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A Real Cliffhanger. Owner Kate Rosenberger and daughter Hazel are looking for someone to write the next chapter for Phoenix Books, a 28-year-old institution in Noe Valley. *Photo by Pamela Gerard*

Want to Buy a Bookstore?

Phoenix Books on 24th Street Up for Sale

By Tim Innes

If you've ever dreamed of owning a bookstore, now's your chance.

After 28 years in Noe Valley, Kate Rosenberger has put Phoenix Books on the market. "My plate's too full," she says. "With three other stores, I'm running too hard."

Besides Phoenix, at 3857 24th St., Rosenberger owns Dog Eared Books and Alley Cat Books in the Mission and Badger Books, formerly Red Hill Books, in Bernal Heights.

Why Phoenix?

Given its well-established roots in the community, Phoenix can prosper as a stand-alone business, says Rosenberger, 52. "It's a going concern. It has always been profitable. The new owners can make quite a nice living running the store."

Rosenberger, a single mom who commutes from Berkeley, says Phoenix needs a hands-on owner, one with e-commerce chops "who can take it to the next level. I can't manage that right now."

In addition, she'd like to spend more

time with her 8-year-old daughter, Hazel. "I don't want to miss her childhood," she says.

The store's present location across from Whole Foods Market is its third since Rosenberger and then-partner

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Good Dog, Stay. It's always the "dog days" in Noe Valley. And wise locals learn ways to accommodate their canine friends. The management of La Boulange at the corner of Sanchez and 24th streets provides a place for pooches to cool their heels and submit to the greetings of well-wishers passing by. *Photo by Jack Tipple*

Upper Noe Rec Rises and Shines

Day Street Park Celebrates 'Cinco de Noe'

By Heather World

Dust off that dog costume and corral the kids—Upper Noe Recreation Center will celebrate the fifth anniversary of its grand re-opening Saturday, Sept. 7, from noon to 4 p.m., with "Cinco de Noe," a party featuring live music, kid crafts, a dog parade, and recreation for all ages.

Admission is free for an afternoon that reflects the breadth of community engagement that has grown around the center since the ribbon was cut on its \$11.6 million remodel in 2008. Local comedian and master of ceremonies Michael Capozzola will shepherd a stage lineup that includes bluegrass band Nobody

from Nashville, the bluesy rock of Lunarville, and Lara Manzanares singing original and traditional Spanish songs.

Kids can get creative at Russo Music's musical petting zoo or at arts and crafts tables run by Sparks Creativity and the Recreation and Park Department. New local business Bricks4Kids will have a table with Lego-building challenges, or children can build big with the foam blocks of an Imagination Playground.

Little legs can kick it at Soccer Tots' free soccer clinic, and Rec and Park instructors will offer interactive tango, yoga, pilates, and improv acting demonstrations.

The Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners

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Residents Seek To Curb 'Free Parking'

Petition Would Expand Two-Hour Zone North of 23rd St.

By Corrie M. Anders

For more than a year, Steve Kellerman fretted about the increase in cars hogging parking spaces along Alvarado Street.

Motorists were pouring in during the workweek to take advantage of free, unrestricted parking on his and several other adjacent blocks. And the 29-year resident felt like he was being squeezed.

Kellerman's neighbor Ana Carolina Almeida also was getting irritated. She often observed cars circling her block, parking aggressively, and obstructing residents' driveways—until the tow truck arrived.

Fed up, the two neighbors launched a petition drive last spring. The petition asked the city to designate their area a special "residential area permit" zone

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New Noe Valleyan. On June 25 at 6:37 a.m., Joshua Bear Kuzak was born to parents Marc and Gabrielle Kuzak. Big brothers (and 4-year-old twins) Jacob and Harry are thrilled at the new addition to the family. If there's a new member of your household, let the Noe Valley Voice know. Email your photo to editor@noevalleyvoice.com. We'll tell the world.



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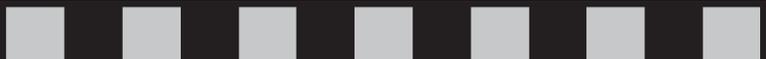
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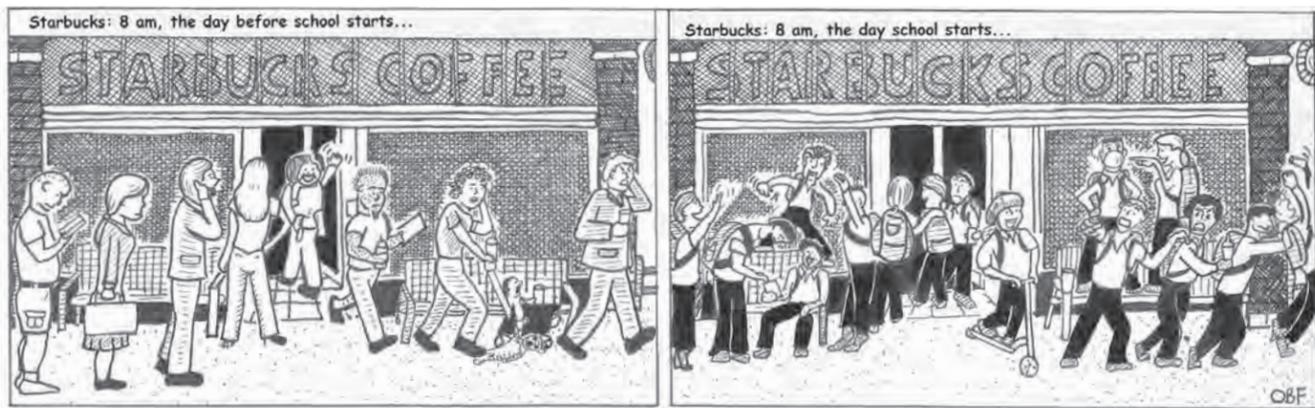
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LETTERS 46¢

Freeloaders

Editor:

I'm really getting into taking the bus these days and enjoying it. What I've noticed recently is that the Google buses sit at the Muni stops, and if a Muni bus comes, we Muni riders have to board in the street because the Google buses don't move. What is that about?

So I asked one of the Google bus drivers if they pay a fee to the city for the privilege and what the rules were, and he responded that they do pay a fee and he is perfectly authorized to sit there anytime. So I called Muni and they told me this is NOT correct. They do not pay a fee and they are supposed to stop and leave quickly. Hmhmhm.

Jean Amos

Elizabeth Street

Street Projects Need Planning

Editor:

I wanted to take issue with a PG&E project currently going on in the west side of Noe Valley, and probably soon coming to a street near you. I understand that from time to time these kinds of upgrades need

to get done, and like most folks, I am willing to go through the necessary inconvenience. However a large urban project of this size needs to be better organized and coordinated.

Around my neighborhood, they have created no-parking zones for four, five, and six neighboring blocks at the same time. These no-parking restrictions are sometimes for two or three or four weeks. What is upsetting is that in many cases they are not giving 72 hours' notice; sometimes it's less than 24 hours. Then once the restrictions are in place, no actual work happens. On my block they issued three weeks of no parking, including Saturdays, but they did absolutely no work until halfway through the third week, and they completed that in about six hours.

Also, they closed off several blocks for a number of weeks, the streets were dug up, work done, and paved. Great. Now here it is just three weeks later, and they have marked off the same streets again, for another three weeks.

We all know how tough parking can be, and when they eliminate parking for this many adjoining blocks it can be a total mess. I think it only fair that the neighbors should be given a schedule of what is going to happen, and when.

And most important, if they are going to ask us to put up with the inconvenience of not being able to park, they should have the courtesy to get in, get the work done, and get the heck out.

Art Bodner
 Noe Valley

To My Unknown Noe Valley Savior(ess)

I fear that I shall ever be
 The careless type—yes, that's me,
 Forgot my book, got on the bus,
 I missed it, then began to cuss.

Embarrassing and—oh, the cost!
 Confess it's gone & Oops—It's Lost!
 But then a Wonderful Surprise,
 "We've got it here—someone so Wise,

Good-looking, Generous & Kind
 Found & returned it, never mind.
 No penalty, no fine to pay,
 Go back to bed, go out & play"

But still I'm feeling rather sheepish
 Yes, I'm feeling downright weepish.
 However can I tell my friends?
 Humiliation never ends:

"So when you're @ that bus stop next
 No—do not e-mail, do not text,
 Expect to keep your wits about you...
 Or let the bus go on without you!"

Alan Blackman
 24th Street

Lots of Fun Facts

Editor:

I'm a Noe Valley native, born and raised in Noe Valley. My parents moved

Ode to San Francisco

in this beautiful city by the bay
 where the wind blusters strong
 and down the peaks the fog rolls
 along
 devouring all along its way

infused with eucalyptus
 and hints of ocean air
 refreshing every breath
 as I climb the steep steep hills

stairways carved into sidewalks
 and streets becoming steps
 full of secret passageways
 only a native knows to trek

rosemary, sage, and lavender
 growing on the streets
 bumblebee bushes and jasmine
 in front of homes to greet

the wild parrots fly above
 the doves sing their songs of peace
 and love
 in this magical city I was born
 in Noe Valley I am home

Julianne Victoria

Noe Valley native Julianne Victoria has a photography blog called streetsofsfphotos.com.

into this neighborhood in 1964 and still reside at 25th and Noe. I still work in the neighborhood as well. I picked up a copy of the July/August issue, and the date on the picture on page 9 of the construction in the empty lot (near where Whole Foods is now) seemed incorrect; it said the photo was taken in 1996. The Bell Market was still there in 1996. It also was there in 1979, when I was born. Just a heads-up. People who aren't from the neighborhood might not know.

Also, other fun facts: Where Walgreens is now on Castro at Jersey—that used to be the Little Bell Market (the big Bell Market's sister). Before that it was a Safeway. How about when Mary's Exchange was on the corner of Jersey and Castro? Or my two favorites: Double Rainbow Ice Cream, where Noe Bagel is now, and the Courtyard Café, which is now Savor.

I love reminiscing about the old neighborhood, because I remember everything. On my block, 25th between Noe and Castro, there are still six of the original families that were there when I was born. I love knowing my neighbors and I love the neighborhood. Thanks for all your hard work in preserving the Noe Valley!!

Roxie L. Mestas
 25th Street

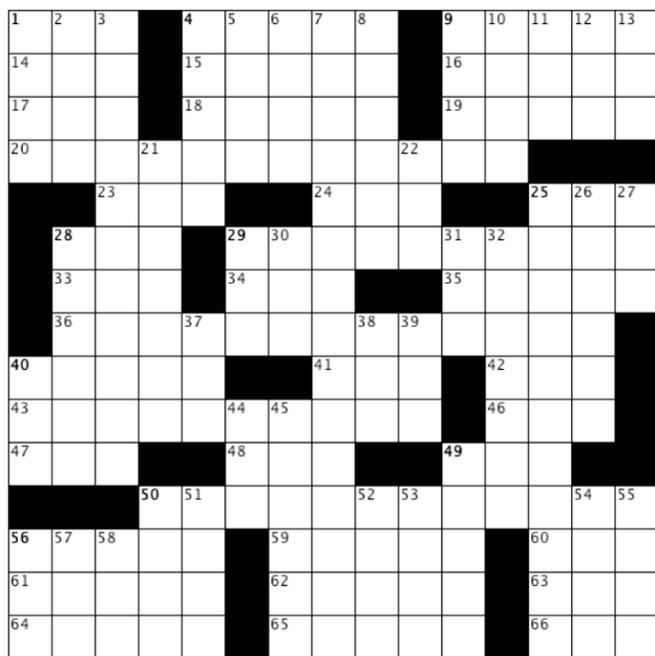
Editor's Note: Thanks for your letter, Roxie. You're correct in pointing out that Bell was in existence in 1996. You can see part of Bell's sign in the background near the telephone pole in our photo in the July/August issue (to see it again, go to www.noevalleyvoice.com.) Bell was just past the lot where the Second Spanish Church was. The church property was the one that was under construction, not Bell Market. So our photo date was correct.

THE CROSSWORD BY MICHAEL BLAKE

Cockneys on 24th Street

ACROSS

1. (The) Mafia
4. Quickly brightened, as the face
9. Insurance submission
14. Pierre's pal
15. Radarange maker
16. Skating venues
17. Ewe's beau
18. Sausalito's county
19. Much of the time
20. Bing/Bob of road movies, to a Cockney
23. Capt.'s inferiors
24. 2000 comedy *The ___ of Steve*
25. Labor Day mo.
28. *The Matrix* man
29. 2012 Meryl Streep / Tommy Lee Jones rom-com, to a Cockney
33. *The Name of the Rose* author Umberto
34. He played Opie
35. "The Sheik of ___": 1920s song
36. Obama's autobiography (with "The"), to a Cockney
40. Dupont wool-substitute fiber
41. Fleming of 007 fame
42. Partner of neither
43. Entry sign to Dante's hell, to a Cockney
46. Umpire's cry
47. Damascus' land (Abbr.)
48. Pallid
49. Explosive letters
50. 24th Street mortgage/wealth management shop ...and the inspiration for this puzzle
56. Comedian Lewis or Seinfeld
59. Partner of loud or



free

60. Rock music's ___ Fighters
 61. Typeface like Helvetica
 62. Kate's sitcom partner
 63. Altar agreement
 64. Syrup type
 65. ___ Daughter (1970 film)
 66. Perfection, to a gymnast
- DOWN
1. Cleopatra's love Antony
 2. Sharif or Bradley
 3. Like lab reactions involving two clusters of atoms
 4. Meek ones
 5. "If ___ make a suggestion..."
 6. Stanford women's basketball coach VanDerveer
 7. Not deliberately

8. Black-and-white bamboo lovers
9. Trim, as a photograph
10. Lite for ___: Sanchez Street weight-loss biz
11. Certain colonist
12. 1950s prez
13. AOL alternative
21. ___ ceremony (was a stickler)
22. Alley ___
25. "Wake up from that daydream!"
26. ___ Sousé (W.C. Fields character)
27. "Gangnam Style" performer
28. In the vicinity
29. *Lord of the Rings* baddie
30. Luau paste
31. British WWII fliers
32. Some patches
37. Besides
38. Big mouth, slangily

39. ___ Medical Group: office in former Tuggey's site
40. Pan-American alliance, for short
44. Have debts
45. Org. for speedy drivers
49. Noe Valley Auto Works buys
50. Vaccine type
51. Gomer of TV
52. Boxer Oscar ___ Hoya
53. Full of oneself
54. Took the 48 bus
55. Part of ASAP
56. Traffic snarl
57. Geologic time period
58. Tear at the seam

Solution on Page 35

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

Officer Lois Perillo Has the Ticket—She's Retired

This summer, the Voice learned that San Francisco Police Officer Lois Perillo had turned in her badge in June and retired after 29 years on the force. For 10 of those years, Perillo was a familiar figure on 24th Street, patrolling the beat both on foot and on her trademark bicycle. In 1989, she started writing the Police Beat column for the Voice, and developed a loyal following among residents and merchants, not to mention her grateful editors. By the time she finally put down her pen in 2001, she had accumulated more than a hundred columns, some of which can still be found on our website at noevalleyvoice.com. Last month, when we sent Officer Perillo our congratulations on her retirement, we asked for a few facts about her long tenure at SFPD and in Noe Valley. Her response was to offer this short farewell piece, which also provides an interesting slice of history. Thank you, Lois, and best of luck in your new endeavors.

Gosh, you want to know years!? I believe (or in cop talk, *to the best of my knowledge*) I started working the beat in 1989 solo and began riding shortly after that to catch a guy stalking a woman near 22nd and Chattanooga. That happened in plain clothes on my own bicycle. Upon clearing out my locker, I found the thank-you card from the targeted women.

The department was initially unre-

sponsive to providing bicycles, let alone authorizing a bike uniform, prompting me and a colleague to push the blue envelope by working the Hemp Festival at Dolores Park on our personal bikes, in an SFPD uniform shirt and black Italian riding togs (those stretchy lycra shorts that racers used to wear). That act got the boss's attention, and we were in sanctioned, more conservative black riding pants by the following week!

I began the odyssey of raising awareness for using bicycles in San Francisco police work by giving interviews to the *Chronicle*, *Examiner*, *Focus* magazine, the *Bay Guardian*, Channel 4 News, and even *Crush*. I encouraged residents and business owners to write letters of support and I successfully courted a bicycle manufacturer for donations, which seeded our bike program.

Meanwhile, I just kept pedaling the beat, regaling in the thought that I had one of the best jobs in the police department in one of the best neighborhoods in the city and that I worked with one of the best officers in the department, Lorraine Lombardo. We shared the beat for about six years, and our schedules would intersect one or two days a week.

I worked the beat until November 2000, my fifth month of pregnancy, when I just could not get the gun belt to latch. Trading my bicycle for a paint roller and trading my beat for the Graffiti Abatement Program, I continued to write for the *Voice* until my water broke in the cell at Mission Station while interviewing a suspect.

By the way, our daughter is doing wonderfully; she will enter seventh grade this school year. Also, my life partner became my spouse during the Newsom Spring, which for us was actually October 2008. Yes, we were among the 18,000 same-sex couples who legally married.

Although I retired out as a school resource officer and liaison to the San Francisco Unified School District and to other youth-serving agencies and I thrived in that environment, it was the bicycle beat work in Noe Valley that launched me into the orbit of community policing. I will forever be grateful to the people of Noe Valley and am honored that for 12 years they read the Police Beat and called me their beat officer.

Be safe.

—Lois Perillo



Officer Lois Perillo (left) celebrates her soon-to-be retirement with Officer Lorraine Lombardo, her partner and friend for many years on the Noe Valley beat.

Photo courtesy Lorraine Lombardo

IN MEMORY

EDITH KANTUS 1917–2013

Edith Kantus, age 96, a longtime resident of Noe Valley in San Francisco, died on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013. She was born Edith Carolyn Hofmann on July 11, 1917, in New Jersey, the daughter of George C. Hofmann and Edith Marie Johnson. After receiving her education from New York State College for Teachers in Albany, Edith taught for many years before moving to San Francisco.

When she came to San Francisco, she worked at KPIX, Channel 5, programming movie reruns. It is reported that at this job she discovered her love of movies, a love she later shared with her husband, Paul Kantus, a Merchant Marine sailor who later built a vast movie collection. She explained to friends how she and Paul would make audiotapes for each other and stayed in touch exchanging them when he was at sea. Edith enjoyed over 30 years of traveling the world with Paul, and was known for her travel albums and wonderful holiday parties.

She and Paul are remembered as supporters of Noe Valley, and as community leaders. They were both very active in the East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club, and for many years they hosted community meetings, where she made sure people



Edith Kantus, shown here with husband Paul, enjoyed traveling, theater, and hosting community gatherings in Noe Valley.

Photo courtesy Robert Roddick

felt welcome and got a hot cup of coffee while Paul worked to ensure that Noe Valley remained clean of graffiti and vandalism.

Edith's love of theater led her and Paul in search of new and classic plays—from London to New York to Ashland, Ore., and all over the San Francisco Bay Area and. Edith was a charter member of Sixty-Plus at San Francisco State University, and an ardent reader, seamstress, swimmer, and friend. Edith spent her last few years at the Vintage Golden Gate in San Francisco. Her husband Paul and sister Ruth preceded her in death. A memorial is being planned at Vintage Golden Gate, 1601 19th Ave., in San Francisco on Sept. 21. Please contact Robert Roddick at 415-641-8687 for further information.

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Farewell to Ruth Asawa

Famed Sculptor and Champion Of Art in Schools Dies at 87

By Steve Steinberg

Ruth Asawa, whose art beautified San Francisco and who doggedly fought to make art an everyday part of public education, has died. Asawa passed away of natural causes on Aug. 6 at the age of 87. Her passing came after a long physical decline.

Asawa died in the Noe Valley home where she and her architect husband, the late Albert Lanier, had lived for over 50 years and where she had created much of her art. "She died where she wanted to die," said her daughter Addie Lanier, "in the little space in the house that had been modified for her, where she could see the hummingbirds out the window."

As an artist, Asawa was primarily known in San Francisco for her public fountains, such as the one outside the Hyatt Hotel in Union Square or the mermaid fountain at Ghirardelli Square. But Asawa pursued several other art forms in the course of her career.

She began working as an artist after moving to San Francisco in 1949. Some of her earliest creations were in wire sculpture, "taking the line into space, into three-dimensional form," as she put it. A trip to Mexico, where she had seen women carrying wire loop baskets to market, had inspired Asawa to experiment in that medium.

Although she had some early shows of her work in New York in the 1950s, Asawa was not taken very seriously by the art critics of the day. Her work was considered a craft, noted Addie Lanier, not fine art. Plus, Lanier said, "It was very difficult for women in the art world."

Ultimate Recognition

It wasn't until the last decade or so that Asawa's wire sculpture gained international prominence. Daniell Cornell, the former director of Contemporary Art Projects at San Francisco's de Young Museum, who curated a 2006 retrospective of Asawa's art at the de Young, said it was "remarkable that Asawa fell out of art history for so long." He called her a "major force" in the art world in the 1950s and '60s, one who "changed the way people thought about [artistic] space in relationship to their own body." He also credited her with "blurring" the line between art and craft.

The 2006 retrospective solidified Asawa's reputation. Before the show, Cornell points out, her wire sculptures would have fetched at the most \$100,000. However, at a recent auction in New York, one of the sculptures sold for \$1.4 million. Cornell said the price was all the more amazing because Asawa sculpted with wire bought at a local hardware store. "She used what was at hand," he said.

But Asawa was never that concerned about the commercial value of her art. "She wanted people to love her art for itself, not as a commodity," said Addie Lanier. As a result, much of her art stayed within the family.

In addition to her wire sculpture, Asawa leaves behind a portfolio of life masks, as well as many paintings and drawings. "My mom worked constantly," said her son, ceramicist Paul Lanier. "At night when we kids were asleep, she would be working at her art."

He also remembers growing up in a very stimulating environment, with a constant flow of artists coming to the house. Photographer Imogen Cunningham, Bauhaus potter Marguerite Wilden-



Ruth Asawa is widely admired in the art world for her intricate wire sculptures, many of which have been collected in museums. In San Francisco, she's also beloved for her playful fountains, and her strong passion for art in the classroom. Photo by Laurence Cuneo

hain, jewelry artist Merry Renk, actors Robert De Niro and Peter Coyote, and singer Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary fame all came by to discuss the arts with Ruth and Albert. But not only celebrities were made welcome at their home. As daughter Addie noted, "A celebrity might be seated next to a postal worker."

Fountains Are Landmarks

Beginning in 1968, Asawa received a series of commissions for fountains and other public works of art in San Francisco and Northern California. The Hyatt on Union Square Fountain, which has become a popular San Francisco landmark, is among the most famous of those commissions. The fountain, which displays a tableau of the sights and personalities of San Francisco, was molded in baker's clay in the Asawa home before being cast in bronze in 1973. Hundreds of friends and school children helped Asawa in the effort. Her husband designed the architectural setting outside the Hyatt on the Square Hotel.

The Hyatt fountain has been under threat in recent months by Apple's plans to build a new store on the site of the former Levi's store at Post and Stockton. The plans originally called for removal of the nearby fountain. But after hearing complaints from residents and art lovers, the San Francisco Planning Department this spring asked Apple to rethink its plans and keep the fountain where it is.

At the same time that she was practicing her art Asawa was also raising a family of six children in Noe Valley. The experience was definitive to her art. "If I hadn't had children, I wouldn't have done the Hyatt fountain or the Ghirardelli fountain; my work would have gone in a different direction," she said in a 1981 *Voice* interview.

Overcoming Barriers

Asawa came to the arts through her education and upbringing. The child of immigrant Japanese truck farmers, Asawa was born and raised in Southern California. According to Asawa, It was a time when California had a strong arts program in the public schools. The state

hired professional artists to teach students in the school setting. After having that kind of exposure to the arts and after having won a school competition for her drawing of the Statue of Liberty, Asawa decided at the age of 10 that she would become an artist.

Her normal childhood ceased at the age of 16 with the onset of World War II and the internment of her family in a camp for people of Japanese ancestry.

Before the war's end, however, she was allowed to leave the camp to attend Milwaukee State Teachers College, where she studied for three years before learning that her Japanese heritage would prevent her from landing a job as a teacher.

She next decided to enter Black Mountain College, an experimental, arts-based school in North Carolina. Her three years at Black Mountain proved central in shaping her attitudes on art and education. Asawa called it an "explosive" place. There she came into contact with many important figures in the arts and sciences, including architect and futurist designer Buckminster Fuller, artist and educator Josef Albers, dancer and choreographer Merce Cunningham, and artist William de Kooning. She also met her future husband, Albert, there. The two were married for 59 years. Albert Lanier died in 2008 at the age of 81.

Art and Children

Always possessed of a strong sense of community and a belief in the public schools, Asawa in the mid-1960s embarked on a quest to ensure that the children of San Francisco had the same kind of art experience in their schools as she had enjoyed as a child.

Finding the public schools' art program floundering, Asawa and local art historian Sally Woodbridge started the Alvarado Arts Workshop in 1968. The program, which began at Alvarado Elementary School in Noe Valley, implemented an artist-in-residence program, hiring local artists to work with children as well as work on their own creations at the school site. "Art is an area where children can begin to exercise decision-making," Asawa said in explaining the need for the program.

Later, with the help of various public and private grants, the program expanded to include several other schools in the district. But given the tightness of money, its existence was always tenuous at best.

Years later, long after the Alvarado Arts Workshop had ceased to operate, Asawa was still bringing art to Alvarado Elementary School. Ann Chang, a first-grade teacher at the school, remembers how in 1998, her first year as a teacher at Alvarado, Asawa brought the whole school class by class, to her home, where she taught the kids how to create origami, Japanese paper art.

A year later, when Chang had two of Asawa's grandchildren in her class, Asawa spent a semester with the class, sketching each child and putting the sketches together into a book. The children were encouraged to write a short autobiography to go with the sketches.

"It was an amazing experience," said Chang. "The kids could see themselves come alive on paper. Ruth encouraged them to draw; she taught them to be more interested in art and see how enjoyable art could be."

Dream Fulfilled

In 1982, after years of effort by Asawa, her husband, and many others, the San Francisco Unified School District opened the San Francisco School of the Arts, SOTA, sharing a campus with J. Eugene McAteer High School on Portola Drive. Asawa had originally wanted the school to be located downtown, in the Civic Center arts corridor, but that site did not materialize. After a temporary move to a former elementary school, SOTA returned to the Portola Drive location permanently in 2002 when McAteer High School ceased to exist. In 2010, the school was renamed the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts in honor of Asawa's contributions to the arts and education.

Students at SOTA study traditional academics in the morning and then pursue their individual arts discipline in the afternoon. Students work with professional artists as well as credentialed teachers.

"SOTA was a dream of Ruth's, stemming from her Black Mountain days," said Susan Stauter, artistic director of visual and performing arts with the SFUSD. "She wanted students to be able to study the arts deeply." Stauter called Asawa "persistence personified" when it came to pursuing her goal for the school of the arts. "She wouldn't accept any limits."

Stauter speaks fondly of her friend. "She cared so much about the public schools and the community and bringing people together."

And finally, Stauter notes, "Ruth left San Francisco a much more beautiful place than when she found it."

Ruth Asawa's survivors include daughter Addie Lanier and husband Peter Weverka, daughter Aiko Cuneo and husband Laurence, son Paul Lanier and wife Sandra Halladey, son Xavier Lanier and wife Gerri, and son Hudson Lanier and wife Terry. Another son, Adam Lanier, passed away in 2003. Asawa is also survived by 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life was held on Aug. 27 at the Music Concourse Bandshell in Golden Gate Park. The memorial tribute featured speeches by family members and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. An orchestra and chorus from the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts performed for the hundreds of people who came to honor Asawa.

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Phoenix Books Looking for a Buyer

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Kirby Desha opened Phoenix at 3870 24th St.—where DavidsTea is now—in 1985. Three years later, she bought out Desha and moved Phoenix down the block to the corner of 24th and Vicksburg. There it remained until four years ago, when Rosenberger lost her lease after the building changed hands.

Space a Selling Point

While the corner location had high visibility, the space was cramped. At 1,500 square feet, the present location is twice as large, affording more space for books and breathing room for browsers. There's a large children's section at the rear where youngsters can hear readings or enjoy books on their own.

Rosenberger said the decision to sell, while necessary, was difficult. She said she will miss her customers, many of whom she knows by name. "They come [in] not just to buy books, but to talk about them with their friends and neighbors."

She says one of her "great joys" has been "watching kids come in as toddlers, growing up and then going off to college. It's been wonderful to be a part of that process. My goal has always been to be a useful part of the community."

'A Superb Store'

That she's been, says neighborhood activist Peter Gabel, who noted that Rosenberger was among 40 members of the community to put up \$5,000 each to help save rival Cover to Cover Books when it hit a rough patch a decade ago.

"She has always run a superb store,



Phoenix Books owner Kate Rosenberger, Kate's 8-year-old daughter Hazel Waters, and booksellers Stephen Fisk and Katie Tomzynski invite prospective store buyers to visit their sunny haven for new and used books, located on 24th Street near Noe Street. Photo by Pamela Gerard

selling both used and new books," says Gabel, a founder of the Noe Valley Farmers Market. "And she has hosted some wonderful events...including Ramon and Judy Sender's Odd Mondays series."

Gabel says he's doing what he can to help Rosenberger find a buyer and "keep our last general-interest bookstore on 24th Street."

As recently as three years ago, there were four bookstores in Noe Valley. But the closures of Cover to Cover in January

2011 and the San Francisco Mystery Bookstore five months later left the neighborhood with just two: Omnivore, which specializes in food and wine books near the corner of Cesar Chavez and Church streets, and Phoenix. The recession, changes in how people consume media, and Internet retailers like Amazon.com, which until recently did not collect sales taxes on online sales, all played a role in the closures, the owners said.

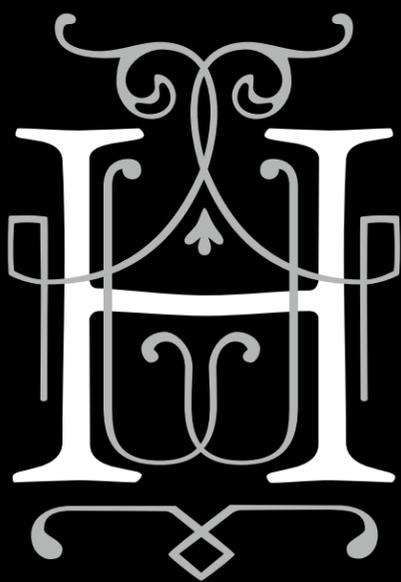
Knowledgeable Employees

Rosenberger attributes the store's longevity to its employees, led by manager Mea Levenson. "I only hire bibliophiles," she says. "They must be real readers who appreciate both good writing and the book as a physical object. One of the reasons we've been able to thrive in the digital age is that we don't recommend books based on an algorithm like the online stores, but offer personalized

customer service. The human element is key."

Declining to disclose a price, Rosenberger says she's asking a "modest" amount for Phoenix, little more than the cost of her current inventory—\$125,000—plus fixtures. Interested parties can contact her at phoenixbooks4sale@gmail.com. She says she'd like to see the sale take place quickly to give the new owners time to get ready for the busy holiday season, just three months away.

In addition to the modest price, Rosenberger says the store's market-rate lease, which has another year to run and an option to renew for an additional five years, should attract buyers. Having been hit with a hefty rent increase at Dog Eared and watched Adobe Books priced out of its former home on 16th Street, Rosenberger knows how important rent stability is to a neighborhood merchant. ■



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Permit Parking Zones Expanding

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that would impose a two-hour, Monday-through-Friday limit on parking by non-residents.

“Finally, we said this is the way we have to go,” said Kellerman, the retired owner of a human resources consulting business.

If their request is granted, the new restrictions would apply to three blocks on the hill north of 23rd Street: the 400 block of Alvarado Street, the 900 block of Sanchez Street, and the 900 block of Noe Street. Parking limits would be in effect 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays only. Scofflaws would face a \$74 fine.

The city’s Municipal Transportation Agency will rule later this year on the application, which was filed in August.

‘Hole in the Bagel’

Kellerman said the situation has become exacerbated because portions of 22nd, 23rd, Vicksburg, and Castro streets—which surround his block—already have tough restrictions in place.

“We’re the hole in the bagel,” he said.

Almeida, a marketing consultant who lives in a three-unit building with no garage, said parking near her home was a constant challenge.

“I have to drive around” for what seems like hours in search of a spot, said Almeida. “I can’t park on 22nd Street or even on Noe,” because those streets also are zoned for residential parking.

San Francisco has experienced a boom in new workers since 2010, and that may have added to the parking crunch.

“People move in. They have more cars. They don’t drive to work. They may take public transportation or the shuttle buses,” Almeida said. But she added, “I don’t think there is one thing to blame. It’s part of living in the city.”

But Kellerman and Almeida both said the main culprits were shoppers or employees of businesses along 24th Street, where parking meters cost \$2 an hour.

People hopscotching between the parking meters on 24th Street and free curbs in residential areas is nothing new,



Alvarado Street neighbors Ana Carolina Almeida and Steve Kellerman are hopeful the city will approve their petition to limit nonresident parking on their block to two hours on weekdays.

Photo by Beverly Tharp

noted Debra Niemann, director of the Noe Valley Association, the group responsible for improvements along 24th, Church, and Castro streets. “They have [done so] for years,” she said, though she has not heard of any recent issues.

Robert Roddick, president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, said his organization has tried unsuccessfully to get the city to issue special parking permits to 24th Street workers, those who keep Noe Valley’s restaurants and shops running.

“There should be some sort of [permit] so our employees can park without juggling their cars around,” said Roddick, who lives on Hill Street, where frustrated residents a few years ago successfully petitioned for residential parking.

What About Visitors?

Kellerman said the 84 signatures on his and Almeida’s petition met the city’s requirement that more than half of the af-

ected residents request the permits, which will cost them \$109 annually.

Some residents, however, declined to sign the petition, including Noe Street residents Kay and George Teiber. The longtime homeowners said the parking restrictions would be a problem for their visitors.

For example, Kay Teiber said, the couple last month had a Thursday daytime friend who stayed for more than two and a half hours.

“If we had the residential parking, our guest would have had to move his car,” she said. “At the time of his arrival, there were six empty spaces on our block.”

The couple’s five grandchildren also show up frequently, she said, and it would be a “nuisance” for their parents to move their cars every couple of hours.

Long Road Ahead

Still, gathering enough signatures was easy, said the petitioners. What was hard,

said Almeida, was accepting the “ridiculous” waiting period of several months before notification of permit approval.

Paul Rose, the transit agency’s spokesman, acknowledged that the application process takes time. He said the agency needs to verify signatures, conduct field studies to ascertain how tight the parking is, and hold public hearings prior to the agency’s board voting on the matter.

“All of that can take three months from the submittal of a petition,” he said.

And then there’s the other issue: the domino effect. Should success come for Kellerman and Almeida, the limits on their block will no doubt push cars onto other “free” blocks in the neighborhood. A new petition drive is already under way to restrict the adjacent 500 block of Alvarado Street.

“If he doesn’t file,” Almeida said of her neighbor, “his block is going to get worse.” ■

Upper Noe Rec Celebrates 5th Year

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Group will host a dog costume contest and parade, and K9 Scrub Club and Noe Valley Pet Company will have tables of free treats. There will be puppies for adoption, and pet painter David Barnett will show up with a free custom pet painting as a raffle prize.

Remodel Brings New Life

There is much to celebrate. Not long after it opened in 1957, Upper Noe became a hangout for trouble-makers.

“A lot of it was in disrepair,” said Martin Halloran, who grew up on Duncan Street in the 1960s and ’70s and attended St. Paul’s Elementary School. Halloran, who is now president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, said he and his friends would hang out at what was then known as Day Park and play baseball after school.

Though they didn’t think much of it at the time, he remembered that the gym leaked and corners of the playground smelled of urine. He recalled seeing needles in the sandbox.

Upper Noe became one of the first remodeling projects paid for by a parks bond passed by voters in 2000. The gym



Phaedra (left) and Mary, both 7, get ready to show off their jump-roping skills at the kids playground at Upper Noe Rec Center.

and auditorium were refurbished, the bathrooms and playground upgraded, and a dog park added.

Now Halloran walks his dog in Joby’s Run, Upper Noe’s dog park, and he sees the difference.

“I think what everyone has done with that park is phenomenal,” said Halloran, who is expected to make remarks at the party. “It’s a little oasis in the neighborhood.”

As plans for the center unfolded,



Youth Baseball League player Joshua Lee, 11, works on his swing with pitching coach and dad Jason Lee.

Photos by Sally Smith

neighbors formed Friends of Noe Valley Recreation Center and raised \$70,000 to buy audio-visual equipment, kitchen equipment, and new toys to outfit the site.

Since then, members have served on the site’s Community Recreation Council, weeded and cleaned the grounds, and lobbied for improvements and maintenance. The group, which maintains a website and puts out a monthly newsletter, also sponsors free monthly tot concerts and the occasional movie night.

Friends’ Chris Faust, who is helping to organize Cinco de Noe, said neighbors are rallying around the event and he hopes he’ll have their support after the party, too.

“The rec center needs volunteer workers and neighborhood planning efforts,” he said. “We need to watch out for the heart of our community for our own sake.”

\$3,000 in Raffle Prizes

When it came time to solicit donations for Cinco de Noe, volunteer efforts were mirrored by support from local businesses, like realtor Pete Brannigan Real Estate and K9 Scrub Club, which donated money and about \$3,000 worth of raffle prizes.

Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or four for \$20. Prizes also include a signed San Francisco Giants baseball and game tickets. Food for sale on site will include pizza by the slice from Twin Peaks Pizza and Mexican food from El Tonayense food truck.

Organizers also invited other neighborhood nonprofits and public safety organizations. Upper Noe Neighbors, the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team, the police department, and SF SAFE will have tables and representatives to talk neighborhood and safety.

Supervisor Scott Wiener and Recreation and Park Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg are also expected to address the crowds. ■

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SHORT TAKES

Marooned Marmot Makes It

A young yellow-bellied marmot, spotted in Bernal Heights in June, made her way to Noe Valley and was captured at Alvarado Elementary School on Douglass Street on Aug. 7.

"It had hitched a ride from Yosemite," said Rebecca Dmytryk, an animal expert with Wildlife Emergency Services, a volunteer rescue association. The initial sightings generated much publicity, and Dmytryk was able to use public tips to determine the animal's path from Yosemite to Bernal to Mission and 26th streets to Alvarado.

Eyewitnesses near the school saw the marmot, which looked like a large portly squirrel, pop out from under the hood of a car and run onto the school's playground. Rescuers later learned the car's driver had just come from the Mission District about half a mile from where the marmot was sighted in Bernal Heights, Dmytryk said.

Using a trap baited with sweets, an officer from the city's Animal Care and Control Department coaxed the animal

into a cage and then turned it over to WES volunteers. They took the marmot, whose normal habitat is alpine meadows or grasslands, to the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley, where it was examined and found to be in good health.

This isn't the first time a wayward marmot has caught a ride in a park visitor's car. The animals are apparently attracted to antifreeze.

"It happens a lot, actually," Dmytryk said.

The rescued marmot, a female, was returned to Yosemite by a WES volunteer on Aug. 10.

Music in the Park Square

Friends of Noe Valley will host its annual music festival in the new Noe Valley Town Square on 24th Street between Vicksburg and Sanchez on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Renamed Music in the Square, the free event will feature live music, a bouncy house, face-painting, and other crafts and fun for kids. Beverages and grilled food will be for sale.

Looking forward to October, Friends will curate an Artists Festival Saturday, Oct. 26, coinciding with Noe Valley's Open Studios and the Noe Valley Harvest Festival. Artwork will be displayed along Vicksburg Street from 24th to Jersey from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Professional artists who live or work in Noe Valley or its surrounding neighborhoods are invited to submit an application, an exhibition fee of \$100, and four photos or jpegs of paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, or photographs (no arts and crafts) by Sept. 7.

For more information, including an application and mailing addresses, visit www.friendsofnoevalley.com.

Streetlight Smarts

Smartphone users can report burned-out and broken streetlights by using StreetLightSF, a new application developed by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

The application determines the user's location, opens a map showing the streetlights, then allows him to "drag and drop" a pin on the light itself. Next, a special algorithm determines who owns and maintains the reported streetlight. The app also allows users to check their submissions and track repairs.

San Francisco has more than 50,000 streetlights, not all of which are owned by the city and thus maintained by SFPUC. The majority of non-city-owned streetlights are PG&E streetlights. The app reports PG&E streetlight outages directly to PG&E, as well as to the SFPUC.

The StreetLightSF application can be downloaded from the Apple and Android stores and also at www.sfwater.org. Go to Customer Service and select Report a Problem. No smartphone? Call the city information line, 311.

Getting Back to Your Roots

Eureka Valley Recreation Center invites older adults to explore their ancestral roots at its Grandparents Day Celebration Saturday, Sept. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m.

"We welcome all older adults from traditional and non-traditional families, with or without grandchildren, including LGBT families—however each adult defines family," said Emelle Sonh, a recreation leader at the site.

Staff will be on hand to help research two generations of ancestors using genealogical resources on the web, and a printout of the information will be made to take home.

Gourmet chefs from the Recreation and Park Department will coordinate a menu and cooking demonstrations of traditional foods, she said. There will also

be a resource table and demonstrations of programs geared toward older San Franciscans, like Zumba-Gold, and the 50+ Club Workshop, a workshop that helps seniors express life stories through movement and visual art.

Finally, participants will be treated to a sneak preview of the upcoming Harvey Milk Photo Center exhibition "Family," which celebrates the various forms of chosen and extended families.

Eureka Valley Rec Center is located at 100 Collingwood St. at 18th Street. For more information, call 415-831-6810.

Final Noe Courts Meeting

Final plans for a remodeled Noe Courts will be presented Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at St. Philip's Church parish hall, 725 Diamond St.

Feedback at two prior meetings indicated neighbors were willing to sacrifice the tiny park's tennis court to create a larger area to be divided between a basketball court, a de facto dog run, and a cleaner patch of grass for picnics and sunning. (The children's playground will not be affected by the work.)

The money for the project comes from a 2008 bond measure and includes funds to update the old bathrooms at the park, located at the corner of 24th and Douglass streets.

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.

Behold Glen Canyon Park

Glen Canyon Park's remodeled playground and street entrance should be done by November, but work is far from over: three more projects affecting the 66.6-acre park are also under way.

Starting mid-month, 31 tagged eucalyptus and willow trees will be removed, having been assessed as having health or structural problems. The work is part of the \$1.4 million trail restoration project, which includes adding railings to steep paths, shoring up failing hillsides, and planting trees and bushes. Already two sets of wooden steps have made steep hillsides more accessible.

The park's new entrance will include a drop-off zone to pull traffic off of busy Elk Street, new tennis courts, and a larger play area. Even as officials rush to reopen the recreation center—now closed for heating and bathroom upgrades that are part of the current \$5.8 million project—they have created plans for a comprehensive remodel of the 1930s-era building.

Drawing on priorities outlined at previous community meetings, the \$12 million remodel calls for an additional 4,500 square feet of indoor space.

A wing with a multipurpose room, storage and bathrooms would be added off the east corner of the building, and two classrooms and a teaching kitchen would be added along the building's west edge. An entry plaza off the new playground would lead to two more bathrooms in the building. The proposal includes adding bleachers to the north side of the building. The auditorium would gain a climbing wall, a kitchenette, and a deck.

Construction is estimated to start in spring of 2015 and end by fall of 2016.

Finally, trees in Glen Canyon were evaluated as part of a citywide Capital Forestry Program, but the removal, pruning, and replanting haven't been scheduled yet, said Karen Mauney-Brodek,

"The department will reach out to the neighborhood once the work is planned," she said.

For more information, visit www.sfredpark.org, click on Capital Projects and search for "Glen."

Castleman's Latest Caper

Noe Valley writer Michael Castleman has set former journalist Ed Rosenberg off on another murder case—that is, if his amateur sleuth can lay off the reefer long enough to keep his wits about him.

In *Killer Weed*, the fourth book in Castleman's mystery series, Rosenberg investigates two homicides: a cold case from 1968 involving a small-time dope pusher shot to death in Golden Gate Park, and a present-day fatal shooting of a candidate for mayor.

The story, says Castleman, unlocks "what really happened" during four decades of marijuana commerce in America.

"A great deal of what has been written about the [1960s] has been written by people with rose-colored glasses—peace, love, and everything is groovy," says Castleman, 63. "The actual truth is much more gritty."

The novel, due out from MacAdam/Cage this month, is also an argument for the decriminalization of marijuana.

"I'm 100 percent in favor of legalization," says Castleman, the author of more than a dozen nonfiction books on health, sex, and alternative medicine.

Castleman, who writes from his Alvarado Street home, says *Killer Weed* will be available in Noe Valley at Phoenix Books, 3957 24th St.

You can also catch up with Castleman at a reading Sept. 20, 7 p.m., at Books Inc., 601 Van Ness Ave. For more events, see the book's website at www.killerweednovel.com.

—Corrie M. Anders

Retail Trucks in Noe?

Four parking spots near the intersection of 24th and Vicksburg streets could become home to retail trucks that sell everything from fashion to soaps, depending on how the city decides to regulate the latest mobile vending craze.

Though the trucks' proposed location in Noe Valley is just one idea of many, it has met opposition from members of the local business community.

Robert Roddick, president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, said his group opposes the concept because retail trucks would "unfairly" compete with storefront merchants and eliminate parking in a neighborhood already short on spaces. Furthermore, mobile entrepreneurs would not have to pay fees to the Noe Valley community benefit district nor incur costs associated with federal disability laws, he said.

Not so fast, said Regina Dick-Endrizzi, executive director of the city's small-business office. The proposed sites are only preliminary, she said.

"We're putting out some suggestions to see what the merchants' groups think of the concept," she said. "We picked some areas that were examples of where trucks could be parked, right off the commercial corridor and not be blocking regular commerce."

An official proposal is several months away, she said.

Dick-Endrizzi said the city began exploring regulation of retail trucks after several mobile fashion entrepreneurs launched operations in the city earlier this year. The rules could cover everything from banking, blood banks, and health care to dog-grooming trucks.

In July, the Board of Supervisors approved legislation that streamlined and tightened food truck operations.

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Hard Cash for Soft Stories

Come mid-September, about 6,300 San Francisco homeowners will be told they may have to spend thousands of dollars retrofitting their homes to comply with recent legislation intended to protect the city's housing in the event of a catastrophic earthquake.

The Mandatory Soft Story Retrofit Ordinance says wood homes built before 1978 with five or more residential units and two or more stories over an above-ground basement area will need to be retrofitted if they haven't been already.

"It was a very popular building style in the 1930s and '40s," said William Strawn, the Department of Building Inspections public affairs officer. "The ground floor might be a garage, for example."

These "soft-story" buildings are especially prone to collapse in an earthquake because they often have large openings in their perimeter walls and few interior partition walls to support the floors above.

The city estimates about half of these homeowners have already done the work and will be able to have a structural engineer sign off on it, thereby exempting them from further work.

The remaining homeowners will have between four and seven years to get the job done, depending on how many units they have.

The city has been talking to banks about helping owners get low-cost loans for the work, and it will host workshops about financing in the coming months. The estimated total can be anywhere from \$60,000 to \$130,000. Landlords can pass all the cost onto tenants, though tenants can apply for hardship exemptions.

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On 24th Street

Asked on Saturday, June 22, 2013, in front of Chase Bank at 24th and Noe streets:

What is your favorite store in Noe Valley at which you've never actually bought anything?



Diana Busheva, 20th Street: I visited Olive This Olive That on a wine tour and I really liked it, but I haven't had the chance to go back and buy something.



Karen Selmar, 25th Street: I like Common Scents—it's a special store and I am glad that it's here—but I have never bought anything there. I am not a soap and lotion type of person, but it's a great place for gifts. I'll buy something eventually.



Stacy and Ethan Nagel, Jersey Street: The refill store, Green 11, is interesting. I love the idea that it exists, but I never go in there. We don't really understand how it works, and it would be great to get a tour and for someone to explain the concept.



Kirstin Smart, Sanchez Street: Small Frys has really lovely children's clothes and toys and I love to browse around. I hate to say it, but it's a bit expensive, so I don't buy anything.



Laura Taylor, 28th Street: I have never bought anything from Rabat [24th and Noe]. I really like all the shoes they have, but every time I try them on they just don't fit right.



Matthew Pelter, Elizabeth Street: I've heard a lot of great things about the Cheese Company, but every time I've needed cheese I just buy it at a grocery store.



Sara Haber, 25th Street: I really appreciate Ambiance's window art, but I never buy anything in there. I am not really a boutique buyer; I'm more of a used clothes buyer.



Alex, Yvonne, Chris, and Austen Keene, Dolores Street: The Pressed Juicery has a cool interior and makes organic juices, but it's weird to go to a juice place that doesn't make the product on site.

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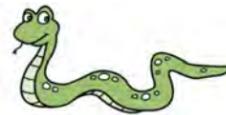
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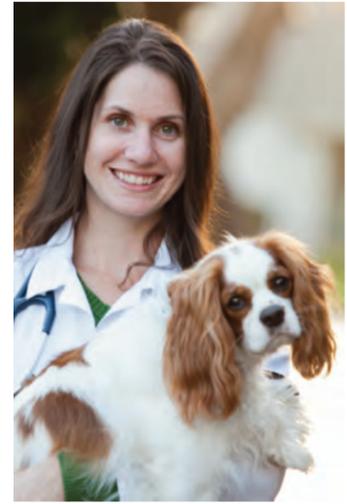
New Doctors Join Staff at Irving Pet Hospital

Dr. Peter Sepp is a general practitioner here at Irving Pet Hospital. He earned his undergraduate degree – a B.S. in Animal Science – at Cornell University in 2004. After graduating, he worked at the Westchester County SPCA Spay and Neuter Clinic in New York. In 2005, Dr. Sepp returned to his alma mater where he earned a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 2009. After graduating, he completed a one year small animal medicine and surgery rotating internship at Florida Veterinary Specialists, in Tampa Bay, Florida. Dr. Sepp entered general practice for two years in New York, until eventually the west coast was calling him. He has been a relief veterinarian since moving to the bay area in July 2012, and joined Irving Pet Hospital in April 2013.



Dr. Sepp's areas of professional interests include pain management and surgery. He is currently a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, a volunteer at the local SPCA spay and neuter clinic and an alumnus of the veterinary fraternity, Omega Tau Sigma. At home, Dr. Sepp has a domestic short hair cat, Sparrow (also a New York native). He enjoys hiking, skiing, traveling and recently took up French.

Dr. Robin Kelly received her B.S. in Biology with an emphasis in Zoology and a minor in English from San Diego State University in 2004. She made her way to Northern California and graduated from the U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in 2008. After graduating, she completed a one year internship at Bay Area Veterinary Specialists in San Leandro, CA. Dr. Kelly has been working as an emergency veterinarian at Pet Emergency and Specialty Hospitals in Ventura and Thousand Oaks, CA for the past 4 years until starting at Irving Pet Hospital this June.



Dr. Kelly's areas of professional interest include pain management, emergency and critical care, and ophthalmology. She is a member of the California Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, Ventura and Santa Barbara Veterinary Medical Association, and Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society.

At home, Dr. Kelly has a cat named Gabriella, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Molly, and a horse named Crimson. In her spare time, she enjoys riding and showing her horse, hiking, traveling, baking, and going to basketball and baseball games.



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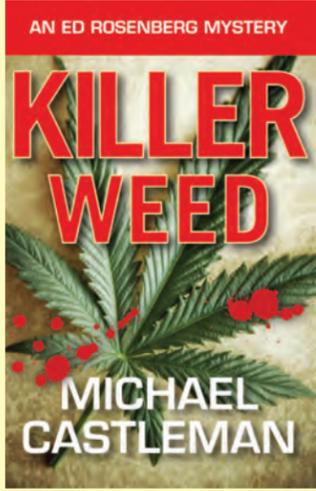


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Right: **Bella Cisneros** (left) and **Gwen Mahoney** read up on the news from back home while visiting the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Paris.

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The Cost of Living in Noe

Condos Sell Faster

By Corrie M. Anders

Buyers who couldn't quite afford a "detached" single-family home in Noe Valley—where prices have been climbing for months—turned their attention to condominiums this summer, hoping the cozier dwellings would also have more comfortable price tags.

Shoppers snatched up 25 condos during June and July—10 more than the number they'd purchased during the same period last year, according to sales data provided to the *Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate.

That didn't mean detached homes lacked for buyers in the neighborhood. Despite their eyebrow-raising prices, 26 Noe Valley homes closed escrow over the summer—one shy of the number sold during June-July 2012.

Indeed, the competition for single-family homes was so intense that flush buyers on two occasions paid more than \$500,000 over the sellers' asking price, lifting the "damage" above the \$3 million mark.

In July, the average price for a detached home was \$1.8 million, up 17.8 percent from a year ago. Though not cheap by any means, the typical condo, by contrast, had an average cost of \$1 million.

They Can Do the Math

Randall Kostick, Zephyr's general sales manager, said tech workers led the charge to buy condominiums, especially those along shuttle transit routes to Silicon Valley job centers.

"In most cases, someone who wants to live in Noe Valley and wants to be on the Google bus line are buying what's affordable—and they're buying up the condos," he said.

Kostick said fears of rising mortgage interest rates also propelled sales, of both houses and condos. Rates have risen to above 4 percent in recent weeks.



This 1930 California Mediterranean home on Dolores Street sold in July for \$3,250,000—\$600,000 more than the asking price. The dwelling featured four bedrooms and four baths, a veranda off the master suite, a wine cellar, a two-car garage, and views of the downtown cityscape. Photo by Corrie M. Anders

"Buyers are fearful that if they wait any longer, interest rates will continue to go up...and they won't be able to get as much for their money," he said.

Two- to four-unit buildings, which cost-conscious buyers often purchase as tenancies-in-common (TICs) but inhabit separately, also sold briskly. Five of these small buildings sold during the summer, compared to two sales one year ago.

Overbids of 10 percent or more continued as a way of life in Noe Valley, with some eager buyers making all cash offers and closing deals in a matter of days.

Tops of the Lots

The most expensive home in June sold for \$3.4 million after the buyers upped their offer to \$500,100 above the asking price. It closed escrow in 32 days. The property—a four-bedroom, 3.5-bath remodeled Victorian with 2,838 square feet and two-car parking—is located in the 3900 block of 25th Street between Church and Sanchez streets.

In July, the costliest residence was a 1930 Spanish-style, four-bedroom, four-bath jewel in the 1100 block of Dolores Street between 24th and 25th streets. Buyers paid \$3,250,000 for the 3,485-square-foot home, which boasted a master bedroom suite with veranda, downtown views, two garages, and a wine

cellar. The house sold in six days at exactly \$600,000 over the asking price.

The choicest condos also fetched top dollar. In June, buyers paid \$1,425,000 for a two-bedroom, two-bath residence in the 500 block of Diamond Street. Located in a modern 10-year-old building between 22nd and 23rd streets, the 1,853-square-foot dwelling was on the market for 31 days.

The next month, a \$300,000 overbid secured keys in 54 days to a three-bedroom, two-bath condo on the top floor of a two-unit building in the 3700 block of Cesar Chavez Street, between Guerrero and Dolores streets. The final price for the 1,636-square-foot space was \$1,495,000.

In Other Real Estate News

Twitter co-founder Evan Williams is

no longer a Noe Valley resident—we think. Last month, he sold his Duncan Street home (near Church Street). The five-bedroom, 5.5-bath home commanded \$3.2 million—an impressive \$205,000 more than the asking price.

Eric Turner, who listed the property for McGuire Real Estate, said Williams' showcase home at 313 Duncan attracted "multiple offers." Williams and his wife, Sara, purchased the property in 2009 for \$2.4 million. They preserved the building's 1880s Victorian façade but extensively remodeled its interior, creating a lofty three-level living space with a rear garden and guesthouse.

No word on a new aviary for Williams, who left his Twitter CEO post in 2010 and last year co-founded Medium, an online publishing company.

Take That, Pacific Heights

According to Paragon Real Estate Group, in the first half of 2013 more luxury homes were sold in the geographical area Noe Valley-Castro-Cole Valley than in any other part of the city.

After conducting its own survey, Paragon reported in July that 52 homes in the \$2 million to \$5 million range were sold in the three neighborhoods from January to June.

Paragon did not break out sales for each specific location. However, it noted that the Noe-Castro-Cole Valley sales volume topped that of the Presidio-Pacific Heights-Marina area, which had 43 sales in the first six months of 2013.

Among the reasons for the high sales in Noe Valley et al., observed Paragon analyst Patrick Carlisle, was "the huge local increase in high-tech wealth, an increase in the number of highly affluent foreign buyers,...and the large rebound in stock market values in recent years." ■

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range August 2013	Average August 2013	Average June 2013	Average August 2012
Studio	6	\$1,500 – \$2,100	\$1,782 / mo.	\$1,828 / mo.	\$1,830 / mo.
1-bdrm	20	\$2,300 – \$4,500	\$2,761 / mo.	\$2,851 / mo.	\$2,463 / mo.
2-bdrm	22	\$2,800 – \$8,950	\$4,754 / mo.	\$4,025 / mo.	\$3,435 / mo.
3-bdrm	22	\$4,300 – \$9,975	\$5,810 / mo.	\$5,218 / mo.	\$4,818 / mo.
4+-bdrm	4	\$5,850 – \$9,800	\$7,913 / mo.	\$9,289 / mo.	\$8,812 / mo.

** This survey is based on a sample of 74 Noe Valley apartment listings appearing on Craigslist.org from Aug. 5 to 18, 2013. NVV 9/2013

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						
July 2013	11	\$888,000	\$3,250,000	\$1,822,818	19	109%
June 2013	15	\$800,000	\$3,400,000	\$1,624,047	26	113%
May 2013	9	\$1,198,000	\$3,525,000	\$1,903,889	30	112%
July 2012	13	\$908,000	\$2,260,000	\$1,548,154	29	105%
June 2012	14	\$710,000	\$3,550,000	\$1,512,931	28	109%
Condominiums						
July 2013	17	\$575,000	\$1,405,000	\$1,031,473	31	110%
June 2013	8	\$776,000	\$1,425,000	\$1,055,125	23	112%
May 2013	12	\$752,500	\$1,307,000	\$969,792	42	109%
July 2012	7	\$825,000	\$1,479,000	\$1,003,571	33	103%
June 2012	8	\$539,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,128,500	33	103%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
July 2013	0	—	—	—	—	—
June 2013	5	\$1,150,000	\$2,650,000	\$1,620,400	31	111%
May 2013	2	\$1,225,000	\$1,680,000	\$1,452,500	19	108%
July 2012	1	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	26	113%
June 2012	1	\$679,400	\$679,400	\$679,400	402	113%
5+ unit buildings						
July 2013	0	—	—	—	—	—
June 2013	0	—	—	—	—	—
May 2013	0	—	—	—	—	—
July 2012	0	—	—	—	—	—
June 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. NVV 9/2013

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Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services www.sfgov.org/mons 415-554-7111
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POLICE BEAT

REPORT FROM MISSION STATION

The Noe Valley Voice thanks Officer Lorraine Lombardo for this month's log of incidents reported to Mission Police Station in June and July 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.

June 1, 8:50 p.m., 400 block of Elizabeth, Aggravated Assault, Battery: Officer Buckley responded to a call and found three neighbors holding down a suspect. The neighbors told police the suspect had interrupted a block party several times by yelling and calling people names. During the argument he grabbed a woman and threw her into the street, causing her to land on her back and hit her head. The neighbors said the suspect punched one of them in the face several times as they tried to detain him. The woman was taken to San Francisco General Hospital by ambulance. Police booked the suspect. #130452670

June 1, 4:20-5:40 p.m., 1000 block of Dolores, Burglary: While a resident slept on the couch in her living room, someone broke in through a slightly open bedroom window and stole \$1,125 worth of items. The resident did not hear or see the person, as the washing machine was on while she napped. Among items taken were a Canon camera, a two-tone Michael Kors watch, a gold Club Monaco spear bracelet, and numerous gold and silver rings and necklaces. #130459002

June 1-6, 10 p.m.-8 a.m., 1300 block of Church, Burglary: A resident discovered her bicycle stolen from a downstairs hallway shared with a separate residence. Bike wheels were also stolen from the garage. Taken was a yellow Bridgestone bike valued at \$2,000 and Shimano black road-size wheels valued at \$600. #130467516

June 7-8, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 a.m., 3900 block of 24th, Malicious Mischief, Vandalism: A business owner received a phone call from a maintenance man reporting the front window broken. The manager and police responded and found a damaged front window, valued at \$2,000. Nothing appeared to be taken from the business. #130471432

June 8, 2:14 p.m., 24th and Sanchez, Men-

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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Newsletter:

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Capt. Robert Moser: 558-5400
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Ingleside Station: 404-4000
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tal Health Detention: Responding to calls of a naked man running around Noe Valley and attempting to enter houses and shops along 24th Street, Officer Lombardo, later assisted by Officers Barry and Joshua, handcuffed and detained a naked man after he'd run into the back room of the 24th Street Cheese Company. The man appeared disheveled and disoriented and said he believed he was on Market Street. Asked if he'd eaten, he told officers that his last meal was the night before, out of a dumpster. The officers determined that the man was a danger to others, unable to care for himself, and gravely disabled due to a mental disorder. They transported him to San Francisco General Hospital for psychiatric evaluation. #130472634

June 8, 3:21 p.m., 300 block of Vicksburg, Theft: A man entered a shop and engaged the manager in conversation about products for sale. When the manager left the front counter to get an item from the rear of the store, the man stole her iPhone, valued at \$650, from the rear counter. A surveillance video showed him placing the phone in a newspaper he was carrying. The suspect was described as a black male, 6 feet tall, 200 pounds, wearing a velvet-brown skullcap with white embroidered trim and a black T-shirt that said, "I stand on the right side of the story" in big white letters. He was wearing a dark jacket, dark beaded necklace, and big glasses with dark rims. #130576361

June 8, 12:45 p.m., 3900 block of 24th, Theft: A woman went into the grocery store with her shopping bag. She placed a \$70 bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon, a \$13 bottle of Presto Prosecco, cherries, juice, and tea in her bag and exited the store through the front door, making no attempt to stop and pay. She was detained by security and cited by police. #130472151

June 9-10, 11 p.m.-4:30 p.m., 3900 block of 23rd, Theft: A resident discovered her bicycle stolen from a common garage area. She was unsure whether the bike had been locked, and she reported that the garage door was occasionally left open. The bike was a "vintage" 52-inch Bianchi with a purple frame, white pedals, and teal drop-down handlebars. It was valued at \$500. #130478143

June 15-16, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 a.m., 300 block of Alvarado, Burglary: A resident discovered 125 units of Dr. Morad skincare products, each worth \$78, stolen from boxes in her secured garage. Total loss was \$9,750. #130494832

June 17, 6 p.m., 3900 block of 24th, Domestic Violence/Malicious Mischief: A divorced couple sharing joint custody of their children met in the Whole Foods parking lot to transfer the children from one parent's vehicle to the other's. During the transfer, one parent became intimidating, aggressive, and hostile and yelled at the other parent in front of their children. The victim parent used her cell phone to record the suspect parent's behavior. The suspect swung at the victim, knocking her iPhone out of her hand and onto the pavement several vehicles away. The suspect found the phone, picked it up, and slammed it on the ground, yelling, "Here's your phone, go ahead and call the police!" The suspect drove off with the children crying and screaming in her vehicle. The victim picked up her damaged phone and drove to Mission Station. An Emergency Protective Order was issued by a judge. Later, the suspect was found and booked. The victim took custody of the children. #130494841

June 20-21, 11 a.m.-7:30 a.m., 4000 block of 23rd, Theft from a Building: A resident parked his unlocked bicycle in the shared garage of his flat. When he returned, the bike was missing. Taken was a black BMC Mountain Bike Speedfox SF02 27-speed, #H0511SFY, valued at \$2,000. #130509215

June 26, 1:57-2:08 a.m., 4100 block of 24th, Burglary: An alarm call and video revealed that a black male, 5'8", 150 pounds, 30 to 40 years old, with a moustache/beard, wearing a dark jacket with light-colored reflective strips down the arm, had entered through an unlocked window at the rear of a restaurant. The suspect attempted to open the cash register and took cash attached to a clipboard. #130523293

July 1, 4 p.m., 4000 block of 24th, Grand Theft: A resident of Oakland had her \$1,500 company computer stolen after she left it on her vehicle to go across the street to look for her keys. #136124702

July 3, 11:30 a.m., first block of Hill Street,

Dog Bite: A man was bitten by a 5-year-old Labrador retriever mix. The man was entering a common back yard to his building when the dog lunged at him and bit him on the left thigh area. He notified the dog's owner but did not press charges. The dog was current with her vaccinations and shots and had no history of dog bites. Police advised the owner to quarantine the dog for 10 days. #130547099

July 21, 10:14 a.m., Church and Duncan, Aggravated Assault with Auto: A woman driving a stolen vehicle drove past another driver, then stopped a number of times in an attempt to get the victim to run into her. The victim drove past the suspect and stopped for a stop sign. The suspect sped up and rammed into the victim's vehicle, then fled from the scene. The suspect's vehicle was later found abandoned at 22nd and Fair Oaks streets. The distraught victim complained of neck pain but refused treatment from fire department personnel. #130599341

July 22-24, 8 a.m., 1100 block of Dolores, Burglary: Residents locked all doors and windows, then went on vacation. When the couple returned, they found their living room window open and slightly off its hinges. A MacBook Air computer valued at \$1,400 was taken. Its cords were hanging on the window sill. #130611989

July 26-27, 5 p.m., Grand View and Elizabeth, Theft from Locked Vehicle: Someone smashed the windshield of a parked vehicle and took numerous items from the trunk, including an iPad valued at \$1,000, a Dell laptop computer valued at \$1,200, and samples of cardiovascular medical devices valued at \$20,000. #130622259

July 26, 10:51-10:53 a.m., 3900 block of 24th, Dog Bite: A 6-year-old girl was bitten by a dog after her mother told her not to go near the dog, which was tied up to a wall outside Whole Foods Market. The mother had just entered the store when she heard her daughter scream, went back outside, and found her with a one-inch bite wound to her face and blood coming from her mouth. Her front tooth was loose and bleeding. The girl pointed to the black dog and said, "That dog

bit me." The girl was taken by ambulance to SFGH for treatment. The dog was properly licensed and had all of its shots. The owner was cited and told to quarantine his dog for at least 10 days. #130615204

Note: Two stolen vehicles were recovered in Noe Valley in June. Four vehicles were stolen in Noe Valley and recovered in June and July.

REPORT FROM INGLESIDE STATION

The Ingleside police blotter covers incidents reported June 1 to July 31 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.

June 1, 12:05 p.m.: 400 block of Day, Burglary: Officer Padilla was sent to the 400 block of Day Street to investigate a physical attack on a citizen. While en route, Police Dispatch advised that there was a report of a burglary next door to the reportee's address and that the calls were related. When Padilla arrived on scene, the victim said he was at a construction site next door to his home when he noticed a man exiting his garage with his bike. When he asked the man what he was doing with his bike, the suspect told him, "The guy inside told me I could have it." The suspect immediately let go of the bike and the victim thought he was going to run away. That's when the homeowner grabbed the victim by his backpack strap in an attempt to prevent him from leaving before police arrived. A struggle ensued, with the homeowner falling to the ground and scraping his elbows and knees before the suspect escaped. Officer Padilla broadcast a description of the suspect. Officers Rueca and Clifford detained a

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suspect matching the description on the 1500 block of Dolores, and the burglary victim was brought to the Dolores Street address. The victim positively identified the suspect as the man who had taken the bike from his home. The suspect was booked at the Hall of Justice for burglary and assault. #130451343

June 4, 9 p.m., 500 block of Duncan, Stolen Vehicle

June 7, 8:30 a.m., 300 block of 27th, Stolen Motorcycle

June 7, 2 p.m., 500 block of 28th, Stolen Vehicle

June 7, 2 p.m., 500 block of 28th, Burglary

June 8, 10:25 p.m., 100 block of Day, Aggravated Assault: Officers McMilton and Peregrina responded to an aggravated assault. They found a victim who was bleeding profusely from the head area, and immediately summoned an ambulance. The reportee was on scene and told the officers that he was leaving his home when he saw a male hitting the victim over the head several times with a baseball bat. The victim then fell to the ground and the reportee called police. The suspect fled toward Church Street, but the witness said he would not be able to identify him. The officers spoke with the victim, who said he could not recall the events clearly. He told them he was walking down the street and saw the suspect pass him, but did not think anything of it. Suddenly, he said, he was hit from behind, but did not know with what. He told the officers he would be unable to recognize the suspect if he saw him again. The officers took pictures of the victim's injuries and accompanied the ambulance to the hospital. #130473165

June 8, 8:30 a.m., 100 block of 27th, Stolen Vehicle

June 8, 9:30 a.m., 500 block of 27th, Theft from Building

June 8, 10 a.m., 500 block of 27th, Theft from Building

June 9, 8:30 a.m., 100 block of 27th, Burglary

June 10, 6:30 p.m., 900 block of Duncan, Auto Boost

June 13, 2 a.m., 200 block of 30th, Auto Boost

June 14, 12:37 a.m., 100 block of 28th, Robbery: Officers Chew and Lustenberger responded to a report of a woman who was assaulted and robbed while walking home. When they arrived, the victim told the officers she was walking westbound on 28th near Dolores and Church streets when she noticed a dark-colored SUV pass by. Suddenly, the vehicle stopped and its driver approached her and began pulling her purse from her shoulder. The victim struggled to hold on to her purse, while screaming for help. The suspect then pushed her to the ground yelling, "Give me your purse!" while stomping on her neck. The victim released her hold on the purse; the suspect ran to his vehicle and sped away. A resident of a nearby building, hearing the commotion, ran out to assist the victim and called police. The victim was treated at the scene for her injuries. She did not believe she could recognize the suspect. Officers took pictures of her injuries, which they booked as evidence. #130488506

June 14, 5 a.m., 400 block of 28th, Burglary

June 14, 1 p.m., 900 block of San Jose Ave., Threats

June 18, 5 p.m., 300 block of 29th, Stolen Vehicle

June 18, 7:15 p.m., 1600 block of Sanchez, Vandalism

June 20, 11:30 p.m., 300 block of 29th, Stolen Property: Officers Lustenberger and Chew were sent to an address on 29th Street to investigate a car burglary. Dispatch said the suspect was a man with a black baseball hat, black hooded sweatshirt, and light-colored pants who was riding a white bicycle.

On the way to the scene, the officers spotted a suspect matching the description of the burglar at 29th and Dolores. The officers stopped and questioned the man, who admitted he was on parole, with a "search provision." A computer check confirmed those facts, and a search of the suspect turned up a car stereo hidden in his waistband under his sweatshirt. The stereo was returned to the vehicle owner. The suspect was taken to Ingleside Station and booked for possession of stolen property and the parole violation. #130508546

June 20, 4 p.m., 400 block of 29th, Auto Boost

June 22, 7 p.m., 400 block of Day, Burglary

June 25, 9:45 p.m., 1700 block of Diamond, Burglary: Officer Ma and several other Ingleside officers, including Officer Jimenez and his police dog, responded to a possible burglary in progress. As the officers approached, they could hear the sound of metal tools clicking in a garage area where the lights were off. The garage door was slightly ajar and the officers knocked and asked the subjects inside to open the garage and step outside. The suspects ignored their commands, and the police dog was sent inside, where she located the two suspects. The suspects were detained pending further investigation. The officers met with the 911 caller, who told them that she had noticed a male subject crawling under the garage door and that he had remained inside with the lights off. She thought this behavior odd and called police. The officers spoke with the detainees, and both admitted they did not reside at the premises. They were transported to Ingleside Station and booked at the instruction of Sgt. Smith. Recovered at the scene were two stolen vehicles, which were towed to Auto Return. Officers took pictures of the scene, the vehicles, and the suspects' clothing, which were booked as evidence. #130520051

June 27, 8:15 p.m., first block of 28th, Stolen Vehicle

June 28, 9:30 p.m., 200 block of 28th, Theft from Building

June 30, 3:11 a.m., Sanchez at 30th, Stolen Motorcycle

June 30, 3:15 p.m., 28th and Church, Hit-

and-Run

July 1, 10 p.m., 1700 block of Church, Burglary

July 2, 2 a.m., 1700 block of Sanchez, Auto Boost

July 4, 7 p.m., 1600 block of Sanchez, Theft from Building

July 9, 8 p.m., 400 block of Valley, Stolen Vehicle

July 10, 1:56 p.m., 1800 block of Church, Battery

July 19, 10:30 p.m., 1700 block of Church, Burglary

July 20, 8:54 p.m., first block of 29th, Vandalism to Property

July 27, 5 a.m., 27th at Dolores, Robbery: Taraval Station Officers Gutierrez and McLaughlin were dispatched to a home on 19th Avenue to interview the victim of a robbery that occurred in Noe Valley. The victim told the officers she had met two people at a South of Market club the night before. She offered to give the man and woman, whom she didn't know, a ride to their car, which was parked at 27th and Dolores streets. She arrived at that intersection, parked, and helped the suspects carry items from her car to their car. When she went back to her car, the male suspect followed and, after reaching her vehicle, pushed her against her driver's door and took out a knife and threatened to cut her. The victim quickly ran away and so did the suspects, who got into their car and drove off. When the victim went back to her car, she noticed that her cell phone, wallet with credit cards, gym passes, and other ID were missing from the center console. #130618509

July 27, 9:22 p.m., 400 block of 29th, Theft from Building

July 29, 7:46 a.m., San Jose Ave. at 30th, Hit-and-Run

July 29, 7:30 p.m., Diamond Heights Blvd. at Duncan, Stolen Vehicle

July 29, 10:30 p.m., 600 block of San Jose Ave., Theft from Vehicle

July 30, 6:30 p.m., 1700 block of Dolores, Hit-and-Run

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SCHOOL BEAT

Schools Get Social With Fall Festivals

By Heather World

Schools across the neighborhood are celebrating the start of the year this month.

First up is **St. Paul's School**, which invites parish members and school alumnae to its Annual Family Picnic Sunday, Sept. 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Upper Noe Recreation Center, 295 Day St. To enjoy the games, activities, cotton candy, and grilled fare, buy the \$7 tickets in advance. Call Gina at 415-648-2055 for more information.

James Lick Middle School, 1220 Noe St., will host Loteria Night (Picture Bingo) Thursday, Sept. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. The traditional Mexican game is similar to bingo and can be played by young and old. Prizes include gift cards to local restaurants and games, books, and housewares.

Cards cost only \$1 because most of the fundraising comes from the sales of tamales, pozole, panuchos, and other Mexican food made by parents, said Danielle Uttley, the school's family liai-

son. The evening is set to the tune of music played by the school's salsa band, Chiles Verdes.

The school is looking for donations like unused gift cards. For more information, call 415-695-5675.

Glen Park Elementary, which is the neighborhood school for Noe Valleyans living south of 29th Street, will host its free fall carnival Saturday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be entertainment, kids activities, and food. A raffle and food sales will benefit the school, located at 151 Lippard St. at Bosworth.

The granddaddy festival happens over the weekend of Sept. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at **St. Philip School**, 725 Diamond St. Games, jumpy houses, food, and face-painting are set to the backdrop of the stage, which will feature the St. Philip's Tap Dancers, the Boy Scout Honor Guard, a school talent show, and a hot dog and pie eating contest, among other acts. The festival raises money for the school through both a silent auction and a raffle.

On Friday evening, Sept. 27, the school will host a dinner catered by Lucca Ravioli Co. Cocktails start at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Burn off the calories dancing to the deejay's playlist and bid on silent auction items. Tickets cost \$25; children and seniors pay \$15.

On Saturday, the eighth grade will host a Teen Alumni Dance for recent graduates from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For the compete festival lineup, visit www.saintphilipfestival.org. ■

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Photo submitted by parent Sarah Hudson

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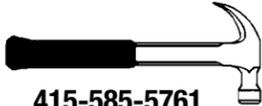
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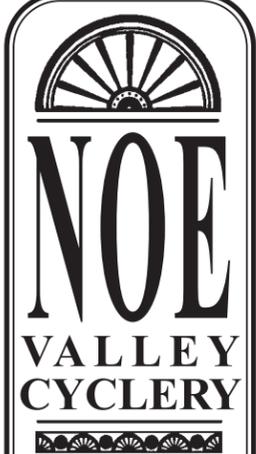
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SEPTEMBER 2013

Sept. 1: The Noe Valley Ministry hosts an OPEN HOUSE to showcase the progress of building renovations. 9-11 am. 1021 Sanchez. noevalleyministry.org.

Sept. 1 & 15: 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.

Sept. 1-29: The Glen Park Village FARMERS' MARKET is open Sundays, 10 am to 2 pm. Glen Park BART parking lot, Bosworth and Arlington.

Sept. 1-29: 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.

Sept. 1-30: 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.

Sept. 1-Oct. 2: Creativity Explored exhibits "Sideshow," a group show featuring interpretations of CIRCUS ART. Mon & Tues., 10 am-3 pm; Wed.-Fri., 10 am-7 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

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

Sept. 2-30: Noe Valley OVER-EATERS Anonymous meets Mon.-Sat., 7 am, at St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. oasf.org.

Sept. 2-30: 30th Street SENIOR CENTER serves lunches weekdays and Saturdays. Noon and 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

Sept. 2-30: Larkin Street Youth Services gives free HIV TESTING for youth 24 and under. Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. 1800 Market. 673-0911; sfcenter.org.

Sept. 3, 10, 17, & 24: The Eureka Valley Library offers TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 16th & Market. 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Sept. 3-24: A Tuesday PUPPY SOCIAL for dogs 6 months and younger offers canine interaction. 7-8 pm. K9 Scrub Club, 1734 Church. Online registration required: k9scrubclub.com.

Sept. 3 & Oct. 1: The de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park has FREE ADMISSION on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

Sept. 4, 11, 18 & 25: 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.

Sept. 4-25: Chris Sequeira conducts free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1-3 pm at the Bernal Heights Rec Center, 500 Moultrie. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.

Sept. 4-25: The Castro Farmers' Market has fresh PRODUCE on Wednesdays. 4-8 pm. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

Sept. 4-25: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

Sept. 4 & Oct. 2: The GLBT HISTORY MUSEUM has a free day on the first Wednesday of the month. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107.

Sept. 5-26: Spring PILATES AND YOGA offers "Meditation and Mindful Movement" Thursdays, 7:15 to 8:30 am. 1414 Castro, suite D. 641-9633; somasense.com.

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

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

Sept. 5 & 19: 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.

Sept. 5, 12 & 19: The Noe Valley Library hosts TODDLER TALES, featuring books, rhymes, music and movement for ages 18 to 36 months with their caregivers. 10:15 & 11 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Sept. 5-26: Paxton Gate offers a Thursday STORY TIME at its Curiosities for Kids location. Noon-1 pm. 766 Valencia. 252-9990.

Sept. 6: The Rotunda Dance Series at City Hall sponsors a performance of folk dances from Peru by Asociación Cultural Kanchis. Noon. 920-9181; dancersgroup.org.

Sept. 6-27: 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.

Sept. 6-27: 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.

Sept. 6-27: Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday-night MUSIC and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936; doloresparkcafe.org.

Sept. 7: The final NOE COURTS Community Meeting reviews park improvement plans. 10:30-noon. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. For information, call Rec and Park project manager Marvin Yee, 581-2541; uee@sfgov.org.

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

Sept. 7: Brigit Binns introduces *The New WINE COUNTRY Cookbook*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Sept. 7: Reserve a spot at Puppy Dog Tales and READ books alongside a calm friendly dog. 4-5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Sept. 7-28: The Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you fresh produce and live musicians from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

Sept. 7-Oct. 8: ARTZONE 461 Gallery exhibits artwork by plein air painter Nicholas Coley. Wed.-Sun., noon-6 pm. 461 Valencia. 441-8680; artzone461.com.

Sept. 8: St. Paul's Annual FAMILY PICNIC for parishioners and school alumnae runs from 11:30 am to 4 pm, at the Upper Noe Rec Center, 295 Day. 648-2055.

Sept. 8: Friends of Noe Valley hosts MUSIC IN THE PARK, with refreshments and a bouncy house. 1-5 pm. Noe Valley Town Square. 24th near Sanchez.

Sept. 8: SF OPERA in the Park features highlights from the upcoming season. 1:30-4 pm. Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park.

Sept. 8: TANGO No. 9 performs a free concert in Union Square, from 2 to 4 pm. tango9.com.

Sept. 9: Suhail Ravidi reads from his science fiction novel, *TJ & Tosca: A Field Guide for Life After Western Culture*, at the ODD MONDAYS

series. 6 pm; no-host supper, 5 pm (RSVP jlsender@webtv.net). Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. 821-2090; oddmondays.com.

Sept. 10: LITQUAKE hosts a fundraiser, "An Intimate Evening with Khaled Hosseini." 6 pm. Held at a private Cole Valley home; address to ticket holders. 440-4177; litquake.org.

Sept. 10: The SF Museum and Historical Society hosts a lecture by Laura Ackley, "Fair Fight: The Battle for the 1915 EXPOSITION." 7 pm. Mission and Fifth. sfhistory.org.

Sept. 11: The Great Books discussion group talks about Plato's *Crito*. 6:15-8:15 pm. 451 Jersey. 387-2125.

Sept. 12: The LGBT SENIOR discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

Sept. 12: The SF Museum and Historical Society offers tours of the OLD MINT. 1 pm. Meet on the northeast side of the Mint Building, in Mint Plaza, off Fifth Street. Reservations required: 537-1105, ext. 100; rsvp@sfhistory.org.

Sept. 12, 19, 26 & Oct. 3: UC Berkeley Extension offers a class, "From Twain to Litquake: A Guide to LITERARY SAN FRANCISCO." 6:30-8:30 pm. UCB Art & Design Center, Room 212, 95 Third. 284-1081; extension.berkeley.edu.

Sept. 13: The Noe Valley Library hosts a screening of the FILM *The Other Boleyn Girl* (starring Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson). 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Sept. 14: The members of LADY-BUG GARDENERS dig into their work at Upper Noe Rec Center from 9 am to noon; volunteers of all ages welcome. 295 Day. 970-8061; noevalleyrecenter.com.

Sept. 14: The fifth annual ATHEIST FILM FESTIVAL screens at the Roxie Theater, 3117 16th. For a schedule: sfathiestfilmfestival.org.



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Sept. 15: This is the application deadline for artists to exhibit in the Noe Valley ARTS FESTIVAL on Oct. 26. 335-3841; friendsofnoevalley.com/2013/artists-festival-accepting-applications-now

Sept. 15: 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.

Sept. 15: Katie Sullivan Morford helps parents pack the *Best Lunchbox Ever*, a book of recipes for kids' lunches. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Sept. 15-Oct. 27: The Amazing BUBBLE Man performs Sundays at the Marsh. 11 am. 1062 Valencia. 271-3256; themarsh.org.

Sept. 16: Giuliano Bugiatti discusses *Maremma: The Wild West of TUSCANY*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Sept. 16: The Porchlight STORYTELLING Series features stories of leaving, in "Exit Interview: Don't Let the Door Hit You on the Ass." 8 pm. Verdi Club, 2424 Mariposa. porchlightsf.com.

Sept. 17: Joe Yonan implores *Eat Your VEGETABLES: Bold Recipes for the Single Cook*. 6:30-7:30 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Sept. 18: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group's choice is *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.



Noe Valley author Wendy Bertrand speaks on Sept. 19 at Phoenix Books.

Sept. 18-Oct. 23: GEOFF HOYLE brings his one-man show *Geezer* back to the Marsh. Wed. & Thurs., 8 pm; Sat., 8:30 pm. 1062 Valencia. 271-3256; themarsh.org.

Sept. 19: KALW Radio 91.7 hosts "The Sights and Sounds of BAYVIEW," featuring live multimedia storytelling. 5:30-9 pm. Bayview Opera House, 4705 Newcomb. sfartscommission.org.

Sept. 19: Bruce Kraig introduces *Man Bites Dog: HOT DOG CULTURE in America*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Sept. 19: Author/architect Wendy Bertrand discusses *Enamored With Place: As Woman + As Architect*. 6:30 pm. Phoenix Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; wendybertrand.com.

Sept. 20: Gallery of Jewels hosts a trunk show of JEWELRY by Dahlia Kanner. 3-8 pm. 4089 24th. 285-0626; dahliakannerstudio.com.

Sept. 20: Allison Arevado and Erin Wade discuss *THE MAC AND CHEESE Cookbook*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Sept. 21: Rocket DOG RESCUE brings good dogs to a mobile adoption at Muddpuppys, 536 Castro. 1-5 pm. rocketdogrescue.org.

Sept. 21: OPERA for the People features Larry Oppenheim's talk and video clips from *Mephistopheles* by Arrigo Boito. 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Sept. 21: Taylor Boetticher introduces *In the CHARCUTERIE*, a book about making sausage. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Sept. 21: The Glen Park Library hosts "YIDISHKAYT 101: An Introduction to Secular Jewish Culture." 3-4 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Sept. 22: The American Foundation for SUICIDE PREVENTION leads a walk beginning 9 am at Lake Merced. 707-968-7563; outofthedarkness.org.

Sept. 22: Grady Henrix and Amanda Cohen discuss *DIRT CANDY*, recipes from the "upstart" New York City vegetarian restaurant. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Sept. 23: Writers Leslie Simon and Thea Matthews discuss "Writing Voices: Righting CCSF's Future" at the ODD MONDAYS series. 6 pm; no-host supper, 5 pm (RSVP jlsender@webtv.net). Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th. 821-2090; oddmondays.com.

Sept. 23: Domenica Marchetti talks about *The Glorious VEGETABLES OF ITALY*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Sept. 24: Shawn Clover hosts "Fade to 1906" at the monthly meeting of

the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

Sept. 25: The Noe Valley MERCHANTS and Professionals Association meets for breakfast at 10 am at Noe's Nest, 1257 Guerrero; 821-0751. 641-8687; noevalleymerchants.com.

Sept. 25: Joyce Goldstein introduces *Inside the California FOOD Revolution*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Sept. 25-29: Friends of the SF Library hosts its 49th annual BIG BOOK SALE at the Festival Pavilion in Fort Mason. 10 am-6 pm. friendssfpl.org.

Sept. 26: FILMS for preschoolers will be screened from 10:15 to 10:45 am, and from 11 to 11:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Sept. 26: The Bookends middle-reader BOOK CLUB features *Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aikens. 5 pm. Phoenix Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; tschevitz@yahoo.com.

Sept. 26: LOTERIA NIGHT at James Lick Middle School offers Mexican food and music by the school's salsa band. 6-8 pm. 1220 Noe. 695-5675.

Sept. 27: The group Fair Oaks Neighbors hosts a BLOCK PARTY, "Rally in the Alley." 5:30-8 pm. Ames Alley, between 22nd and 23rd. fairoaks-sf.org/greenalleys.

Sept. 28: The Older Women's League (OWL) sponsors a panel discussion on the 2013 ballot initiatives. 10 am-noon. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1187 Franklin. 989-4422; owlsf.org.

Sept. 28: The free FALL CARNIVAL at Glen Park School features homemade tamales and barbecue, scrap art making, jumpy houses, and a hula hoop contest. 11 am-3 pm. 151 Lippard at Bosworth.

Sept. 28: A GRANDPARENTS DAY celebration at the Eureka Valley Rec Center features genealogical web searches. 1-4 pm. 100 Collingwood. 831-6810.

Sept. 28: The Glen Park Library hosts a screening of the SCI-FI FILM *Existenz*, featuring Jennifer Jason Leigh and Jude Law. 3-5 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Sept. 27-29: St. Philip's FESTIVAL starts with a Friday dinner and silent auction (7 pm), continues with a teen alumni dance Saturday (7-10 pm), and features games and fun both weekend days, from 10 am to 6 pm. saintphilipfestival.org.

Sept. 29: EdMatch's second annual Tech Savvy SCAVENGER HUNT starts at noon at Civic Center. supportpublicschools.eventbrite.com/.

Sept. 29: The first annual VICTORIAN HOME Trade Show, sponsored by the Victorian Alliance, offers vendors and lectures by experts in restoration and decoration. Fort Mason. 474-4435; victorianhometradeshow.com.

Oct. 6: Bethany United Methodist Church will do a BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, 10:45 am. 1270 Sanchez at Clipper. 647-8393.

October On Its Way

The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the **October 2013** issue, distributed the first week of October. The deadline for items is **Sept. 15**. You may email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com or write Calendar, *Noe Valley Voice*, P.O. Box 460249, SF, CA 94146. Events in Noe Valley receive priority. Thank you.



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In conversation with PETER STEIN

WED OCT 16 MARC MARON
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MON OCT 28 ZADIE SMITH
NW + On Beauty + *White Teeth*
In conversation with STEVEN WINN

THURS JAN 9 RACHEL KUSHNER
The Flamethrowers + *Telex From Cuba*
In conversation with VENDELA VIDA

SPECIAL EVENTS

MON NOV 4 AUGUST KLEINZAHLER
Poet + Essayist + *The Hotel Oneira*

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Photographer + Publisher + *Little Brown Mushroom*
In conversation with STEVEN WINN

MON NOV 25 ANJELICA HUSTON
Prizzi's Honor + *The Grifters* + *The Royal Tenenbaums*
New Memoir: *A Story Lately Told*
Film clips & conversation with STEVEN WINN

CULTURAL STUDIES

THURS SEPT 12 MARINA ABRAMOVIĆ
The Artist Is Present + *Rhythm 0*
In conversation with LAWRENCE RINDER

THURS SEPT 26 LINDA RONSTADT
Heart Like A Wheel + *Simple Dreams: A Musical Memoir*
In conversation with ROY EISENHARDT

MON OCT 7 RICHARD DAWKINS
An Appetite for Wonder + *The Selfish Gene*
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You Are Not a Gadget + *Who Owns The Future?*
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WED NOV 6 BILLY COLLINS
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TUES OCT 8 CHRISTOPHER GUEST
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Fall Into Upper Noe Rec Center

Skateboarding for tweens, more tot tennis, and an extra boot camp class on Saturday mornings are among the new classes at Upper Noe this fall. Because the fall session is long, it is divided into two terms, with most classes running both terms. Registration can be done in person at any recreation center, McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park, or online at www.sfreconline.org.

You can drop in for volleyball Wednesdays or women's futsal Fridays, both from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For the most up-to-date 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 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

Tennis (7-12 yrs old)	Mon., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Indoor Soccer (30-42 months)	Tues., 10-11 a.m.
Simply Fun (10 months-1 yr old)	Tues., 10-11:30 a.m.
Petite Bakers (3-6 yrs old)	Tues., 10:15-11:45 a.m.
Movin' & Groovin' (2-3 yrs old)	Tues., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Indoor Soccer (5-8 yrs old)	Tues., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Tennis (8-13 yrs old)	Tues., 3:30-5 p.m.
Combat Athletics (8-15 yrs old)	Tues., 4-5 p.m.
Indoor Soccer (9-12 yrs old)	Tues., 4:30-5:30 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.
Baby and Me (18-36 mths)	Wed., 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Tot Tennis (4-5 yrs old)	Wed., 10:30-11 a.m.
Tot Tennis (4-5 yrs old)	Wed., 11-11:30 a.m.
Tot Tennis (4-5 yrs old)	Wed., 11:30-noon
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.
Kickboxing (adult)	Wed., 5:30-7 p.m.
Food in Jars (adult)	Wed., 6:30-8 p.m.
Pastry Arts (adult)	Wed., 6-8 p.m.
Tennis (adult beginner)	Wed., 6:30-8 p.m.
Indoor Soccer (30-42 months)	Thurs., 10-11 a.m.
Simply Fun (10 months-3 yrs old)	Thurs., 10-11:30 a.m.
Movin' & Groovin' (2-3 yrs old)	Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tennis (adult intermediate)	Thurs., noon-1:30 p.m.
Argentine Tango, advanced (55+)	Thurs., 2-4 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.
So You Think You Can Act (8-11 yrs old)	Fri., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Skateboarding (6-13 yrs old)	Fri., 4:30-6 p.m.
Combat Athletics (7-10 yrs old)	Fri., 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Combat Athletics (11-15 yrs old)	Fri., 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Future Chefs (9-13 yrs old)	Fri., 6:15-8:15 p.m.
Boot Camp (adult)	Sat., 9:30-10:30 p.m.
Indoor Soccer (3-4 yrs old)	Sat., 10-11 a.m.
Bow Wow Baking	Sat., 10:30-noon
Tennis (5-8 yrs old)	Sat., 1-2 p.m.

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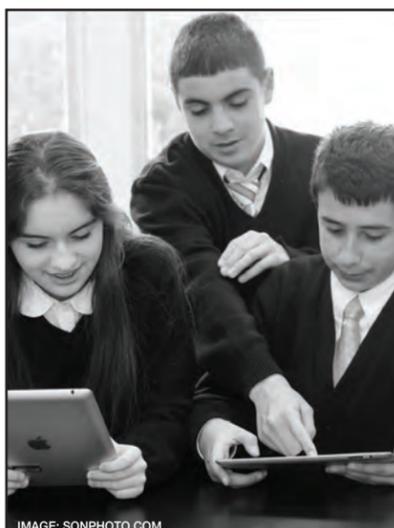
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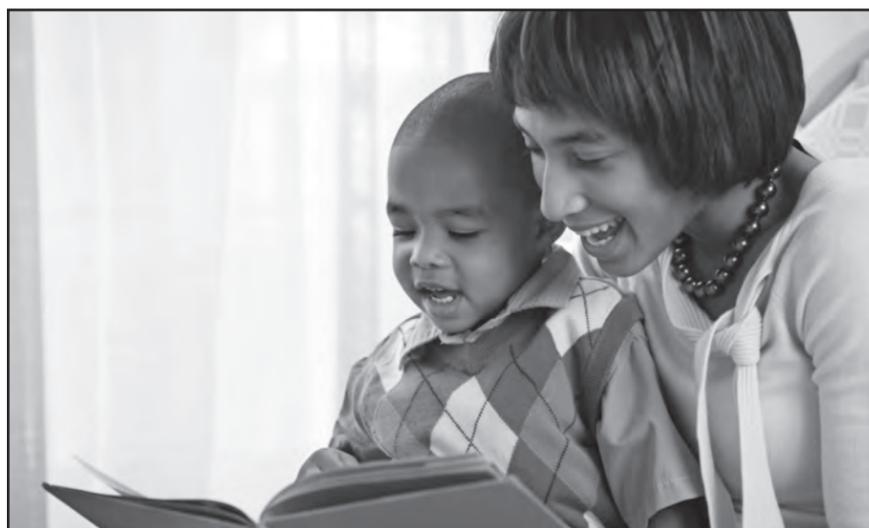
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Above from left, **Loren, Nelson, Liz and Dana Brock**



1993 Voice photo by Tom Wachs

In March of this year we unearthed a curious photo from our More Mouths to Feed column collection. The Brock family took their humor seriously and had all posed with “Groucho glasses” for their Voice portrait back in the 90s. We wondered then what had happened to these cut-ups. If we’d passed them on 24th Street recently, how would we know?

Thanks to local realtor Pete Brannigan, we soon received the following email (with photo) from the Brocks.

“Hello. We moved from our apple orchard house near Sebastopol to Noe Valley in 1992. A couple of weeks after

moving into our flat at 467 Alvarado St. Liz gave birth to the little guy in the picture (at left), Nelson. He’s now in his second year at MIT having a blast building electric vehicles, energy monitoring devices and “nerd” kits for first year students.

The slightly larger guy in the picture Loren, is about to graduate in Integrative Biology from UC Berkeley focusing on topics related to physical therapy and training.

On the cement squares of Alvarado Street, the kids learned to ride bikes, build forts, climb (and fall from) trees and interact with a diverse and fun group of neighbors. They excavated a portion of the backyard, unearthing old toys and discard

ed bottles. We had epic Halloweens, roller hockey in the park on Sundays, adventures in Dolores, Douglass and Diamond Heights parks, the Seward Slides, the Randall Museum, sports teams, critical mass rides, visits to friend’s houses, art car downhill races on Bernal Hill. What a great place to be a kid!

We moved back to the orchard outside Sebastopol in 2002 after 10 great years in Noe Valley. Noe Valley is a fabulous neighborhood. We are blessed to have experienced it and want to give a hearty shout-out to all our neighbors and friends who enriched our lives during our decade there”.

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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Puppy Dog Tales (and Tails)

Kids can read a book to a calm canine companion in the SPCA's **Puppy Dog Tales Reading Program**, which enhances literacy, self-confidence, and social skills by pairing children with trained dog-and-owner therapy teams. For ages 4 to 7, but older children are welcome. Call 415-355-5707 to reserve a spot. Space is limited. Saturday, Sept. 7, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Toddler Tales

Kids ages 18 months to 36 months (and their parents or caregivers) are invited to join the library's children's librarian for **Toddler Tales**, featuring stories, rhymes, songs, and movement. Thursdays, Sept. 5, 12, and 19; 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Films for Kids

The Noe Valley Library offers two half-hour showings of **Preschool Films** aimed at children 3 to 5 years old, accompanied by parents or caregivers. Thursday, Sept. 26; 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

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.

MORE BOOKS TO READ

Cruising for Perusing

This month's list of books, films, and events, selected by Adult Services Librarian Susan Higgins and Children's Librarian Catherine Starr of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library, features a vegan-ish diet book, a healthy living workshop, and stories for kids on waiting, sharing, and (not) biting.

Adult Fiction

- An English dairy maid is offered work in a busy naval port in 1740 in **She Rises** by Kate Worsley.
- A writer is researching a guidebook on local drinking establishments in **Kerri-gan in Copenhagen: A Love Story** by Thomas E. Kennedy.
- A killer is targeting girls in Botswana in the mystery **Deadly Harvest** by Michael Stanley.

Adult Nonfiction

- Allen Frances' **Saving Normal: An Insider's Revolt Against Out-of-Control Psychiatric Diagnosis, DSM-5, Big Pharma, and the Medicalization of Ordinary Life** discusses psychiatric disease versus common emotions.
- Urban planner Moses Gates provides unusual insights on frequently visited places in **Hidden Cities: Travels to the Secret Corners of the World's Great Metropolises**.

- **Vb6: Eat Vegan Before 6:00 to Lose Weight and Restore Your Health for Good** is popular columnist and cookbook author Mark Bittman's guide to eating sensibly. Includes recipes.

Children's Fiction, from Picture Stories to Chapter Books

- **Hello in There! A Big Sister's Book of Waiting**, written by Jo Witek and illustrated by Christine Roussey, tells what it's like to wait months for a baby brother or sister to arrive. Ages 2 to 4.
- Things are a little nippy on the first day of school in **No More Biting for Billy Goat!** by Bernette Ford, with illustrations by Sam Williams. Ages 2 to 5.
- Sharing a toy turns out to be a lot of fun in **Peanut and Fifi Have a Ball** by Randall de Seve, illustrated by Paul Schmid. Ages 3 to 5.
- **Monkey and Elephant Get Better** by helping one another conquer the sniffles in a story by Carole Lexa Schaefer, with illustrations by Galia Bernstein. Ages 5 to 9.
- **Dodsworth in Tokyo**, the latest in a series by Tim Egan, finds world traveler Dodsworth and his accident-prone duck in the land of the rising sun. Ages 6 to 9.

- In Nick Bruel's **Bad Kitty School Daze**, Kitty and Puppy make such a mess, they have to attend obedience school. Ages 7 to 10.
- Nine-year-old Eleanor takes summer camp to task in **Like Bug Juice on a Burger** by Julie Sternberg, illustrated by Matthew Cordell. Ages 7 and up.
- A seventh-grader is suspended for accidentally bringing her mother's paring knife to school in **Zero Tolerance** by Claudia Mills. Ages 8 and up.
- Two ocean-born children join forces with the Avians to save the desert from domination in **Mirage (Above World)**, a science-fiction adventure by Jenn Reese. Ages 10 and up.

Films on DVD

- **Three Stars**, produced, written, and directed by Lutz Hachmeister, profiles 10 Michelin three-star chefs and their kitchens.
- **Ferlinghetti: A Rebirth of Wonder**, a documentary directed by Christopher Felver, includes interviews with the poet and others.
- Three French women visit a small Korean resort town in the film **In Another Country**, directed by Hong Sang-soo and starring Isabelle Huppert.
- Based on a true story, **The Intouchables**, directed by Eric Toledano and Olivier Nakache, explores the friendship between a disabled millionaire and the ex-con who takes care of him.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Healthier Living Workshop

Registration is now open for a six-week workshop on **Healthier Living** offered Tuesdays, Oct. 8 through Nov. 12. An award-winning program designed by Stanford University (and co-led by Noe Valley Branch Manager Irene Lee), the workshop is aimed at people with health conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, depression, or chronic pain. Participants will learn better ways of coping and managing their health. The program covers nutrition, making daily tasks easier, managing fatigue and stress, dealing with anger and frustration, developing an exercise program, and communicating with doctors and family. Space is limited, and advance registration is required. Drop by the library at 451 Jersey St., or call 415-355-5707. The workshop runs 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Friday Matinee: The Other Boleyn Girl

The second Friday of the month is the day the Noe Valley Library shows a film based on a book. This month's film is **The Other Boleyn Girl**, based on the novel by Philippa Gregory. In the PG-13 rated movie, which lasts 115 minutes, Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson star as two sisters who compete for the love of King Henry VIII. Friday, Sept. 13, 2 p.m.

Opera for the People: A Musical Mephistopheles

Kensington Symphony Orchestra president Larry Oppenheim continues his **Opera for the People** series this month with a guided tour of **Mephistopheles** by Italian composer Arrigo Boito. In the work, Mephistopheles, the devil, wagers God that he can win Faust's soul. Oppenheim will show video excerpts while offering commentary on the opera's origins and themes. Saturday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m. to noon.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group

The Noe Valley Book Discussion Group meets regularly to talk about a variety of contemporary fiction and nonfiction. The September selection is **Crossing to Safety** by Pulitzer Prize winner Wallace Stegner. Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Great Books Discussion Group

The Great Books Council of San Francisco sponsors this group, which focuses on famous short stories, essays, and speeches. This month's selection is **Crito** by Plato. Wednesday, Sept. 11, 6:15 p.m.

BRANCH HOURS

Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library 451 Jersey St., 355-5707							
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Eureka Valley-Harvey Milk Branch Library 1 José Sarria Ct. (3555 16th St.), 355-5616							
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
12-6	10-9	12-9	10-6	1-6	1-6		
Glen Park Branch Library 2825 Diamond St., 355-2858							
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
10-6	10-6	12-8	1-7	1-6	1-6		
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 Meetings: Wednesdays, 8-9:30 p.m.
 St. Philip Church, 725 Diamond St. (park on Elizabeth Street side; enter on 24th Street through parking lot).

Castro Area Planning + Action

Contact: 621-0120
 Email: info@capasf.org
 Meetings: Second Thursday, Eureka Valley Rec Center, 100 Collingwood St., 7:30 p.m.

Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association

Website: www.evna.org
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 14137, San Francisco, CA 94114
 Meetings: See website calendar. Castro Meeting Room, 501 Castro St., 7 p.m.

Castro Farmers' Market

Wednesdays, 4 to 8 p.m. (March through December), Noe Street at Market Street
 Contact: Steve Adams, 431-2359
 Sponsor: Merchants of Upper Market & Castro; www.CastroMerchants.com

Diamond Heights Community Association

Contact: Betsy Eddy, 239-5776
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 31529, San Francisco, CA 94131
 Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Call for location.

Dolores Heights Improvement Club

Email: dhic123@gmail.com
 Website: www.doloresheights.org
 Meetings: Board meetings bimonthly; membership semi-annually.

Dolores Park Works

Contact: Robert Brust, 713-9061
 Email: Robert@doloresparkworks.org
 Website: www.doloresparkworks.org
 Meetings: Call or email for details.

Duncan Newburg Association (DNA)

Contacts: Pat Lockhart, 282-9360; Diane McCarney, 824-0303; or Deanna Mooney, 821-4045
 Mailing Address: 560 Duncan St., San Francisco, CA 94131
 Meetings: Call for details.

Fairmount Heights Neighborhood Association

Contact: Gregg Brooks
 Email: sflyric@yahoo.com
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 31059, San Francisco, CA 94131
 Meetings: Email for details.

Fair Oaks Community Coalition

Contact: Andy Segal, President
 Email: focc.neighbors@gmail.com
 To become a member of FOCC's Google group, email pnerger@gmail.com.
 Meetings revolve around activities such as the May Fair Oaks Street Fair.

Friends of Billy Goat Hill

Contact: Lisa and Mo Ghotbi, 821-0122
 Website: www.billygoathill.net

Friends of Dolores Park Playground

Contact: Nancy Gonzalez Madynski, 828-5772
 Email: friendsofdolorespark@gmail.com
 Website: www.friendsofdolorespark.org
 Meetings: See website.

Friends of Glen Canyon Park

Contact: Richard Craib, 648-0862
 Mailing Address: 140 Turquoise Way, San Francisco, CA 94131
 Meetings: Call for details.

Friends of Noe Courts Playground

Contact: Laura Norman
 Email: lauranor@yahoo.com
 Mailing Address: c/o Friends of Noe Valley, P.O. Box 460953, San Francisco, CA 94146
 Meetings: Email for dates and times.

Friends of Noe Valley (FNV)

Contact: Todd David, 401-0625
 Email: info@friendsofnoevalley.com
 Website: www.friendsofnoevalley.com
 Meetings: Two or three annually; held at St. Philip's Church or James Lick School

Friends of On Lok's 30th Street Senior Center

Contact: Marianne Hampton, 601-7845
 Mailing Address: 225 30th St., San Francisco, CA 94131
 Meetings: Occasional. Call for details.

Friends of Noe Valley Recreation Center and Park

Contact: Alexandra Torre, Kate Haug, or Molly Sterkel
 Email: info@noevalleyrecenter.com
 Website: www.noevalleyrecenter.com
 Meetings: Email or check website.

Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association

Contact: John Barbey, 695-0990
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 192114, San Francisco, CA 94119
 Meetings: Quarterly. Call for details.

Merchants of Upper Market and Castro

Contact: 835-8720
 Email: info@castromerchants.com
 Mailing address: 584 Castro St. #333, San Francisco, CA 94114
 Meetings: Call for details.

Noe Valley Association—24th Street Community Benefit District

Contact: Debra Niemann, 519-0093
 Dispatch: To report spills, debris, or garbage on 24th Street, call Ron Vanini, 596-7089.
 Email: info@noevalleyassociation.org
 Website: www.noevalleyassociation.org
 Board meetings: Quarterly. See website.

Noe Valley Democratic Club

Contact: Hunter Stern, 643-0602
 Email: info@noevalleydems.org
 Meetings: Third Wednesdays, St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond St., 7:30 p.m. Call to confirm meeting dates.

Noe Valley Farmers' Market

Open Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3861 24th St. between Vicksburg and Sanchez.
 Contact: Leslie Crawford, 248-1332
 Email: info@noevalleyfarmersmarket.com

Noe Valley Library Campaign

Contacts: Kim Drew, 643-4695, kkdrew@yahoo.com
 Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, 391 Grove St., San Francisco, CA 94102

Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA)

Contact: Robert Roddick, 641-8687
 Meetings: Last Wednesdays of January, February, March, April, July, October, and November, at Bank of America, second floor, 9 a.m. Breakfast meetings May and September at Noe's Nest, 10 a.m.
 Website: www.NoeValleyMerchants.com

Noe Valley Parent Network

An e-mail resource network for parents
 Contact: Mina Kenvin
 Email: minaken@gmail.com

Noe Valley Preparedness Committee

Contact: Maxine Fasulis, 641-5536
 Email: mfasulis@yahoo.com
 Meetings: Call for details.

Occupy Noe

Contacts: Kathy Lipscomb, 415-641-1997; Susan McDonough, 415-734-0061
 Website: <http://occupynoe.org/wordpress/>
 Meetings: Call for details

Outer Noe Valley Merchants

Contact: Jim Appenrodt, 641-1500
 Mailing Address: 294 29th St., San Francisco, CA 94131
 Meetings: Call for details.

Residents for Noe Valley Town Square

Contact: Todd David, 401-0625
 Email: noevalleytownsquare@gmail.com
 Website: www.noevalleytownsquare.com
 Meetings: Call for details.

San Jose/Guerrero Coalition to Save Our Streets

Contact: Don Oshiro, 285-8188
 Email: contact@sanjoseguerrero.com
 Website: www.sanjoseguerrero.com
 Meetings: See website.

SafeCleanGreen Mission Dolores

Contact: Gideon Kramer, 861-2480
 Email: safecleangreen@bigfoot.com
 Website: www.safecleangreen.com

Upper Noe Neighbors

Contact: Vicki Rosen, 285-0473
 Email: president@uppernoeneighbors.com
 Meetings: Quarterly. Upper Noe Recreation Center, 295 Day St., 7:30 p.m.

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and now for the RUMORS behind the news

Stored-up News

By Mazook

WELCOME BACK from your summer vacation. Back home, back to work, back to school, back to a San Francisco summer, which according to the Noe Valley Weather Bureau is scheduled for some time around the third week of September. And welcome back to Downtown Noe Valley. As you can see, there have been some ch-ch-changes on our commercial/residential corridor.

While you were gone, pages of the *Noe Valley Voice* were taped over the windows of Bay Castle Cleaners at 3906 24th St., two doors west of St. Clair's Liquors. A sign on the cleaners read, "Pick up items at 6215 Mission St."

After the store shuttered its doors, Noe Valleons began wondering about the fate of the space.

As you may already know, the Khouri brothers, Mousa and Mike, own and operate St. Clair's and the Victorian building that surrounds it (3900-06 24th). They have been owners and landlords for almost 25 years. The Bay Castle part of the property is a just a glorified garage. Back in the day, the 200-square-foot space was an icehouse, with a 24-hour coin-operated street service. Next door (3904 24th) is a former carriage house, where Successories in the Button Box now resides.

Well, Mike and Mousa Khouri say they are preparing to submit plans to build a commercial space that will be 1,700 to 2,000 square feet, with residential units above and parking spaces (for the residents) in the back of the double lot.

"We think that it will take us between one and two years to get all our permits before we can begin construction," says Mike Khouri, "and we informed our tenants of our plans so there would be no surprises."

Mousa Khouri adds, "We were sorry that Bay Castle left so soon. But we have already received inquiries for short-term rental of the space."

Look for something to pop up any day.

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LOLA L-O-L-A LOLA: Speaking of pop-up stores, you all might remember that the very popular Lola women's clothing boutique on Castro at 24th Street (1303 Castro) opened as a pop-up during the 2010 Christmas season. Since then, Lola Herrera has had three great years, designing fashions for the neighborhood.

Well, this summer Lola was given notice to vacate the storefront, which she did in mid-August. She has now set up shop at 55 Clement St. near Arguello.

"I melted down," says Lola, "and it took me like 10 days to recover from the shock that I would have to move, and I went into shock again when I desperately tried to find space in Noe Valley, where I wanted to be. [There was] one space where they wanted \$150,000 for the lease, with four years left.

"But," she says haltingly, "as fate would have it, my real estate agents at Rockwell told me about this Clement Street space, and I looked at it and was ready to keep looking, but after I talked to a couple of people I know about that location, I realized that the move might well be a blessing in disguise for my business. So now I am thrilled, but apologize to all my Noe Valley clientele, who I hope will come over to my new space."

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THREE CHAIRS! West of Castro Street on 24th Street, next to B.J. Droubi's real estate office, there will soon open an interior decorating and design studio selling retail furniture and home accessories called Skyline Design SF. The business is operated by Danny Yin and Ron Vanini.

"We have lived upstairs," says Yin, "and Ron will be running our store, and I spend a lot of time in China purchasing and importing furniture and furnishings for our clients," both residential and commercial.

"We love living here and have created a great space in what was the garage of this house," smiles Yin, "and we hope to open the doors in September."

Yin says he is very busy right now on his commercial work, which includes the design and furnishing of two Holiday Inns (Santa Clara and San Pablo), as well as the Santa Clara Ramada Inn.

Moving right along... It appears there is a "For Lease" sign across the street and a couple of doors down—on the ground floor of the large Victorian house (that also was occupied by B.J. Droubi), next to Barney's Hamburgers (4138 24th). The

space is advertised on Craigslist as 1,000 square feet for a monthly rent of \$4,000.

Going back up the hill on 24th Street, we reach the southwest corner of Diamond Street, where once stood the Diamond Suds laundromat. It looks as if more than two years of planning will actually (contrary to rumors in the May 2013 column and confirming my original rumor of July 2011) result in "a children's play center," says building contractor Ken O'Sullivan. The business owner has yet to return phone calls to confirm any details.

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MOUTH SMILE, TUNG SING: Climbing Castro Hill to the southeast corner at 22nd Street, we arrive at what was a corner grocery store many years ago and more recently a store called Neon Monster, selling comic books and anime toys. It closed almost two years ago.

The space has now become headquarters for Design Line Construction, a commercial and residential building contractor, which moved over here from Hayes Valley. According to Design Line's president, the firm had done some construction in several locations in this neighborhood and liked the location.

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PLOT STICKERS: Back down on 24th Street, a "For Rent" sign in the window of Tung Sing restaurant at 4015 24th St. caused quite a stir last month. People thought the Chinese takeout might be up for grabs, especially because Tung Sing's doors were shut and a notice said it would be closed through Aug. 28.

In addition, the Noe Valley Bureau of Investigation later discovered, the interior of the restaurant was being cleaned and painted.

It turns out the "For Rent" sign in the restaurant's window was put there by a real estate agent by mistake. A representative from New Pacific Realty said an upstairs residential unit was the actual space for rent, not the restaurant. The agent has since moved the sign to the residential entrance.

The NVBI tried to reach Tung Sing's owners for confirmation, but they were gone—probably on vacation—through the 28th. Just like the sign said.

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QUE SYRAH, SYRAH: The Summer Noe Valley Wine Walk was a raving success, with over 800 people attending the Aug. 22 event, sponsored by the Noe Val-

ley Merchants and Professionals Association. According to Sarah Tipple of Steven Restivo Event Services, "This is the largest attendance I have seen in the six years we have been producing this event."

Seventeen Downtown Noe Valley merchants participated, with Alain Pinel, First Republic Bank, and Whole Foods putting up the bucks, and Whole Foods providing the wine glasses.

NVMPA's Bob Roddick says the next wine walk will be during the 24 HOLIDAYS celebration in December.

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HIGH FREQUENCY: A shout-out to Noe Valley musicologist Ben Fong-Torres, who is, among other things, a world-class writer (eight books, and just completing his ninth, *Little Feat*), a founding editor at *Rolling Stone* magazine, a radio columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, a deejay who became famous in the 1970s for his weekend shift at the radio-revolutionary KSAN, and an Emmy Award winner for his KTVU broadcast of Chinatown's New Year's Parade. He has lived on Castro Street for almost 30 years.

Fong-Torres recently has returned to radio and is doing a regular Sunday show on Boss Boss Radio at www.bosssbossradio.com.

"After several years without a regular gig in radio," relates Fong-Torres, "I decided to do another Sunday three-hour radio show starting at 1 p.m. and repeated again from 4 to 7 p.m. I agreed to do Boss Boss Radio at the imploring of [radio personality] Raechel Donahue, and have been joined on Sundays by [another radio veteran] Terry McGovern."

So far, he's been astounded by how far his voice reaches. "Besides the URL for computer listening, the TuneIn radio app...allows you to listen on a phone, tablet, and even in the car through an audio cord to your wifi device," says Fong-Torres.

He says he is going to give the *Noe Valley Voice* a shout-out in his Sept. 8 show, and he will take a request and play it around 2:30 p.m. My request is going to be Creedence Clearwater's "Ninety-Nine and a Half."

And speaking of music, here is the September lineup for the Saturday Noe Valley Farmers Market on 24th Street. On Sept. 7, the musicians will be David Kesler (8:30), Uni & Her Ukelele (10), and Rusty Stringfield (11:30). The next week, Sept. 14, Jeff Troiano and Lily Holbrook will play. On Sept. 21, you can hear David Kesler again and then They Call Me Lucky, and Renee de la Prade. The last Saturday, Sept. 28, Mick Shaffer and Clangin' & Bangin' will be clangin' and bangin' for the crowd.

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POPPING OFF: Before I go, here is a pop quiz for all you Noe Valleons to ponder. The answers will be revealed next month.

1. What was the name and location of Noe Valley's first video rental shop?
 2. Noe Valley beat cop Officer Lorraine Lombardo: what's her badge number?
 3. Can you name the grocery store that used to be located on the southeast corner of 22nd and Sanchez streets in the 1940s and '50s? And what's the name of the market that was on the southwest corner of 23rd and Sanchez?
 4. Where was Bud's Ice Cream? Where was Double Rainbow?
 5. Can you name the last president of the East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club and the year it was organized?
- That's all, you all. Ciao. ■



White Caps. Though the fog chills the air, the peaked roofs of the vegetable and fruit vendors harbor many sunny smiles on this Saturday morning in mid-June. The city has just approved the purchase of the lot at 24th and Vicksburg with the idea of creating a town square—a small park with benches and trees, and a more permanent venue for the Noe Valley Farmers Market.

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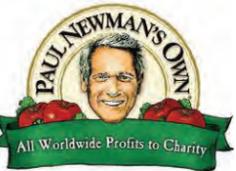
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NEWLY BUILT 2 YEAR OLD TOWNHOME \$1,299,000
More spacious than most single family homes in San Francisco, this two-level town home is a short 2 block walk to the heart of Glen Park and Bart. Perfect for entertaining, this home has a gracious floor plan and a large landscaped backyard. The chef's kitchen, outfitted with granite counter-tops, a gas range, stainless steel appliances and an over-sized kitchen island flows effortlessly into the dining room through to a cozy family room. 2-car parking.

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LISTED: 120 CORBETT AVENUE



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120 Corbett Avenue is graced with geometric patterns and shapes, starting with the parallelogram floor plan! The main level features a living room and dining room with views of Eureka Valley, a bathroom and a kitchen with access to a lovely garden. The upper level includes three bedrooms and a bathroom. This unique home epitomizes the rich architectural diversity that we enjoy in San Francisco!

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GLEN PARK 526 CHENERY JUST LISTED

New England charm in the heart of Glen Park. Bright living room w/ woodburning fireplace. Large FDR. Remodeled kitchen w/ cesarstone counters. Pretty master bedroom. Hardwood floors in living room & FDR. Sparkling bath. Tasteful carpets in the bedrooms. Lot's of Windows! Wonderful deep serene terraced garden & patio. Great for entertaining. Big garage-storage. Incredible Location. Close To Glen Park Village BART, Shops, Restaurants & Parks - Minutes To 280 And 101. Fantastic location & gardeners delight!
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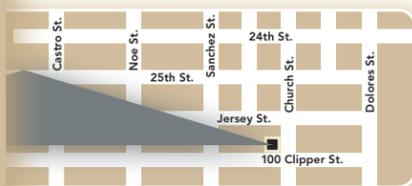
Grand Elegant Fairmount Heights view home featuring 3 large bedrooms all on one level, gorgeous hardwood floors, exquisite living room w/ fireplace, built in cabinets & big picture window for beautiful bay views. Classic formal dining room w/ period built in cabinets. master bedroom has spectacular bay view! Wonderful cook's kitchen w/ high end appliances & new quartz counter tops. Laundry room on main level w/ great front load washer & dryer. Half Bath on main level & sparkling full bath on bedroom level. Lovely rear garden, deck off of upper bedroom & huge garage! Incredible location - close to Noe Valley, Glen Park Village, BART, MUNI, Freeway Access & Wonderful Restaurants.
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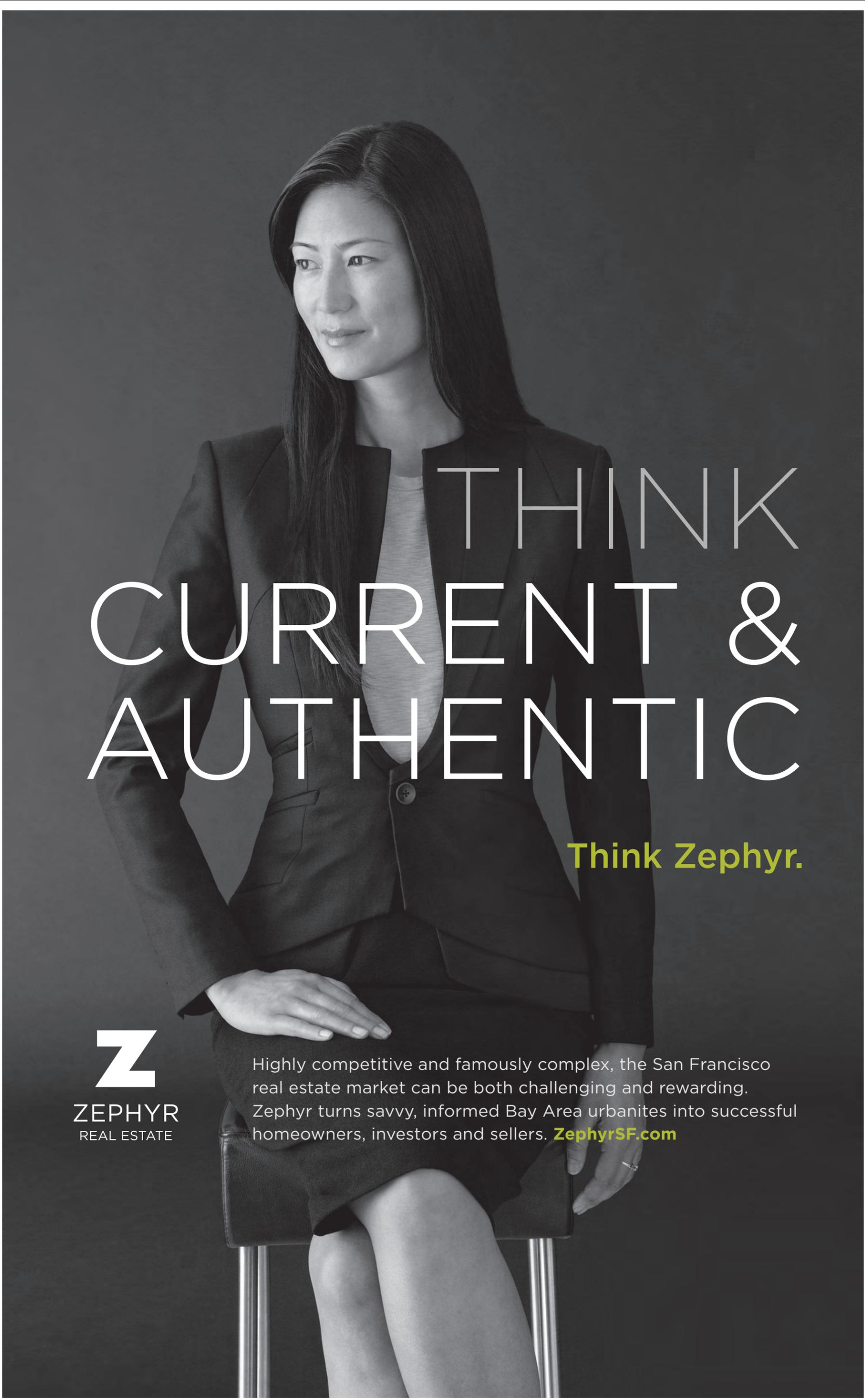


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