

THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Animals Visit 24th Street, for Petting And Promenading

SummerFest Celebrates Community with Free Events

By Oliva Boler

A week before the solstice, the fifth annual Noe Valley SummerFest returns to the central 24th Street commercial corridor, on Saturday, June 14. Sponsored by the Noe Valley Association along with members of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, this family-friendly event is free and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“SummerFest is very much a community event,” says organizer Sylvia Vientulis. “It’s about getting people out to spend time in the neighborhood, just for fun, with free activities.”

Most of those activities will take place at the corner of Noe and 24th streets. Part of Noe Street will be closed to traffic, about 50 feet north of the intersection. Cars won’t be able to drive south through 24th Street on Noe that day, but no residences will be blocked.

This is where you’ll find a jumpy house sponsored by Alain Pinel Real Estate, and a petting zoo with sheep, goats, and miniature pigs, among other critters. You can pet the animals all day (but remember to ask their permission). Back by popular demand is a photo booth sponsored by Edward Jones that comes with props like funny hats for silly instant memories. The photo booth will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the jumpy house will be open the entire festival.

Recology, which has donated its cleanup services for the event, will have a table with fun and green activities. From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Funnybone the Clown entertains the troops with a magic show and balloon art. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., head over to Cliché Noe Gifts on 24th near Diamond Street for face-painting, popcorn, and lemonade for kids, and mimosas for adults.

A seasonal favorite also returns—the Zephyr Real Estate-sponsored horse-



Down the Garden Path. The Friends of Noe Valley’s garden tour on June 7 will help raise funds for the spiffing-up of the “Jungle Stairs” on 22nd Street between Castro and Diamond. For more on the 10-garden tour, see Short Takes on page 13.

Photo by Najib Joe Hakim

drawn hayride. The start and stop points will be in front of Walgreens on Castro Street at Jersey, and at Noe and 24th streets. Hop on at either end or take the wagon roundtrip, from 2 to 5 p.m.

One SummerFest feature that requires an advance signup is the Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each contestant gets one square of sidewalk, and the number of squares is limited. You can register at Olive This Olive That on Vicksburg Street, at 10 a.m. the day of the festival, or stop by the store

anytime to sign up earlier. There are two contest categories, one for participants ages 1 to 12 years old, and another for those 12 and older (also known as adults). First, second, and third prizes will be awarded. June 14 also happens to be the shop’s second anniversary, and it will be celebrating from noon to 5 p.m. with a raffle, live music, food, beverages, motorized lego games, and even an olive-spitting contest. After all that exertion,

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Inspections Cause Indigestion at Whole Foods and Safeway

Stores Work to Remedy Food Safety Problems

By Corrie M. Anders

Two well-known supermarkets that cater to Noe Valley residents suffered major heartburn last month after the San Francisco Department of Public Health investigated them for serious health violations.

Health officials conducted at least three inspections at Whole Foods Market on 24th Street after receiving complaints that maggots had been discovered in the meat case at the store.

The Safeway store in Diamond Heights Shopping Center also came under intense scrutiny after a routine audit revealed a number of “high-risk” behaviors and earned the company a subpar health score of 66 (out of a possible 100).

Management at both stores reacted by announcing numerous corrective steps to ensure food safety, including retraining employees in personal hygiene and food sanitation procedures, and instituting more thorough cleaning methods to prevent contamination.

Still, many customers felt queasy when they heard the health violations, initially reported by KRON 4 News in a series of TV broadcasts in April and May.

“I am definitely not shopping at Safeway in Diamond Heights,” said Patience Yi, who had patronized the grocery since moving to Noe Street three years ago. She even asked Instacart, an online grocery delivery service, to exclude Safeway from her list of retailers.

As for Whole Foods, Yi called the report of maggots “pretty appalling,” but gave the store a pass because she considered the incident an isolated one.

The maggots—fly larvae—were spotted at the store, at 3950 24th St., on April

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UPPER NOE’S DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

The End of Sandlot

By Robert Andersen

I played my last game of hardball in the Dominican Republic. The year was 1965, I was new to 20, and I spoke not a word of Spanish. But then you didn’t have to, since the body language was crystal clear. *Fear and loathing.* They, meaning the indigenous team dragooned by carbine-toting militia into playing us uniformed Yankees, plainly hated our guts. We had, after all, just invaded their country and killed upwards of a thousand of their compatriots, perhaps even their fathers and brothers. It was difficult coming around on a fastball with a .45 strapped to your waist, and since the pitcher was throwing heat, more often than not aimed at your head, it was doubly difficult just to stand in the batter’s box without flinching.

The ragtag team from the D.R. was possessed that scorching August day, hence the baleful stares and demonic pitching. We lost by a laughable margin. Indeed, following the drubbing, we retreated to our ship—a U.S. Navy

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Infraction Action. After maggots were found in a meat case at Whole Foods Market on 24th Street, the store launched a deep-cleaning campaign that passed three city inspections. The grocery also offered full refunds to customers.

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Chairs.
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CONSIDERING A MOVE FROM

SF TO THE PENINSULA?

Culture shock: Overcoming a fear of suburban monoculture

Part 3 of 3 part series



Heather Green is a 5th generation San Franciscan. She relocated her family from Noe Valley to Silicon Valley in 2012.

Whether you’re concerned about a dominance of chain stores, the prevalence of strip malls, or just a general lack of cultural diversity, this can be one of the most daunting reservations city-dwellers have about the suburbs. No doubt, there are a lot more chain stores in the suburbs than there are in San Francisco. But for parents with young children, it’s a relief not to have to leave town to get reasonably priced staples like diapers and wipes.

And if you crave a more unique experience, simply by-pass the strip malls along El Camino for the many charming “Main Streets” in Peninsula towns that provide the same Mom & Pop stores as your San Francisco neighborhood.

DIFFERENT CULTURES, BUT SIMILAR WALKS OF LIFE.

Also, the Peninsula is not the whitewashed suburbs I feared. Many of the children that my kids go to preschool with speak another language at home and their families regularly share their cultural traditions at school. The fact that there is only one Liam (ranking as the 2nd most common boys in 2013) and two Armaans (not even in the top 1000) in my son’s pre-K class delights me.



Despite the cultural diversity, however, the Peninsula is homogenous in one major way. We’re almost all unified by parenthood. Which on the one hand means your children won’t be exposed to the diversity of lifestyles that they would in San Francisco. But on the other hand, when your kids are acting up in public, strangers are much more likely to give you the glance of compassion than the glare of annoyance.

In the end, Peninsula life is less diverse because it’s tailored to people with the same interests as you: their family. Being surrounded by fellow parents, there’s a sense that we’re all in this together. And that’s a pretty nice culture to be part of.

To read the entire article, go to heathergreenhomes.com/sf2pen. For honest, straightforward advice on moving to the Peninsula, let me be your guide.



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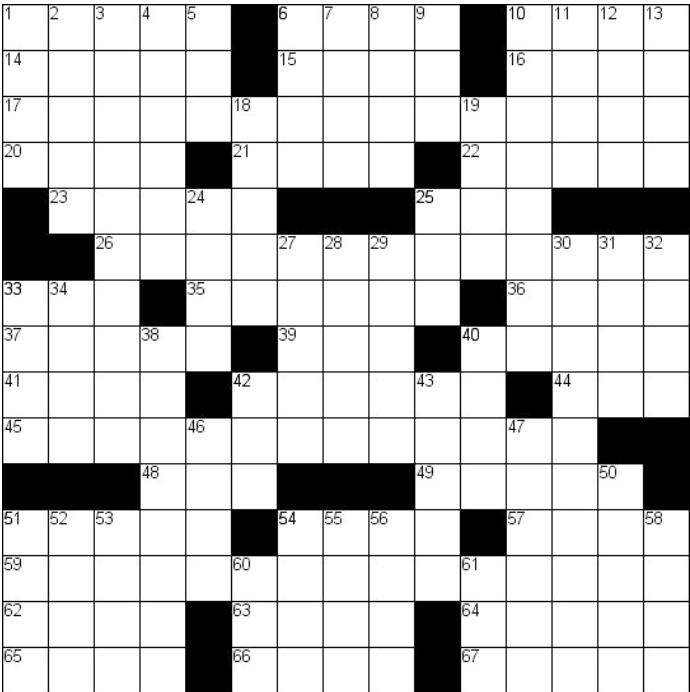
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THE CROSSWORD BY MICHAEL BLAKE

Mints Words

ACROSS

- 1. Rapper P. (Sean Combs)
- 6. Griddle Fresh or Toast
- 10. Russian river or mountain range
- 14. On one’s toes
- 15. TV emcee Trebek
- 16. Shopper’s come-on sign
- 17. What Dr. Barry Kinney fears he’d do if he raised rates?
- 20. Like squid spray
- 21. Take a load off
- 22. Milles., in the Mission
- 23. Billy Blanks’ fitness-kicking regimen
- 25. Creator of James the spy
- 26. Walgreens pickup on return from a British holiday?
- 33. 102, to Caesar
- 35. The words to a song
- 36. ___-Cross: two-wheeled race
- 37. Up to the time that
- 39. Hairy Addams family member
- 40. 1 of only 5 monosyllabic world capitals
- 41. ___ II (Gillette razor)
- 42. Plural pronoun of the South
- 44. Joke around
- 45. Request for pre-talkie DVDs at the Sally Brunn Library?
- 48. Dastardly fellow
- 49. “Have ___ myself clear?”
- 51. Wild hogs
- 54. Fifty percent
- 57. Put into the archive
- 59. Tardy students at James Lick Middle School?
- 62. Sicilian erupter



- 63. Second word of a fairy tale
- 64. Go on ___ (tear around from bar to bar)
- 65. “Is this the party to ___ I am speaking?”: Lily Tomlin
- 66. Early software version
- 67. Dick Cheney’s wife

DOWN

- 1. Mustachioed surrealist
- 2. Defiant kid’s cry
- 3. German title of Marx’ magnum opus
- 4. Frozen-confection baron William
- 5. Longtime KRON newscaster Emerald
- 6. What the Shift key will shift
- 7. Terrain in opening of *The Sound of Music*
- 8. Amazing accomplishment
- 9. Add’l phone line
- 10. It often accompanies a password
- 11. Rave’s partner
- 12. ___ Plaza Park in Pacific Heights
- 13. Not so much
- 18. Slice of wry?
- 19. The Beatles’ “___ Her Standing There”
- 24. Noe Valley author Yenne
- 25. “Ands” or “buts” alternatives
- 27. Some jazz combos
- 28. Ab strengthener
- 29. Number system in which 8 is 10
- 30. Stopped by to see
- 31. Case for needles
- 32. Zephyr Real Estate sign word
- 33. Storefront word after “Great Hair” or “Super”

- 34. Calvary initials
- 38. Main product sold by 4-Down
- 40. Door-closing sound
- 42. Since Jan. 1: Abbr.
- 43. Explorer Ericson and namesakes
- 46. *Gravity* org.
- 47. Kind of belt or harness
- 50. John who uses a loo?
- 51. Eschewed, with “off”
- 52. Solemn promise
- 53. Gold’s is 79: Abbr.
- 54. Optimism
- 55. Phrase meaning “plenty” often misspelled as one word
- 56. Home of song
- 58. Ninety degrees from norte
- 60. Do a voice-over for
- 61. Berkeley sch., to sports fans

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The Mystery of Fattoush

Editor:

I am a regular patron of Fattoush on Church Street. Both its Middle Eastern food and brunch are completely outstanding, as Yelp, other review sources, and Noe Valley residents will attest to.

What is extremely odd, however, is that though dinner is often packed, brunch (which includes delicious French toast and multiple tasty egg dishes) is frequently under-attended, while Chloe's down the street has a 20- to 30-minute wait.

Don't get me wrong, I like Chloe's very much. But I think people are unaware that Fattoush is an excellent brunch/lunch restaurant, possibly because they have identified it solely as a Middle Eastern fine-dining dinner establishment.

This is missing half the picture, though. Half a delicious picture.

G.M. Frampton
Church Street

Nursery School Alive and Kicking

Editor:

I'm writing to let the neighborhood know that the Noe Valley Cooperative Nursery School is still going strong after 45 years. It opened in January of 1969 in rented space in the Noe Valley Ministry at 1021 Sanchez St. (then called the Lebanon Presbyterian Church), where it stayed happily for 40 years. Those were great years: happy kids and lots of learning for everyone—the children, the parents, and for me, too.

This wonderful environment still exists, serving families, building community, and having a good time under the

leadership of Susan Edwards, the present director. They have transformed an underused cement-block building adjacent to Christopher Playground in Diamond Heights, into a beautiful, warm school for kids and their parents. Go up there and visit and see for yourself. Thanks.

Nina Youkelson

Director from 1969 to 2006

P.S. For more information, call 415-647-2278, see www.noevalleynurseryschool.com, or write membership@noevalleynurseryschool.com.

Poem Please, Noe Valley

Editor:

I've been a Noe Valley resident since 2002, and I love our neighborhood. You may have seen me on the restaurant show *Check, Please! Bay Area*, where I reviewed Lovejoy's Tea Room.

I recently felt compelled to write a poem about Noe Valley:

First-World Problems

Eat organic, stay focused

Do Pilates, no yoga

Buy local, be international

Stay present, search FB

Drink coffee, chai, green, black tea,

fizzy water, wine, young coconut

(made from dying bees)

Fast, splurge, purge—repeat.

Or is this a poem about me?

Thanks for all you do.

Dorothy R. Adams

Laidley Street

Google Ad the Last Straw

Editor:

Has the *Noe Valley Voice* sold out?

Silly me, I always thought the *NVV* represented community and supported our local independent businesses. So as I thumb through the May issue (real estate ads = 17) and get to the inside back spread, there's a full page ad for "Google Express Shopping," listing all the wonderful mega-chains one can order from (tagline: "... nothing is ever more than a few clicks away..."). I understand economics, but this just flies in the face of what supporting your local community really means. Something was lost when this rag went pricey four-color.

For many years, I looked forward to the next issue. No more.

Janis Reed

It's Been a Treat

This letter was first posted in the window of Noe Valley Pet Company on Church Street. It was addressed to both the store and the community.

Dear friends,

I came to Noe Valley Pet Company three years ago just looking for a job. I had no idea I would walk away from this place with a community of support, friendship, and love in my heart. Thank you for making my life here meaningful. It's not every day one can say that about working at a pet store.

I will miss every one of you...especially your pets. Listening to your stories about your cats and working with your dogs has helped me prepare for the world ahead. From them, I've learned: patience, kindness, and not to judge a dog by its bark. These are the skills that will make me unique and successful in my new field as an emergency medical technician.

So thank you for being a part of my life. Noe Valley Pet Company will always be a place of comfort for me, another place to call home.

Jennifer C. Saldaña

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July 1954: A jacket-clad batter swings toward 30th Street in a field of dreams that would be consecrated the following summer as the new Upper Noe Valley Playground.
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The End of Sandlot

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destroyer moored alongside a reeking molasses carrier in Port Haina—not a little embarrassed at our performance of the national pastime.

Little did we know the Marines from a prior decades-long intervention had instilled a love of the game that had turned the D.R. into one large baseball diamond. And helped install a murderous dictator whose violent death after 30 years of wholesale terror had triggered a time-honored reflex action, the return of the Marines. Better Trujillo’s rigged game than Castro’s deceptive pitching, went the Cold War playbook.

Our month-long idyll wallowing in the heavy swells off Santo Domingo—nothing like the menace of five-inch naval guns to cow a restive populace—had brought us this short respite, but after the debacle we were happy to wallow some more in the wilting heat and humidity. Indeed, better to confront the wrath of Hurricane Betsy (our paths crossed northwest of Puerto Rico) than to endure the ignominy of losing to a group of hostile teenagers in tattered T-shirts and torn cutoffs. That gangly pitcher was something else. I wonder if he ever made it to the majors.

In many respects, that game was a repetition of one I played on a foggy August afternoon in San Francisco in 1958, the summer before adolescence struck. The summer of the Giants in Seals Stadium and dawn-to-dusk pickup games at Upper Noe Valley Playground and a passion for baseball I would never enjoy again. A summer of the last hurrah of sandlot. There too a ragtag, hastily conscripted (the night before) bunch in jeans and fading jerseys played possessed, dispatching the invincible team in convincing fashion, humiliating fashion. They were a team that invaded our roughened diamond

highly touted, the City Champion in Little League, undefeated, resplendently uniformed, lavishly equipped, and highly publicized, with a sizable adult following, no less.

Thanks to a bye in their schedule, they thought to add us to their impressive streak of no-hit victories, but trouble was there was no *us*, no established team, that is. Who needed that when you could play to your heart’s content, five, six, and seven to a side, sometimes nine when the older boys

They were a team that invaded our roughened diamond highly touted, the City Champion in Little League, undefeated, resplendently uniformed, lavishly equipped, and highly publicized, with a sizable adult following, no less.

showed up. Then the park director would relent and put out the bases, and a crowd would gather to watch the likes of Alan Gallagher, Jay Serpa, Jim McCarthy, Michael Monahan, and Eddie Montague put on a sandlot clinic, baseball the way it should be when you’re young, feral, without adults in your face, with the pecking order determined by your skill on the field and above all with the bat. More often

than not, the balls were taped and the bats were splintered Louisville Sluggers ready to shatter, and there were never enough gloves to go around, so the pitcher went without.

Indeed, a real white pristine baseball was a marvel almost as exciting as a new Rawlings. Of course, I threw my one and only spanking new ball into the endless game—so what if it was autographed by the Giants, then playing their first year in San Francisco in the sunshine at beloved Seals Stadium, where for 50 cents you could sit in the right-field bleachers and banter with Number 24 between innings.

The Champs never knew what hit them. The rout was on, but little did we know that Little League would reign triumphant, even in a great sandlot town like San Francisco, and that eventually the diamonds would go fallow, save for adults leading their young charges in regimented practice. To this day, I hate Little League with a passion.

That one game—their vaunted pitcher didn’t stand a chance against our long-ball hitters, led of course by the demonic Alan Gallagher, who went on to play third base for the Giants—turned out to be a milestone in baseball, even if it didn’t figure in any annals of the game. Indeed, those two games in August proved to be First and Last

Ones, mythic games that heralded the end of one tradition and the beginning of another. Say *hola*. Sandlot went out in a blaze of glory, and baseball with a Spanish inflection came of age.

Eddie Montague (whose uncle, a New York Giants scout, was responsible for Number 24) would go on to become a distinguished National League umpire, crew chief at how many World Series. Michael James Monahan, who hit two homers that day, never got beyond the Central Highlands in Vietnam. His name is on the Wall. Alan Gallagher played three seasons with the Giants, one with the Angels, and went on to coach in the Minors.

Upper Noe Valley Playground is still there, 50-odd years later, though the diamond is reversed. Now it’s on the 30th Street side. I have yet to see anyone playing ball there, though there is a well-used dog run. The going price for a home in the neighborhood is a million plus.

The Giants of course went on to windburns at Candlestick, and now appear—world champions a few years back—in the best venue in all of sports. And San Francisco itself has gone from blue-collar paradise, where baseball was a religion, a passion play, to prestige address, where moneyball now takes the field.

As for the D.R., suffice it to say a friend of mine, whose job with the Boston Red Sox is to teach English to her Spanish-speaking charges, reports that that gangly pitcher is still throwing heat, and that the country is still possessed with the body language of baseball. Semper Fi indeed. ■

Robert Andersen’s work has appeared in numerous publications, from the New York Times to Physics Today. His Duncanville, an homage to Noe Valley, can be found online at Incanto.biz. San Francisco: The Native Son Tour is on the Travelers’ Tales website. A fourth-generation San Franciscan, Andersen grew up on the 200 block of Whitney Street. He now divides his time between California and Maine.

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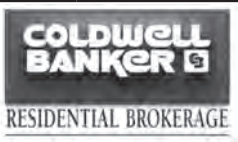
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Whole Foods and Safeway Clean Up Their Act

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21, the Monday after Easter. Then on April 25, KRON 4 News aired a segment in which Whole Foods meat clerk Marc Melancon said he'd personally seen about 40 maggots in the store's meat case. "I [could] actually see maggots underneath the plastic right near the meat that I was selling inside the case," Melancon told the station.

The KRON story quickly spread to social media and food news websites, not to mention Whole Foods shoppers.

In response to calls, the Health Department inspected the grocery's meat department that same day—April 25—and conducted follow-up examinations on April 29 and May 1.

It did not cite Whole Foods for any violations, however, because health inspectors failed to detect pests on the premises during those visits.

"We have not seen flies ourselves," said Richard Lee, acting director of the environmental health division of the Public Health Department. "We didn't see maggots, and we haven't seen flies. If we don't see them, we can't say it's a violation."

A Whole Foods official later acknowledged that fly larvae had been present on April 21, but said the company had moved quickly to remedy the situation.

"No maggots have been seen in the case since Tuesday, April 22," Whole Foods spokesperson Beth Krauss told the



The Safeway in Diamond Heights Shopping Center has retrained employees, updated procedures, and repaired or replaced equipment as a result of a Health Department investigation into food safety violations at the store. Photo by Jack Tipple

Voice. "We are in full cooperation and compliance with the Health Department, which visited Noe Valley on April 25, found no maggots or flies, and had no issue with us continuing to operate," Krauss said in an email statement. She also noted that customers returning meat or other items received full refunds or replacements.

Drain May Have Been to Blame
Lee said inspectors suspected the problem at Whole Foods might have originated in a floor drain that had not been cleaned regularly because the outlet was

partly covered by the meat case. He said the Whole Foods staff was taught how to dismantle the meat case to reach the drain, and Krauss said the store had set up a new deep-cleaning regimen "to ensure this does not happen again." The "Noe Valley store meat department has been deep cleaned by our own team members multiple times, as well as four additional deep cleanings by third-party certified professionals since this incident occurred," Krauss said. "Deep cleaning continues weekly." Krauss added that the store, which received a score of 83 at its last city checkup, also conducts "routine third-party audits to make sure we meet our own standards and exceed those of the Health Department."

Whole Foods, which replaced Bell Market in September 2009, is the only major grocery in Noe Valley.

Meat Counter Surveillance
Meanwhile, investigators had been busy at the Diamond Heights Safeway, located a short distance away at 5290 Diamond Heights Blvd. The problems they discovered there were so worrisome that health officials summoned grocery executives to a May 13 abatement hearing and warned that several departments within the store could be closed if problems were not corrected immediately. Six violations were found during a four-hour inspection at the store on April 22. Four were what health officials categorized as "high-risk" transgressions—violations that "directly relate to the transmission of food borne illnesses, the adulteration of food products, and the

contamination of food-contact surfaces." On one occasion, a health inspector said she watched as an employee dropped a food label on the floor. The inspector wrote that she "observed employee pick up meat label off the floor, place on top of coded meat, and then go to touch raw meat without washing hands." According to the inspection report, the sullied meat—two trays of smoked pork hocks—was "voluntarily discarded" after the incident.

On another occasion, an inspector observed an employee cut raw fish with a knife, rinse the knife at a sink, and then place it in a knife rack. In addition to potential contamination issues, inspectors found foods that were not kept at proper temperatures. There was a raw whole chicken in the deli that was sitting at room temperature, potatoes in a hot holding display at 113 degrees (which employees were told should be reheated to 165 degrees), and cooked roast chickens at 110-112 degrees (which should be maintained at 135 degrees).

Health director Lee said he believed the problems were caused by "a lack of training, a lack of employees oversight, and equipment that was not operating properly." He added, "We told them how to correct" all the issues.

Hourly Monitoring of Hot Food
Safeway spokesperson Keith Turner said in an email statement that "the number of the violations found at [the Diamond Heights] store are unacceptable," and that the company was working closely with the city to address and monitor the issues on an ongoing basis.

On May 14, a day after the city's abatement hearing, Turner said a management-led group "took steps to further train the store team" and to resolve all food safety issues at the location.

Turner said all infractions cited in the initial inspection "were addressed and corrected." In addition, several workers—several of whom received unspecified disciplinary actions—were given "additional food-handling training." Equipment that kept foods at improper hot or cold temperatures were repaired or replaced.

And "this store will move from twice-daily monitoring of hot and cold units to hourly monitoring," Turner said. Following a final reinspection on May 15, the Health Department report said violations cited in previous visits had been "adequately corrected." ■

To read inspection reports and find food safety scores on groceries, restaurants, and other food-serving businesses, go to www.sfdph.org/dph/eh/.

Let the Petting Begin—It's SummerFest

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you might enjoy a free spot of tea at DavidsTea, which also offers face-painting from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Live music is another traditional highlight of SummerFest. The Clef Divers will be wandering 24th Street from 1 to 2 p.m., singing their unique brand of a cappella jazz, pop, country, and rock 'n' roll. From 3 to 4 p.m., the International Low Brass Trio will perform, playing trombone, tuba, and horn. "They were students of the San

Francisco Conservatory of Music and perform on their own now," says Vientulis. From 2:30 to 3 p.m., hula dancers will be swaying at the parklet in front of Just for Fun, on 24th Street between Noe and Sanchez streets. Parking for SummerFest will be available in the yard of James Lick Middle School on 25th Street between Noe and Castro streets, for a suggested donation of \$10. Parent volunteers will be on hand to direct traffic on the yard and collect funds. The service is a fundraiser for the school's PTSA. For the latest information on SummerFest 2014, go to the website www.noevalleysummerfest.com. To volunteer, click on Contact on the site's menu.

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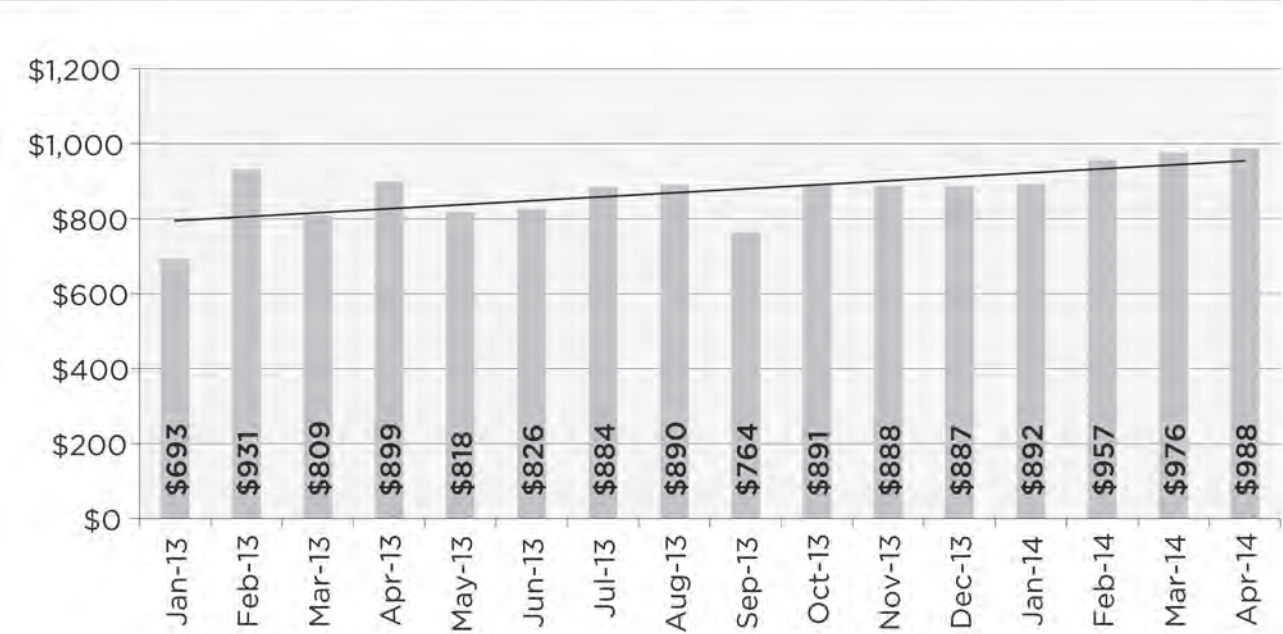
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SHORT TAKES

Noe Courts Plan Approved

The Recreation and Park Commission approved a plan May 15 to do a major remodel of Noe Courts next year, but only if the small park at 24th and Douglas streets receives a city grant.

Nearly \$475,000 from a 2008 parks bond had been allotted to Noe Courts already to remodel its aging bathroom and improve its drainage and irrigation. Sensing an opportunity for a more complete overhaul of the .93-acre park, the department hosted four community outreach meetings in 2013. What emerged was a proposal to create a combined tennis and basketball court in the southwest corner of the park and a fence to divide the dogs from the people.

To fund this larger project, Friends of Noe Courts applied for a \$306,000 grant from the Community Opportunity Fund, part of a park bond passed by voters in 2012. If the group wins the money, construction would begin in the spring of 2015, according to the department's plan.

"The Commission approved the plan contingent on the fact that the work can all be done at the same time," said Sarah Ballard, spokesperson for the Recreation and Park Department. COF grant winners will be announced in the fall, she said.

If Friends fails to win the grant, the plan will go back before the commission, Ballard said. (Friends could also apply for a future COF grant, said one of its members, Laura Norman.)

NorCal Art at Noe Valley Hill

You can view the Golden Gate Bridge on the walls of Hill & Co. Real Estate, 3899 24th St., thanks to the loan of an exhibit from the Octavia Art Gallery of NorCal Vocational, a nonprofit art center that assists developmentally disabled people.

The exhibit features five large, colorful canvas paintings by Joanne Berry, a NorCal Vocational artist.

This is the fifth exhibit of NorCal art at Hill & Co., said Kilby Stenkamp, sales manager at the 24th Street office. The paintings are for sale, ranging from \$100 to \$300, with all proceeds going to the artists themselves. The pieces sell very well, she added.

"Of course, I have quite a few myself," she said. "It goes for a good cause and the artwork makes me happy."

Art aficionados have until the end of July to admire the work.

'Secret' Gardens Open Their Gates

From quiet oases to stomping grounds for chickens, the 10 gardens in this year's Noe Valley Garden Tour on Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., feature a full range of interests.

You can tiptoe through "a Zen garden, a palm garden, a drought-tolerant garden, an outdoor room, an artist's garden, a garden for entertaining, a vegetable (and chicken) garden, and a garden enhanced with found objects," says Linda Lockyer of Friends of Noe Valley, which sponsors the tour.

The gardens are within close proximity to one another, and in fact four share fences, she says. In addition, container-gardening demonstrations conducted by Charmain Giuliani will happen at the On Lok Senior Center, 225 30th St.

Tickets, which come with a map and guide, cost \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors, but volunteer greeters who work a two-hour shift will get in free. To volunteer, send an email to Lockyer at LindaLockyer3@gmail.com.

You can buy tickets online at www.friendsofnoevalley.com, on Saturday morning at the Noe Valley Farmers Market on 24th Street, or at Cliché Noe Gifts, Independent Nature Garden Store, Just for Fun, Olive This Olive That, Omnivore Books on Food, Folio Books, Rabat Shoes, Hortica, or Small Frys.

This year's proceeds will benefit the 22nd Street Jungle Stairs Project, a community-led effort to rehabilitate, beautify, and maintain the steps on 22nd Street be-



Drought-tolerant plants like this stunning fan aloe, tended by Jana and Geoff King of Cesar Chavez Street, will be along the route of the June 14 Noe Valley Garden Tour, as will gardens featuring palm trees, colorful blooms, and decorative found objects. Photo by Lisa Erdos

tween Diamond and Castro.

Pride Day Celebrated in Noe

Bethany United Methodist Church invites the neighborhood to a Pride Day barbeque in its courtyard at 1270 Sanchez St. Sunday, June 29, at noon, following a Pride Day worship service at 10:45 a.m.

The free (and alcohol-free) family-friendly event will feature sausages, burgers, hot dogs, salads, and desserts, said

Pastor Kristin Sachen.

This is the second year of celebrating Gay Pride Weekend with an event at the church, Sachen said.

"We are a reconciling congregation," she said. "We have gone through a process of deliberately being open and welcome for gays, lesbians, bi, queer—everyone."

This month's Short Takes were written by Heather World.

Film Asks: 'What Was Your First Clue?'

By Corrie M. Anders

The 38th San Francisco International LGBT Film Festival opens this month with 214 films, including *First Clue*, a documentary directed by Elizabeth Street resident Susan Sullivan.

The six-minute short is the first film for Sullivan, 50, a longtime health counselor and doula. The film asks the question "What was your first clue you were a lesbian?" and features responses from 21 women.

Sullivan posed her question in Dolores Park last June during Gay Pride Week. Several women answered by saying their first intuition was in grade school when they felt "lots of butterflies" just being around other girls. One respondent said she knew after a playmate in kindergarten innocently kissed her broken hangnail "to make it better."

Sullivan says most gay people can recall important milestones, such as when they truly realized they were gay or when they came out to family or friends, but she wanted to explore that first moment of awareness.

You can catch *First Clue* June 21 at 1:45 p.m. at the Castro Theatre (part of the program Fun in Girls

Shorts), June 22 at 11 a.m. at the Victoria (Home-grown Shorts), or June 29 at 11 a.m. at the Castro (Fun in Girls Shorts).

The festival runs June 19 to 29 with shows at three venues in San Francisco—the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., Roxie Theater, 3117 16th St., and the Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St. It also plays at the Rialto-Elmwood in Berkeley.

With films from 31 countries, an estimated 65,000 people are expected to attend the 11-day showcase of films by and about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities. The lineup includes full-length features, cutting-edge documentaries, and movie classics.

Frameline38, which produces the annual festival, said ticket prices for members range from \$8 for attendees to \$225 for a full screening pass (except for the opening and closing night film events). Fares for the general public are \$10 to \$225.

For more information, go to www.frameline.org/festival.



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The Cost of Living in Noe

Overbidding ‘A Little Crazy’

By Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley homes continued to fly out the door in April.

Ten single-family homes changed hands, and the deals on average took only two to three weeks to complete, according to sales data supplied to the *Noe Valley Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate. That was almost a replay of March, when 11 homes sold in an average 15 days’ time. (Last April, the average period was 41 days.)

But what really impressed real estate watchers was the amount of money home shoppers were willing to stake for those properties.

Buyers on average paid 19 percent more than the seller’s asking price to land a house in the neighborhood, loosely bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets.

“Not a single property that was sold in



This modern four-bedroom, 4.5-bath home on 26th Street sold in April for \$5,250,000. The new dwelling, known as the “cube house,” garnered nearly 20 percent over the asking price.

Photo by Eddy Joaquim

Noe Valley during the month of April was below asking. Every single one was above asking price,” said Zephyr president Randall Kostick.

In one case, a buyer paid a jaw-dropping 62 percent premium, for a three-bedroom, two-bath Victorian in the 4400 block of 23rd Street, between Hoffman and Grand View avenues. Listed for \$1,788,000, the home closed escrow at

\$2.9 million.

Sellers were getting oversized bounties because there was “so much demand for their properties,” and so little inventory in February and March.

The overbidding, Kostick said, was getting “a little crazy.”

Two of the 10 homes sold for more than \$3 million, and a third dwelling—the most expensive—commanded \$5,250,000.

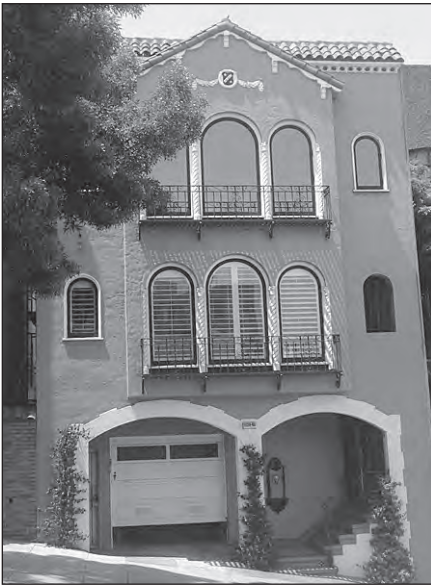
The latter, a residence known as the “cube house” for its modern geometric design, sold in 12 days for 17 percent above the seller’s initial price of \$4.5 million. The four-bedroom, 4.5-bath home, built this year, is located in the 4300 block

of 26th Street, between Diamond and Douglass streets.

Meanwhile, the condominium market was heading into the stratosphere.

Buyers purchased 14 attached units in April, more than double the number bought in Noe Valley last April. Kostick said the condos, just like the houses, all went for above the owner’s asking price.

A two-bedroom, two-bath unit in the 1100 block of Dolores Street, between 25th and Jersey streets, was the month’s most expensive condominium purchase. The 1,855-square-foot residence sold in 12 days for \$1,950,000—nearly a half million dollars above the asking price.



Buyers paid \$1,950,000 for the top-floor unit in this Mediterranean-style building on Dolores Street.

Photo by Corrie M. Anders

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| April 2014 | 10 | \$1,000,000 | \$5,250,000 | \$2,252,700 | 18 | 119% |
| March 2014 | 11 | \$1,153,000 | \$7,000,000 | \$2,854,455 | 15 | 118% |
| April 2013 | 17 | \$1,050,000 | \$3,575,000 | \$2,001,765 | 41 | 112% |
| Condominiums | | | | | | |
| April 2014 | 14 | \$505,000 | \$1,950,000 | \$1,255,000 | 27 | 117% |
| March 2014 | 11 | \$885,000 | \$1,775,000 | \$1,078,091 | 23 | 114% |
| April 2013 | 6 | \$810,000 | \$1,710,000 | \$1,185,258 | 24 | 113% |
| 2- to 4-unit buildings | | | | | | |
| April 2014 | 1 | \$1,750,000 | \$1,750,000 | \$1,750,000 | 21 | 100% |
| March 2014 | 0 | — | — | — | — | — |
| April 2013 | 3 | \$1,358,000 | \$2,100,000 | \$1,702,333 | 29 | 111% |
| 5+-unit buildings | | | | | | |
| April 2014 | 1 | \$1,350,000 | \$1,350,000 | \$1,350,000 | 15 | 108% |
| March 2014 | 0 | — | — | — | — | — |
| April 2013 | 0 | — | — | — | — | — |

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

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Noe Valley Rents**

| Unit | No. in Sample | Range May 2014 | Average May 2014 | Average April 2014 | Average May 2013 |
|---------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Studio | 6 | \$1,650 – \$2,350 | \$1,888 / mo. | \$2,256 / mo. | \$1,748 / mo. |
| 1-bdrm | 16 | \$2,150 – \$3,880 | \$2,913 / mo. | \$2,822 / mo. | \$2,613 / mo. |
| 2-bdrm | 33 | \$2,995 – \$5,200 | \$3,831 / mo. | \$4,542 / mo. | \$3,975 / mo. |
| 3-bdrm | 12 | \$4,750 – \$8,500 | \$6,304 / mo. | \$6,335 / mo. | \$5,498 / mo. |
| 4+-bdrm | 1 | n/a | \$7,000 / mo. | \$7,166 / mo. | \$7,889 / mo. |

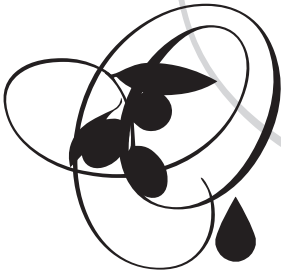
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Store Trek is a regular Voice feature profiling new stores and restaurants in Noe Valley. This month we introduce a 24th Street restaurant serving authentic Indian cuisine at both lunch and dinner-time.

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The owners of Little Delhi, a popular Indian restaurant in the Tenderloin, have opened a second restaurant in Noe Valley, Holy Kitchen. The new restaurant, on 24th Street next to Aesthetic Dentistry, made its entrance in early March in the former site of Swatdee Thai Cuisine.

Owners Indrajit Ghosh and Kashi Serchan say the name Holy Kitchen comes from the annual spring festival in India known as Holi, the Festival of Colors. During Holi, participants paint their faces with bright vibrant powders, as well as toss them on strangers, as they celebrate the arrival of spring, commemorate Krishna’s pranks, and drink and dance.

Holy Kitchen’s menu offers an expanded selection of Little Delhi’s regional Indian specialties: Butter Chicken, Mattar Paneer (cottage cheese and peas in tomato gravy), and Chicken Tikka, from Northern India; Malabar Fish curry made with seasonal fish, coconut, curry leaf, and spices, a dish popular in West Bengal; and vegetarian fare including Daal Tadka (lentils cooked with spices), Bengan Bharta (roasted eggplant with onion, tomato and spices), a variety of Paneer



Co-owner Kashi Serchan and server Lhakpa Ghale invite you to try the popular Chicken Tikka or Paneer Shashlyk, or perhaps your taste buds will crave a tall Lassi fruit drink the next time you dine at Holy Kitchen restaurant on 24th Street. Photo by Pamela Gerard

dishes, and a Vegetable Korma (fresh vegetables in a creamy curry sauce). Traditional naan bread is served, along with roti, poori, a garlic naan, and paratha (unleavened layered whole wheat bread topped with melted butter). White or

brown basmati rice, as well as vegetable, chicken, lamb, or prawn biriyani rice dishes, are also featured.

Customer favorites include a Badami Chicken (tandoori chicken cubes cooked in creamy curry with pistachios and

cashew paste, \$13), Lamb Achari (lamb cooked in pickling spices, \$13), and the Paneer Shashlyk (marinated cubes of Indian cottage cheese with bell peppers, onions, and tomatoes, \$14).

There is a daily lunch special, usually a curry or tandoori with a meat or vegetarian option, that includes rice, salad, vegetables, and bread for \$8.99 to \$10.99. Food is available for pickup. However, the restaurant does not deliver.

Ghosh, who is originally from Calcutta, and Serchan, who hails from Nepal, came to the United States more than 20 years ago to study, and started working in the restaurant business to make a living. They make all their dishes from scratch and locally source their produce and meats.

The 49-seat restaurant is divided into three rooms, including a back room that is secluded enough for a small private party. The restaurant has had a complete overhaul since its Swatdee days, adding a new kitchen, wheelchair access, and new bathrooms. The walls, painted a muted yellow, feature photos of Indian street markets. White tablecloths and leather benches that run along one side of each room give the restaurant an open and airy feel.

Ghosh and Serchan are delighted to open their new restaurant in Noe Valley. “We like the welcoming environment here. It’s a homey neighborhood.”

Holy Kitchen is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 5 to 9:30 p.m. It closes at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Reservations are accepted.

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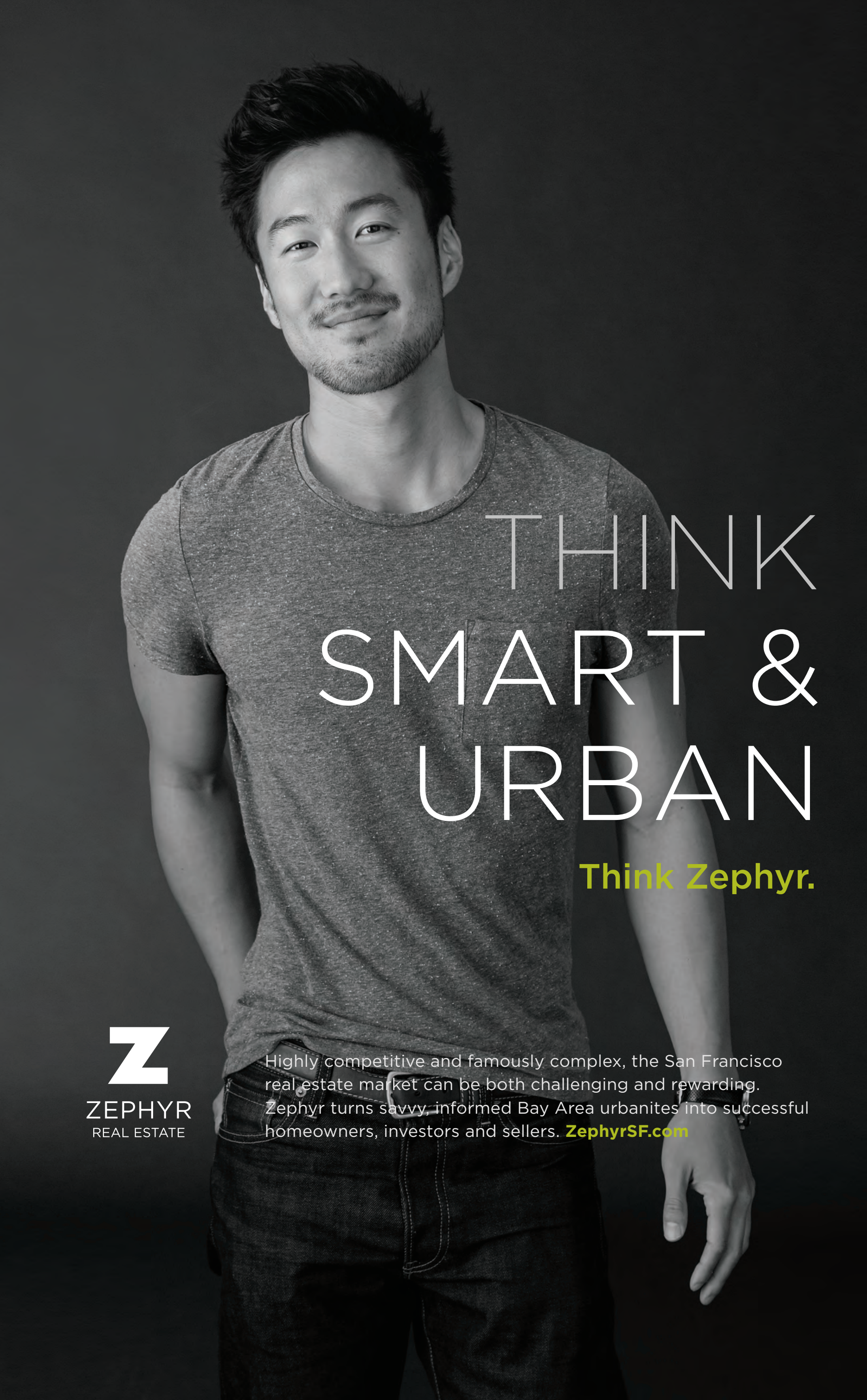
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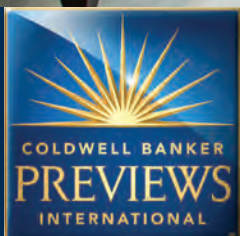
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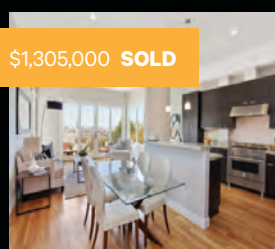
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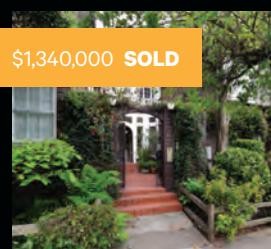
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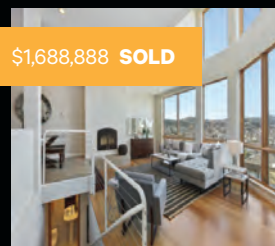
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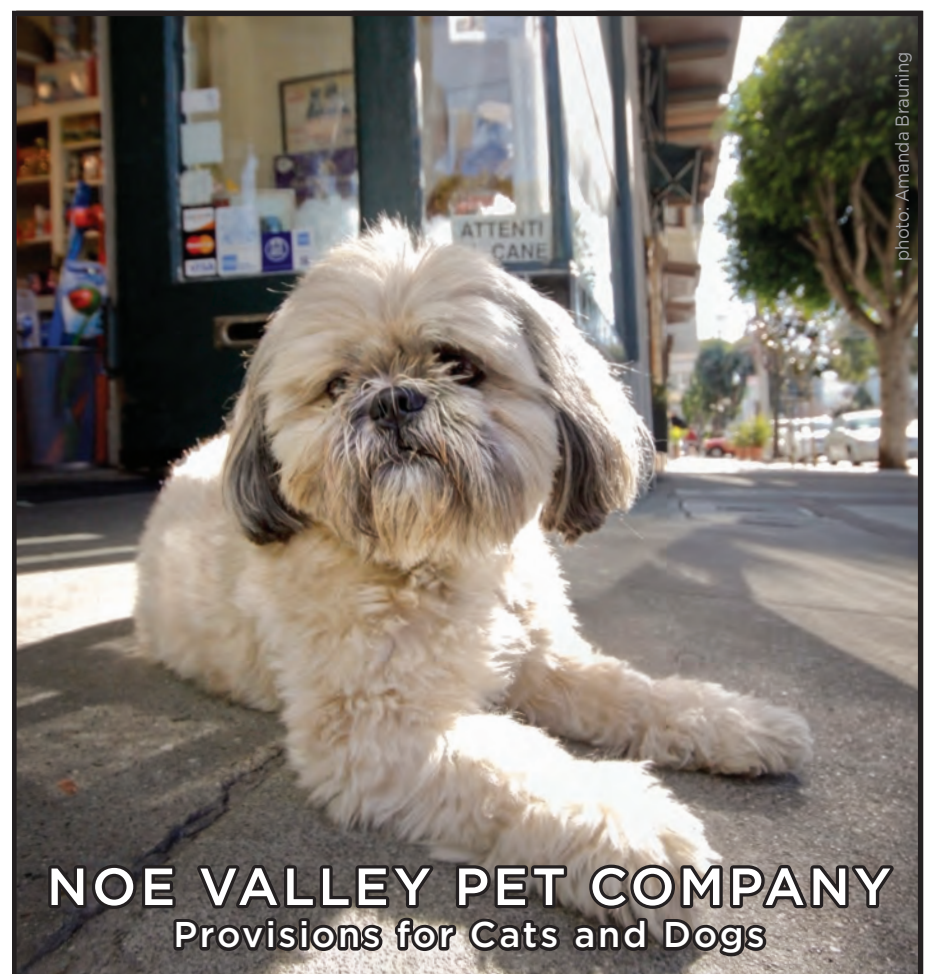


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By Heather World

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| Baby and Me (1-3 yrs old) | Mon., 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Auditorium Free Play | Mon., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| Open Gym Basketball | Mon., 2-4:30 p.m. |
| Tennis (7-12 yrs old) | Mon., 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | |
| Petite Bakers (3-6 yrs old) | Tues., 10:15-11:45 a.m. |
| Auditorium Free Play | Tues., noon-3:30 p.m. |
| Open Gym Basketball | Tues., 2-8:30 p.m. |
| Tennis (8-13 yrs old) | Tues., 3:30-5 p.m. |
| Combat Athletics, Intermediate (8-16 yrs old) | Tues., 4-5:30 p.m. |
| Tennis (adult intermediate) | Tues., 6-7 p.m. |
| Yoga (adult) | Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Boot Camp (adult) | Tues., 7:45-8:45 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| Baby and Me (1-3 yrs old) | Wed., 9:30-10:30 a.m. |
| Tot Tennis (4-5 yrs old) | Wed., 10:30-11 a.m. |
| Pilates (adult) | Wed., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| Auditorium Free Play | Wed., 1-2:30 p.m. |
| Open Gym Basketball | Wed., 2-6 p.m. |
| Karate Kidz: Little Kickers (4-5 yrs old) | Wed., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. & 5 p.m. |
| Open Gym Volleyball | Wed., 6-8:30 p.m. |
| Food in Jars (adult) | Wed., 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| Tennis (adult beginner/intermediate) | Wed., 6:30-8 p.m. |
| THURSDAY | |
| Auditorium Free Play | Thurs., 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| Argentine Tango, beginner (55+) | Thurs., 1-4 p.m. |
| Open Gym Basketball | Thurs., 2-8:30 p.m. |
| Yoga (adult) | Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Core Stability and Balance (adult) | Thurs., 7:45-8:45 p.m. |
| FRIDAY | |
| Pilates (adult) | Fri., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| Auditorium Free Play | Fri., 1-3:30 p.m. |
| Open Gym Basketball | Fri., 2-6 p.m. |
| Combat Athletics (8-16 yrs old) | Fri., 4:30-6 p.m. |
| Open Gym Women's Indoor Soccer | Fri., 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
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In the Land of Shadows: Daniel Barash of the **Shadow Puppet Workshop** presents “Spin Me a Shadow, Tell Me a Tale,” stories from around the world. Volunteers can go behind the screen to help perform the show. For ages 4 and up. Tuesday, June 10, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Read to Stanley the Dog: Your child will love reading to calm canine Stanley and Learning Specialist Rebecca at the SPCA-sponsored **Puppy Dog Tales**, a program for those learning to read or those who might want extra help in vocabulary or grammar. For ages 4 to 7, but older children are welcome. Call 415-355-5707 to reserve your spot. Friday, June 20, 1 to 2 p.m.

Asheba, Musical Storyteller: Enjoy the storytelling of **Asheba**, a Bay Area artist specializing in Trinidadian-style calypso, reggae, and neo-folk music. For children of all ages. Thursday, June 26, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Tales: Join **Miss Catherine** for Toddler Tales, featuring books, rhymes, music, movement, and more for toddlers 16 months to 2 years old, with parent or caregiver. Thursday, June 12, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Films is a screening of short films, many based on picture books, for children ages 3 to 5, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Thursday, June 19, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

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MORE BOOKS TO READ

Time to Start Turning Pages

How many hours of reading can you stack up in 10 weeks? To find out, sign up for the Summer Read SF 2014 marathon, sponsored by the San Francisco Public Library. This year’s reading challenge started May 31 and runs through Aug. 10. By keeping track of your reading, you can earn a canvas tote bag and enter a weekly raffle to win passes to fantastic cultural events. It’s a great way for families to share the pleasure of reading. Sign up at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library (or any other branch) or online at www.sfpl.org/summerread.

If you stop by the library on Jersey Street—now open seven days a week—be sure to check out the new exhibit in the Art Box Gallery, “Panoramic Photographs” by local artist (and part-time library staff member) Claire Bain. Bain makes architectural photos using a technique that combines several perspectives into one image.

So, are you ready to read? Here’s the latest list of books and DVDs offered to the *Noe Valley Voice* by Adult Services Librarian Susan Higgins and Children’s Services Librarian Catherine Starr, of the Noe Valley Branch. This month’s children’s book annotations were written by Children’s Services Intern Miranda Phaal. The adult annotations as usual were penned by Susan Higgins. Many thanks to both. Have a great summer! —Sally Smith, Editor

Children’s Fiction

- Gus the dinosaur is the coolest school bus in town, but some think the eager super-saurus is *just too big* for city streets, in *Gus, the Dinosaur Bus*, written by Julia Liu and illustrated by Bei Lynn. Ages 3 to 5.

- Little T is afraid to go to the zoo, though she can’t say why. Luckily, her family is there to dress up in homemade costumes of every animal in the alphabet, in *Fraidyzoo* by Thyra Heder. Ages 4 to 7.

- When it comes to technology, Dot knows a lot—how to tap, tweet, touch, and tag—but when it’s time to go outside and “recharge,” she finds a different use for those skills in *Dot*, by Randi Zuckerberg, with illustrations by Joe Berger. Ages 5 to 7.

- In *Monster on the Hill*, a graphic novel by Rob Harrell, it is the duty of each ferocious monster in Victorian England to terrorize his township. Tourism depends on it. But one township’s monster is having some confidence issues... Can a mad scientist and a scrappy street urchin help monster Rayburn find his claws? Ages 8 to 11.

- Ariana’s cousin Laila is too perfect—a proper Afghan girl who just moved to the United States and has already won over Ariana’s best friend. But when a new Afghani grocery opens in the same strip mall as their family’s store, and both shops are vandalized, the cousins must unite in *Saving Kabul Corner* by N.H. Sanzai. Ages 8 to 12.

- All the students of Ever After High are supposed to follow in the footsteps of their famous fairytale parents, but Raven Queen, daughter of the Evil Queen, defies the legacy in *Ever After High: The Unfairest of Them All* by Shannon Hale. Ages 9 to 13.

Children’s Poetry

- *Goodnight Songs* is a book of previously unpublished lullabies by *Goodnight Moon* author Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by 12 award-winning artists. It includes a CD with performances by singer/songwriter duo Tom Proutt and Emily Gary. Ages 3 to 6.

- Amy Ludwig VanDerwater captures the calm and complexity of the forest and its creatures in 26 simple poems in *Forest Has a Song: Poems*, with illustrations by Robbin Gourley. Ages 6 to 9.

- *Outside the Box* by Karma Wilson, with illustrations by Diane Goode, collects over 100 poems straight out of a child’s imagina-

tion, from “The Law of Gravity” to the “Definition of a Unicorn.” Ages 7 to 10.

Adult Fiction

- A doctor joins an expedition to search for a lost tribe on a remote Micronesian island and finds a group of people who live incredibly long lives, in *The People in the Trees* by Hanya Yanagihara.

- Maud Casey’s *The Man Who Walked Away* is loosely based on the life of a 19th-century psychiatric patient who walked throughout Europe.

- An East African immigrant living in a small English town shares his mysterious past with his family after suffering a stroke, in *The Last Gift* by Abdulrazak Gurnah.

- *We See a Different Frontier: A Postcolonial Speculative Fiction Anthology*, edited by Fabio Fernandes and Djibril al-Ayad, includes stories told from the perspective of the colonized.

Adult Nonfiction

- *The Sea Ranch: Fifty Years of Architecture, Landscape, Place, and Community on the Northern California Coast*, by Donlyn Lyndon, Jim Alinder, Donald Canty, and Lawrence Halprin, explores the history and future of the Sonoma County development.

- Nolo has updated its comprehensive guide *Working for Yourself: Law and Taxes for Independent Contractors, Freelancers, and Consultants*, by Stephen Fishman, J.D.

- *The Balcony Gardener: Creative Ideas for Small Spaces*, by Isabelle Palmer, provides fresh inspiration for city dwellers who want to beautify their homes.

- Journalist Amanda Ripley writes about educators in Finland, Poland, and South Korea, and three American exchange students who spend a year in their high schools, in *The Smartest Kids in the World and How They Got That Way*.

Films on DVD for Adults

- *Trans-Europ-Express*, written and directed by Alain Robbe-Grillet, starring Jean-Louis Trintignant and Marie-France Pisier, is a 1967 film about writing a script about drug smuggling.

- In *Shadow Dancer*, directed by James Marsh, starring Gillian Anderson and Clive Owen, an IRA member becomes an MI5 informant in 1990s Belfast.

LIBRARY EVENTS

AAC Conversation Club: The Conversation Club is a chance for those who use Alternative and Augmentative Communication (ACC) devices, such as Dynavox, QuickTalker, Tobii Sono Flex, Talk Bar, and apps for smart phones and tablets like Proloquo2Go, to meet, share, and “talk.” Bring a video, pictures, or visual stories of recent adventures and your ACC device the first week. Co-sponsored by Support for Families of Children with Disabilities. Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Noe Valley Knitting Circle: Want to learn how to knit or crochet or hang out with other knitters and crocheters? Join the Noe Valley Knitting Circle, which meets on first Saturdays. The library has supplies for practice, but bring your own yarn and needles or hooks if you have a special project in mind. Saturday, June 7, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

eReader Drop-In Class: Bring your Kindle, Nook, iPad, or other eReader to a drop-in tutorial on borrowing ebooks from the San Francisco Public Library’s collection of more than 40,000. Tuesday, June 10, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Great Books, Great Writings: The topic at this month’s Great Books Discussion Group will be “The Crito” by Plato. Contact Clifford Louie at clifford-louie@sbcglobal.net or 415-750-1786 for a copy of the reading. Wednesday, June 11, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Friday Matinee at the Library screens *The Cider House Rules*, a 1999 film based on the coming-of-age novel by the same name by John Irving. The film, directed by Lasse Hallström, stars Tobey Maguire, Charlize Theron, and Michael Caine. Friday, June 13, 3 to 5 p.m.

Starring San Francisco: Jim Van Buskirk, co-author of *Celluloid San Francisco* (and a former SFPL librarian), uses film stills and clips to show Bay Area film locations in Hollywood movies, from *Bullitt* to *Towering Inferno* to *Zodiac*. Saturday, June 14, 2 to 3 p.m.

Noe Valley Book Talk: Newcomers are invited to join the discussion of *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy at this month’s meeting of the Noe Valley Book Discussion Group. Wednesday, June 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

1960s Rock, Part Two: Rock historian Richie Unterberger presents a talk on “The Golden Age of San Francisco Rock, Part Two,” featuring rare clips of folk-rock and psychedelic legends, such as Jefferson Airplane, Janis Joplin, Sly & the Family Stone, Santana, and Creedence Clearwater Revival. Saturday, June 28, 2 to 4 p.m.

- Originally made in 2011, *The First 70: California’s State Parks*, produced by Lauren Valentino and directed by Jarratt Moody, takes a journey through the beautiful parks that had been slated to close.

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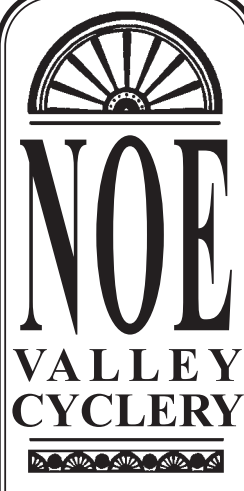
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On 24th Street

Asked on Saturday, April 26, in front of Zephyr Real Estate on 24th Street near Castro:
Has there been a ‘culture shift’ in Noe Valley?



Devon West, Elizabeth Street: I’ve lived here four years, before Whole Foods was here. I haven’t really noticed a culture shift, but you do overhear people at the playground or coffee shop talking about their new startup. But since I’ve been here, there hasn’t been much change. Rent has always been high.



Alessandro Palumbo, Clipper Street: I moved here two years ago from Italy so I haven’t seen much of a culture shift. But I am still in my studio and can’t afford to move out.



Larry and Nancy Lisser, 25th Street: Yes, there has been a culture shift. Everyone is wealthier than we are; there are younger more affluent tech people. It still feels like Noe Valley, just more affluent. The Google buses don’t bother us. People forget that they’re replacing cars.



Dan Hobbs and Zaira, 29th Street: The cultural shift isn’t in Noe Valley. It’s near Dolores Park. Noe Valley has been gentrified for a while. The bus stop protesters have valid concerns, but they are taking it out on the wrong people—they are just working people.



Louise Leininger and Steve March, Jersey Street: There’s a lot of money coming into the neighborhood from the tech people, so yes there is a culture shift. There are people who have lived here for a while and can’t afford to eat at the restaurants anymore. People who are grandfathered into Noe Valley wouldn’t be living here otherwise. And we feel it while we’re waiting for the nasty Muni and see the tech people climb down the luxury bus steps.



Ian Chadwick, Capistrano Avenue: I grew up in Noe Valley, and it hasn’t really changed. It’s still a yuppie neighborhood; it’s still pretty affluent with dogs and baby strollers. If anything, the Mission has changed the most, and other places, like Cole Valley, the Haight, and Valencia Street have become more like Noe Valley.

Interviews and images by Shayna Rubin

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JUNE 2014

June 1-11: Creativity Explored exhibits ARTWORK by Peter Cordova, Mirian Munguia, and José Nuñez. Mon & Tues., 10 am-3 pm; Wed.-Fri., 10 am-7 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

June 1-15: The ARTZONE 461 Gallery shows paintings by Heidi McDowell and Adam Cahoon. Wed.-Sun., noon-6 pm. 461 Valencia. 441-8680; artzone461.com.

June 1-29: Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am Sundays for a City Guides walking tour of the MISSION DOLORES area. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

June 1-29: Meet under the rainbow flag (Castro and Market) for a City Guides walking tour of the CASTRO. Sat., Sun. & Tues., 11 am. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

June 1 & 15; July 6: SF City Guides leads a free WALKING TOUR of Noe Valley on first and third Sundays at 1:30-3:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

June 1-Nov. 23: The Glen Park Village FARMERS' MARKET is open Sundays, 10 am to 2 pm, in the Glen Park BART parking lot at Bosworth and Arlington. pcfma.com.

June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: The Alternate and Augmentative Communication (AAC) device Conversation Club meets from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 2-30: Noe Valley OVEREATERS Anonymous meets Monday through Saturday, 7 am, at St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. oasf.org.

June 2-30: 30th Street SENIOR CENTER serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays. Noon and 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

June 2-Aug. 2: Kit Cameron exhibits PAINTINGS in "Summertime." 555 California St. kitcameron.com.

June3: Remember to VOTE in the Primary Election. Polls are open 8 am to 5 pm.

June 3: John Holl introduces *The American CRAFT BEER Cookbook*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 3, 10, 17 & 24: The Eureka Valley Library offers its TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

June 3-24: Larkin Street Youth Services gives free HIV TESTING for youth 24 and under. Tues., 5-7 pm. 1800 Market. 673-0911; sfcenter.org.

June 3-24: Dogs 6 months and older are invited to the Tuesday PUPPY SOCIAL at K9 Scrub Club. 7-8 pm. 1734 Church. Register: k9scrubclub.com.

June 3-24: Attend PUB QUIZ NIGHTS on Tuesdays at the Valley Tavern, 4054 24th, and Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

June 3 & July 1: The de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor have FREE ADMISSION on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

June 4: Muni hosts a District 8 OPEN HOUSE to discuss proposed projects. 5:30-7 pm. LGBT Center, 1800 Market. sftransportation2030.com.

June 4: Jonathan Freeman presents the history of brewing in San Francisco in "The 150-Year Cycle." 6:30-7:30 pm. Glen Park Library, 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

June 4, 11, 18 & 25: Michelle Cannon Diaz reads seasonal and featured titles at Folio Books' Wednesday STORYTIME. 11 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

June 4, 11, 18 & 25: Eureka Valley Library's Wednesday BABY RHYME and Playtime, for infants to 18 months, starts at 1:30 pm. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

June 4, 11, 18 & 25: Amnesia offers Wednesday Night JAZZ by the Amnesiacs. 6 pm. 853 Valencia. amnesiathebar.com.

June 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.

June 4-25: CANDLE SING at Holy Innocents Church includes songs from Taize and the islands of Iona and Lindisfarne. Wednesdays, 5:30-6 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. holyinsf.org.

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

June 4 & July 2: The GLBT HISTORY Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; GLBThistory.org.

June 4-Dec. 17: The Castro Farmers' Market has fresh PRODUCE on Wednesdays. 4-8 pm. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

June 5: ALPHABET ROCKERS perform songs about nutrition, science, and literacy for all ages. 10:30-11:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 5: Dan Barber discusses *The Third Plate: Field Notes on the FUTURE OF FOOD*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 5: Tyler Hinman, author of *Winner's Circle Crosswords*, hosts a PUZZLE CHALLENGE Night. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; space is limited, register at foliosf.com.

June 5, 12, 19 & 26: Ryann Summers teaches a Thursday YOGA CLASS at Folio Books; bring your own mat. 9:30-10:30 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; ryannsummersyoga.com.

June 5-July 13: The MARSH presents Dan Hoyle's *Each and Every*

Thing. Thu. & Fri, 8 pm; Sat., 8:30 pm. 1062 Valencia. 271-3256; themarsh.org.

June 6: SF Camerawork hosts an artist talk and book signing of *Art Fare*, with PHOTOGRAPHS by Andy Freeberg and an essay by W.M. Hunt. 6-8 pm. 1011 Market, 2nd floor. 487-1011.



Noe Valley artist Kit Cameron will show paintings through Aug. 2 at 555 California St.

June 6: *Sunset Magazine's* Margo True and Elaine Johnson introduce *The Great OUTDOORS Cookbook*; samples and champagne included. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 6 & 7: Supervisor SCOTT WIENER has open office hours on June 6, 10 am to noon, at City Hall, room 274, and on June 7, 11 am to 1 pm, at Bello Coffee & Tea, 2885 Diamond. Call to confirm: 554-6968.

June 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.

June 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.

June 7: The annual Friends of Noe Valley GARDEN TOUR, "Secret Gardens," features 10 diverse private gardens and a container gardening demonstration. 10 am-4 pm. For tickets and map, friendsofnoevalley.com.

June 7: The Noe Valley KNITTING

CIRCLE also offers crochet lessons. 10:30-11:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 7: Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.

June 7: Supervisor Scott Wiener answers questions at a COMMUNITY MEETING for the Diamond Heights and Glen Park communities. 4 pm. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, lower level, 101 Gold Mine Drive. 554-6968.

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

June 8: The monthly PFLAG support group features speakers and discussions. 2-4:30 pm. St. Francis Church, 152 Church. 921-8850; pflagssf@aol.com.

June 9: The ODD MONDAYS series hosts ABC reporter Lyanne Melendez, reading from her children's book about Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. 7 pm Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper 5:30 pm. Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th (RSVP jlsender@webtv.net). 821-2090; oddmondays.com.

June 10: Bring your Kindle, Nook, or iPad to an eREADER CLASS. 10:30-11:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707.

June 10: Daniel Barash from the SHADOW PUPPET Workshop performs "Spin Me a Shadow, Tell Me a Tale," for ages 4 and up. 2:30-3:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Space is limited; call to register: 355-5707.

June 10: Tod Davies discusses the latest in her series, *JAM TODAY Too: The Revolution Will Not Be Catered*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 11: The Glen Park Library's monthly KNITTING CIRCLE continues from 4:30 to 6 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.



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June 11: PAJAMA PARTY Story-time with local author Liz Crane features summer-themed books and bedtime-appropriate snacks; ages 3 to 5. 6 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477.

June 11: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group tackles “The Crito” by Plato. 6:15 pm. 451 Jersey. 750-1786; cliffordlouie@sbcglobal.net.

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

June 12: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES, featuring books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 13: Gallery of Jewels hosts a trunk show by JEWELRY maker Carolyn Hunter. 4089 24th. 285-0626.

June 13: The Noe Valley Library hosts a screening of the 1999 FILM based on the John Irving novel *The Cider House Rules*. 3-5 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 14: LADYBUG GARDENERS meet quarterly at Upper Noe Rec Center 9 am to noon; volunteers of all ages welcome. 295 Day. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

June 14: The Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association celebrates NOE VALLEY SUMMER-FEST with a petting zoo, bouncy house, hayride (2-5 pm), music, and entertainment. 11 am-5 pm. 550-0128.

June 14: The 2014 SF HOUSING EXPO offers information for homebuyers, homeowners, and renters. 11 am-5 pm. St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough. 202-5464.

June 14: Jim Van Buskirk uses film clips to show the Bay Area’s history in MOVIES, in “Starring San Francisco.” 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 14: PERFORMANCE ARTIST Guillermo Gómez Peña offers a solo work, “Imaginary Activism: The Role of the Artist Beyond the Art World.” 8 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 2919 24th. 282-9246.

June 15: Tess Masters introduces *The BLENDER Girl: Super-Easy. Super-Healthy Meals, Snacks, Desserts, and Drinks*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 15-19: The 13th SF DOCUMENTARY FILM Festival screens at the Roxie (3117 16th) and the Oakland School for the Arts Black Box Theater (530 19th). 820-3907; sfindie.com.

June 16: Novella Carpenter discusses *GONE FERAL: Tracking My Dad Through the Wild*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 17: Peter Miller introduces *Lunch at the Shop: The Art and Practice of the MIDDAY MEAL*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 17-July 15: NERT offers free EMERGENCY TRAINING in a Tuesday 6 to 10 pm class. St. Kevin Church, 702 Cortland. Contact Lt. Erica Arteseros, 970-2022; sffidnert@sfgov.org.

June 18: GARY KAMIYA reads from his book *Cool Gray City of Love: 49 Views of San Francisco*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Glen Park Library, 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

June 18: Paula Marcoux discusses *Cooking with FIRE*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 18: The Noe Valley BOOK Discussion Group reads *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy. 7 to 8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 18: The Noe Valley DEMOCRATIC CLUB offers a discussion and analysis of the June 3 Primary Election. 7 pm. St. Philip’s Church, 725 Diamond. 641-5838; noedemsorg.blogspot.com.

June 19: Reel-to-Reel 16mm FILMS for preschoolers screen at the Noe Valley Library at 10:15 and 11 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 19: COMEDY Returns to El Rio with a show featuring Karinda Dobbins, Bob McIntyre, Irene Tu, Bobby Golden, and Lisa Geduldig. 8 pm. 3158 Mission. ElRios.com.

June 19-29: Frameline38, the SF International LGBT FILM Festival, screens at the Castro Theater (429 Castro), the Roxie (3117 16th), the Victoria (2961 16th), and Berkeley’s Rialto Cinemas Elmwood. frame-line.org/festival.

June 19-Aug. 6: Creativity Explored exhibits “INK,” a group art show about tattoos and their symbolism. Reception June 19, 7-9 pm; Mon & Tues., 10 am-3 pm; Wed.-Fri., 10 am-7 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

June 20: The PUPPY DOG TALES reading program allows children to practice reading to a calm canine named Stanley; ages 4 to 7, but older welcome. 1-2 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Reserve a spot at 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 20: The Folio Books PIZZA BOOK CLUB for ages 8 through 12 holds its first meeting. 6-7:30 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477.

June 21: Josh Kilmer-Purcell and Brent Ridge introduce *The Beekman 1802 Heirloom VEGETABLE COOKBOOK*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 21: WILL DURST performs his one-man show *BoomeRaging: From LSD to OMG*. 8 pm. SF Live Arts (Noe Valley Music Series) at St. Cyprian’s, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

June 22: Five authors from Bold Strokes Books read from their work; tea and snacks provided. 3-4 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477.

June 23: The ODD MONDAYS series hosts “Pop-Up Book Night,” where assorted readers and writers will share their favorites. 7 pm at Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th (RSVP jlsender@webtv.net). 821-2090; oddmondays.com.

June 24: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

June 24: Phillip Choy discusses the architecture of CHINATOWN at a meeting of the SF History Association. 7 pm. St. Philip’s Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

June 24: LITQUAKE Epicenter hosts Katie Crouch (*Abroad*) in conversation with Glen David Gold (*Sunnyside*). 7 pm. Hotel Rex, 562 Sutter. litquake.org.

June 25: Kimberly Hasselbrink discusses *VIBRANT FOOD: Celebrating the Ingredients, Recipes, and Colors of Each Season*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 26: Musical STORYTELLER Asheba brings Trinidadian-style family entertainment to the Noe Valley Library. 10:30-11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 26: *Roadshow* author Matthew Kennedy hosts a slideshow and discussion about the downfall of the BIG-SCREEN MUSICAL in the late 1960s. 7-8:30 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477.

June 27: Tom Mylan and Steven Raichlen introduce *The Meat Hook MEAT BOOK*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 28: The Older Women’s League (OWL) presents Marie Jobling, director of the Community Living Campaign, discussing “10

Things to Love (and Five Things to Hate) About TECHNOLOGY.” 10 am-noon. Flood Building, 870 Market, Room 1185. 989-4422; owlsf.org.

June 28: “The Golden Age of San Francisco ROCK, Part 2” features a second round of film clips and discussion by rock historian Ritchie Unterberger. 2-4 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

June 28: KATE PAYNE discusses *The HIP GIRL’S Guide to the Kitchen*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

June 28: The Glen Park Library screens the 1952 Cary Grant FILM *Room for One More*. 3-5 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

June 29: The 45th annual SF PRIDE PARADE starts at Market and Second streets at 10 am. Civic Center celebration is 11 am to 6:30 pm. sfpride.org.

June 29: The Pride Day BAR-BEQUE at Bethany United Methodist Church is family-friendly and alcohol-free; everyone is welcome. Noon. 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393.

June 29: Marissa McClellan introduces *Preserving by the Pint: Quick Seasonal CANNING for Small Spaces*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

JULY IN THE SUN, THEN COMES AUGUST OF WIND...

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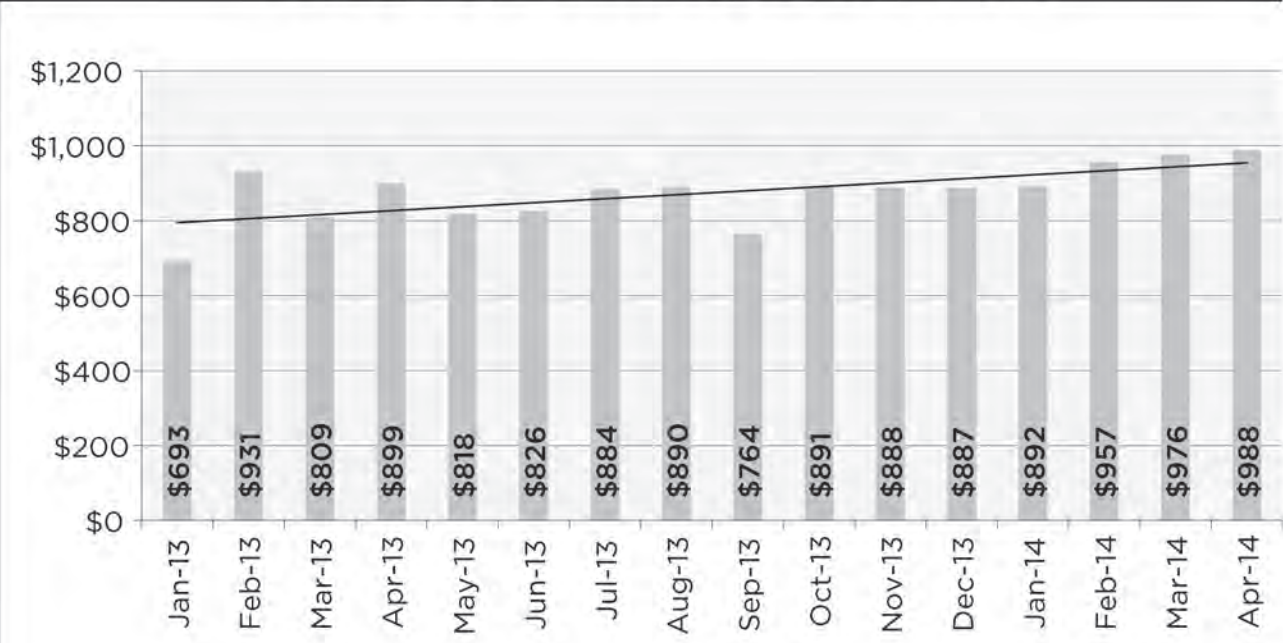
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PETTY CACHE: It's the small things that make me mad in this neighborhood. My gripes may or may not be too picky for you, but they really drive me crazy.

For instance, the potholes on our streets. There's a string of them on Dolores Street, especially in the abyss-ridden stretch from 21st Street north to Dolores Park. Would it be too much to fix them?

And come to think of it, why does Dolores have to be a "Street" when it should be called El Camino Real, which is Spanish for the Royal Road, also known as the King's Highway. Why can't it be called Dolores Real?

It also gripes me that those commercial delivery trucks double-freakin'-park on 24th Street from Church to Castro during morning and evening rush hours. These monsters start their blinking and unloading, and before you know it the vehicular traffic is reduced to one lane. We have curb space. Why can't we expand the yellow zones between 5 and 8 a.m. for commercial deliveries and bar the trucks from double-parking? Post the signs, then fine 'em or tow 'em!

And while we're on 24th Street, let's talk about etiquette. I actually have opened my car window to scold (okay, okay, I know I shouldn't) the idiot driver

who hangs a U-turn in the middle of the block to snare a parking spot on the other side of the street. First of all, the U-turn is illegal. Second of all, it's dangerous for all drivers and pedestrians in the vicinity. And thirdly, I have to be a witness to the disaster, because I'm stuck in the jam in the street. Luckily, though, I would be able to call 911 instantly upon seeing the crash. Unless, of course, I was unlucky.

Yes, I can get petty. One evening I went into that five-star sushi bar on 24th Street to place a to-go order for four sushi dinners (very yummy) and was told the restaurant only did take-out orders for lunch and *not dinner*. Say what?

It really bothers me that there are so few publications anymore occupying those big metal newspaper racks spread throughout Downtown Noe Valley. But I admit I'm happy you can usually find the *Voice* in one of the free boxes.

It also bothers me that it has taken almost 11 years for Real Food Company (Nutraceutical) to get real about the blight



Farewell to a Local Gem: Thirty-five years of fond memories are hard to leave behind, but Joshua Simon owner Liz Klein will be retiring and closing her clothing boutique on 24th Street at the end of July. She says wistfully, "The best part of it all was my customers—wonderful people. Many have become friends over the years. I'll miss them." *Photo by Pamela Gerard*

caused by their vacant storefront at 3939 24th St., and that so far, despite the Rumors of last October, we still haven't heard any specifics about their plans to tear down the building and put up a new one. Will it be retail with residential above? Two floors? Three?

I could go on and on, but I won't...except for just one more. It's bad news/good news. Bad news: I'm bothered by the very dire reports from many scientists that the climatological changes on earth from the industrial farts of our civilization have caused massive glacier melts which will, in less than 100 years, raise the sea level to the point where those who reside on the west side of Valencia Street will have a shoreline view of the Bay.

The good news is that Noe Valley will be safe, although home values will rise to three billion bitcoins.



KUDOS & KIWIS & KALE: It's the brightest star in the neighborhood sky, and a great example of a wonderful good coming out of bad—the Noe Valley Farmers Market, that is. When Real Food closed on Labor Day 2003, the need for organic produce became the catalyst for two of our neighborhood doers—Peter Gabel and Leslie Crawford—to create the market. Then the NVFM group spearheaded the notion of creating a Noe Valley Town Square on that very lot (which was originally purchased by the Noe Valley Ministry as a parking lot for parishioners on Sundays and as public parking on weekdays).

According to Todd David, spokesperson for Residents for Noe Valley Town Square (RNVTS), the square has been recommended for a \$560,000 grant from state Prop. 84 funds, sponsored by State Senator Mark Leno, as well as \$740,000 in funding from the California State Parks

Land and Water Conservation Fund.

"We are very pleased with the progress of funding for this project," says David, "and we need to raise about \$400,000 to meet the \$6.4 million needed for the project."

In the meantime, the Noe Valley Town Square is hosting its first big event in the lot (at 24th and Vicksburg)—a "Stern Grove on the Road" show June 1 featuring music from Meklit, Tumbledown House, and We Became Owls.

By the way, David is also the campaign manager for Choose Health SF, aka the Soda Tax Measure, on the November 2014 ballot. If passed by voters, San Francisco would become the first city in the nation to impose such a tax: two cents on every sugary beverage ounce. The grassroots campaign is up against the beverage industry's "Coalition for an Affordable City," which David expects "will spend between 10 and 15 million dollars to defeat this measure."



AWESOME FUN: Hurray for Noe Valley stay-at-home dad Mike Adamick, who just published an encore to his very successful *Dad's Book of Awesome Projects* (number one on Amazon's Craft and Activity list and "A Best Book of 2013"). The new book, released in mid-April, is called *Dad's Book of Awesome Scientific Experiments*. The full-color guide has a bunch of "entertaining yet educational science experiments dads and moms can do with their kids."

"In *Awesome Projects*," says Adamick, "we did things like build comic book shoes, rope swings, homemade goo slime, and eggshell cupcakes. It is kind of awesome for me, since the book is now in its third printing."

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For the science book, “we learned how to do things like boil ice, explode soap, and make and launch a Mentos-and-diet-coke-propelled rocket,” he says. “It’s more like kitchen-sink science, with over 30 projects.”

Adamick, his wife Dana, and their daughter Emma have lived on Dolores Street for the past six years. “I used to be a reporter for the *Contra Costa Times*, but chose to be at home with our daughter while my wife worked [as a lawyer].”

Adamick gives accolades to his daughter, who is “the absolute coolest lab partner anyone could ask for, and helped me immeasurably with assistance, tips, and some serious patience that she must get from someone else.”

Both of the books are on sale at our neighborhood bookstore, Folio. The new one is \$19. What a deal.



PLEASE AND THANK YOU: Thanks go out to all of you Noe Valley residents and businesses for donating to a fundraiser held May 15 to benefit Community Awareness & Treatment Services (CATS). CATS is a nonprofit (since 1978) that offers shelter and other services to the homeless, “including the only medical respite in the city for the homeless,” says Noe Street resident Rena Burns, who is on the CATS board of directors.

Burns says, “Dona Taylor of When Modern Was donated items for our silent auction, and Valley Tavern, in addition to donating furniture, delivered a nice check to the charity, and I think it’s wonderful that our Noe Valley businesses are step-

ping up for the homeless.”

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THE EMPTY STORE INDEX in Noe Valley is holding steady these days. Now for rent is the long-ago vacated La Sirena Botanica space at 1509 Church St., across from Comerford Alley. The recently vacated St. Paul’s Market at Sanchez and 29th is now being renovated, presumably for rent. Up at Sanchez and Clipper, Lola’s “pop-up” sign has come down to celebrate the signing of a lease. Congrats, Lola.

On 24th Street there has been no word from the landlord as to the fate of the space to be vacated by Joshua Simon. But store owner Liz Klein reports that Joshua Simon will be closing at the end of July, later than she’d originally thought. Meanwhile, she is continuing her sale (25 to 60 percent off all inventory). After 35 years of owning a clothing store in Noe Valley, she’s getting kind of wistful. “My customers are such wonderful people. Many have become friends over the years—we grew up together,” she says. “I want them to know I appreciate their being such enthusiastic supporters.”

A “For Rent” sign has gone up on the just-vacated Global Exchange space at 4018 24th St. Notice has been posted for the renovations planned for the old Streetlight Records space—most recently occupied by clothing store Sway—at 3979 24th. Expect building permits to soon be issued for what was Bliss Bar, at 4026 24th.

It was nice to see that a neighborhood favorite, Valley Tavern, has now fully opened its patio and beer garden in the back yard. The only thing missing for me on the beer menu is some really cold Singha.

The large commercial space on the southwest corner of Diamond and 24th is

doubly vacant now. While the front space had been vacant, though renovated, for around five years, the small space in back (up 24th) that was occupied recently by a children’s school or activity center is no more, leading one to believe, or at least hope, that something will be happening soon. The building owners have not returned any calls for comment (and don’t talk to their neighbors, either).

The commercial space at 4235 24th St., which housed Sherri King Tax Services for almost 30 years, was sold as a condo last year. According to workmen, the new tenant will be a design group.

I would be remiss without a non-update on the restaurant that has been waiting to open with an “Asian-fusion” cuisine for roughly five years, on the corner of Church and 25th streets (it was most recently a barber shop, which closed more than 10 years ago). The irony is that the recent appreciation of the property’s value is probably more than the restaurant operation would have netted the owners for, say, the last five years. Oh well.



REELING ESTATE: The bidding wars and soaring prices of real estate in San Francisco in general and Noe Valley in particular were front-page news in a story by J.K. Dineen Sunday, May 25, in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The story documented that it’s all about supply and demand, and pointed out that only 0.3 percent of the existing housing stock in S.F. is for sale (we’re the second lowest in the U.S.—behind San Jose).

The situation in our little village was summed up best by Noe Valley realtor Peter Brannigan, who noted that “everyone is looking at the same properties and trying to figure out” how much over the asking price they’re going to bid.

Rather than selling, some homeowners

are moving out and then renting. “I am moving out of state and found out that I can rent my three-bedroom, two-bath house with a view for about \$8,000 per month,” said one departing Noe Valleon, who asked not to be identified.

Gosh. I hope all you guys don’t move away. There will be nobody left to read this column.

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CHEESE IT, THE COPS: Before I go, a big hello to Mission Police Station’s new captain, Daniel Perea, who like his predecessor, Robert Moser, is a Noe Valleon from way back. Perea is a graduate of St. Philip’s School.

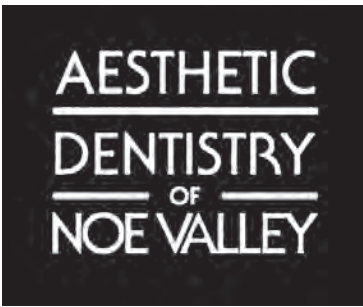
Soon after he got his new assignment, he walked through Downtown Noe Valley, introducing himself to all the local merchants. He has been spotted several times having meals at Savor.

Well, that’s 10-4 and time for a 10-7 for me, Captain. I’m out of here until July.



ACTUALLY, NOT: This news just in from Umpqua Bank: “Beginning [May 29], Noe Valley kids have the chance to adorn Umpqua Bank’s local ice cream truck with their very own artwork by submitting either a drawing or painting of anyone (dogs are okay, too!) enjoying ice cream to the Noe Valley Umpqua store, 3938 24th St., through June 30.”

The artwork will decorate a wall in the branch throughout June, the press release says. Then in July, “Umpqua will review all of the submitted designs for creativity and overall scrumptiousness, and select up to 50 to go on the truck. Community members will then be invited to the Ultimate Ice Cream Truck Party in August to unveil the newly designed truck and celebrate the local artists who helped make it happen.” Go for it, kids! ■



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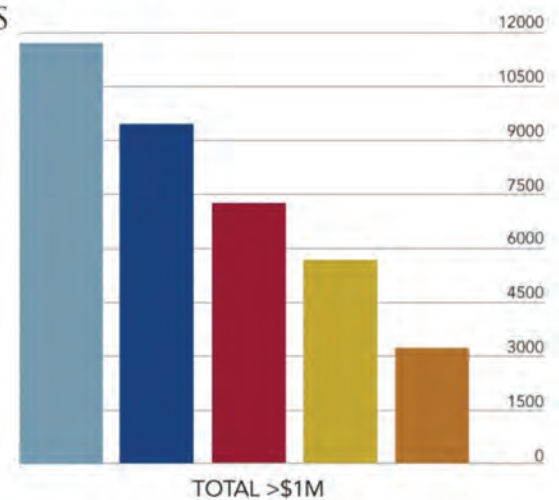
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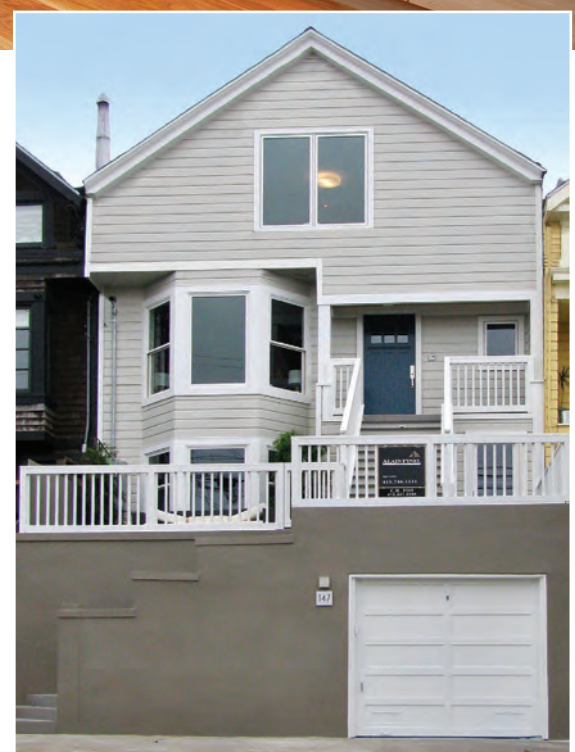


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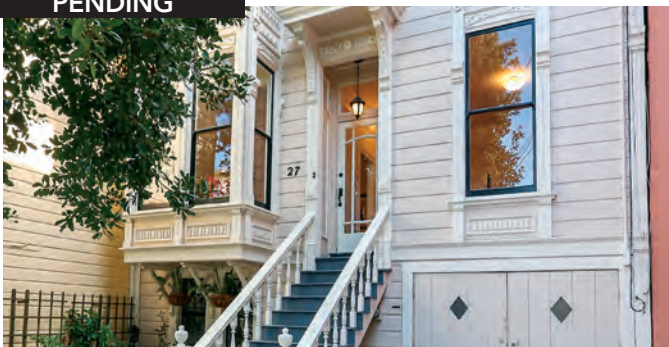
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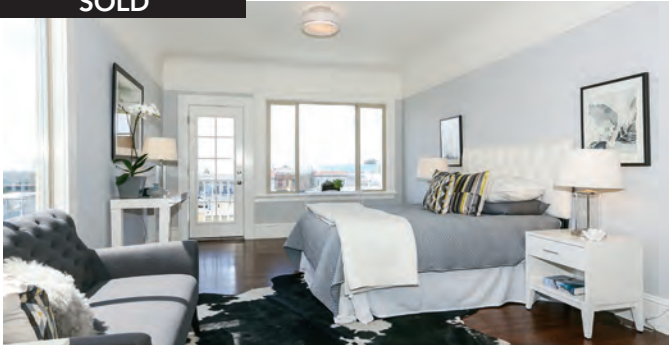
SOLD



GLEN PARK | 79 EVERSON

Bright & spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathrooms, 2 car garage, hardwood, fireplace, big kitchen, and wonderful garden. 79Everson.com Howard Reinstein 415.296.2105 Sold for \$1,610,000

SOLD



OUTER RICHMOND | 727 35TH AVENUE

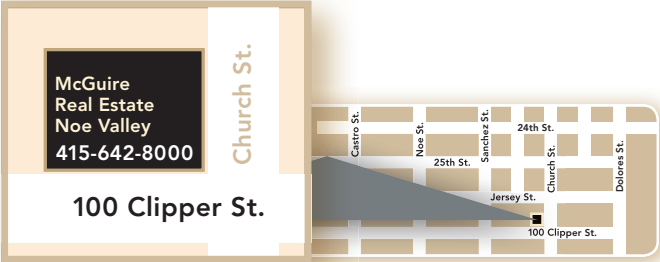
Magnificent grand scale Edwardian home with 5+ bedrooms, 4.5 bath-rooms, with restored classic architectural detail & modern finishes. 727-35thave.com Robert Moffat 415.722.4038 Sold for \$2,025,000

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