4-5 yrs old)	Wed., 3-4 p.m. & 4-5 p.m.
Tennis (5-8 yrs old)	Wed., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Junior Giants Baseball (5-7 yrs old)	Wed., 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Kickboxing (adult)	Wed., 5:30-7 p.m.
Food in Jars (adult)	Wed., 6:30-8 p.m.
Tennis (adult beginner)	Wed., 6:30-8 p.m.
Argentine Tango, beginner (55+)	Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Argentine Tango, advanced (55+)	Thurs., 2-4 p.m.
Pastry Arts (adult)	Thurs., 6-8 p.m.
Yoga (adult)	Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Core Stability and Balance (adult)	Thurs., 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Baby and Me (18-36 mths)	Fri., 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates (adult)	Fri., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Combat Athletics (7-11 yrs old)	Fri., 4:30-5:30 p.m.
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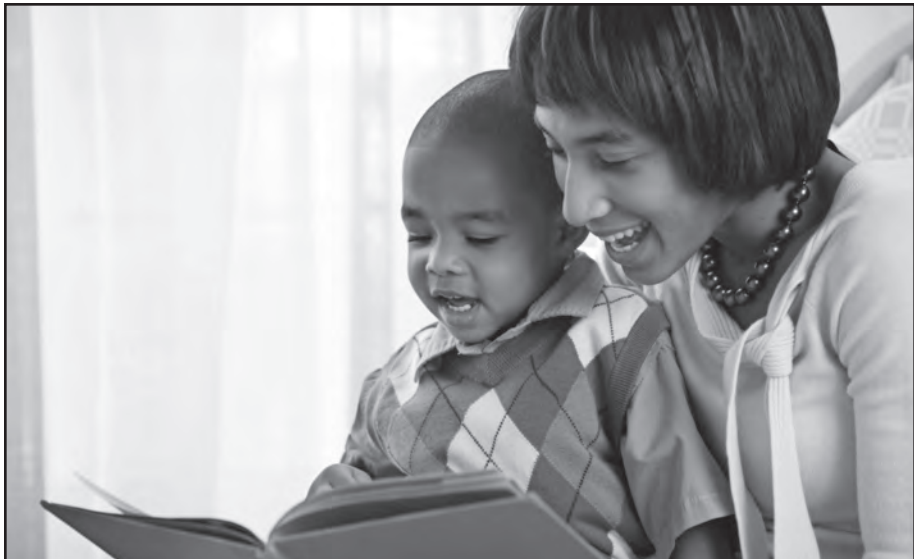
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STORE TREK

Store Trek is a regular feature of the Voice, profiling new stores and businesses in Noe Valley. This month, we introduce a boutique on Church Street that offers a very personal touch.

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Looking for that perfect leather pencil skirt or '80s boyfriend jacket to pair with your skinny jeans? Professional stylist Tara Kitami says she may have the piece you've been searching for in her new women's clothing boutique, Kitami Ropa, which opened on Church Street in late February.

The shop's fashions are a mix of vintage, modern, and new pieces. An Oleg Cassini jacket, a classic black wool I. Magnin coat, and a Chanel cardigan hang alongside a rack of new Cocoa Jeans. Juicy Couture velour warm-ups, Bandeau bras, Kenneth Cole bags, thigh-



Owner Tara Kitami offers fashions, accessories, and a variety of personal services at her new shop on Church Street.
Photo by Pamela Gerard

high leather boots, jewelry, and other accessories from local designers fill out the store. Kitami keeps prices low and affordable, she says, by shopping estate sales, thrift shops, and online sites.

"A touch of vintage with new or even a gently worn item can make the best outfit one has ever worn," says Kitami, who grew up in San Francisco, attended the

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, and worked as an assistant buyer at Ambiance straight out of college. "I like helping people feel and look their best every day without breaking their budget," she says.

What's trending now? Vests, says Kitami, from leather fringe to beaded V-neck. Also selling fast are vintage cardi-

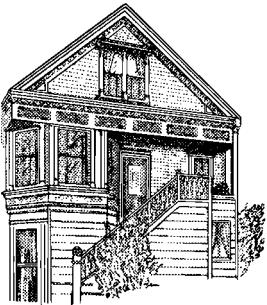
gans and sexy black pant rompers, she says.

Kitami brings 15 years of styling, merchandising, and producing fashion events to the party when helping customers discover their own individual style.

Need assistance sorting through your closet and updating your wardrobe? Kitami offers the "Closet Audit," which includes a personal assessment of your home closet to decide what to keep, toss, donate, or tailor. Have a big event coming up? Her "Paint the Town Red" service is part personal shopper, part hair and makeup makeover for your big night.

"I wanted to create an ambiance of girlfriends having fun in each other's closets," says Kitami. "I love it when I have three or more people in the shop and everyone is running around trying things on and getting excited. That makes my day."

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Adult Fiction

- Actor Sidney Poitier has written his first novel, *Montaro Caine*, a corporate suspense story described by one reviewer as “a *Little Prince* for grownups.”
- Zadie Smith explores the lives of four people who grew up in a poor area of London in her latest novel, *NW*.
- Kij Johnson’s first collection of stories, *At the Mouth of the River of the Bees*, includes “The Man Who Bridged the Mist,” winner of the Hugo and Nebula awards for best novella of 2012.
- *Double Feature* by Owen King (son of author Stephen King) is the story of a young filmmaker and his family.

Adult Nonfiction

- *The Single Woman’s Guide to Retirement* by Jan Cullinane is a practical guide to planning for and managing a happy retirement.
- Poet Cynthia Zarin tells us about her life in New York through a series of essays in *An Enlarged Heart: A Personal History*.
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of *Direction: Pilgrimage for the Restless and the Hopeful*.

- *The Lost Arts of Hearth and Home: The Happy Luddite’s Guide to Self-Sufficiency*, by Ken Albala and Rosanna Nafziger Henderson, provides recipes and instructions for brewing, sewing, gardening, and building projects.

Children’s Fiction

- Four bunnies follow the clues in *Max and Ruby’s Treasure Hunt*, a lift-the-flap picture book by Rosemary Wells. Ages 3 to 5.
- After accompanying her mom to the office, Violet has advice for other kids, in *Take Your Mama to Work Today*, by Amy Reichert, illustrated by Alexandra Boiger. Ages 4 and up.
- Jasper is excited about being the center of attention at school, in *Jasper John Dooley: Star of the Week*, by Caroline Adderson, illustrated by Ben Clanton. Ages 7 to 10.
- Rye must enter *The Silver Door* to look for his missing brother, in this fantasy world created by Emily Rodda, author of the popular Deltora Quest series. Ages 8 and up.
- *The Beast of Baskerville* is the latest book of Deadtime Stories by “twisted sisters” Annette and Gina Cascone. Ages 9 and up.
- Thirteen-year-old Georgie, living in 1870s Wisconsin, sets out to solve the mystery of her older sister’s disappearance, in *One Came Home* by Amy Timberlake. Ages 9 and up.

Children’s Nonfiction

- There are pictures of 22 newborn animals—from a baby tiger to a baby manatee—in *My First Day* by Steve Jenkins, illustrated by Robin Page. Ages 4 to 8.
- The 2012 *National Geographic Animal Encyclopedia* by Lucy Spelman features photos and habitat maps for 2,500 mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and lowly invertebrates. Ages 8 and up.
- Find the answers to *Why Is Milk White? And 200 Other Curious Chemistry Questions* in a book co-written by 11-year-old Alexa Coelho and science wiz Simon Quellen Field. Ages 9 and up.
- Deborah Hodge’s *Rescuing the Children: The Children of the Kindertransport* is about the thousands of Jewish children sent from Nazi-occupied countries to safe havens in Britain during the buildup to World War II. Ages 10 and up.

New Films on DVD

- *Les Adieux à la Reine*, directed by Benoit Jacquot, starring Lea Seydoux, Diane Kruger, and Virginie Ledoyen, takes place during the final days of the French Revolution.
- *Diana Vreeland: The Eye Has to Travel* documents the life and career of the fashion icon.
- An engaged couple’s relationship changes during a backpacking trip in the Caucasus Mountains in *The Loneliest Planet*, directed by Julia Loktev, starring Gael Garcia Bernal.
- *Skyfall*, directed by Sam Mendes, is the latest James Bond thriller.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Welcome to Opera, Tai Chi, and a Garden Party

- **Opera for the People:** Larry Oppenheim, president of the Kensington Symphony Orchestra and an accomplished oboist and horn player, invites you to hear “Opera for the People,” a three-part lecture series aimed at making classical music more enjoyable and accessible. The operas featured will be:
 - *Orpheus in the Underworld*, by Jacques Offenbach, which Oppenheim dubs “The Gods Do the Can-Can” (Saturday, July 6);
 - *Orlando*, by George Frideric Handel, “a battle between love and reason” (Saturday, July 27); and
 - *Don Giovanni*, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, described as “*Psycho* with a Seinfeldian twist,” (Sunday, Aug. 11).
- All opera talks are from 2 to 3 p.m.

Friday Movie Matinee: On the second Friday of the month, the library will show films based on popular books. Playing Friday, July 12, 2 p.m., will be *Evil Under the Sun* (1982), based on the novel by Agatha Christie. The film, directed by Guy Hamilton, stars Maggie Smith and James Mason, and Peter Ustinov as detective Hercule Poirot. Rated PG; 102 minutes.

On Friday, Aug. 9, also at 2 p.m., you can see *Eat Pray Love*, based on the book by Elizabeth Gilbert. Julia Roberts stars as a woman who travels to Italy, India, and Indonesia after a painful divorce. The 2010 movie was directed by Ryan Murphy. Rated PG-13; 140 minutes.

Free Tai Chi: Patrick Lau teaches a 10-week series in the Yang style (long form) of tai chi, for improved health, balance, flexibility, and posture. Class size is limited and registration is required. Stop by the information desk or call 415-355-5707. Wednesdays, July 10 to Sept. 11. Advanced beginner class: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Beginner class: 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

It’s a Garden Party: See the Noe Valley Library’s newly renovated garden and meet some of the dedicated volunteers who designed, planted, and maintain it. Enjoy a cool drink while listening to a guitarist from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Saturday, July 13, 2 to 3 p.m.

SF Library Film Fest Shows American Graffiti: In Director George Lucas’s critically acclaimed film about the last “innocent” days of the 1960s, four California teenagers unsure of their futures spend summer nights cruising and hanging out. Rated PG. Saturday, July 20, 3 to 5 p.m.

Thee Great Books Discussion Group, sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco, reads and discusses “Habits and Will” by John Dewey on Wednesday, July 10, 6:15 p.m. August’s selection is “Happiness” by Mary Lavin (Aug. 14, 6:15 p.m.).

The Noe Valley Book Discussion Group, meeting on third Wednesdays, reads a variety of contemporary fiction and nonfiction. Wednesdays, July 17 and Aug. 21, 7 p.m.

Events for Children: Fire Engine Precedes Mad Scientist

- **Crafts with Sophie:** A craft-making session with Sophie Maletsky of Sophie’s Stress-Free Soirées will include San Francisco-themed crafts. Ages 4 to 9. Tuesday, July 2, 11 a.m. to noon.
- **A Visit from a Fire Truck:** Come meet a crew of SFFD firefighters, survey their fire engine, and learn about fire safety. Ages 2 to 7. Tuesday, July 9, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
- **Triskela Harp’s The Enchanted Bus Ride:** Using Celtic harps, guitar, flute, percussion, and singing, local musicians weave a tale about a girl from rural Ireland who discovers San Francisco’s neighborhoods while touring with her magical and mysterious aunt. For all ages. Tuesday, July 16, 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Cherry Hoops—Hula Hoop Fun! Star hooper Nicole Wong brings armloads of hoops, a sound system, and child-friendly music. There will be a demonstration followed by a lesson. Ages 5 and older. Thursday, July 25. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Mad Science Presents...Up, Up and Away! In this spellbinding event, the Mad Scientist will make a hot-air balloon, a vortex generator creating giant smoke rings. On the patio, weather permitting. Ages 4 and older. Thursday, Aug. 1, 2 to 3 p.m.

Unique Derique: One of the Bay Area’s most dynamic comic fools, Derique demonstrates outrageous movements through circus arts and “hambone” (playing his body). Ages 4 and older. Thursday, Aug. 8, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Preschool Films: Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to come see short films based upon picture stories. Tuesday, July 23, and Thursday, Aug. 29. 10:15 to 11 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Tales Story Time: Join Children’s Librarian Catherine for books, chants, music, and movement. Ages 18 to 36 months. Thursdays, Aug. 1, 8, 15 and 22. 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m. (Toddler Tales is on vacation in July.)

All events take place at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library at 451 Jersey St. near Castro Street. For information, call 415-355-5707 or visit www.sfpl.org.

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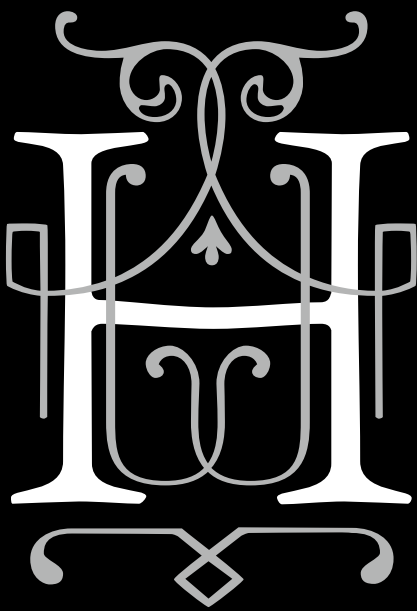
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Cold Town, Summer in the City

By Mazook

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL winter Sunday to stroll around Downtown Noe Valley. The Sunday was June 23. It was cold, with the foggy mist thick enough to cover the front of my eyeglasses, and then that wicked wind started blowing down 24th Street, sprinkling rain as it went.

Then, in a cloud of pink came the hundreds of walkers on the Susan G. Komen three-day, 60-mile walkathon for breast cancer research, parading up 24th Street west to Castro, then left to Jersey, and back down Jersey heading east.

Also walking very briskly up 24th Street was our esteemed State Assembly representative, Tom Ammiano, on his way to Noe Valley Bakery to get a birthday cake and waving to people across the street who were shouting, "Hi, Tom!"

Wow. There were scores of people standing out on the sidewalk waiting for tables at Savor, Toast, and Griddle Fresh, with a steady stream of folks going into Philz, Starbucks, Bernie's, and Martha's for their morning lattes.

As I walked by the Noe Valley Town Square-to-be near Vicksburg, I noticed that the parking lot was empty and the entrance chained, with a sign informing people that the lot would be officially closed on June 28, the day after the city planned to take title to the property. More

on that later...



"BUILD THE TOWN SQUARE!" became the new mantra for the Residents for Noe Valley Town Square (RNVTS) at a celebration at City Hall June 4, when the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved plans for the city to buy the Noe Valley parking lot for a town square.

There was another well-attended celebration Saturday, June 22, on the stage at the Noe Valley Farmers' Market. It featured speeches by town square spear-carrier Todd David (spokesperson for the Residents) and Supervisor Scott Wiener, who lauded our neighborhood's activism. Wiener's comments were echoed by Board of Supervisors President David Chiu and Recreation and Park Department boss Phil Ginsburg, who oversees this city's 220 parks. "This is the first time that we [Park and Rec] have made an open space acquisition in over a decade," said Ginsburg, "and this is a great example of what can happen in a public-private partnership."

Patxi's Pizza presented a check for \$24,000, an amount they had pledged early in the RNVTS fundraising effort, more than a year ago.

Attendance on June 22 at the Farmers' Market was also very good, with over 2,500 folks shopping, celebrating, and listening to great music.

The Residents' David reported that he'd sent out an email in mid-June to all those who'd pledged money, asking them to fulfill their pledge. Within a week, more than a third of them had either mailed their checks or dropped them off at the group's table in front of the Farmers' Market.

So far, the group has received almost \$175,000 of the half million dollars pledged. It looks as if RNVTS still has approximately \$375,000 to raise to take care of the building costs for the square. By the way, all checks should be

made payable to the San Francisco Parks Alliance, or you can donate online at <http://noevalleytownsquare.com/pledge/>

As for the chain on the parking lot, the reality is that from July until mid-October, when the Harvest Fest occurs, there will be free parking in the lot every day except Saturday, the Farmers' Market day.

"There will be some transitional glitches, along the way," says David, "but we have incredible support from so many people in our neighborhood, so everything will work out fine."



LIGHTS! CAMERA! PARKING! Trucks full of movie gear were parked on several Noe Valley streets last month, as film crews were busy making the feature film *Quitters*, directed by Noah Pritzker and starring Academy Award winner Mira Sorvino (*Mighty Aphrodite*) and Gregory Germann (*NCIS*, *Ally McBeal*). The story line is about a high school freshman who can't get along with his parents and leaves his Liberty Street home to live at his girlfriend's Noe Valley home on 21st Street near Diamond.

According to one of the film's line producers, Debbie Brubaker, the movie should be released early next summer. She also wants to extend her thanks to the many Noe neighbors "who have been so warm and cordial," despite the inconvenience caused by the film crews and their many trucks. (A few residents had complained about trouble parking.)

And speaking of parking, there are two groups on Noe Hill who are trying to get their blocks zoned for residential parking permits: residents of the 400 and 500 blocks of Alvarado Street between Sanchez and Castro, and nearby sections of 22nd and 23rd streets.

"There are no residential parking controls on my block [400], so we see cars parked in front of our houses for days and days, and others who work down on 24th

Street and take advantage of the 'free parking,' making it almost impossible for our neighbors to get street parking," says Steve Kellerman. He is leading a group of neighbors who are circulating petitions to all residents in those blocks, and he needs to get over 50 percent of the households' approval to win a permit zone. Kellerman says they have gone over, or are near to going over, the 50 percent for his block.

As some of you know, parts of 22nd and 23rd streets already have the Area S permit, which limits those who don't have stickers to two-hour parking during the day.

Curiously, those people who live on 24th Street, and there are many, do not have the ability to get the S parking stickers and therefore have nowhere to park close to home, and have to pay meter rates seven days a week. That is not fair.



SHAGGY DOG STORY: Retiring after 34 years is Tamotsu (Tom) Nakatsuka, owner of Clipper Corner at Sanchez and Clipper streets. He recently closed the perfectly named dog-grooming parlor. "I will be taking it easy now," says Nakatsuka, "and I plan to visit my home [Japan]."

Nakatsuka says he tried to sell the business, which included a clientele of over 200 dogs, and had generated some interest, "but the landlord is asking for too much rent [\$3,500 per month] for this type of business, so I am referring my clients to other dog groomers I know." He also noted that his current rent had been \$2,200 per month.

"I will really miss all my clients," says Nakatsuka, "since I have seen generations come to my business, you know, parents bringing their children with them and their dogs, and then the children grow up and bring their dogs for a haircut, and then those kids bring in their children with their

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dogs.”

He also points out that when he first started in 1979, “there was a very large variety of dogs in the neighborhood, but now I have seen a lot of golden retrievers, labs, cocker spaniels, and lots of chihuahuas. I charged \$2 for my first groom back in 1979, and now the price range is from \$70 to \$100.”



NOT RETIRING is Noe Valleyan June Fisher, M.D., who celebrated her 80th birthday on June 10 and continued celebrating the entire month, “and I will continue to celebrate for months to come,” she says. There was a big party in Noe Valley’s Le Zinc bistro and another at Basso’s Restaurant.

Dr. Fisher is still on staff at the Trauma Foundation in San Francisco and is the foremost authority on occupational health. For years she ran a clinic at San Francisco General Hospital that gave medical exams to virtually all city employees.

Fisher says she came to Noe Valley 33 years ago because she “wanted a sense of neighborhood and community,” and was particularly impressed by “the economic diversity of people in the neighborhood.” She (and her then partner) bought a flat as tenants-in-common back in 1980, when a TIC was an avant-garde real estate concept. “Also, it was 1.8 miles from General Hospital, and I was determined to walk to work every day,” she says.

Fisher is looking forward to her hundredth year. “I have great-grandparents who were married for 100 years.” What?

“Yes, they were born in a [village] outside Minsk, Belarus, at a time when all

marriages were arranged by the Jews, and since married men would not have to go to the Russian Army, the Jewish children were married as infants. My great-grandfather was one or two years old and my great-grandmother was three months old, and they both lived to be over 100 years old.”

Fisher says she’s somewhat saddened by the changes she’s seen in Noe Valley. “I miss the mix of people and stores and shops I once so enjoyed when there was affordable housing, which has been lost.”

What would she like to see in Downtown Noe Valley? “A movie house!”

I’d vote for that. Maybe the town square people can figure out a way to create a tented movie theater and project some images on that big silver screen. My personal first choice would be *Modern Times*, starring Charlie Chaplin (1936).



PUTT-ING ON THE RITZ: Far from retiring is Noe Valley’s Steve Fox—despite that he has left the world of journalism (he was editor of several computer magazines and editorial director at *PCWorld* for many years). Fox is famous in the neighborhood for his semi-annual miniature golf tournaments held at his 24th Street home. He and his wife, Leslie Crawford, along with friends and family, would build a mini-golf course throughout the house and yard and invite everyone to play, golf balls and putters provided. “The last one of those we did [about three years ago], over 200 people showed up.”

Well, Fox is now in the process of transforming 6,000 square feet of space at 1096 South Van Ness into an 18-hole miniature golf course and restaurant/bar, to be called Urban Putt. “We just got our permits from the city approved and so we are working real hard and hope by November we will be opening the doors to the public,” says Fox. “We hope to build a cathedral of fun.”



June Fisher prepares to blow out the candles at one of her two 80th birthday celebrations in Noe Valley last month.

Photo courtesy Lorraine Lombardo

If you want to make reservations for a round of golf and/or a meal, or reserve a banquet or party date, go to the website urbanputt.com and throw your name in the hat. You can also sign up for Fox’s newsletter.

He says he is looking forward to collaborating with groups like the Central Mission Neighborhood Organization and creating programs for local school children. Geez, Steve, will you put up a movie screen and show old movies like *Modern Times*?



MEDIA FRENZY: The most popular magazine in Noe Valley is *Vanity Fair*, according to Mr. Good News himself, Sam Salameh. That’s followed by a tie between the British publications *Music Mojo* and the *New Yorker*. What about newspapers, Sam? “Newspapers are dead.”

In the book department, Phoenix reports quite a demand for *Wild* by Cheryl

Strayed. It documents her 1,000-mile walk on the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert to Washington State.

On the cinema scene, Colin Hutton at Video Wave says the most popular rentals these days are *Quartet* (2012), a British comedy featuring Dustin Hoffman’s debut as a director; *Silver Linings Playbook* (2012), the comedy starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence; and the thriller *Side Effects* (2013), about a young woman’s experience with prescribed anti-depressant drugs. Top of the list on the children’s menu is *Oz the Great and Powerful*.

Musicwise, all I can offer you is the Top of the Pops on *Billboard Magazine*’s “Hot 100”: no. 1 is *Blurred Lines* by Robin Thicke, featuring T.I.; no. 2 is *Get Lucky* by Daft Punk, featuring Pharrell Williams; and no. 3 is *Can’t Hold Us* by Macklemore & Ryan, featuring Ray Dalton. For me, I’m likin’ Jaya the Cat doing *Here Comes the Drum*, and of course anything by Manu Chao.



EQUALITY OF LIFE: Before I go on summer vacation, I want to congratulate one of our resident heroes, 88-year-young Phyllis Lyon, who has lived on Duncan Street for over 50 years. With her partner Del Martin (who died in 2008) Lyon founded the Daughters of Bilitis in 1955, and they were the first same-sex couple to marry on Valentine’s Day 2004, and marry again on June 16, 2008, after the California Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex marriage. On June 26, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand the historic decision of District Court Judge Vaughn Walker, who found that to deny anyone of any gender the right to marry anyone else of any gender is a violation of our Constitutional right to Equal Protection under the Law. Amen!

Have a great summer and see you all in September. Ciao4now.

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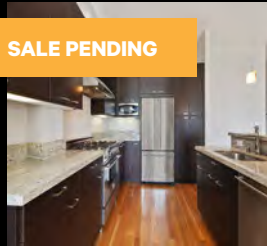
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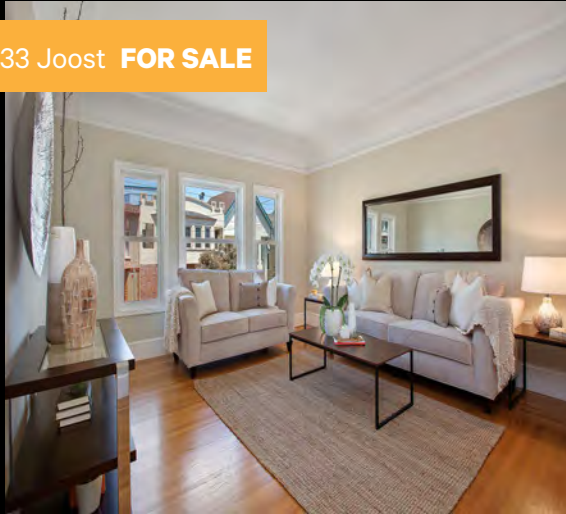
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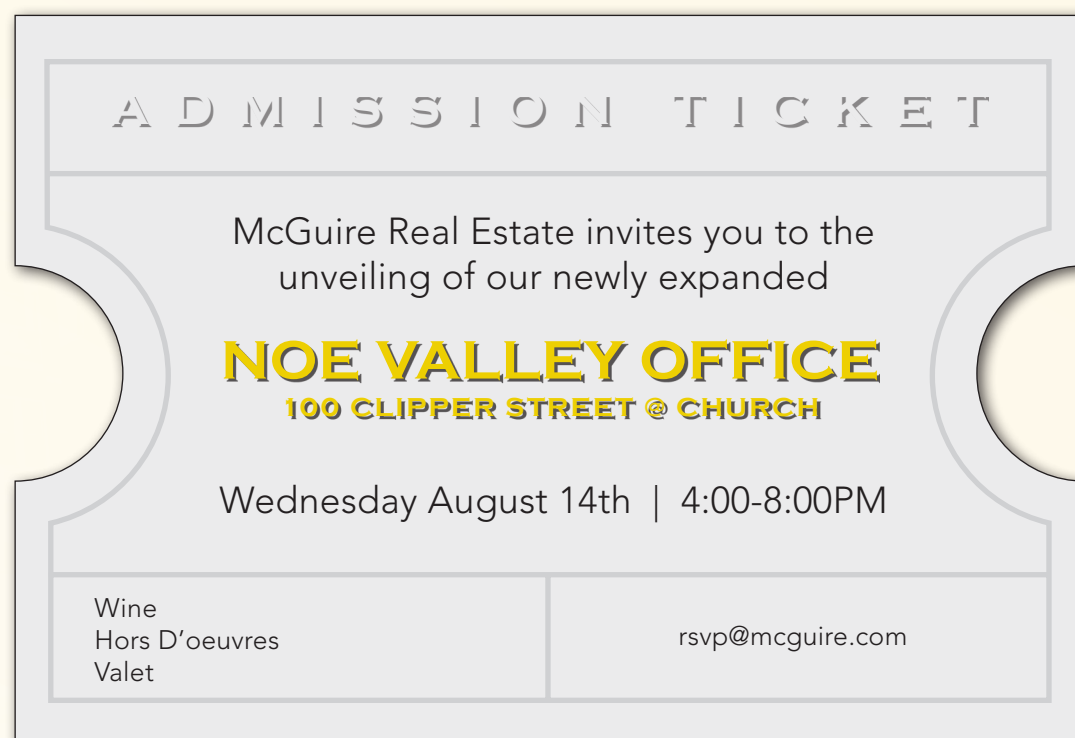
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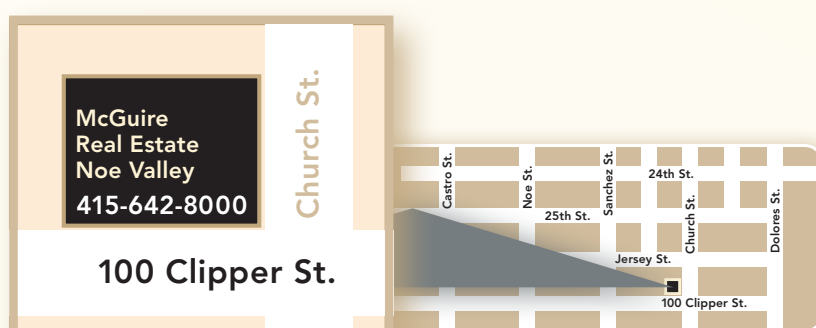
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