



THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Reaching the Promised Land

Noe Valley Ministry to Reopen In November

By Heather World

The remodeled Noe Valley Ministry reopens its doors this November, three years after the congregation moved out of the 19th-century building that had previously been a hub of neighborhood life.

The Presbyterian church, at 1021 Sanchez St., will throw open the custom-made doors of the building's original entrance for an open house Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local dignitaries have been invited, and popular former pastor Keenan Kelsey will make remarks, followed by a short performance by a girls' chorus. The congregation's first official worship happens the next morning.

"We're really excited about getting back and seeing what it's like," said interim pastor David Brown. "It's a much more open, airy, light space."

Familiar groups like Noe Valley Chamber Music and SF Live Arts will return on occasion to make use of the expanded sanctuary on the second floor, which features 30-foot vaulted ceilings with wood beam arches, an inlaid wood labyrinth floor, and stained-glass windows.

Downstairs will be home to ¡HolaKids!, a Spanish-immersion preschool that can accommodate 30 children, as well as rented office space.

"We hope to provide to the community

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Don't Try This in Your Back Yard. For an intimate portrait of Noe Valley performer Owen Baker-Flynn, see our OtherVoices on page 25. Photo by Beverly Tharp

Tech Shuttle Shuffle Needs More Tinkering

Buses Bunching Up on Narrow Streets, Residents Say

By Corrie M. Anders

The tech shuttle buses created quite a stir when they first arrived in Noe Valley in 2006. They were applauded by environmentally-conscious residents for getting commuters out of their cars, and vilified by others as being dangerous and creating traffic congestion.

Since then, most residents have become resigned to the presence of the buses, which ferry employees from San Francisco to Silicon Valley and back. Either that, or they're riding the shuttles themselves.

However, controversy erupted again this summer, after a number of tech companies changed bus routes and exposed residents—especially those along 26th and Duncan streets—to heavy shuttle traffic for the first time.

The new patterns—and new protests—came after the city launched an 18-month pilot program Aug. 1, which designated certain locations where the private commuter buses could pick up and discharge passengers.

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency said it needed to map out the shuttle stops because the tech buses, which were unofficially using Muni bus zones, had been presenting

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To 24th Street and Beyond! Buzz Lightyear (also known as Ezra Flanagan, 4) and his dad Ken Flanagan patrolled Noe Valley's Harvest Festival in 2013 and found it to be as fun as any glittering galaxy. This year, the event takes place on Saturday, Oct. 18. Photo by Sally Smith

Harvest Festival a Fan Favorite

Fair Returns for 10th Year on 24th Street

By Olivia Boler

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Noe Valley Harvest Festival, perhaps the most family-friendly street fair in the city. Proud of the tradition, neighbors will throng to 24th Street on Saturday, Oct. 18, seeking the same thrills they experienced as 3-year-olds—playing in the hay in the Pumpkin Patch, dancing in costume in front of the big stage, and riding in a covered wagon along 24th Street.

Sponsored by the Noe Valley Association, with support from many local businesses, the festival will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along the two-block stretch of 24th between Sanchez and Church streets. Foot, dog, and stroller traffic are allowed, of course. But cars are invited to park in the lot at James Lick Middle School at Castro Street.

More than 50 arts and crafts vendors are expected this year, offering everything from handmade purses to organic honey. The weekly Saturday Farmers Market, held in the Noe Valley Town Square across from Martha & Brothers Coffee, will be open—and filled with food booths—from 8 a.m. until the close of the festival.

Activities for kids abound. They can get their faces painted with images of butterflies and superheroes. They can work up a sweat bouncing in two jumpy houses, located at Vicksburg and 24th streets. They can demand crazy creations of a balloon artist. And most popular of all, they can try to make some plucky volunteers take a dive in the dunk tank.

Tickets for all the activities can be found at a booth next to the jumpy houses. One ticket is \$2, or you can get six for \$10. (Each activity requires from two to four tickets.)

What's an October Harvest Fest without pumpkins? Hill & Co. is sponsoring this year's patch. Pick a free pumpkin, decorate it, and take it home. It's that easy.

Another free fan favorite is the hayride. Sponsored by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association, the horse-drawn wagon picks up and drops off in front of Walgreen's on Castro Street from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can take a roundtrip or hop off on 24th Street at Sanchez.

With Halloween around the corner, everyone is encouraged to go all out and give their costumes a preview. Children and doggies can enter the Kids & Pets

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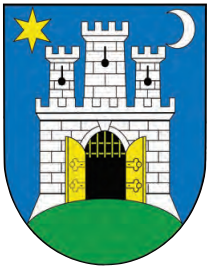
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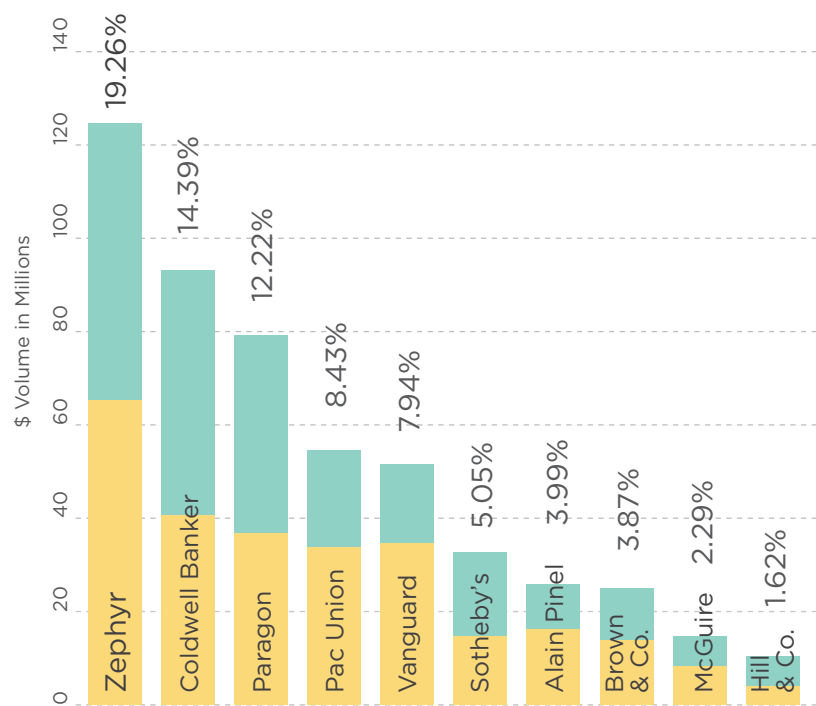


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A Pruner's Promise

Editor:

In last month's edition, a reader complained about a mystery pruner of trees on Alvarado Street.

Trees are an important part of our community. But in order to flourish they must be tended to, and sometimes this means pruning. In the first phase of my project, I undertook the pruning of several trees on Alvarado Street during the early morning hours. In the second phase, I have begun a process of ring barking and tree shaping, under which many of the trees will take on an artistic form. There is a third phase, but I suspect whether I will get to it will depend on the good will of my neighbors.

I want my good neighbors of Noe Valley to know that I have only good intentions with regards to their trees. I promise that when this project is complete it will complement the beautiful houses of our neighborhood. Maybe it will even raise your property values!

T. Babb

Prop. F Supports Dogpatch

Editor:

Development in San Francisco can strengthen and enhance our neighborhoods when it's decided by community input and guided by sound principles.

Proponents of Proposition F should be commended for trusting the intelligence of San Francisco voters by qualifying their project for this November's ballot. The measure requests a modest height change from 40 feet to 90 feet (no higher than an existing historic structure on site) and commits to bringing 30 percent affordable housing, nine acres of waterfront parks, up to 10,000 permanent jobs, and space for artists, retailers, and manufacturers to the southern waterfront.

Prop. F is the result of years of planning with neighborhoods (especially the community most affected, Dogpatch), the Port, and the City to create careful development through a respectful process. Thanks to the passage of Prop. B in June 2014 ("No Wall on the Waterfront"), voters citywide now get to decide on this proposal.

Many with varying views on development are supporting this project. Please join the San Francisco Democratic Party, Mayor Ed Lee, former Mayor Art Agnos, the Sierra Club, and the Dogpatch and Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Associations in saying YES to Prop. F. Let's improve and revive this overlooked part of our city!

Eileen Hansen

Turf Battle in Golden Gate Park

Editor:

The Nov. 4 election pits a grassroots initiative protecting Golden Gate Park against a San Francisco Recreation and Park Department park power grab.

The Rec and Park Department has been pushing to demolish the natural grass fields at the Beach Chalet soccer fields in western Golden Gate Park to make way for a seven-acre artificial-turf soccer field containing toxic tire waste and 150,000 watts of stadium lighting on 60-foot-tall poles. Located right next to Ocean Beach, the lights would be kept on until 10 p.m. every night of the year.

This summer more than 15,000 San Franciscans signed initiative petitions to give you the opportunity to weigh in on this project by casting a simple "yes" or "no" vote on putting artificial turf and sports lighting in the western part of Golden Gate Park. Proposition H also re-

quires the City to maintain those same sports fields as grass.

But fearful of San Franciscans' love for Golden Gate Park, Rec and Park created a competing initiative, Proposition I, which amends the park code to "authorize renovation of children's playgrounds, walking trails, and athletic fields where a certified environmental impact report documents at least doubling in anticipated usage."

Prop. I presents a Pandora's box of consequences for all of San Francisco's parks.

Prop. I is unnecessary—Rec and Park already possesses the authority under the city charter to renovate city parks. It is misleading—it does not provide any new funding for renovations. And Prop. I's dependence on "anticipated usage data" opens the door for Rec and Park staff to create their own data. The department can then use that data to decide unilaterally which projects should take precedence in your neighborhood park.

Additionally, Prop. I's "doubling in usage" criteria could be tied to virtually any development, including commercial or

IN MEMORY

BRUNO SMITH "A Dog Who Loved Food"

On Monday, Sept. 15, after a sniff at the flowers and a last spoonful of vanilla bean ice cream, my precious Bruno handed in his dog tags and flew off to that great See's Candy Factory in the Sky. He wasn't going to let that old lung cancer catch him.

During his 14 fun-filled years, he was known for his (non-)discriminating palate, his courtyard diplomacy (he could "shake" with either his left or right paw), his daily walks around Mount Safeway, and his passion for the couches of life. Though he was a hedonist, he was a pleaser, too, and would rest his head in your lap and let you pet him for hours. He was neat and clean, didn't slobber or eat garbage, and he never got skunked (an amazing feat at Goldmine Hill). He loved pizza, bully sticks, and foraging for Kleenex.

A pug/Lab mix, he had a crooked left foot from an old injury (pre-Rocket Dog Rescue), which he often turned



Bruno enjoyed petting.

into a ballet pose. With that stance and those big brown eyes, he was so cute.

Bruno loved and appreciated all his many aunts and uncles, but especially those bearing treats or pillows, like Claudia, Karyn, Pali, Victoria, Helen, Ann, Bud, Misha, Nancy, and the Smith, Anderson, and Ballard families.

His mom loves him with all her heart and will always carry a torch for her sweet wonderful brave boy. Bye-bye, Bruno, you were such a good boy. Happy times ahead.

—Sally Smith

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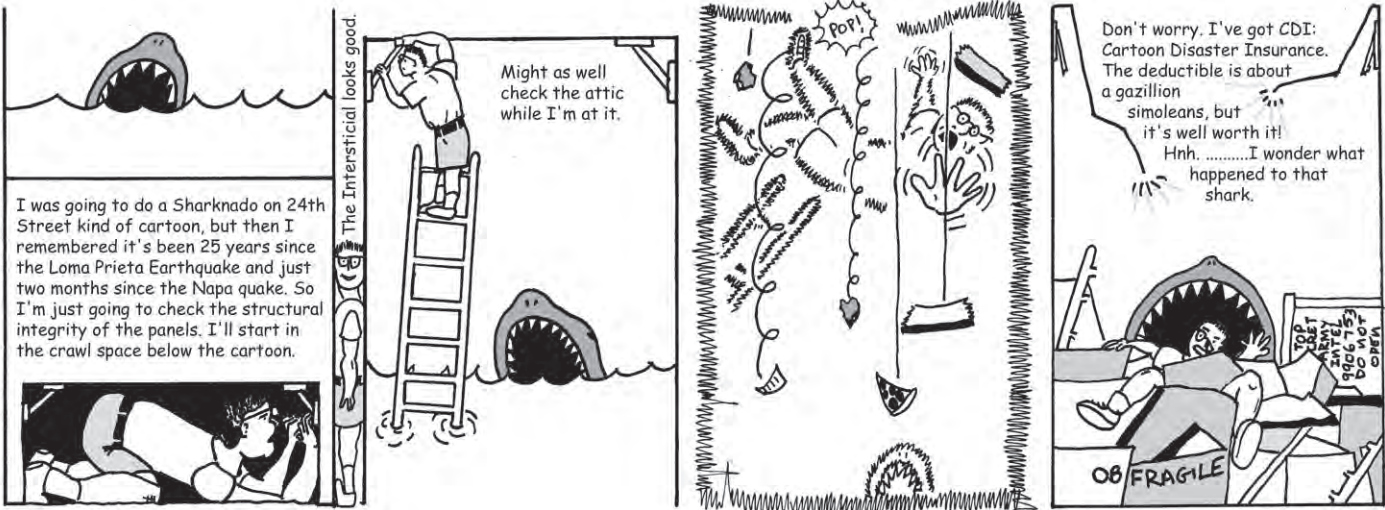
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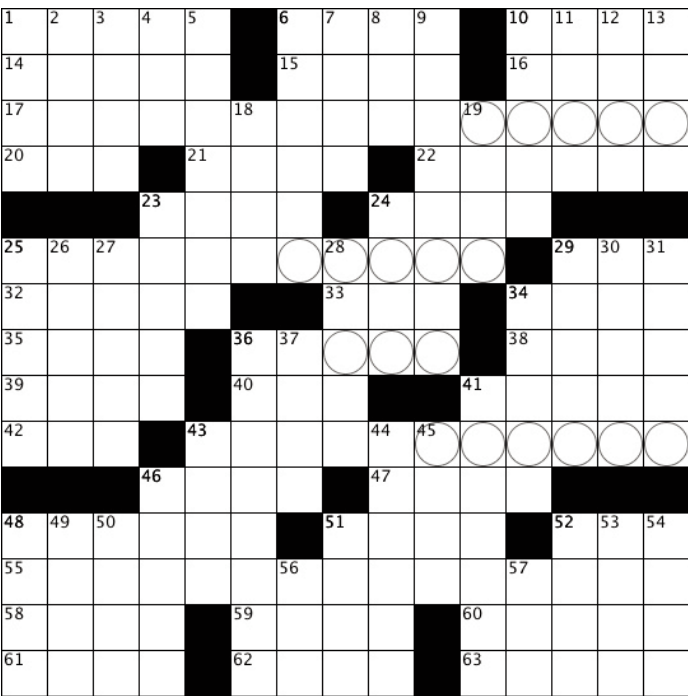


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A Cute Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1. Impromptu, as a committee
- 6. Side at Barney's
- 10. Restaurant at Church Street near Market
- 14. Plot out on a grid
- 15. Blood classification
- 16. ___ Tea: Lovejoy's specialty
- 17. Terrific eagerness
- 20. Fitting, as a description
- 21. Tailless cat
- 22. Recorded for later viewing
- 23. *Chicago* star Richard
- 24. Out of kilter
- 25. KALW or KQED category
- 29. Big letters in supermarkets
- 32. Haystack Pizza topper
- 33. Rev, as an engine
- 34. Start of many prayers
- 35. What many prayers seek forgiveness for
- 36. When right turns are often allowed
- 38. Sergio who saved three of the Giants' four World Series wins in 2012
- 39. SFO listings
- 40. Billiard stick
- 41. Daisy kin
- 42. "Uh-huh"
- 43. Catch some Zs
- 46. Had on
- 47. British gun
- 48. Designer Giorgio
- 51. Das ___ Testament
- 52. Will Ferrell holiday movie of 2003
- 55. 24th Street confectioner whose first name is this puzzle's theme
- 58. Narrowly defeat



- 59. Part of a Latin 101 trio
- 60. CNN talk-host King
- 61. Does, for example
- 62. Kill, as a dragon
- 63. Furry *Star Wars* creatures

DOWN

- 1. Kodak rival in film days
- 2. Faucet annoyance
- 3. Rodgers' *Pal Joey* collaborator
- 4. Not closed, in poems
- 5. Add one's two cents
- 6. One who can't keep off the grass?
- 7. Bobcat's cousin
- 8. Imitate
- 9. Regular feature of Noe Valley weather, starting about 3 p.m.
- 10. Malibu or Vette
- 11. Hawaiian city
- 12. Eye amorously
- 13. "___ you go and do a thing like that?"
- 18. DEA agent
- 19. Ballpoint, to a Brit
- 23. Specialty of Elizabeth Street Cosmetics
- 24. As a twosome, musically
- 25. Giants slugger Buster
- 26. Bring together
- 27. Lashes securely
- 28. Accede
- 29. "___ Extremes" (Billy Joel hit)
- 30. Addams Family head
- 31. Cherish
- 34. *Citizen Kane* director Welles
- 36. Wind instruments nicknamed sweet potatoes

- 37. Zap in the Radarange
- 41. Like finding ___ in a haystack
- 43. ___ avail (fruitlessly)
- 44. Equally simple
- 45. *Star Trek* phaser setting
- 46. Most of Earth's surface
- 48. Still in the sack
- 49. Impertinent
- 50. Opes Advisors product
- 51. "Final Four" org.
- 52. Longest Spanish river
- 53. Romp
- 54. Small ___ on 24th Street
- 56. T-shirt sizes, for short
- 57. Deviation in a rocket's course

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An Open Letter to Catholics



Four months before Pope Francis became pope, I, after serving as a Catholic priest for 40 years, was expelled from the priesthood because of my public support for the ordination of women.

I am among the many in the Catholic Church who have been inspired by Pope Francis' humility, love, and compassion.

Our beloved pope has said, "I see the Church as a field hospital after a battle. The Church must heal the wounds." Therefore, I respectfully ask that we tend to the many women and gay people in our Church who have been seriously wounded by Church teachings that demean and discriminate against them.

1. Women in the Church Our Church teaches that men and women are created equal. Catholic priests say that the call to be a priest comes from God. However, devout Catholic women who believe God is calling them to be priests are rejected because of their gender. How can men say that their call from God is authentic, but God's call to women is not? Let's face it. The problem is not with God or women, but with an all-male clerical culture that views women as lesser than men.

2. Gays in the Church In answering a question about persons who are gay, Pope Francis said, "Who am I to judge?" While we are grateful that the Pope does not judge people for being gay, our Church certainly does. The official teaching of the Catholic Church states that homosexuals are "objectively disordered." For millions of gays and lesbians, this teaching instills shame and self-hatred. It has contributed to their being expelled from their families, fired from their jobs, and even killed. The teaching has contributed to suicides, too, especially among teenagers. Let's face it. Being gay is not a problem with our all-loving God who has created everyone of equal worth and dignity. The problem is with Church leaders who view homosexuals as lesser than heterosexuals.

When there is injustice, silence is complicity. As Catholics, let us stop making God our partner in discriminating against women and gay people. I ask that you contact Pope Francis and your local bishop and priests. Request that our Catholic Church ordain women, accept LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) people as equals, and recognize gay marriage.

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City Tries to Steer Tech Shuttles

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safety concerns and Muni delays. The agency authorized eight locations in Noe Valley—six of them at Muni bus zones.

But the experiment has created “unintended consequences,” Kathleen Phu, a planner with the transportation agency, acknowledged in recent emails to residents and merchants. The upshot, she said, was “a tremendous amount of traffic through 26th Street and Duncan Street” since the test began.

At a Sept. 19 hearing on the project, Carli Paine, a SFMTA manager, confirmed that the new locations had “funneled [buses] onto several smaller residential streets at volumes that clearly aren’t appropriate for residential neighborhoods.”

Following the hearing, the agency took steps it hoped would encourage tech companies, which are mostly free to choose their own routes, to bypass Noe’s more residential streets.

Over 200 Shuttle Stops

Eight years ago, Google was the only company to offer employees in Noe Valley free, wifi-enabled rides to and from work. But the perk’s growing popularity—Apple, Facebook, Netflix, and Genentech also operate shuttle buses in the neighborhood—has led to a steady rise in bus traffic.

Because the city’s pilot program also requires commuter shuttles to apply for permission to use Muni bus zones, residents now know exactly how busy the neighborhood has become.

The tech shuttles, many using buses as large as Muni coaches, now make 225 stops each weekday at the eight Noe Valley locations, according to the SFMTA. Some of the locations are at the same intersection (*see graphic above*).

The stops with the highest volume of buses are at the 25th and Castro Street intersection adjacent to James Lick Middle School, and at 29th Street and San Jose Avenue, the last stop for shuttles headed south to Interstate 280.

Commotion on 26th Street

In early August, Susanne and Scott



Here are the eight locations in Noe Valley where the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has authorized tech shuttle buses to pick up and discharge passengers. The boxed numbers show how many stops the shuttles collectively make at each location, under a pilot program that began Aug. 1.

Infographic by Jack Tipple

Maddux returned from a family vacation in Yosemite to discover that their once quiet street in Noe Valley had been converted into a bustling commuter route for the corporate shuttles.

“We wondered what in the world was going on,” said Susanne Maddux, a resident of 26th Street since 1998. “There were so many buses going up and down the street that it was like a highway.”

She and her husband set up a video cam to document the number of buses that rolled along their block between Noe and Sanchez streets at the height of the morning commute. The count was “one bus every six minutes. That’s a lot,” said Maddux, a former Apple employee who now has a small product design business.

“These massive buses are just too big. They can’t navigate these streets,” she said. She said it was particularly difficult on garbage collection days with two large vehicles competing for street space.

‘Like in a Bus Depot’

Paul Sullivan, a 26th Street homeowner for nearly 30 years, agreed. During peak periods, he said, the congestion, noise, and shaking from the buses was so

intense that “you feel like you’re in a bus depot.”

“This is not a neighborhood of cranks or NIMBYs or grumpy old people,” said Sullivan, a VA doctor and a UCSF researcher. He noted that some of the complaints were coming from residents employed in tech fields.

“But the way the decision was made and the tremendous impact it has had is quite noticeable,” Sullivan said.

Maddux said she would like to see the tech buses confined “to larger streets like Dolores or Church and not come into the neighborhood.”

Duncan Street resident Shannon Miller said she was concerned about the impact that the “heavy and frequent” traffic of the buses might have on the safety of school children and on the foundations of homes built “100 or so years ago.”

Miller, as did Maddux and a number of other residents, stressed that she was not anti tech buses, but wanted city officials to “figure out as soon as possible” a way to mitigate the situation.

“The buses are providing a service to their employees and keeping a lot of cars (or the need for them) off our streets, and I don’t mind them in the neighborhood,” said Miller, a professional dog walker. “But there are places they should not be...”

Spreading the Pain

As complaints mounted during August, the SFMTA began looking for ways to steer shuttle traffic away from Noe’s narrower streets. In September, the agency floated a trial balloon to put two additional shuttle stops in the heart of the 24th Street shopping district.

Paine said the agency’s thinking was

that the extra locations would make it easier for shuttles to connect to Church Street, another commercial road, and bypass many residential streets.

One new stop was proposed for 24th Street at Castro Street, in front of the Bank of America—a location that would take up a white zone, a yellow zone, and one metered space during the 4 to 8 p.m. evening rush hour. The second envisioned morning commuters grabbing their shuttle at a Muni bus stop on 24th Street at Noe Street.

Both locations, however, drew a caustic reaction from Robert Roddick, president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association.

“This is the most daring absurdity I’ve seen so far,” Roddick protested. He said the sites would result in the loss of two parking spaces near the bank and exacerbate bottlenecks around the heavily congested Whole Foods Market.

Roddick called parking the “lifeblood” of the business community, and said the plan would eliminate parking at a time when the area needed more, not fewer spaces. “This is the kiss of death for the micro-business.”

Agency officials, after a Sept. 11 meeting with Debra Niemann, executive director of the Noe Valley Association, scrapped plans for the two locations. The agency cited the merchants’ parking concerns and the pending construction of wider sidewalks at the Noe Street site.

New Sites Proposed

However, the SFMTA decided a week later, at the Sept. 19 meeting, to study the feasibility of allowing a temporary shuttle stop for the morning commute on the northwest corner of Castro Street at 24th Street. The new location would result in the loss of a white loading zone.

At the same meeting, the agency signed off on a new stop at 30th and Church streets over residents’ objections that the busy intersection was already crowded with Muni bus stops, the J-Church, Cafe XO, Church Street Produce, and a nearby senior citizen facility.

The new site, the SFMTA argued, might take pressure off San Jose Avenue and 29th Street, the busiest shuttle location in Noe Valley, with 65 stops a day. Many of those buses take Duncan Street to Sanchez Street as evening routes to 24th Street.

The agency will consider a staff proposal to add another stop near the 30th and Church intersection later this month.

At September’s end, residents on 26th Street were waiting to see what efforts the city or the shuttle operators would make to ease congestion there. Scott Maddux called the current situation “unsustainable.”

“I’m not laying down an ultimatum,” he said. “We’ve talked about moving to Marin, and the buses have been a part of that conversation. It’s not the same Noe Valley we’ve enjoyed all these years.” ■



Neighbors are complaining about recent changes in tech shuttle routes that have caused an increase in bus traffic, particularly on 26th Street. As evidence, homeowner Susanne Maddux sent the Voice this photo of a cluster of buses on 26th near Noe, one heading east and three going west.


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In September, workers were putting the finishing touches on the rear sanctuary of the Noe Valley Ministry in preparation for a November grand reopening. The centerpiece of the renovation will be a set of architectural glass windows designed by Northern California artist Elizabeth Devereaux. Photo by Beverly Tharp

Noe Valley Ministry Ready to Shine

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in really positive ways,” Brown said. “The congregation wants to make it more inviting for people to come and be part of the congregation.”

Brown said the church hopes to make itself more visible in the neighborhood by hosting forums.

The idea is to offer wine and discussion on critical moral and cultural issues that touch on spiritual or religious matters. Other evenings will have a local focus: bringing together city officials and residents to talk about traffic and pedestrians in Noe Valley, for example.

The building’s original entryway facing Sanchez Street has been restored. Inside, a vestibule leads to an elevator, handicapped-accessible bathrooms, and a dance studio at the rear of the building. *(Note: Due to an inspection delay, the elevator will not be available for use at the open house preview.)*

The church has rented out one of its three office spaces to a mental health therapist and is looking for two more tenants, said Karen Heather, a congregant who

chaired the design review committee for the renovation.

The \$3.5 million project, designed by architect John Goldman and built by Barker O’Donoghue Master Builders, both of San Francisco, has taken nearly a year and a half, and will come almost within the original budget, Heather said.

Tenants had moved out long before work began, mainly because permits took longer than expected.

The Noe Valley Music Series, which started in the church in 1981, moved to St. Cyprian’s Church on Turk Street in 2010 and now produces music under the name SF Live Arts.

“We’re kind of ensconced there,” said producer Larry Kassin. He likes the staff, the acoustics, and the parking.

“But we have such a history in Noe Valley that we will do special shows [at the Ministry], too,” he said.

His first offering will be Saturday, Nov. 22, when ShadowLight Theater will perform Balinese shadow puppetry set to traditional music. The puppets are elaborate cutouts, lit from behind a screen. The stories are sometimes modern, sometimes based on ancient Balinese legends with a contemporary twist.

“It’s a good family thing,” Kassin said. “Kids are fascinated by it.”

The show will cost \$18 for advanced tickets and \$22 at the door. Buy tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com.

The Noe Valley Chamber Music series will host two of this season’s performances in the remodeled Ministry: Cellist Emil Miland on Jan. 25 and pianist Jeffrey LaDeur on Feb. 22.

Even the musicians are excited to return to what is considered by many to be the heart of the neighborhood, said Tiffany Loewenberg, executive director of the classical music series.

“We consider ourselves a Noe Valley

organization, and that’s really important to us, but we also have really enjoyed being in St. Mark’s,” she said.

Rather than choose one or the other, the series will also look to produce performances in both locations.

“It’s allowing us the opportunity to serve two communities,” Loewenberg said.

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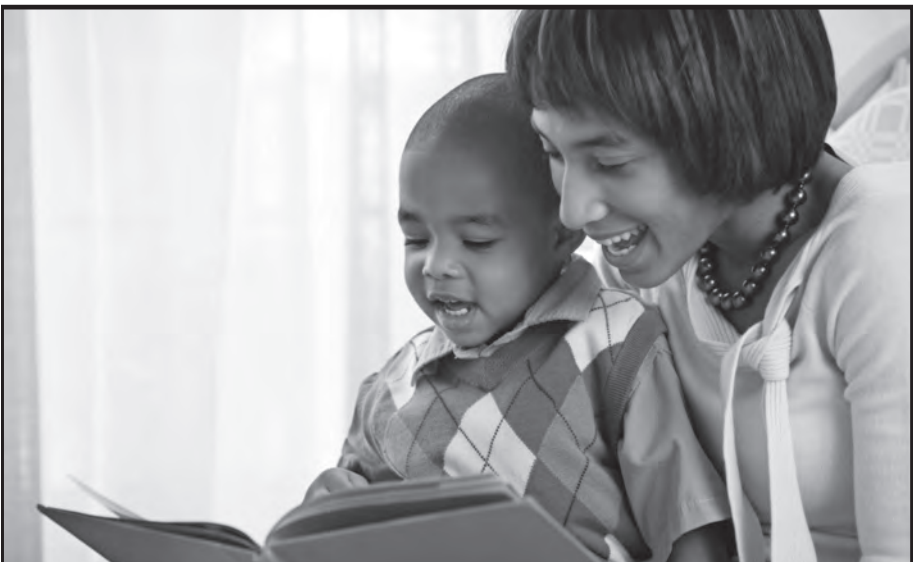
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A Decade of Bountiful Harvests

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Contests, held on the Main Stage at 24th and Church streets, at 12:15 and 12:30 p.m., respectively. Sign up from 10 a.m. to noon at a table near the stage.

In costume or not, volunteers are welcome at the fair. To help out with the games, contests, dunk tank, face-painting, recycling, or cleanup, call Anastasia Conrad at 415-846-6775.

While the main focus of the Harvest Fest is fun, the Noe Valley Association also hopes to raise funds for a bench. "The bench will be in one of the new areas around the bus bulb-outs when they are installed, either at Noe and 24th or Castro and 24th," says Noe Valley Association executive director Debra Niemann.

The average cost of a bench plus installation is \$2,000. "The Harvest Festival has been putting aside money each year [from ticket sales] to buy this bench," Niemann says.

Music Runs the Gamut

Maybe the biggest attraction at the festival is the music. Performances are scheduled all day at two venues.

Noe Valley resident Richard Hildreth, who produces the music for the weekly Farmers Market, has been the festival's volunteer entertainment coordinator for the past five years. He promises an eclectic mix of sounds, from bluegrass to heavy metal to jazz.

Curry Without Worry, playing Nepalese music, kicks off the musical entertainment at 9 a.m., on the second, smaller stage inside the Farmers Market. After performing there, the group will lead a lion dance parade out to the Church Street stage, where comedian Michael Capozola will then warm up the crowd.

Hildreth is particularly thrilled about Big Lou's Dance Party, a band playing on the Main Stage at 1:30 p.m. "She might not be a household name, but for those who were aware of the San Francisco punk scene in the 1980s, they'll remember Big Lou as a founding member of Those Darn Accordions and Polkacide."

In fact, there are quite a few acts in this year's lineup that feature female rockers. Hildreth says the trio Whiskey and Women (11:30 a.m.) is "just a remarkable act. They're a mash-up of Celtic, Gaelic, zydeco, blues, and punk. They're really special."

Erin Brazill and the Brazillionaires, featured in the *Voice* last April, will be back at the fest, playing their "vintage noir" lounge music at 2:45 p.m.

Young Performers Star

Lila Coley and Tess Veiga are two



Scheduled to play at 4 p.m., the local band District 8 will rock out the end of the Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Photo by Marlena Tang

young musicians who will take the Main Stage in between acts. Hildreth describes Coley as a 14-year-old singer-songwriter with an "incredible voice." Veiga is from Noe Valley and grew up watching bands play at the Farmers Market while sitting on the mat where kids dance and play, he says.

"I'm really happy about providing young performers with a place to get a feel for what it's like to appear before a crowd that's not just family, friends, and schoolmates," Hildreth says.

He notes that as the population of the city changes, there are fewer venues for musical performers. "It's getting harder to find places to play. Providing them a place is my biggest joy."

One of these young phenoms is singer-songwriter Kif Bender, set to play at the fest at 1:15 p.m.

"I like to say that Kif is afflicted by genius," Hildreth says. "He's 14 now, and he's just an astonishing performer who continues to work."

Other young performers in the festival lineup include the rock band Blade, the metal band 12 Stories, and the roots band District 8. The James Lick School Band will play at 12:15 p.m. For the entire schedule, go to www.noevalleyharvest-festival.com.

Dancing and Josting

In front of the Main Stage, there's a place for dancing and moshing. If you need a break, there are some chairs provided. "We don't have a canopy, so bring sunscreen and parasols," Hildreth says. If it rains, the music will have to be canceled, due to electrical safety issues.

Speaking of which, Hildreth gives a shout-out to Thor Audio Systems of San Mateo, which has been doing the sound system for the festival for many years. "They do a truly incredible job."

When he's not volunteering for the Harvest Festival or producing the Farmers Market entertainment, Hildreth, who lives right on 24th Street, works at the

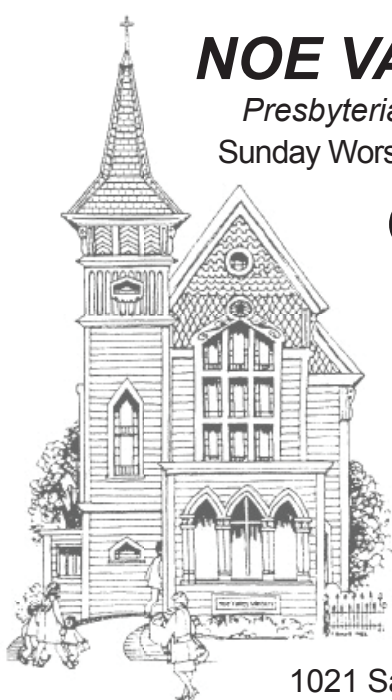


A "Day of the Dead Family," composed of mom Lindsay, dad David, and 2-year-old Nayeli Uminsky, won a top prize in the costume contest at last year's Harvest Fest. Will they return again this year? Find out at the Kids & Pets Contests, starting around noon. Photo by Sally Smith

Castro Theater as operations manager. Asked if he is a musician himself, Hildreth gives a definite *no*. "I know a lot about music theory and I have a wide-ranging set of interests, starting with rock and roll and going way beyond. But I don't have the dexterity to shape chords.

And believe me," he says with a laugh, "you do not want to hear me sing. I'm best suited to a large chorus. In the back!"

You *will* be able to hear Hildreth chatting about the musicians he's curated at the Harvest Festival. He'll be MC-ing the Farmers Market Stage during the event. ■



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Spot the Street Performer: A How-To Guide

By Sara Baker-Flynn

You might be wondering how to tell if someone in your life is a street performer. Maybe you’ve seen a credit card bill with bulk orders for juggling balls, or a bunch of mysterious boxes piling up at the doorstep. Or you’ve noticed that the person has an odd assortment of performer-type friends. Or they live in an apartment that is littered with severed hands, rubber eggs (with the chickens to match), machetes, and juggling rings—not what you’d call everyday household items. Whatever the reason, you’ve become suspicious and need a surefire way to tell if this person is what you think.

Fortunately, I’m here to help you. I too have had the experience of discovering a street performer in my midst: my father. Only in my case it came as a surprise. I grew up seeing my dad perform at Pier 39, and thought it was, well, *normal*. My friends (not *me*) were weirdos because they *didn’t* have a stream of mimes, fire-eaters, escape artists, and jugglers parading through their house.

The glass was shattered when one day in kindergarten my teacher announced that My Dad the Street Performer would be visiting us on the last day of class to do a show.

“Your dad is a *street performer*?” the other children asked me.

I tried to explain that it was a surprise to me too—in fact, it must be a mistake. I had never seen my dad perform on a real street, after all. He was always on a stage! But I was too flustered to make a

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convincing argument, and lost my confidence that I was right.

When I went home that day, I became hyper-aware of what I now recognize as warning signs all around the house— weird posters of him in Japanese, bear claw gloves, and large flame Converse shoes that no one but Andre the Giant would wear. Then I walked in on my dad in white-face, complete with a red beret and striped shirt.

“You *are* a street performer!” I accused.

You can imagine how the rest of that confrontation went. There were juggling balls, rainbow-colored hoops, tootsie rolls, and animal balloons *thrown everywhere*. Meanwhile, he stood there silently, only responding in exaggerated facial expressions while pretending to be stuck in a box.

Now I’m hoping to save you from the same embarrassing situation I was thrown into. This way, the discovery of a street performer will not come as a shock. Although the following clues function just as guidelines, and sometimes apply to other professions, if you can answer yes to two or more questions, it may be time to confront the person.

1. Does he or she carry around an inordinate number of one-dollar bills? I don’t mean they have a few bills from the other day when they had to break a twenty. I mean they carry enough ones to pay for *everything*, from a candy bar to a week of groceries— hundreds of old, slightly crumpled, I-don’t-want-to-know-where-they’ve-been one-dollar bills. Note, however, that

this many dollar bills may also indicate the profession of a stripper or waiter/waitress.

2. Does he or she work strange, irregular hours? Do they leave at 5 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.? Or maybe they are home all day, then leave at 5 p.m. and return in under three hours? They may well be a street performer, or as in the former example, a school teacher.

3. Do you find weird objects of unknown origin in their house? I’m talking severed rubber hands, plastic chickens, bear traps, gigantic fire extinguishers named “Bessie,” large plastic tubes, and piles of jelly beans when it’s not Easter. These are all signs they’re an s.p. On the other hand, they could be a packrat, or own a pawn shop. Or have an addiction to jelly beans.

4. Speaking of homes, do they have a roof over their head and a breadwinning significant other? There’s an old joke that goes: *What do you call a street performer without a girlfriend or wife? Homeless.*

5. Does the person in question have all sorts of weird, maybe unsavory friends? I don’t mean “from the wrong side of the tracks” kind of unsavory or anything. But are their friends made up of ventriloquists, chainsaw jugglers, magicians, mimes, and unicycle riders? Street performers tend to stick together, so if you’ve figured out that more than one friend of theirs is a street performer, chances are they are *all* street performers.

Once again, the above are only guide-

lines to identifying a street performer. The likelihood increases if you are in a place like San Francisco or New York or at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. If you are in Nowheresville, U.S.A., chances are the person in question is just quirky, or at most practicing for a future career.

Apply these clues with caution, and only confront the person if you are certain. You may end up making a fool of yourself, or finding out something much worse. (For more on this see my next article, “Ventriloquist or Street Performer? How to Tell the Difference.”) If you decide you *really must* confront the person, tread carefully—you never know what they may have in that wooden trunk they carry around, or in their suspiciously tiny car.

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SHORT TAKES

A Talk on the Middle East

An expert on Islam and the Middle East will be the guest speaker at the Oct. 15 meeting of the Noe Valley Democratic Club.

Dr. Lucia Volk, a professor in the Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Department at San Francisco State University, will address questions many people are asking these days: What is going on in the Middle East? Is history repeating itself? What makes us in the United States prime targets for terrorism?

Bearing a Ph.D. in Middle Eastern studies from Harvard, Volk is the author of the books *Memorials and Martyrs in Modern Lebanon* and *The Middle East in the World: An Introduction*.

"There is much to learn from such a qualified speaker about the Middle East and Islam, and perhaps a little about why terrorism has found fertile ground there," says Democratic Club vice president Molly Fleischman.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at St. Philip Church, located at 725 Diamond St., between 24th and Elizabeth streets. (Parking is available on the street or behind the church.) All are welcome.

For more details, contact Fleischman at Molly@ffrsf.com or call 415-641-5838.

—Corrie M. Anders

Lit Fest Moves Foreword

Word Week, the annual literary festival sponsored by Friends of Noe Valley, has set a date for next year: March 15 to 21. What's more, the organizers have already started planning the seven-day event.

If you want to get in on the decisions, contact Rick May at wordweeknoevalley@gmail.com or Peggy Cling at info@friendsofnoevalley.com. They'd be happy to know if you have an idea for an event, if you're a Noe Valley author with a new book, or if you're a business owner and would like to volunteer your business as an event venue.

In the past, WW has featured authors' readings, contests, publishing panels, book sales and giveaways, and children's book festivities. "Word Week is an event that celebrates words in all their forms and formats," says May. 2015 will be the ninth year for the writers fest.

—Sally Smith

Saturday Night Jazz

In September, Bird & Beckett Books in Glen Park added Saturday nights to its weekend music lineup. Local greats like tenor saxophonist Noel Jewkes, pianist Grant Levin, and bassist Heshima Mark Williams are now playing jazz from 8 to 11 p.m.

"We're giving people dining in the neighborhood the option of something to do afterward," says Eric Whittington, owner of the bookstore and music venue at 653 Chenery St. near Diamond.

Whittington says the curtains are drawn across the store windows and the lights set low at the Saturday concerts, which charge a \$10 admission. Saxophonist Terrence Tony and sax and drums player Smith Dobson will also take the stage on a rotating basis, as will guest musicians from around the Bay Area. Wine and beer are available for a donation.

Bird & Beckett has hosted jazz concerts on Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. for 12 years. Seven years ago, Whittington added a Sunday concert, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., which has a more eclectic mix of music, including world music, classical,

jazz, and Americana. Both of those shows are free. For the event schedule, visit www.birdbeckett.com.

—Heather World

Art Opens Doors

Up to 60,000 people are expected to attend the 39th annual SF Open Studios, an art exhibition held in home studios, garages, and galleries Oct. 18 to Nov. 9. Under the auspices of the nonprofit ArtSpan, 800 artists from across the city will put their talents on display on four consecutive weekends, each weekend devoted to a different area of the city.

The third weekend of the showcase, Nov. 1-2, will be reserved for artists in Noe Valley, as well as in the Mission, Glen Park, Castro, Bernal Heights, and Upper Market neighborhoods. Studios and other "hubs" will be open both days, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Noe Valley artists so far include Gail Siegel, Kimberley Jones, Joe Camhi, Katie Gilmartin, Carol Koffel, Christo Bresnahan, Dan McHale, David Barnett, Diana Willard, Ellen Burgin, Jenny Badger Sultan, Kit Cameron, Michelle Echenique, Terence K. Stephens, and Andrew McIntyre.

Folio Books at 3957 24th St. will hang McIntyre's works alongside paintings by Deborah Clearwaters, Jeff Johnson, Mark Nobriga, and Kim Vanderheiden. (The bookstore is tying in its one-year anniversary with the Open Studios event, and on Nov. 1 will have a party at 6 p.m. featuring Noe Valley-brewed beer and a beer book talk by Noe Valley author Bill Yenne.) Philz Coffee at 4298 24th St. will be another Open Studios hub.

A sampling of all the Open Studios artists' work—from oil and watercolor paintings and sculpture to printmaking, ceramics, and jewelry—will be on display at a pre-exhibition launch party Oct. 9, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St. For ticket information and to browse work online, go to www.artspan.org.

—Corrie M. Anders

Hookahs and Shawarma—Oh My!

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church will host its 19th Middle Eastern Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4 and 5. Taste mouthwatering Mediterranean food—like falafel, shawarma, kabobs, kanafeh, and hummus—while enjoying a full menu of events for the whole family. Kids will be all over the jumpy house, and you won't want to miss out on the St. Nicholas Dabkeh Group dance performance. Dabkeh is a Middle Eastern folk dance known for its line or circle formations. It's often performed at weddings.

There also will be live music with appearances by singers Fadi Hanani, Waseem Rabi, Safwan Daya, and Radwan Shakhshir. And how often can you combine a tour of a church with hookah smoking? Make time to snap some souvenir photos in the Ladies Auxiliary Kan Zaman photo booth. Maybe even get a henna tattoo.

St. Nicholas is located at 5200 Diamond Heights Blvd., next to the Safeway Shopping Center. The Saturday celebration goes from noon to 10 p.m., and Sunday's from noon to 8 p.m. For more information, call 415-648-5200.

—Olivia Boler

Fundraiser a Dream Maker

Organizers expect Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard look-alikes to attend Cocktails at Tiffany's, the fall fundraising event for St. James Catholic School. The party will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m., in the garden of Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St. Tickets are \$35, with all proceeds going



Alvarado Street artist Michelle Echenique will show *The Model*, among other paintings, at SF Open Studios, taking place over four weekends Oct. 18 to Nov. 9. Doors will open in Noe Valley and surrounding neighborhoods the weekend of Nov. 1-2.

to the elementary school, located at 321 Fair Oaks St.

The 50th anniversary of the movie *Breakfast at Tiffany's* inspired the event's theme, says Maria Costelloe of the school's development board. There'll be food, drinks, live and silent auctions, prizes, and mimics of the Hollywood movie stars.

Top prize in a drawing will be \$5,000 cash or free tuition for one child for one year. Raffle tickets are \$25.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to mix socially, enjoy adult company, and have a good time while supporting our school," says Costelloe. "Dress up and make it a date night."

For ticket information, contact Constance Dalton at 415-648-2008 or visit saintjamesf.org.

—Nancy Slepicka

Forum on Sodas and Speculators

The residents group Upper Noe Neighbors will host a forum Saturday, Oct. 18, on two hot-button issues on the Nov. 4 election ballot.

Supervisor Scott Wiener will be on hand to discuss Proposition E, a tax that would add 24 cents to every can of sugary soda. Wiener sponsored the initiative,

which he says would raise about \$31 million annually and pay for nutrition and health programs in the city. At press time, no opposition speaker had yet been scheduled.

Proposition G is designed to slow the financial incentives for apartment investors who purchase and sell rental units for quick profits. The proposition would add a tax of between 14 and 24 percent on the sales price of most multi-unit buildings bought and sold within five years.

Supporters say the measure would stop speculation and evictions, while opponents contend it would actually increase rental prices. Representatives from both sides will speak.

The meeting also will hear from backers and opponents of Props. H and I—competing measures that deal with natural grass vs. artificial turf on Golden Gate Park fields.

The UNN meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Upper Noe Rec Center, 295 Day St. For more information, email vickimrosen@gmail.com.

—Corrie M. Anders

Painted Ladies on Tour

The Victorian Alliance of San Francisco is celebrating its 42nd anniversary with a house tour in the Haight-Ashbury. On Sunday, Oct. 19, for the price of a \$45 ticket (\$50 if purchased after Oct. 10), participants can stroll through eight Victorian homes dating from the 1880s, all survivors of the 1906 Earthquake.

The homes, located over nine blocks of Page Street, have been lovingly maintained over generations, but most have also been updated for 21st-century living. One of the residences boasts a carriage house still in one piece. Another was part of the Good Earth hippie commune, which is given credit for the preservation of many of these "painted ladies." Docents will be on hand with details about each house, including its architect and the families who lived there.

Ticket sales support architectural preservation in San Francisco. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.victorianalliance.org.

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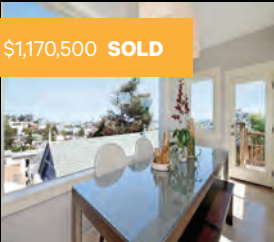
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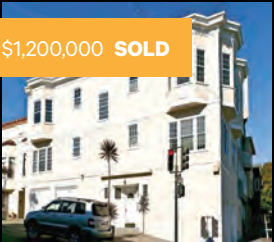
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The Cost of Living in Noe

Condos King in August

By Corrie M. Anders

With the price of a house in Noe Valley streaking into the stratosphere—and listings for \$5 million becoming routine—shoppers are setting their sights on local condominiums, according to August sales data supplied to the Voice by Zephyr Real Estate.

Buyers purchased 11 condominiums, at an average sales price of \$1.1 million, as summer came to an end. That was more than double the number of condos sold last August.

The condo haul this year exceeded the “detached” house sales by two. In the house category, nine buyers spent an average \$2.3 million to live in the neighborhood, once characterized as a blue-collar enclave.

The shift to condos, which usually don’t outsell detached homes, had a simple explanation, said Zephyr president



Luxury amenities attracted buyers to the penthouse unit in this building on 27th Street. The condo sold for \$1.6 million.



A 367-square-foot studio in this building on 25th Street was the least expensive home sold in Noe Valley in August. The price was \$405,000.

Photos by Corrie M. Anders

Randall Kostick.

“They are a million dollars cheaper. People want to live in Noe Valley, and they can’t afford four or five million dollars. That drives the desirability of condos.”

Only half a king’s ransom was required in one condominium sale—albeit a ground-floor studio with 367 square feet of living space. Buyers paid \$405,000 for the month’s most affordable home, located in the 3800 block of 25th Street between Church and Dolores streets.

Still, bargains were few and far between. Seven of the 11 condos sold in August carried final price tags of \$1 million or more.

Buyers paid a shade under \$1.6 million for the most expensive condo, a penthouse in the 100 block of 27th Street between Dolores and Guerrero streets. The three-bedroom, 2.5-bath unit, with one-car parking, had been extensively remodeled, and offered panoramic views. It sold after being on the market for 102 days—considerably longer than the average for condos: 42 days.

A Gusher on Fountain

Single-family home buyers typically were able to get their deals done in less than a month; seven of the nine homes changed hands in fewer than 15 days.

Prices were pushed through the roof, as the average buyer paid 22 percent more than the asking price for their new

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						
August 2014	9	\$1,349,000	\$5,150,000	\$2,311,444	23	122%
July 2014	9	\$1,320,000	\$3,650,000	\$2,155,422	23	110%
August 2013	13	\$1,350,000	\$5,250,000	\$2,458,077	31	110%
Condominiums						
August 2014	11	\$405,000	\$1,599,000	\$1,134,364	42	114%
July 2014	6	\$875,000	\$1,900,000	\$1,425,833	13	118%
August 2013	5	\$655,000	\$1,339,999	\$970,000	21	116%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
August 2014	4	\$1,250,000	\$2,800,000	\$1,772,500	27	117%
July 2014	4	\$850,000	\$1,895,000	\$1,392,500	35	108%
August 2013	0	—	—	—	—	—
5+-unit buildings						
August 2014	0	—	—	—	—	—
July 2014	0	—	—	—	—	—
August 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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domain.

A mansion-sized dwelling in the 100 block of Fountain Street, between 24th and 25th streets, attracted the top offer: \$5,150,000. The sale represented a 29 percent jump over the \$3,998,000 original price.

The 1912 home had undergone a lavish interior renovation resulting in a four-bedroom, 3.5-bath manse with 3,389 square feet of living space, five decks, floor-to-ceiling glass walls, a gourmet kitchen, and parking for three cars.

The new owners picked up the keys in 10 days. It was the fifth time in less than two years that a Noe Valley home sold for more than \$5 million.



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STATE PROPOSITIONS

- 1 – NO RECOMMENDATION** — Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.
FYI: The Club makes No Recommendation on this Proposition because the language of the Bond was not finalized when it was considered.
- 2 – YES** — State Budget. Budget Stabilization Account. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.
- 45 – YES** — Approval of Healthcare Insurance Rate Changes.
- 46 – NO** — Drug & Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits.
- 47 – YES** — Criminal Sentences. Misdemeanor Penalties.
- 48 – NO RECOMMENDATION** — Referendum to Overturn Indian Gaming Compacts.

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- A – YES** — San Francisco Transportation and Road Bond
- B – YES** — Adjusting Transportation Funding for Population Growth
- C – YES** — Children’s Fund+
- D – YES** — Retiree Health Benefits for Former Redevelopment Agency Employees
- E – YES** — Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages
- F – YES** — Pier 70
- G – NO** — Additional Transfer Tax on Residential Property Sold Within 5 Yrs of Purchase
- H – NO** — Golden Gate Park Athletic Fields
- I – YES** — Renovation of Playgrounds, Walking Trails, and Athletic Fields
- J – YES** — Minimum Wage Increase
- K – YES** — Affordable Housing
- L – NO** — Policy Regarding Transportation Priorities

FYI: Please note that Candidates/Propositions need to receive 60% of the votes to be endorsed by the Club, otherwise we make No Recommendation.

The Noe Valley Democratic Club generally meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Philip’s Church, 725 Diamond Street at Elizabeth.
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SCHOOL REPORT

A Different Kind of Tourist

By Heather World

School tours are under way this month, and parents are fanning out across the valley to learn the not-so-simple arithmetic of local options.

Most Noe Valley students have priority for enrollment in the general education program at Alvarado Elementary School. (The school also has a Spanish-immersion program, but immersion programs do not prioritize neighborhood children for admission.) Tours for both programs will happen Wednesdays, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., through Nov. 12, starting in the school cafeteria at 625 Douglass St. There is one evening tour on Wednesday, Oct. 29. You can register on the school's website, www.alvaradoschool.net.

Noe Valley residents on the northern edges of the neighborhood receive prior-



TECA's Victor Cheng and Earl Manamea (right), wearing jerseys from Noe Valley Smiles and Braces, volley the ball past the fleet-footed Blue Flames. Photo by Annie Cheng

ity at Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, 4235 19th St. The school reports that rising test scores and an active parent community are attracting fresh interest this year. Drop-in tours begin at the school office at 10 a.m. Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6, 13, and Dec. 4. For more information, visit www.harveymilk.com.

Neighbors in the southernmost portion of Noe Valley have priority at Glen Park Elementary School, 151 Lippard St. Principal-led tours will begin Tuesday, Oct. 14, and recur every Tuesday except holidays through early 2015. Come at 8:40 a.m. to join the morning circle and get a feel for the school community, or meet at the school office at 9 a.m. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, visit www.glenparkschool.org.

Thanks for the Jerseys

Thomas Edison Charter Academy, 3531 22nd St., has a diverse student body and offers its own Spanish-immersion program. In addition, the school's soccer teams recently got a boost from two Noe Valley businesses.

The second- and third-grade Panthers received quality jerseys, thanks to Nicole and Dominic Russo of Russo Music on 24th Street. Dr. Siamack Jafari of Noe Valley Smiles and Braces, also on 24th Street, paid for jerseys and sponsored partial scholarships for a number of the kindergarten Panthers.

"TECA serves a predominantly low-income student population, and without the support of local businesses many TECA students would be unable to afford the fees and costs associated with parent-organized team sports," says Patricia De Fonte, mother of a second-grade TECA student.

TECA tours happen Oct. 9, 28, Nov. 13, 18, Dec. 2, 11, Jan. 8, 13. No registration is necessary. Tours begin in the auditorium at 8:30 a.m. Visit www.teca-sf.org



The Thomas Edison Charter Academy Panthers stand tall in their fall season soccer uniforms. Shown flanked by their coaches Adriano Hrvatin (left) and Jeff Sprague are players Oz Egan, Giovanni Campos, Ruben Aviles, Luis Esquivel, Gianna Campos, Luca Hrvatin, Donovan Banderas, Brandon Romero, Adrian Cano, and Jefferin Cruz.

Photo courtesy Dulce Gomez

for more details.

New Principal at Fairmount

Tours at Fairmount Elementary, 65 Chenery St., start this month, too. Call the school at 415-695-5669 to get dates and to book your favorite.

The school is also Spanish-immersion, and many of its students are learning English as their second language. New principal Luis Rodriguez himself moved to the United States from Mexico when he was 15 years old, so he brings first-hand knowledge of that experience to the job.

His last position was in East Palo Alto, where he worked as a teacher and coached teachers in English language development.

Open House Dates

St. Paul's Elementary School, 1690 Church St., will host tours from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 2, 9, 16, 30, Nov. 13,

20. Please call the school at 415-648-2055 to reserve a space. In addition to a tour, families may have a prospective student shadow another student for a day. The school will also host three open houses: on Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 26 at 10:30 a.m., and March 26 at 6:30 p.m. See www.stpaulschools.org for more details.

St. Philip the Apostle School, at 665 Elizabeth St., will hold its own open house for kindergarten Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. To find out more, call the school at 415-824-8467.

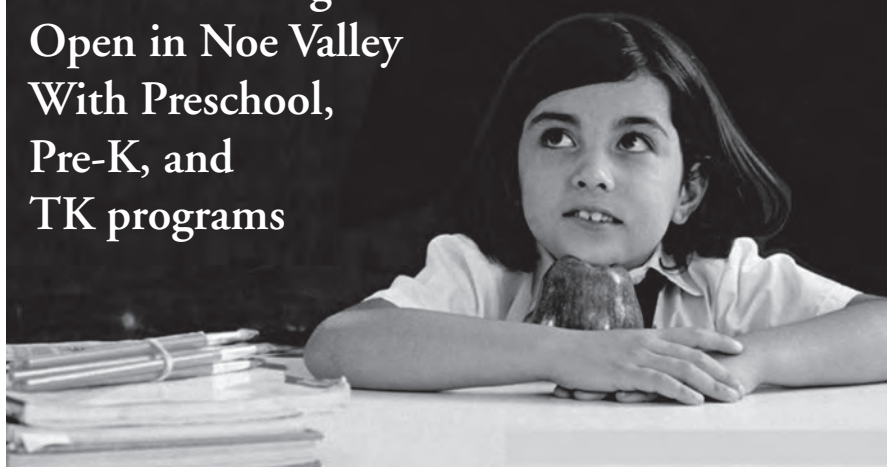
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Friday Matinee at the Library screens the 1962 film about a seaman accused of murder (Terence Stamp), based on the novella *Billy Budd, Sailor* by Herman Melville. Directed by Peter Ustinov. Friday, Oct. 10, 2 to 4 p.m.

The Public Library in Photos: Noe Valley author/photographer **Robert Dawson** will sign and talk about his latest book, *The Public Library: A Photographic Essay*, featuring photos, poetry, and essays about hundreds of libraries across the United States. Dawson is an instructor in photography at Stanford University and San Jose State University. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2 to 3 p.m.

Opera for the People, a lecture and video series led by Larry Oppenheim, president of the Kensington Symphony Orchestra, spotlights Mozart’s *Marriage of Figaro*, a comedic opera that presaged the French Revolution. Sunday, Oct. 12, 2 to 3 p.m.

Opera for the People II: The series explores *Carmen*, George Bizet’s Spanish-flavored thriller featuring a succession of hit tunes and a stage full of gypsies, smugglers, factory girls, and bullfighters. Sunday, Oct. 26, 2 to 3 p.m.

The Great Books Discussion Group tackles Fyodor Dostoevsky’s famous short story *Notes from the Underground* (Part 1 of 2). For more information, contact Elena at eschmid@sonic.net. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

The Noe Valley Book Discussion Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month to discuss current fiction and nonfiction. This month’s selection is *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro. Wednesday, Oct. 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

AAC Conversation Club: The Conversation Club is a chance for those who use alternative communication devices to meet and communicate. Bring your AAC device, or your tablet or smart phone, to the club, which is co-sponsored by Support for Families of Children with Disabilities. Mondays, Oct. 6, 20, and 27, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Events take place at the Noe Valley/ Sally Brunn Library, 451 Jersey St., between Castro and Diamond streets. For information, call 415-355-5707 or visit www.sfpl.org.

MORE BOOKS TO READ

For Your Eyes Only

This month’s **Reading List**, offered by Adult Services Librarian Susan Higgins and Children’s Librarian Catherine Starr of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library, includes Demi’s picture-book biography of Florence Nightingale, a Marcia Muller mystery featuring a San Francisco sleuth, and a *Washington Post* writer’s investigation into leisure time and the seeming lack thereof. To track down the books, take a walk to 451 Jersey St. (if you have the time), call the branch at 415-355-5707, or connect to the Library’s brain at www.sfpl.org.

Adult Fiction

- A former lawyer turned stay-at-home mom spies on her Upper West Side neighbors with her son’s toy binoculars in *Visible City* by Tova Mirvis.
- Francesca Marciano explores changes in relationships and cultures in nine stories set in Venice, Greece, and India, in *The Other Language: Stories*.
- A boy from working-class Queens wants to be a poet in *A Moveable Famine*, an autobiographical novel by John Skoyles.
- *The Damned Utd* by David Peace tells the story of soccer coach Brian Clough’s attempt to turn around corruption in the English soccer team Leeds United.
- San Francisco private detective Sharon McCone investigates devil worshipers in *The Night Searchers* by Marcia Muller.

Adult Nonfiction

- *Influencing Hemingway: People and Places That Shaped His Life and Work*, by Nancy W. Sindelar, explores Ernest Hemingway’s adventures in Italy, France, Spain, Key West, and Cuba.
- *MFA vs NYC: The Two Cultures of American Fiction*, edited by Chad Harbach, is an insightful collection of essays by professors, students, publishers, editors, and agents.
- *Washington Post* staff writer Brigid Schulte looks at work/life balance issues for both women and men and offers suggestions for leading more fulfilling lives, in *Overwhelmed: Work, Love, and Play When No One Has the Time*.
- Don Norman’s 1988 work about the principles of good design, *The Design of Everyday Things*, has been revised and expanded to include design in technology.

Teen Educational Resources

If you have a teen who’s starting to prepare for college, be sure to take a look at the resources in the library’s Teen Education section. You’ll find the latest SAT and AP study guides, college directories with profiles, books that evaluate college majors, advice on the application process with sample letters, and books that will help you find scholarships and explain financial aid.

Children’s Fiction

- An eager yellow bus tells what it’s like to get up at 5 a.m. to drive children to school, in *The Little School Bus*, written by Margery Cuyler and illustrated by Bob Kolar. Ages 2 to 5.
- In *Planet Kindergarten* by Sue Ganz-Schmitt, with illustrations by Shane Prigmore, a child blasts off to explore a new galaxy on the first day of school. Parents are sent back to their own planets. Ages 3 to 5.
- All kinds of animals, from doves to crocodiles, sleep in *The Big Book of Slumber*, by Giovanna Zoboli, illustrated by Simona Mulazzani. Ages 3 to 5.
- Try to spot the animal that looks out of place in *The Odd One Out: A Spotting Book* by author/illustrator Britta Teckentrup. Ages 3 to 7.
- “Just” Grace has several things to get excited about: the upcoming crafts fair, a fun substitute teacher, and a new crossing guard at school, in *Just Grace Gets Crafty* by Charise Mericle Harper. Ages 6 to 9.
- Science fiction and fantasy are featured in the short-story collection *Guys Read: Other Worlds*, edited by Jon Scieszka. Ages 8 to 12.
- Eva Nine strives to defeat Loroc’s evil plan for both the human and alien populations on Orbona, in *The Battle for WondLa*, the third in a trilogy by author/illustrator Tony DiTerlizzi. Ages 10 and up.

Children’s Nonfiction

- The woman who transformed medical care in the 1800s is celebrated in the biography *Florence Nightingale* by author/illustrator Demi. Ages 4 to 8.
- The wheel, the printing press, and the flush toilet are among the breakthroughs in science depicted in DK Publishing’s *100 Inventions That Made History*. Ages 7 to 12.
- A universe of information is colorfully illustrated in Clive Gifford’s *How the World Works: Know It All, From How the Sun Shines to How the Pyramids Were Built*. Ages 8 to 13.

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

¡VIVA! See **Germar the Magician** performing magic tricks with live birds, a real bunny, and volunteers from the audience. The comedy-magic show is part of the San Francisco Library’s celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, and will be presented in both English and Spanish. For ages 3 and up. Saturday, Oct. 11, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Read for the Record: Children of all ages can help set a world record by stopping by the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library to read the book *Bunny Cakes* by Rosemary Wells. Readers will receive a Max and Ruby bookmark! Tuesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Toddler Tales. Join children’s librarian **Miss Catherine** for stories, songs, rhymes, and movement. For ages 16-36 months and parents/caregivers. Thursdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23; 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Reel-to-Reel: Children ages 3 to 5 years with parents or caregivers are invited to **Preschool Films** on Thursday, Oct. 30; 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Events take place at the Noe Valley/ Sally Brunn Library, 451 Jersey St. between Castro and Diamond streets. For information, call 415-355-5707 or visit www.sfpl.org.

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Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: The Eureka Valley Library offers BABY RHYME and Playtime on Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:15. I Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Oct. 1-29: Folio Books hosts a STORYTIME for little ones, Wednesdays at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Oct. 1-29: Chris Sequeira conducts free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1-3 pm at the Glen Park Rec Center, 70 Elk. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.

Oct. 1-29: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

Oct. 1-31: Noe Valley OVEREATERS Anonymous meets Monday through Saturday, 7 am, at St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. oasf.org.

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

Oct. 1 & Nov. 5: The GLBT HISTORY Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; GLBThistory.org.

Oct. 1-Dec. 17: The Castro Farmers' Market has fresh PRODUCE on Wednesdays. 4-8 pm. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

Oct. 2 & 9: Balanced View's open meeting and clarity meeting, non-religious and non-culturally specific, runs from 6:30 to 8:45 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; balancedview.org.

Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 3: Oakland's Dimensions Dance Theater performs at the ROTUNDA DANCE series at SF City Hall. Noon. dancersgroup.org.

Oct. 3-24: The NIGHT MARKET features food, fashion, and crafts, with workshops and live music. 4-9 pm. United Nations Plaza, 8th and Market. fridaynightmarket.com.

Oct. 3-31: 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.

Oct. 3-31: 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.

Oct. 3-31: Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday-night MUSIC and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936; doloresparkcafe.com.

Oct. 4: Alder Yarrow discusses The Essence of WINE. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 4: Holy Innocents Church celebrates St. Francis' Day with a Blessing of the ANIMALS. 4 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. holyinsf.org.

Oct. 4: St. James School's annual benefit GALA, "Cocktails at Tiffany's," features live and silent auctions and entertainment by the students. 6 pm. Most Holy Redeemer Church garden, 100 Diamond. 642-6130.

Oct. 4 & 5: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church hosts its 19th MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL, featuring Mediterranean food, live music, and dance performances. Sat., noon-10 pm; Sun., noon-8 pm. 5200 Diamond Heights Blvd. 648-5200.

Oct. 4-25: 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.

Oct. 4-25: 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.

Oct. 4-25: Saturday night JAZZ at Bird & Beckett features local performers from 8 to 11 pm. 653 Chenery. birdbeckett.com.

Oct. 5: The Upper Noe Rec Center hosts a free ZUMBA in the Park Dance Party, from 2 to 4 pm. Day & Sanchez. noevalleyreccenter.com.

Oct. 5 & 19: 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.

Oct. 5-26: 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.

Oct. 5-26: 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.

Oct. 5-26: The SF Museum and Historical Society gives Sunday tours of the OLD MINT from 1 to 4 pm. 88 Fifth Street. 537-1105, ext. 100; sfhistory.org.

Oct. 6, 20 & 27: The Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Conversation Club meets from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 7: The Children's Council hosts a workshop, "Choosing an In-Home CAREGIVER." 10-11:30 am. Noe Valley Library. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 7: The Bernal Heights OUTDOOR CINEMA hosts the Best of Bernal Night at 7 pm at the Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission. bhoutdoorcine.org.

Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28: The Eureka Valley Library offers its TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. I Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Oct. 7-28: Larkin Street Youth Services gives free HIV TESTING for youth 24 and under. Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. 1800 Market. 673-0911; sfcenter.org.

Oct. 7-28: Dogs 6 months and older are invited to the Tuesday PUPPY SOCIAL at K9 Scrub Club. 7-8 pm. 1734 Church. Reg: k9scrubclub.com.

Oct. 7-28: 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.

Oct. 7 & Nov. 4: The de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor have FREE ADMISSION on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

Oct. 7 & Nov. 4: "Write Now! @ Folio Books" is a monthly WORD JAM led by writer/editor Kathy Dalle-Molle; all levels of writing experience welcome. 7-8:30 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; sign up at foliosf.com/events.

Oct. 8: The Glen Park Library's monthly KNITTING CIRCLE continues from 4:30 to 6 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Oct. 8: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group takes on Dostoevsky's short story Notes from the Underground. 6:15-8:15 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 750-1786; cliffordlouie@sbcglobal.net.

Oct. 8: Thomas McNaughton introduces Flour + Water = PASTA. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 8 & 22; Nov. 5: The PUPPY DOG TALES reading program allows children to practice reading to a calm canine named Oliver; ages 4 to 7, but older welcome. 7-8 pm. Eureka Valley Library, I Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Oct. 9: The LGBT SENIOR discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

Oct. 9: A pre-SF OPEN STUDIOS launch party features work from all artists participating in the event. SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan. artspan.org.

Oct. 10: The Noe Valley Library hosts the 1962 FILM Billy Budd, based on the novel by Herman Melville. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 10: Omnivore Books hosts a book party for THUG KITCHEN: The Official Cookbook, with food from Hella Vegan Eats. 6:30-7:30 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 10: LITQUAKE celebrates its QUINCEANERA with dancing, refreshments, and mariachi music. 7 pm. Z Space, 450 Florida. litquake.org.

Oct. 10: TAIZE service at Holy Innocents Church is offered on the 2nd Friday of the month, at 7:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. holyinsf.org.

Oct. 11: Germar the MAGICIAN performs a show with two birds and a bunny, in English and Spanish, for ages 3 and up. 10:30-11:30 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 11: Noe Valley author/photographer discusses his new book, The Public LIBRARY: A Photographic Essay. 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 11: Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.

Oct. 11: Rachel Saunders introduces Blue Chair JAM Cooks with Jam and Marmalade. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 11: The Glen Park Library hosts a "Modern MACRAME Workshop" for ages 12 and up. 3-5 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Oct. 12: LITQUAKE hosts Chinelo Okparanta (Happiness Like Water) and NoViolet Bulawayo (We Need New Names) in conversation. 1 pm. Z Space, 450 Florida. litquake.org.

Oct. 12: OPERA for the People discusses The Barber of Seville. 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 12: The monthly PFLAG support group features Mary Bradford, PhD, discussing bisexuality in "The 'B' Is Not Silent." 2-4:30 pm. St. Francis Church, 152 Church. 921-8850; pflagsf@aol.com.



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SAT OCT 11	RACHEL SAUNDERS • BLUE CHAIR JAM COOKS WITH JAM AND MARMALADE • 3:00-4:00 FREE, WITH SAMPLES!
MON OCT 13	RENEE ERICKSON • A BOAT, A WHALE, AND A WALRUS: MENUS AND STORIES • 6:30-7:30 FREE • Perfect for anyone who loves the fresh seasonal food of the Pacific Northwest.
SAT OCT 18	DIANE KOCHILAS • IKARIA: LESSONS ON FOOD, LIFE, AND LONGEVITY FROM THE GREEK ISLAND WHERE PEOPLE FORGET TO DIE • 3:00-4:00 FREE
MON OCT 20	ALEXANDER LOBRANO • HUNGRY FOR PARIS (SECOND EDITION): THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO THE CITY'S 109 BEST RESTAURANTS • 6:30-7:30 FREE
WED OCT 22	TONY GEMIGNANI • THE PIZZA BIBLE • 6:30-7:30 FREE A comprehensive guide to making pizza from 11-time world Pizza Champion Tony Gemignani.
THR OCT 23	ANNE WILLAN • ONE SOUFFLÉ AT A TIME: A MEMOIR OF FOOD AND FRANCE • 6:30-7:30 FREE, WITH WINE!
SAT OCT 25	A BOOK PARTY FOR YOTAM OTTOLENGHI • 6:00-8:00 FREE Hosted by Omnivore, with an amazing vegetarian spread inspired by Ottolenghi's recipes by Sharon Ardiana, owner of Ragazza and Gialina
SUN OCT 26	KAREN PAGE • THE VEGETARIAN FLAVOR BIBLE • 3:00-4:00 FREE • The book provides an A-to-Z listing of hundreds of ingredients.
MON OCT 27	CAL PETERNELL • 12 RECIPES • 6:30-7:30 FREE • The chef of Alice Waters' Chez Panisse offers basic techniques and essential recipes that will transform anyone into a confident home cook.
TUE OCT 28	BROOKS HEADLEY • BROOKS HEADLEY'S FANCY DESSERTS: THE RECIPES OF DEL POSTO'S JAMES BEARD AWARD-WINNING PASTRY CHEF • 6:30-7:30 FREE
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CALENDAR

Oct. 13: The ODD MONDAYS series hosts readings by Manfred Wolf, Bill Blach, Jay Schoenberger, and Sherril Jaffe. 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.

Oct. 13: Seattle chef Renee Erickson discusses A Boat, A Whale, and a Walrus: MENUS and Stories. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 15: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads The Art Forger by B.A. Shapiro. 7 to 8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 15: St. Philip the Apostle Catholic School hosts a KINDERGARTEN Open House at 7 pm. 655 Elizabeth. saintphilipsschool.org.

Oct. 15: The Noe Valley DEMOCRATIC CLUB hosts a discussion, "What Is Going On in the Middle East?" 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 641-5838; noedemso.org.blogspot.com.

Oct. 16: Sara Kate Gillingham and Faith Durand introduce The KITCHN COOKBOOK: Recipes, Kitchens, and Tips to Inspire Your Cooking. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 16: Kung Pao Kosher COMEDY Returns to El Rio with Maureen Langan, Betsy Salkind, Yayne Abeba, Eloisa Bravo, Stefani Silverman, Nick Leonard, and Lisa Geduldig, performing a benefit show for Women Organized to Make Abuse Nonexistent, Inc. 8 pm. 3158 Mission. ElRiosf.com.

Oct. 17: The BOOKWORMS CLUB for ages 8 to 12 features a chat with Steve Hockensmith, coauthor of the Nick and Tesla series.. 6-7:30 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; RSVP to media@foliosf.com.

Oct. 18: The 10th annual Noe Valley HARVEST FESTIVAL features music, food, a pumpkin patch, balloon artists, and costume contests for kids and dogs. 10 am-5 pm. 24th between Church and Sanchez.

Oct. 18: Maria van Lieshout plays a

matching game for kids at 11 am, and Phobes Dough performs ACOUSTIC MUSIC at 4 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Oct. 18: Diane Kochilas discusses IKARIA: Lessons on Food, Life, and Longevity from the Greek Island Where People Forgot to Die. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.



Voice photographer Najib Joe Hakim's exhibit "Home Away from Home: Little Palestine by the Bay" runs Oct. 30 through Nov. 29 at Rayko Photo Center, 428 Third Street Tuesdays through Sundays.

Oct. 18: The UPPER NOE Neighbors meeting examines Props E, G, H, and I, on the November ballot, with discussion from both sides of the issues. 7:30 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center, Day and Sanchez. 285-0473; president@uppernoeneighbors.

Oct. 19: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC presents The Hausmann Quartet performing works by Haydn, Gruenberg, and Debussy. 4 pm concert; 3:15 pm pre-concert talk. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell. 648-5236; nvcm.org.

Oct. 20: Alexander Lobrano introduces Hungry for PARIS and Hungry for France. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 21: This year's "READ for the Record" book is Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells; stop in for a copy from 10 am to 9 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 22: Parents Place hosts a

PRESCHOOL PREVIEW night. 5:30-7:30 pm. SF County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park. 359-2454; parentsplaceonline.org.

Oct. 22: Tony Gemignani discusses The PIZZA BIBLE: The World's Favorite Pizza Styles, from Neapolitan, Deep-Dish, Wood-Fired, Sicilian, Calzones, and Focaccia to New York, New Haven, Detroit, and More. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 23: Anne Willan introduces One Soufflé at a Time: A MEMOIR of Food and France. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 25: Juri Commoners meet to clean up, weed, prune, and improve JURI COMMONS park, near 26th and Guerrero; volunteers welcome. 9 am-noon. meetup.com/Juri-Commoners/.

Oct. 25: Noe Valley Pet Company offers free Halloween DOG PHOTOS and treats. 11 am-3 pm. 1451 Church. 282-7385; noevalleypet.com.

Oct. 25: The Glen Park Library screens the 1959 VINCENT PRICE film, The House on Haunted Hill. 3-5 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Oct. 25: Omnivore Books hosts a BOOK PARTY for Yotan Ottolenghi, author of Plenty More; vegetarian refreshments and wine served. 6-8 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 26: OPERA for the People discusses Carmen. 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 26: Karen Page discusses The VEGETARIAN Flavor Bible. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 27: The ODD MONDAYS series hosts a reading from Cool Gray City of Love by Gary Kamiya. 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.

Oct. 27: CHEZ PANISSE chef Cal Peternell introduces Twelve Recipes. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 28: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

Oct. 28: James Smith discusses the golden years of PLAYLAND-at-the-Beach at a meeting of the SF History Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

Oct. 28: Brooks Headley discusses Brooks Headley's FANCY DESSERTS: The Recipes of Del Posto's James Beard Award-Winning Pastry Chef. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 28: Folio Books offers free ITALIAN CLASSES for beginner adults. 6:30-7:30 pm. 3957 24th. Sign up at 424-272-0507 or italianesco@gmail.com.

Oct. 29: Liz Crane leads a spooky Halloween PAJAMA PARTY Storytime. 6 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Oct. 30: Reel-to-Reel FILMS for preschoolers screen at the Noe Valley Library at 10:15 and 11 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Oct. 30: Anita de Lucio leads a DIA DE LOS MUERTOS Altar-making workshop at the Mission Branch Library, for children age 4 and older. 3:30-4:30 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Oct. 30: The Glen Park Library screens the 2006 ANIMATION, Monster House. 4-6 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Oct. 30: Local chef Charles Phan introduces The Slanted Door: Modern VIETNAMESE Food. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712;

omnivorebooks.com.

Oct. 30: Olive This Olive That hosts a HALLOWEEN BYOB Happy Hour. 6:30-8:30 pm. 304 Vicksburg. 261-7520.

Oct. 30-Nov. 29: Voice photographer NAJIB JOE HAKIM exhibits his work in "Home Away from Home: Little Palestine by the Bay." Reception Oct. 30, 6-8 pm; Tue.-Thu. 10 am-10 pm, Fri.-Sun. 10 am-8 pm. Rayko Photo Center, 428 Third. rayko.com.

Nov. 1: Dorie Greenspan discusses Baking Chez Moi: RECIPES from My Paris Home to Your Home Anywhere. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

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Nov. 3: The ODD MONDAYS series hosts Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz reading from her new book, An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States. 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.

NOVEMBER NEWS

The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the **November 2014** issue, distributed the first week of November. The deadline for Calendar items is **Oct. 15**. Write Calendar, *Noe Valley Voice*, P.O. Box 460249, San Francisco, CA 94146, or email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com. Events in Noe Valley receive priority. Thank you.

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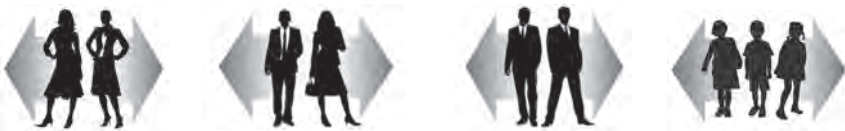
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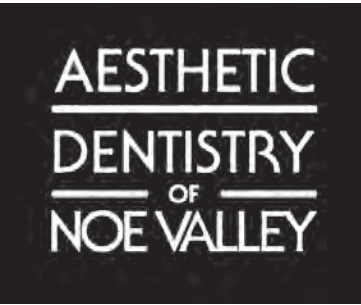
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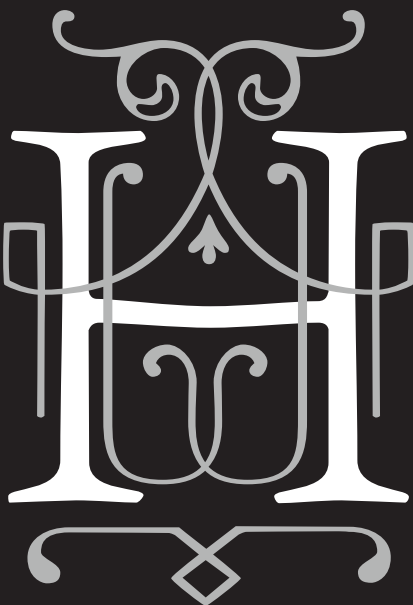
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Fall in the Park II at Upper Noe Rec Center

Running a little behind on your fitness routine this fall? Not a problem. Rec and Park starts its second fall session in mid-October, with many of the same classes as in September at Upper Noe Rec Center. There’s tennis, basketball, and flag football, and a new addition to the lineup: free family Zumba classes on Tuesdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. To meet the instructors and see the moves, come to the free Zumba Dance Party on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2 to 4 p.m.

Many classes are open to drop-in guests, including Zumba, yoga, Pilates, Boot Camp (now open to students as young as 14), Core Balance and Stability, Baking, and Baby and Me. Fees vary, depending on the class. You can join volleyball on Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and women’s futsal (indoor soccer) on Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for \$5 a session.

To register for classes, go to www.sfreconline.org or drop by the center, at 295 Day St. For more information, visit www.noevalleyreccenter.com or call 415-970-8061. The rec center is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gates of the park—and of Joby’s Dog Run at the Church Street end—are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

UPPER NOE REC CENTER FALL II CLASSES 2014

MONDAY	
Tennis (7-12 yrs old)	Mon., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	
Petite Bakers (3-6 yrs old)	Tues., 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Simply Fun (10 mos - 3 yrs old)	Tues., 10-11:30 a.m.
Movin’ & Groovin’ (2-4 yrs old)	Tues., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Basketball Open Gym	Tues., noon-8:30 p.m.
Auditorium Free Play	Tues., 1-3:30 p.m.
Tennis (8-13 yrs old)	Tues., 3:30-5 p.m.
Combat Athletics, Int. (8-16 yrs old)	Tues., 4-5:30 p.m.
Zumba Dance (free for all ages)	Tues., 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Tennis (adult intermediate)	Tues., 6-7 p.m.
Yoga (adult)	Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Boot Camp (14+)	Tues., 7:45-8:45 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	
Baby and Me (18 mos - 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.
Basketball Open Gym	Wed., noon-2:30 p.m.
Auditorium Free Play	Wed., 1-2:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball (5-9 yrs old)	Wed., 3-4:30 p.m.
Karate Kidz: Little Kickers (4-5 yrs old)	Wed., 3 p.m., 4:15 p.m.
Flag Football (co-ed, 8-9 yrs old)	Wed., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball (10-14 yrs old)	Wed., 4:30-6 p.m.
Flag Football (co-ed, 10-11 yrs old)	Wed., 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Karate Kidz: Little Kickers (5-6 yrs old)	Wed., 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Flag Football (co-ed, 12-13 yrs old)	Wed., 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Food in Jars (adult)	Wed., 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Tennis (adult beginner/intermediate)	Wed., 6:30-8 p.m.
Volleyball Open Gym	Wed., 6:30-8:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	
Simply Fun (10 mos - 3 yrs old)	Tues., 10-11:30 a.m.
Movin’ & Groovin’ (2-4 yrs old)	Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Basketball Open Gym	Thurs., noon-3:30 p.m., 6-8:30 p.m.
Argentine Tango, beginner (55+)	Thurs., 1-4 p.m.
Mini Players Acting (5-6 yrs old)	Thurs., 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Yoga (adult)	Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Home Cooking (adult)	Thurs., 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Core Stability and Balance (adult)	Thurs., 7:45-8:45 p.m.
FRIDAY	
Baby and Me (18 mos - 3 yrs old)	Fri., 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates (adult)	Fri., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Basketball Open Gym	Fri., noon-6 p.m.
Auditorium Free Play	Fri., 1-3 p.m.
So You Think You Can Act (7-11 yrs old)	Fri., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Combat Athletics (8-16 yrs old)	Fri., 4:30-6 p.m.
Skateboarding (6-13 yrs old)	Fri., 4:30-6 p.m.
Women’s Indoor Soccer open gym	Fri., 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Future Chefs (9-13 yrs old)	Fri., 6:30-8 p.m.
SATURDAY	
Boot Camp (14+)	Sat., 9:30-10:30 a.m.
The Art of Baking Bread (adult)	Sat., 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tot Soccer (3-4 yrs old)	Sat., 10-11 a.m.
Basketball Open Gym	Sat., 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Auditorium Free Play	Sat., 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Tennis (5-8 yrs old)	Sat., 1-2 p.m.
SUNDAY	
Tennis (8-11 yrs old)	Sun., noon-1 p.m.



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and now for the RUMORS behind the news

Wine Walks, Hay Rides

By Mazook

IS IT CHRISTMAS YET? Looks like you should mark your calendars now for what could prove to be one of the best events in Downtown Noe Valley this year.

Of course, you all know that the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association's annual 24 HoliDAYS celebrations start on Dec. 1 and run through Christmas Eve (see 24on24th.com). But it looks like Thursday night, Dec. 4, is the date you'll want to circle in red. The very popular Noe Valley Wine Walk, from 4 to 8 p.m., will run concurrent with the NVMPA's annual Hospitality Night, where merchants will leave their doors open until, officially, 8 p.m.

There will also be a motorized cable car going along 24th Street, picking up shoppers, wine walkers, and fun riders.

"We hope to get all, yes all, of the merchants on 24th Street to participate in some fashion, especially in keeping their stores open to at least 8 p.m., and later if the street is busy," says Bob Roddick, president of the NVMPA. "The Wine Walk alone will have about 650 attendees, and we are hoping to add to that number with people who will turn out for our hospitality event." Roddick says he expects 20 or more Downtown Noe Valley merchants to be hosting the wine-tasting tour.

The second night when merchants will

stay open late will be for the 24 HoliDAYS hayride, taking place this year on Saturday, Dec. 6, 5 to 8 p.m., with the carriage all lit up like a, well, Christmas tree.

Roddick also invites Noe Valley merchants to join the stringing of holiday lights on trees, "whether or not they are members of the Merchants and Professionals." If you reserve the lights by Oct. 20, the cost is \$175 per tree. Members, however, can pay \$100, with the association picking up the \$75 balance. Roddick suggests that for non-member merchants (and you know who you are), now would be a great time to join.

He adds that the NVMPA has good news for everybody. "[Our] emails, faxes, and telephone calls have paid off." The Department of Public Works has agreed to postpone construction of any new bulb-out sidewalks on 24th Street until after the holidays.



DELICIOUS IN ANY LANGUAGE: We can now reveal what will go in the 24th Street space (near Sanchez) long inhabited (35 years) by the women's clothing store Joshua Simon.

Yes, it will be food. And the place will be called Lazeez, which means "delicious" in Arabic. The cuisine can be partly deduced from that fact. "What gave us the idea was the vacuum that was created when Karim Balat retired a couple years ago and closed the Noe Valley Deli, which was the only place you could get Middle-Eastern food on the street," says Zaid Fakhouri, who plans to open "some-time next spring."

As some of you might know, Fakhouri operates the popular eatery next door, Savor. But, he says, Savor's menu "is nothing like the new menu we are planning.

"We will be serving the traditional

Middle-Eastern dishes like shawarma, falafel, spanakopita, hummus, baba ghanoush, tabbouleh, and a variety of sandwiches," says Fakhouri, "with seating in the restaurant for about 12 people." He says they anticipate a lot of take-out orders.

Speaking of deli sandwiches, congrats to Shufat Market for the score of 100, after a recent Department of Public Health inspection of their food service at the store at 24th and Church. Pop Quiz: Where does Shufat get its name? Answer to come next month.

On the Real Food front, on Labor Day weekend many people stopped to read posters pasted across the front window of the empty space at 3939 24th St. The broadsides told all about the abrupt closure of the store and how the employees got fired on Labor Day weekend 2003. Yes, the Voice has written many stories about this neighborhood blight, and several of them were posted on the store's window for Noe Valley newbies to read.

Despite rumors over the past 12 months that something was going to happen at that location—specifically, the demolition of the building to clear the way for a retail/residential complex—no plans have yet been submitted to City Planning. Still, there's a shred of hope.

"The architects tell me that they are waiting for final sign-offs from Nutraceutical on the plans for that location, and then applications will be made," says Supervisor Scott Wiener, "but I cannot tell you when that will be."

The posters were removed by the end of the weekend, and the windows were left cleaner than before.

Meanwhile, across the street, Noe Valley Whole Foods were making some local kids happy. The store selected James Lick Middle School to receive funds (till

mid-January 2015) from its "Nickels for Non-Profits" program. Customers can donate a nickel in place of getting a nickel credit for bringing their own shopping bag(s).



MUSIC TO MY EARS: The hits will keep on happening at Valley Tavern, which just got a "limited entertainment license," which means that live music will be permitted on the premises until 10 p.m. "We are very excited about this," says tavern-meister Vince Hogan, "and we are planning on having weekend jazz sessions, to start off, and see how it goes."

The Tavern is also where you can catch a bus to see a San Francisco 49ers game (I mean Santa Clara). "Yes, we still have seats available," says Hogan. "The round-trip ticket is \$45, includes beer both ways, in a luxury bus with bathroom on board, and the buses go on designated city streets into and out of the stadium lot."

The bus leaves the Valley Tavern 2.5 hours before the scheduled kickoff time. Seating is limited (47 seats), so advance booking at the bar is suggested. Remember also to bring a ticket to the game.

Speaking of beer, it was a very cool St. Philip Parish Festival this year. The event featured some world-class beer donated by the famed Elizabeth Street Brewery, with names like: "Daddy's Chocolate Milk Stout" and "Mummy's Honey Lovers Ale." As you might recall, ELS is an artisan homemade beer that has won numerous awards but has never actually sold a pint.



WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE: The steam-cleaning of 24th Street by the Noe

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Valley Association (NVA), which regularly scrubs our main street and waters the plants along the strip, has drawn several complaints from those who worry about water being wasted during the drought.

FYI, the NVA is a CBD (community benefit district) supported by the property owners along 24th Street via a special tax assessment, and much of its money is spent keeping Downtown Noe Valley clean.

Debra Niemann, the association’s executive director, says they’ve been working with city departments to stay on top of the cleaning and water issues. “We are regularly cleaning dog and some human waste from the sidewalks and garden areas on the blocks in the district. Moreover, the steam-cleaning is already a water-efficient system, using up to 71 percent less water than hosing of sidewalks, both in consumption and runoff.”

She adds that “this kind of activity qualifies for an exemption from current state law on water consumption reduction, and the city has also informed us that our scheduled steam-cleaning falls within the exemption and is not excessive.”



GRAND REOPENING: It is front-page news that the Noe Valley Ministry will be reopening its doors in November. Ministry activist Chris Keene hopes you’ll attend a dinner to be scheduled at the church sometime during the last two weeks of January which will try to raise \$50,000 for the purchase of a performing arts-quality sound system for the reno-

vated Ministry building. “Our plan is to have a dinner that features top local chefs preparing a meal along with entertainment, and we will first be approaching our own celebrity chefs to donate time to this event, like Massimiliano Conti of La Ciccia, Brad Levy of Firefly, Chris Cosentino of the former Incanto, and Brett Emerson of Contigo, for example,” Keene says.

If you want to reserve a table for this event, or if you are a San Francisco chef who wants to participate in the restoration of the Ministry as a destination for music performances, contact Keene at Chris@ckeene.com.

Hey, do you remember the happy old days in the ’80s when Bobby McFerrin used to sing to us from the Ministry stage, and later when lines used to form around the block for the SF Bluegrass Fest? It was so cool.



THE HOUSE ON ZUCKERBERG HILL: The \$10 million home on 21st Street at Fair Oaks became *Chronicle* news on Sept. 23, when Matier and Ross dubbed it “Fort Zuckerberg,” and described how neighbors were “under siege” from “dozens of construction workers, using backhoes and jackhammers...busy installing everything from a new kitchen to bathrooms and decks—and tearing up the sidewalks for new fiber-optic cables.”

According to M & R, “There’s also a new basement garage, complete with a turntable pad so cars can get in and out more easily.”

What is very curious is that the Zuckerberg house is right across the street from a sign that says “Liberty Hill Historic District.” However, if you look carefully at the map of the LHHD, you will see that when it was created many years ago, the

boundary goes around MZ’s house (and the adjoining house), excluding it from the district. Maybe that’s why it was worth \$9,999,999 to him.

Meanwhile, up at the top of 21st Street at Sanchez, reliable sources say that the large fortress-like house on the southeast corner (801 Sanchez), built in 1900, has been sold for \$10 million also.

That house has not been occupied for about 40 years. Building records show that within the last 12 years permits were obtained for upgrades, and that the elderly owner, Jean K. Tinsley, was going to move back into the house. That never happened. Tinsley, it appears, was a helicopter pilot in the 1950s and ’60s and a member of women’s aviation organizations like the Whirly-Girls and the Ninety-Nines. She was the first woman to pilot the Bell Helicopter Textron Tilt Rotor, according to *American Women and Flight Since 1940*, by Deborah G. Douglas.

Finally, down Sanchez Street at Hill, the 1940s house on the northwest corner has been demolished and owners have started to build a new residence.



PROPS TO VOTERS: The Noe Valley Department of Elections has sent out a plea to all Noe Valleons to vote in the upcoming general election, Nov. 4. In its statement, the NVDE says Noe Valley should set a national standard.

“We are aiming for 100 percent turnout in this election of all registered voters in Noe Valley, and for each voter to call at least 10 friends to the east and tell them they must vote, and for each of them to tell 10 friends, so that everyone in America who can vote does vote.”

One of the red-hot issues on the ballot is Proposition E, which would levy a two

cents per ounce surcharge on all sugary drinks in the City and County of San Francisco.

It appears that the soda industry is sinking vast sums of money into the “No” campaign. Heather Knight writes in the Sept. 28 *Chron* that the amount will be in the millions.

Yes on E campaign manager and Noe Valley activist Todd David says he’s confident the measure will pass. “We need to get two-thirds of the vote, and our polls tell us that we are right about there now, but it will be close, so we need everyone to vote.”

David reports that the Yes on E folks have raised about \$300,000 and that at least a dozen families in Noe Valley have donated \$2,500 or more in support of the measure.


“We really don’t know right now how much the beverage industry has committed to this campaign to defeat E, since they have refused to divulge their finances until the October 6 deadline,” says David. “But that should be illuminating.”

For those of you who need a short education on the evils of soda pop, I would suggest you look at a video on YouTube called “The Honest Coca-Cola Obesity Commercial.”



THAT’S ALL, YOU ALL: See you down on 24th Street at the Harvest Fest (Oct. 18) and then at the Halloween parade in Downtown Noe Valley. I am planning to dress up as a Stop Sign. See you on the corner.





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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.

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Contact: Steve Adams, 431-2359
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Diamond Heights Community Association
Contact: Betsy Eddy, 867-5774
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Website: www.dhcasf.org
Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Call for location.

Dolores Heights Improvement Club
Email: info@doloresheights.org
Website: www.doloresheights.org
Meetings: Third Thursday of every second month (July 17 is next). Bank of America, 18th and Castro.

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.

MORE GROUPS TO JOIN

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 Neighbors
Email: hello@fairoaksneighbors.org
Mailing Address: 200 Fair Oaks St., San Francisco, CA 94110
Meetings revolve around activities such as the annual street fair held the day before Mother's Day.

Friends of Billy Goat Hill
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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
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Friends of Noe Courts Playground
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Email: laورانor@yahoo.com
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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@noevalleyreccenter.com
Website: www.noevalleyreccenter.com
Meetings: Email or check website.

Juri Commoners
Contact: Dave Schweisguth, MI7-6290
Email: dave@schweisguth.org
Website: www.meetup.com/Juri-Commoners
Meetings: Most last Saturdays, 9-noonish. 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
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Email: info@noevalleyassociation.org.
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Board meetings: Quarterly. See website.

Noe Valley Democratic Club
Contact: Hunter Stern, 282-9042; hls5@ibew1245.com
Website: noevalleydems.com
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Contact: Leslie Crawford, 248-1332
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Noe Valley Library Campaign
Contacts: Kim Drew, 643-4695, kkdrew@yahoo.com
Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, 626-7500, info@friendssfpl.org

Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA)
Contact: Robert Roddick, 641-8687
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Website: www.NoeValleyMerchants.com

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

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Noe Valley Preparedness Committee
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Outer Noe Valley Merchants
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Residents for Noe Valley Town Square
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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
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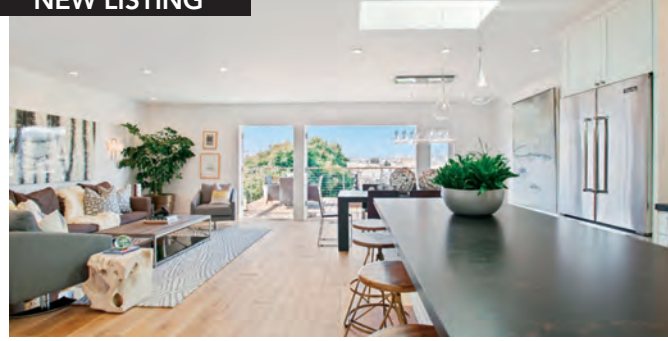


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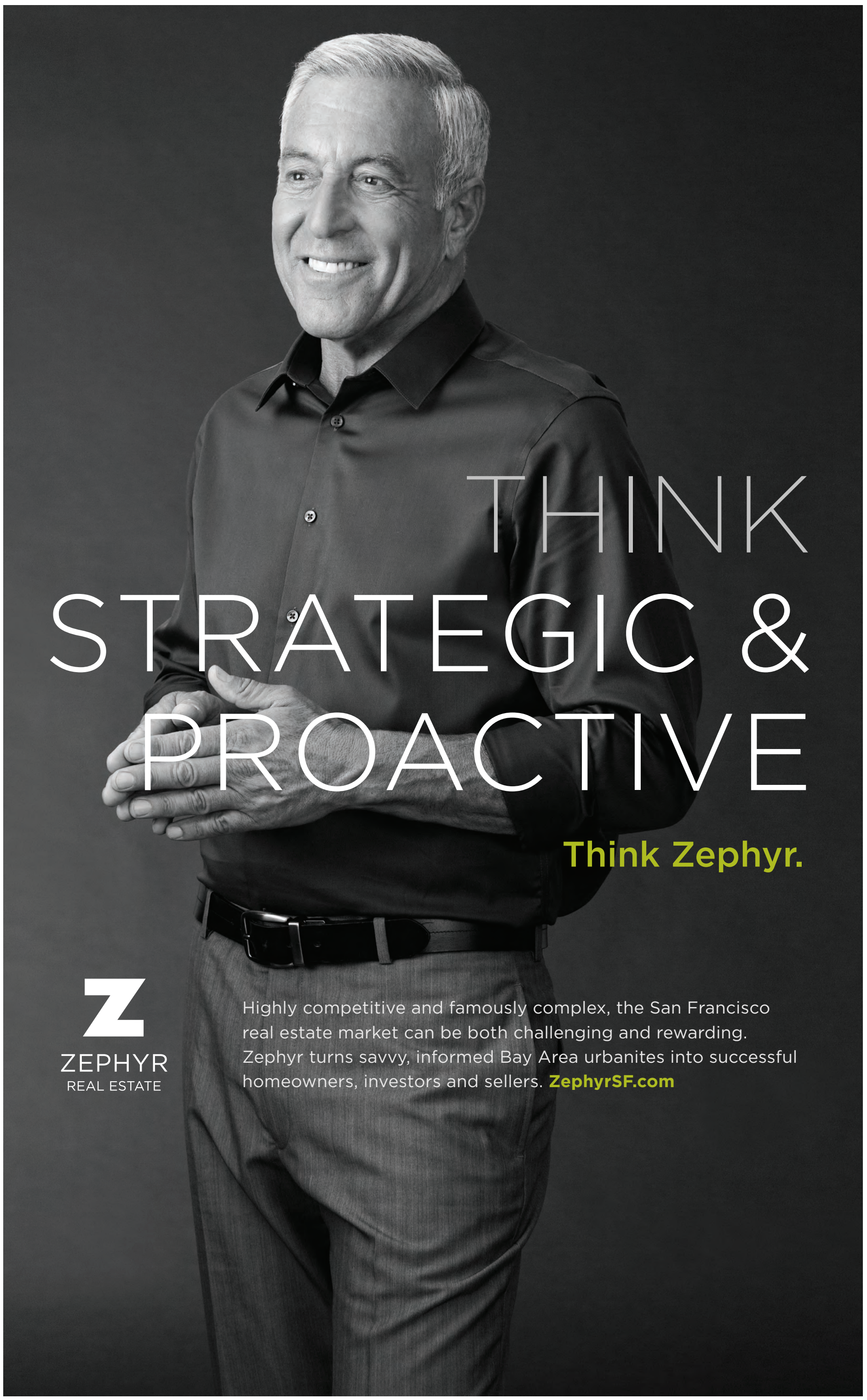
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